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Problem Set 3

Instructions:

- 1. Answer all questions below. Show your work for full credit.
- 2. All problems are due by the end of the day on 12 Sept 2014.
- 3. You may collaborate, but everyone must turn in their own work.

1. In the figure below, a slab of mass $m_1 = 40$ kg rests on a frictionless floor, and a block of mass $m_2 = 10$ kg rests on top of the slab. Between block and slab, the coefficient of static friction is 0.60, and the coefficient of kinetic friction is 0.40. A horizontal force $\vec{\mathbf{F}}$ of magnitude 100 N begins to pull directly on the block, as shown. What are the resulting accelerations of (a) the block, and (b) the slab?



2. In the figure below, blocks A and B have weights of 44 N and 22 N, respectively. (a) Determine the minimum weight of block C to keep A from sliding if μ_s between the table and A is 0.20. (b) Block C is suddenly lifted off A. What is the acceleration of block A if μ_k between A and the table is 0.15?



3. An old streetcar rounds a flat corner of radius 9.1 m at 16 km/h. What angle with the vertical will be made by the loosely hanging hand straps?

4. An 85 kg man lowers himself to the ground from a height of 10.0 m by holding onto a rope that runs over a frictionless pulley to a 65 kg sandbag. With what speed does the man hit the ground if he started from rest?