

Lab: Newton's 2nd Law of Motion--Friction

AP Physics

Background

The ratio between the Force of friction F_{friction} and the normal Force F_{Normal} acting between two parallel surfaces sliding against each other is called the *coefficient of friction* μ :

$$\mu = \frac{F_{\text{friction}}}{F_{\text{Normal}}}$$

The value μ is determined experimentally.

Objectives

To experimentally determine the static and kinetic coefficient of friction between two solid materials: brick on wood, textbook on floor, etc.

Equipment

(To be determined, and carefully described, by you.)

Procedure

(To be determined, and carefully described, by you in your lab notebook.)

Questions

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Additional Notes

- This lab is an open-ended lab.