## U2:L7 Friction

Static vs Kinetic Friction







## pronounced "mew"

The symbol  $\mu$  can be thought of as a numerical description of the nature of the **f**  $\mu$  = **more** surfaces. The equation  $\mu$  = 0 corresponds to a frictionless surface: small values correspond to two surfaces that are slippery, with the friction becoming larger with larger values of  $\mu$ .

Measures of friction are based on the type of materials that are in contact. Concrete on concrete has a very high **coefficient of friction**. That coefficient is a measure of how easily one object moves in relationship to another. When you have a high coefficient of friction, you have a lot of friction between the materials. Concrete on concrete has a very high coefficient, and fellon on most things has a very low coefficient. **Teflon** is used on surfaces where we don't want things to stick; such as pots and pans.

## Scientists have discovered that there is even less friction in your joints than in Teflon!

We can specify our equations for static and kinetic friction:



The force of friction is only dependent on the coefficient of friction and the normal force. What does **not** change the force of friction?

Surface Area

Does acceleration effect the frictional force?

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EXAMPLES:

1. A hockey puck has a coefficient of kinetic friction of  $\mu_k = .10$ . If the puck feels a normal force (F<sub>N</sub>) of 5 N, what is the frictional force that acts on the puck?

