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Friction



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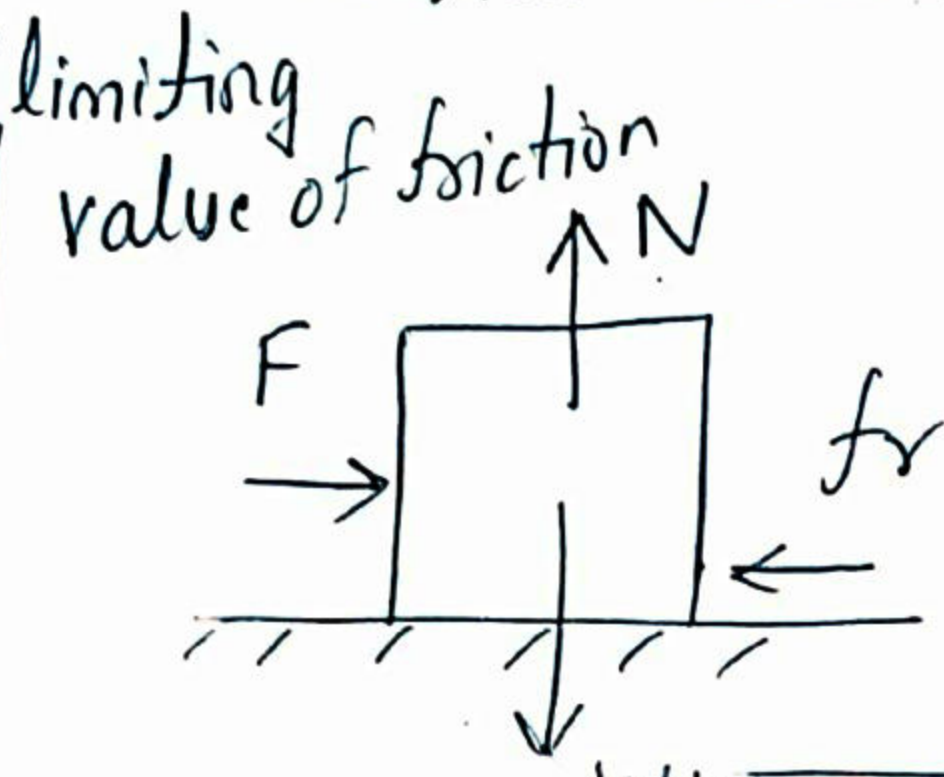
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Friction

force which always opposes the relative motion between two contacting surfaces.

$|F| < f_{smax}$
body in rest



Force causing relative motion
till $F = fr$ friction

Body starts moving
When $F > f_{smax}$

$|F| > f_{smax} = \mu_s N$
 $f_{smax} = \text{limiting friction}$

Coefficient of static friction

Normal force, force that acts perpendicular to the contacting surfaces

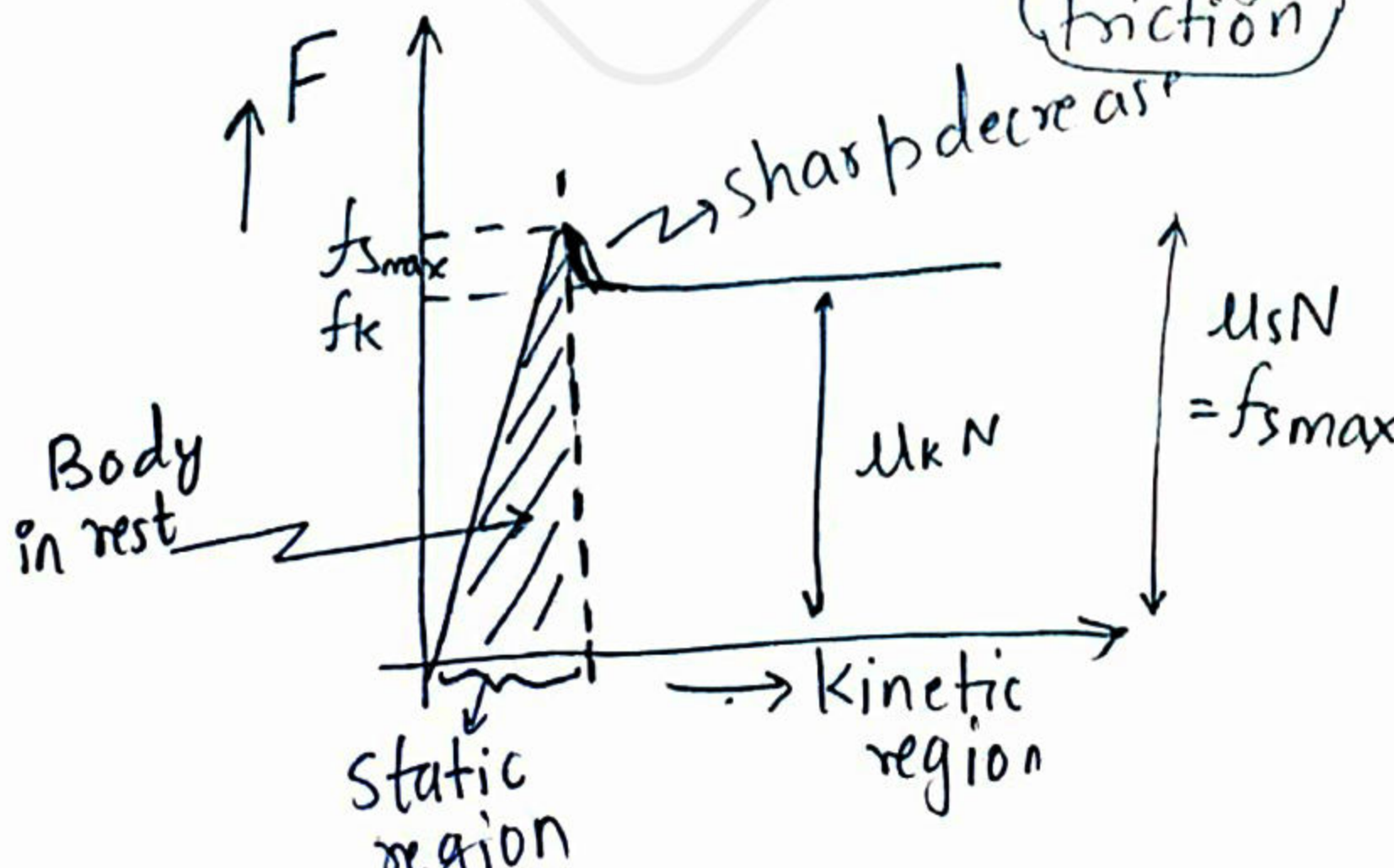
$f_r = f_k = \mu_k N$
kinetic friction

Coefficient of kinetic friction

Always remember

$f_k < f_{smax}$
limiting friction

for given surfaces in contact
 $\mu_k < \mu_s$



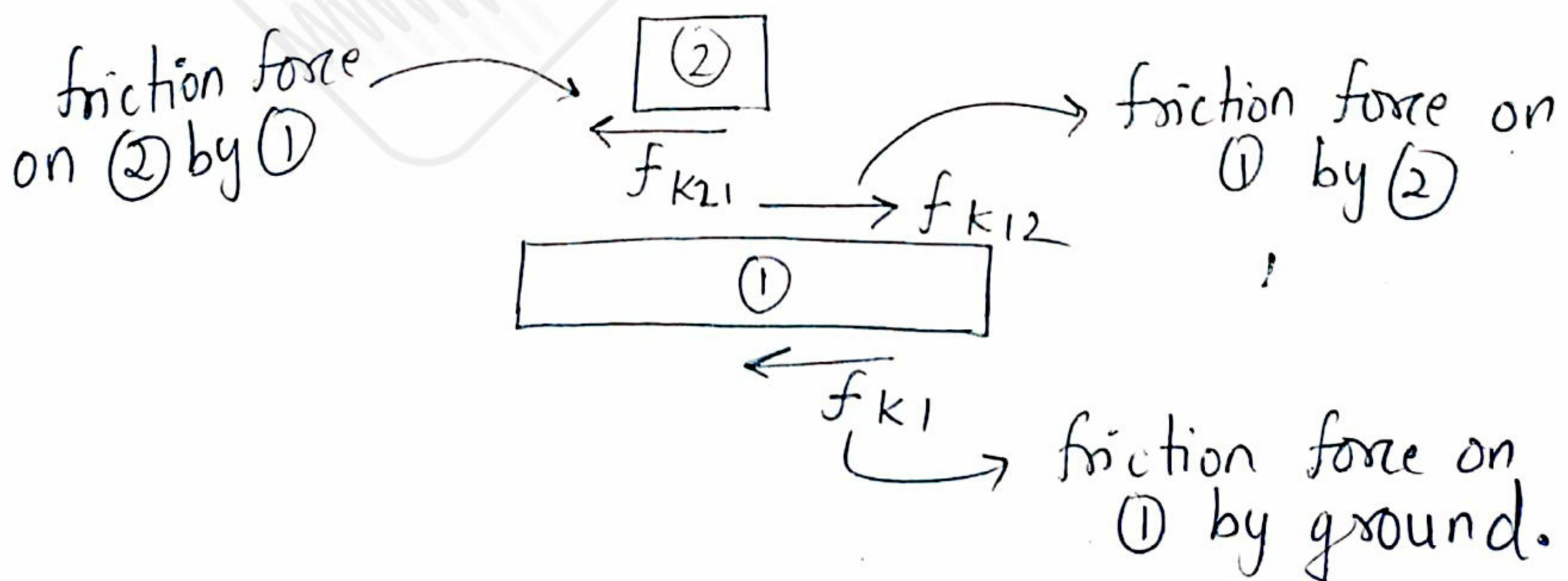
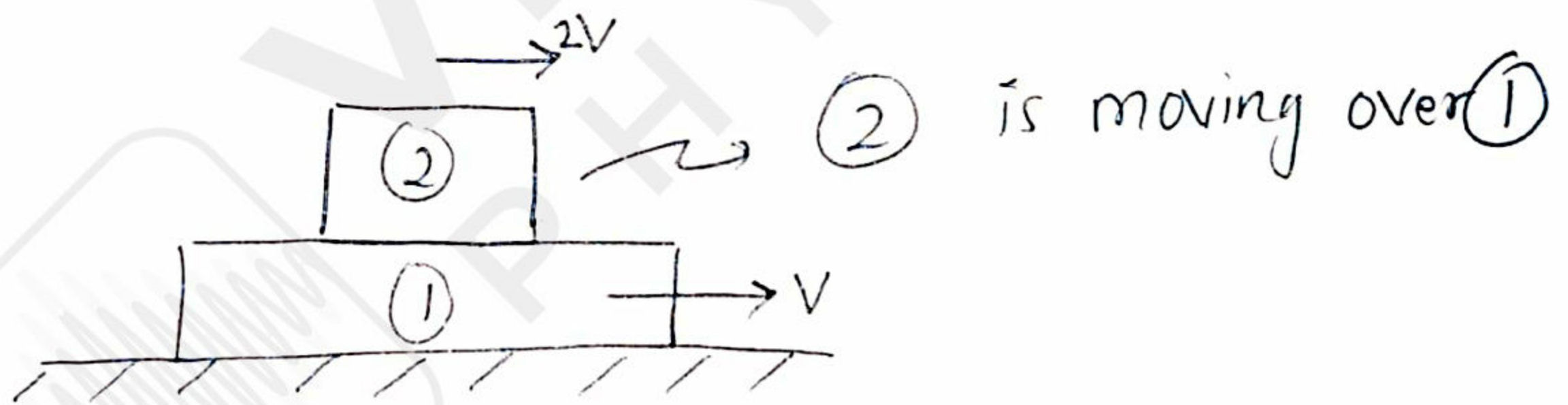
Static friction value varies from f_{smax}
 $0 \leq f_s \leq \mu_s N$
when $f_r \leq \mu_s N$
 $f_s = F$
external force

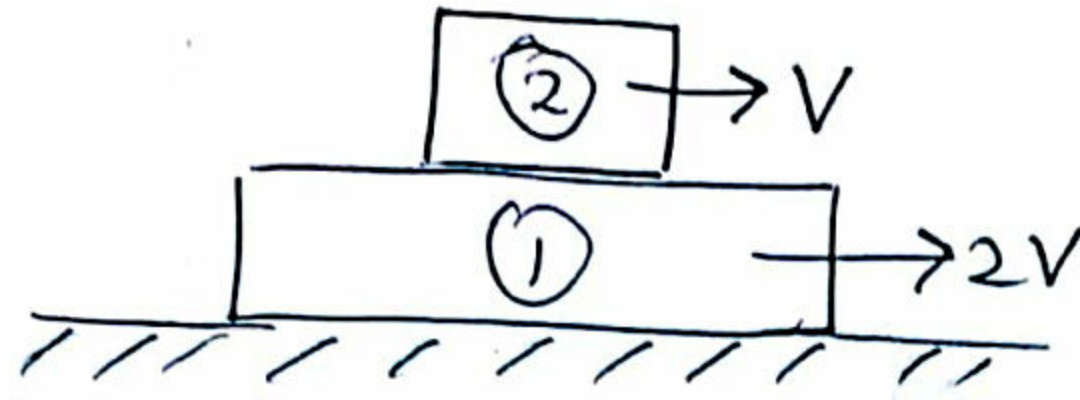
⇒ static friction is an self-adjusting nature and change its magnitude and direction as per requirement.

→ The value of μ_k and μ_s depend on the nature of the surface.

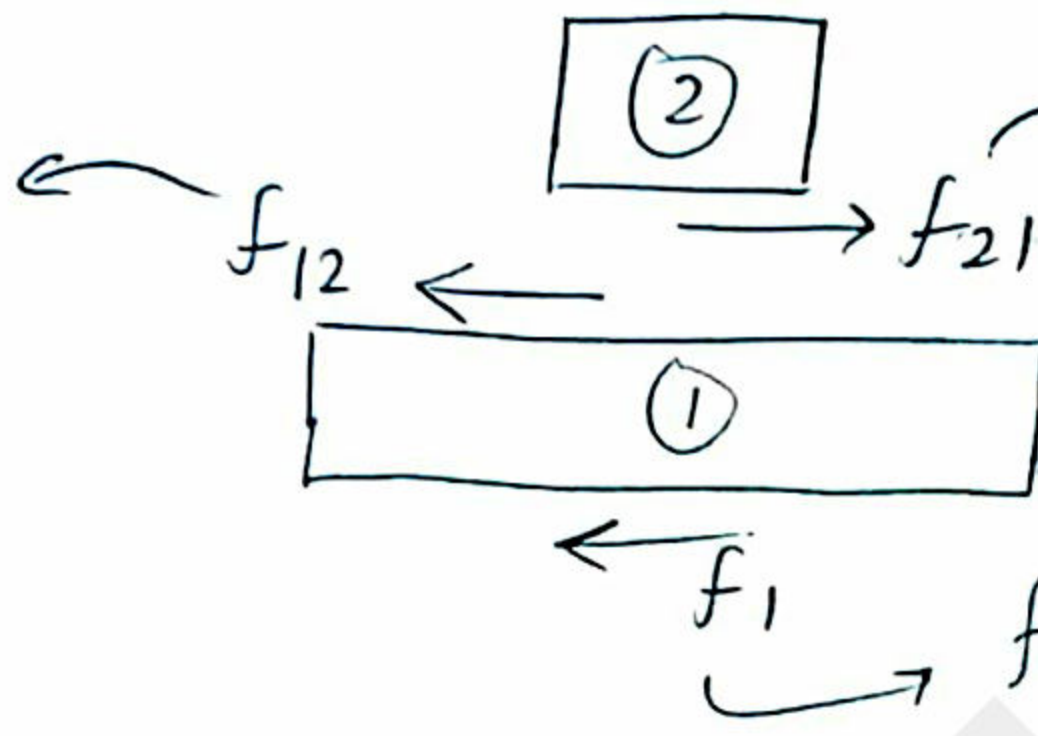
Limiting friction laws: $\rightarrow \mu_s N$

- limiting friction force is independent of the apparent area of contact till N remain same
- direction of limiting force opposite to direction in which one body is on the verge of starting its motion.
- It depends of surface in contact.





friction force on ① by ②

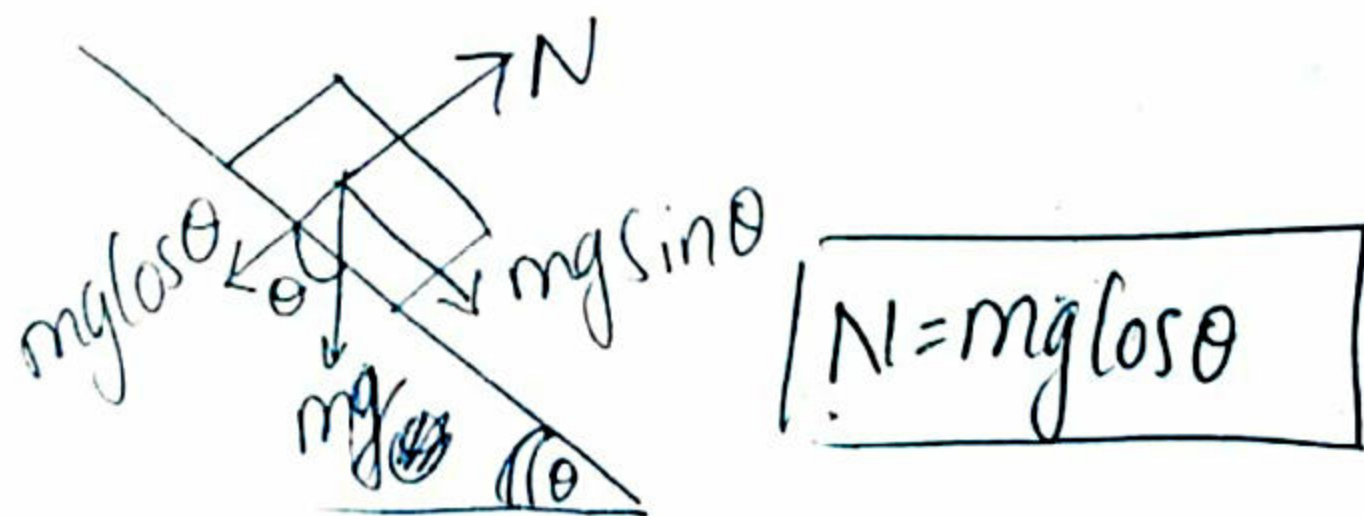
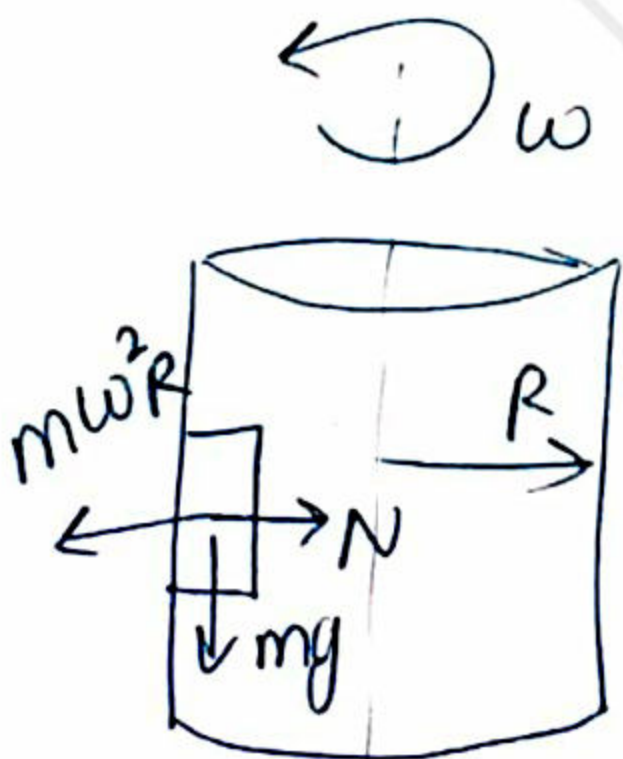
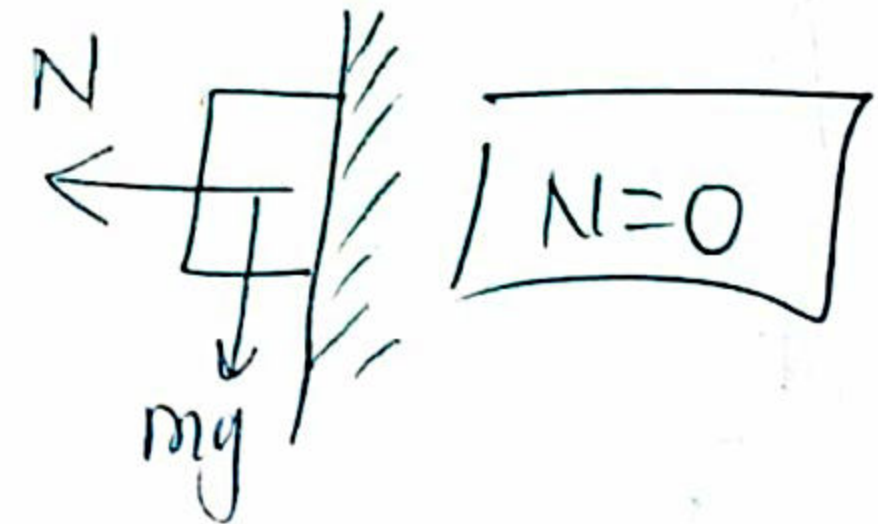
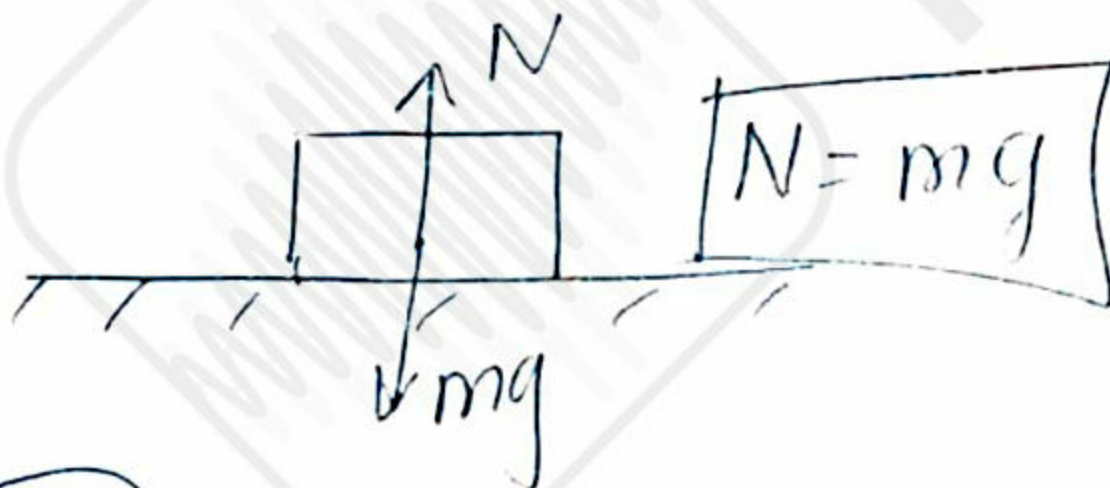


friction on ② by ①

As friction always opposes relative motion

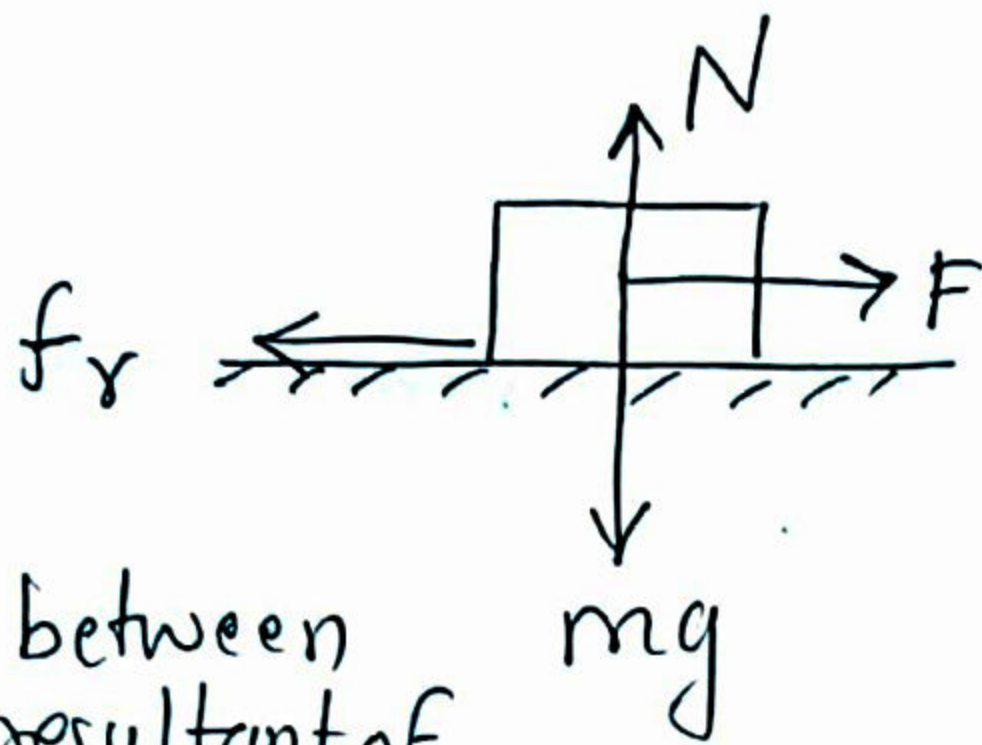
friction by ground on ①

Normal force



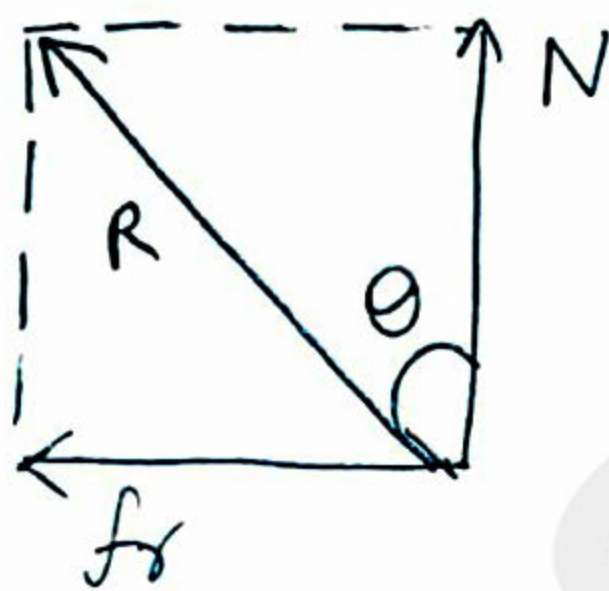
And many more cases.
N is normal force between contact surface.

Angle of friction



Now at condition
 $f_r = f_{lim} = f_s = \mu_s N$

$\theta \rightarrow$ Angle between N and resultant of N & f_r



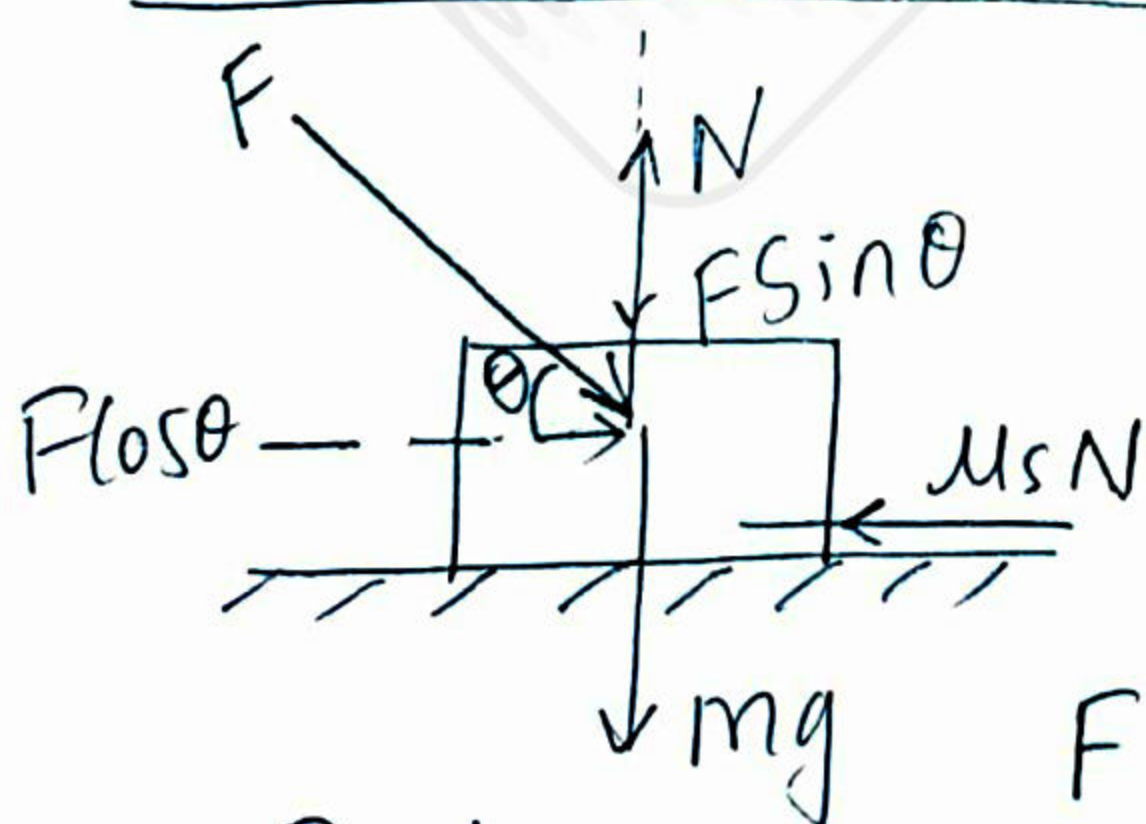
$$\tan \theta = \frac{f_r}{N} = \frac{f_s}{N} = \frac{\mu_s N}{N}$$

$$\boxed{\tan \theta = \mu_s}$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \tan^{-1}(\mu_s)}$$

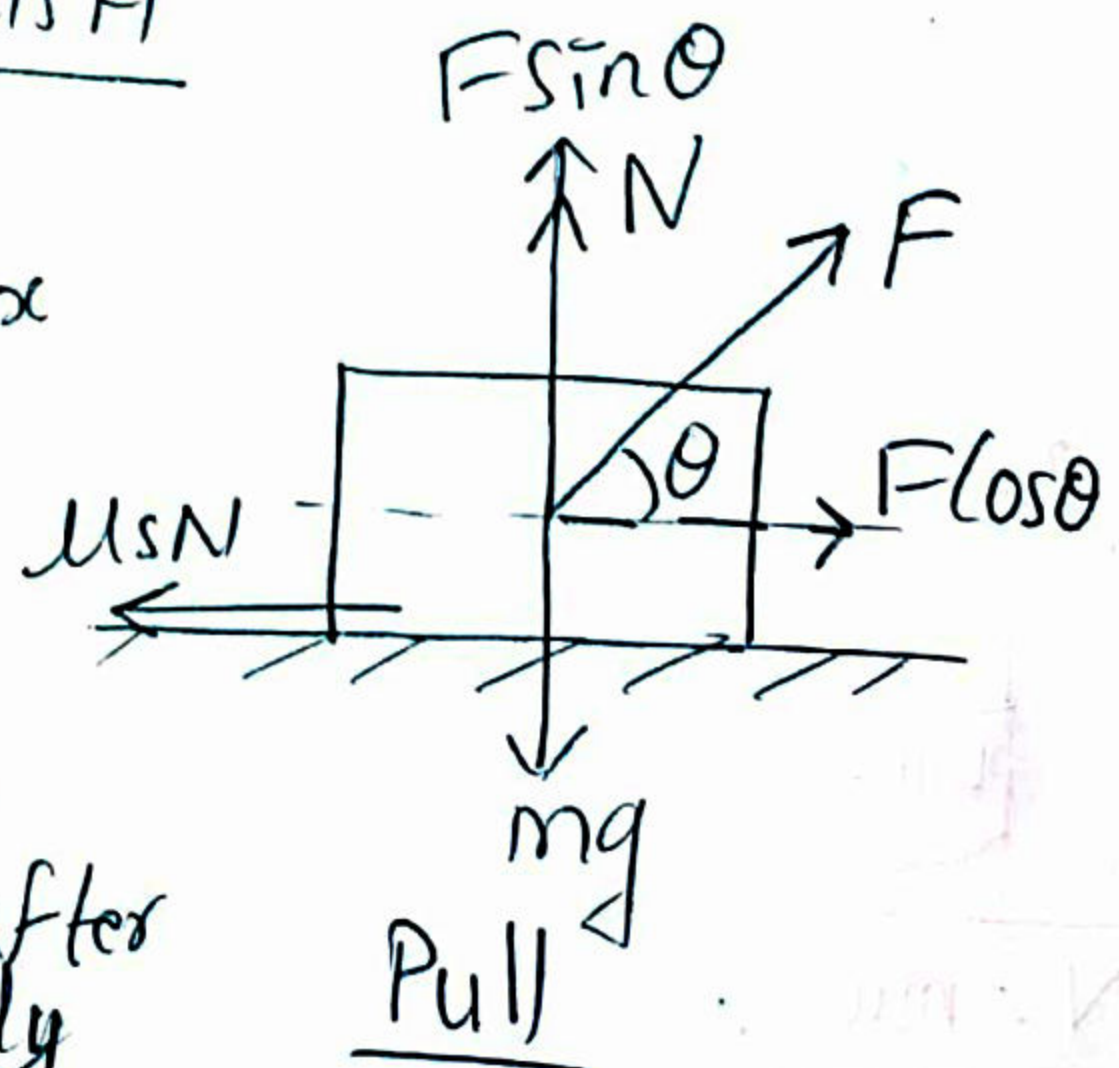
Angle of friction depends on material and nature of surfaces in contact.

PULL IS EASIER THAN PUSH



Push

$F \rightarrow$ max force, after this body starts to move



Pull

Push

In equilibrium

$$\sum F_y = 0 \text{ or } N = mg + F \sin \theta$$

now in limiting case.

$$F \cos \theta = \mu_s N$$

$$F \cos \theta = \mu_s (mg + F \sin \theta)$$

$$F = \frac{\mu_s mg}{\cos \theta - \sin \theta}$$

Pull

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\text{or } N = mg - F \sin \theta$$

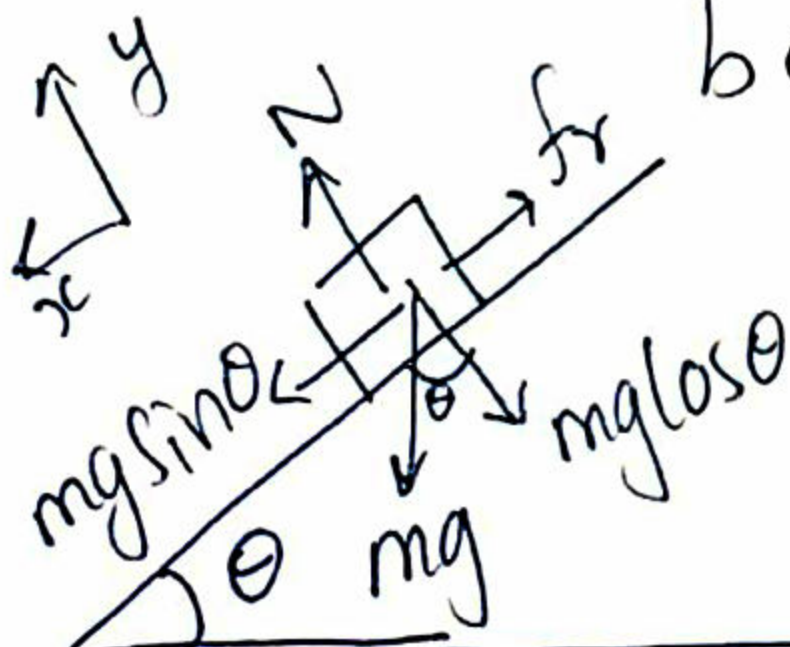
$$F \cos \theta = \mu_s N = \mu_s (mg - F \sin \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow F = \frac{\mu_s mg}{\cos \theta + \mu_s \sin \theta}$$

"On comparing the force for push is the more than that for pull"

'Angle of Repose' or Angle of Sliding

"minimum angle of inclination of a plane with the horizontal such that a body placed on the plane just begins to slide down"



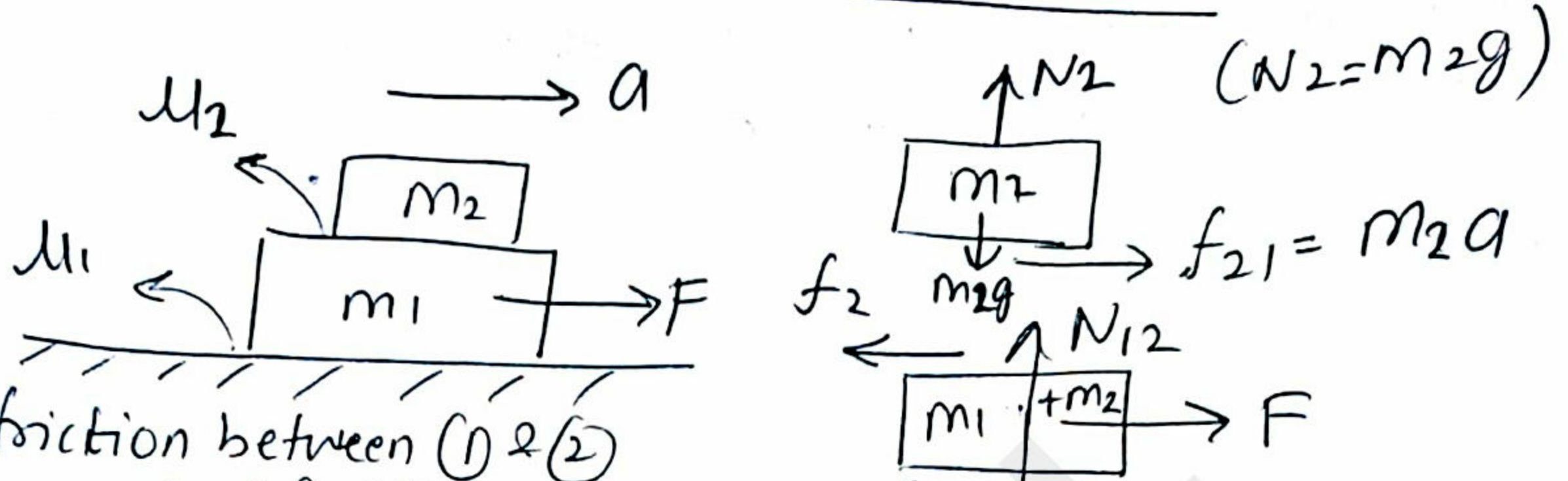
$$f_r = f_s = \mu_s N = mg \sin \theta$$

$$\text{for } \sum F_x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_s (mg \cos \theta) = mg \sin \theta$$

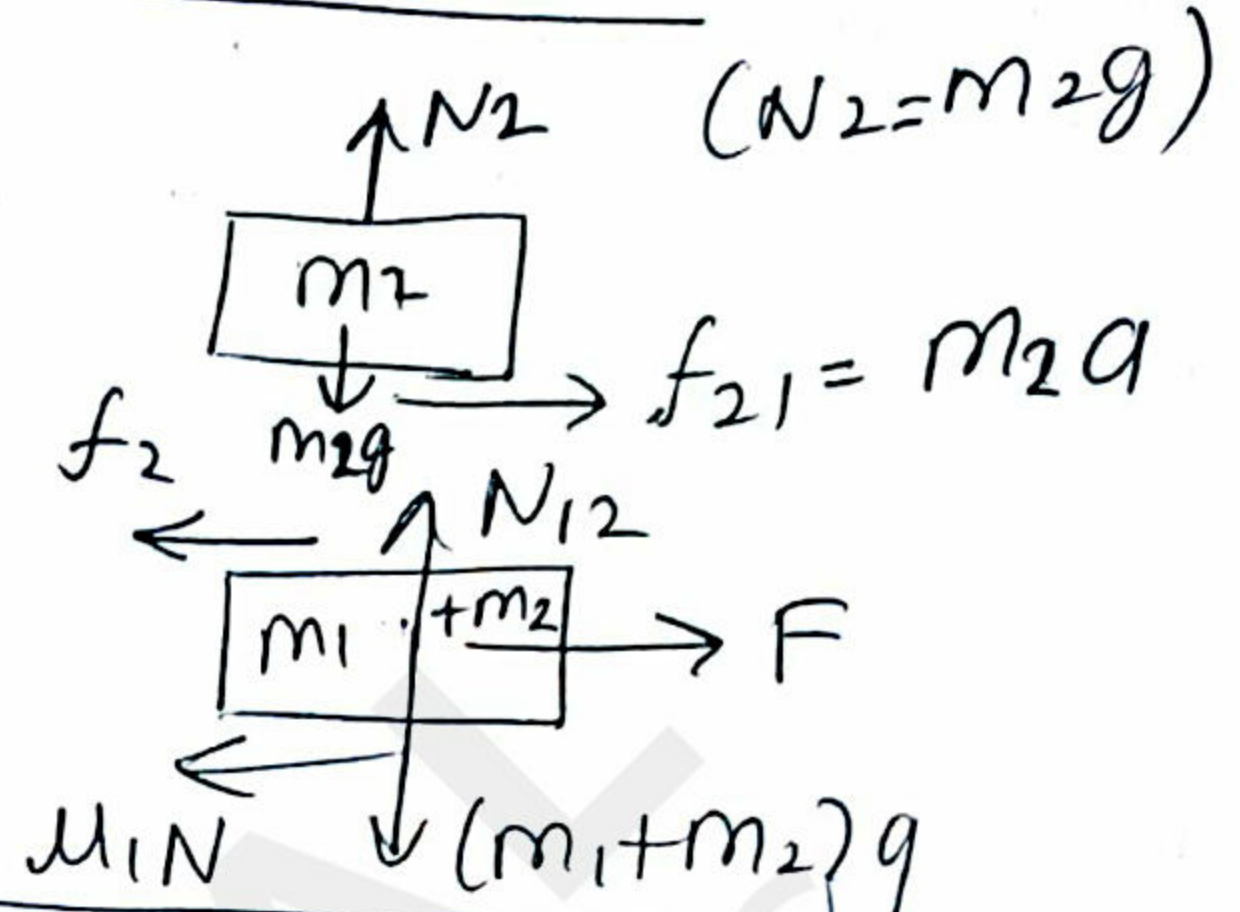
$$\star \text{ Angle of repose} = \text{Angle of friction} \quad \tan \theta = \mu_s \rightarrow \text{friction angle at limiting case}$$

Friction acting on multiple surfaces



f_{21} → friction between (1) & (2)

N_{12} → Normal of (1) & (2) together



$$F - \mu_1(m_1 + m_2)g = (m_1 + m_2)a$$

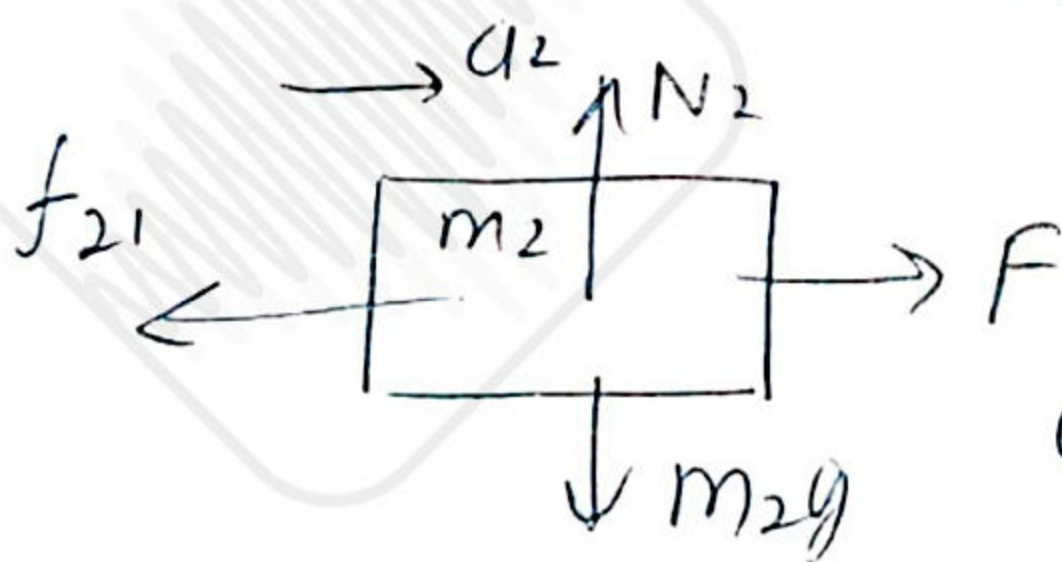
$a_{max} \rightarrow f_{21} \rightarrow max$ taking (m_1, m_2) as a system

$$\Rightarrow f_{21} = \mu_2 N_2 = m_2 a_{max}$$

$$m_2 a_{max} = \mu_2 m_2 g$$

$$a_{max} = \mu_2 g$$

→ " If force were on upper block

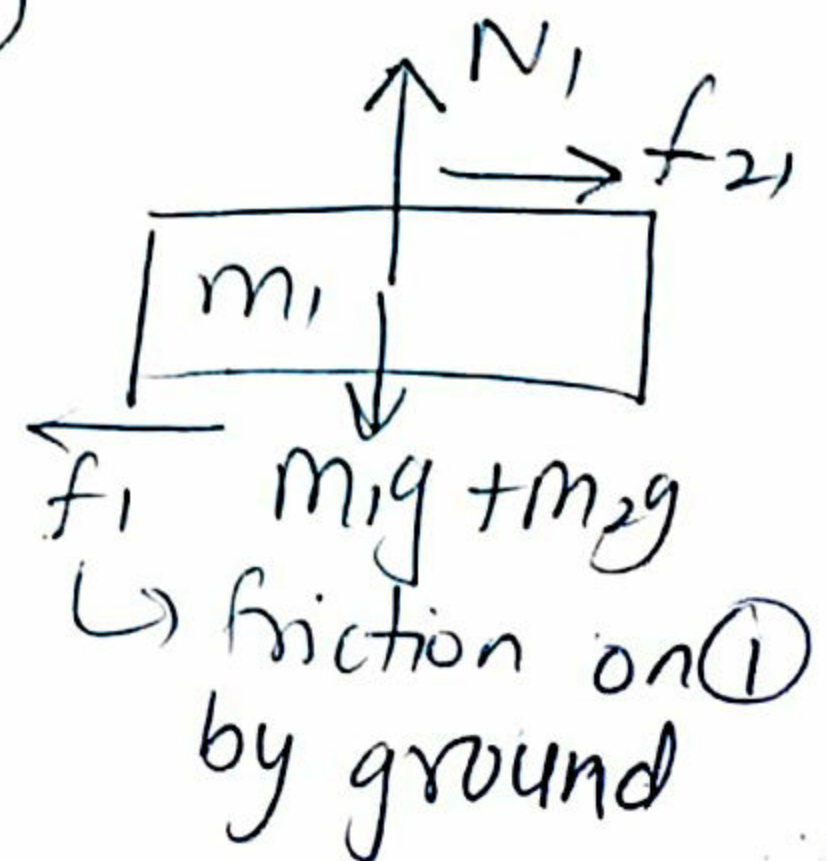


f_{21} → friction between (1) & (2)

$$(N = m_2 g)$$

$$F - f_{21} = m_2 a_2$$

$$F - \mu_2 m_2 g = m_2 a_2$$



↳ friction on (1) by ground

As

$$N_1 = (m_1 + m_2)g$$

$$f_1 = \mu_1 N_1 = \mu_1 (m_1 + m_2)g$$

$$f_{21} = \mu_2 m_2 g$$

if $f_{21} < f_1$, then $m_1 \rightarrow$ rest

if $f_{21} > f_1 \rightarrow m_1$ moves
in direction of f_2
(means forward)

$$\boxed{f_{21} - f_1 = m_1 a}$$

IF $F < f_{21}$, then no slipping in m_1 & m_2
i.e. m_1 & m_2 move together.

IF $F < f_1$, system in rest

if $F > f_1$, system move with common
acceleration 'a'.

$$F - f_1 = (m_1 + m_2) a$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{F - \mu_1 (m_1 + m_2) g = (m_1 + m_2) a}$$