

# Midterm #1, 141, Q3 Schwartz Name

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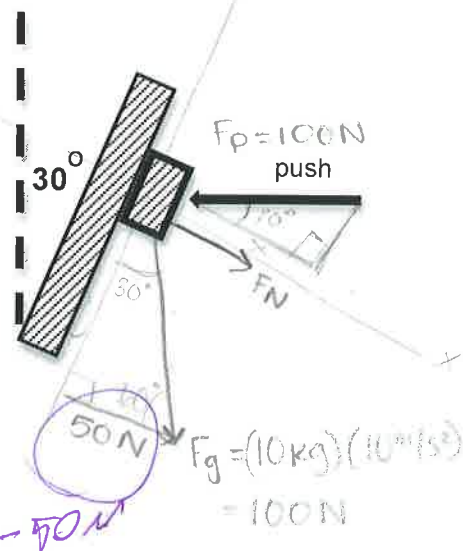
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a) If I push horizontally on the box as shown with a force of 100 N, what is the box's acceleration? – please include direction and magnitude

dynamics: because there is a force causing an acceleration.

good work be careful, mindful of sign!

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$\Sigma \vec{F}_x = 0$  no acceleration in x-direction

$$\Sigma F_y = m \cdot a_y$$

these forces are oriented in -y direction!

$$-86N + 50N = (10\text{kg})(a_y)$$

$$\frac{136N}{10\text{kg}} = \frac{10\text{kg}(a_y)}{10\text{kg}}$$

$$13.6\text{m/s}^2 = a_y$$

acceleration is  $13.6\text{m/s}^2$

$$F_{gx} = F_g \sin \theta = 100N \sin 30^\circ = 50N$$

$$F_{gy} = F_g \cos \theta = 100N \cos 30^\circ = 86N$$

$$F_{px} = F_p \cos \theta = 100N \cos 30^\circ = 86N$$

$$F_{py} = F_p \sin \theta = 100N \sin 30^\circ = 50N$$

b) What is the normal force acting on the box? – please include direction and magnitude

$$\Sigma \vec{F}_x = 0 = -50N + 86N + F_N$$

$$F_N = 136N \rightarrow 36N$$

positive?

dynamics because  $\Sigma F_x = m a_x = 0$  (statics)

normal force would be  $136N$  in the positive x-direction, since there is no acceleration in the x-direction, the normal force is equal & opposite to the sum of the forces in the x-direction. But gravity has a negative component in x, pulling block away from surface

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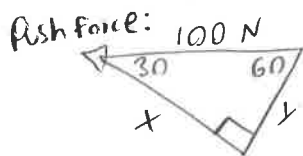
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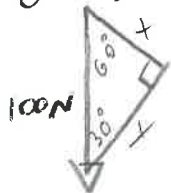
Dynamics: forces  $\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$



$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{y}{100 \text{ N}} = y = 50 \text{ N}$$

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gravity =  $10 \text{ kg} (10 \text{ m/s}^2) = 100 \text{ N}$



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for acceleration: Add up y-components:  $50 \text{ N} + 87 \text{ N} = 137 \text{ N}$  Result

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{137 \text{ N}}{10 \text{ kg}} = 13.7 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ Down}$$

$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

b) What is the normal force acting on the box? – please include direction and magnitude  
for Normal force? use my x-components (work above)

$$\sum F_x = ma_x = 0$$

Result

$$87 \text{ N} + 50 \text{ N} = 37 \text{ N}$$

The normal force must be just enough to counteract the force on the surface, so  $37 \text{ N}$

