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| 1. Draw below a free body diagram for each mass. Be sure to include all the forces acting on the mass including friction. Note: you may print this pre-lab out and use a pencil or pen to draw on the paper the two free body diagrams. (Everything else should have been typed in before you print this out.) |
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| 2. Assume the blocks are at rest. Write down Newton’s second law for all three components that matter. |
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| 3. Using these three equations in question 2, solve for the static friction force. |
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| 4. What is the maximum static friction force? |
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| 5. If you plotted the maximum possible static friction force (y-axis) vs. the normal force (x-axis), what would the slope of that line equal? |
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| 6. Now assume the blocks are moving, so we have kinetic friction, what is the kinetic friction force? |
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| 7. If you plotted kinetic friction force vs. the normal force, what would the slope of that line be? |
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