

# Kinetics of Particles

## A- Force, Mass, and Acceleration

### Newton's Second Law of Motion:

**Kinetics** is a branch of dynamics that deals with the relationship between the change in motion of a body and the forces that cause this change.

The basis for kinetics is *Newton's second law*, which states that when an unbalanced force acts on a particle, the particle will accelerate in the direction of the force with a magnitude that is proportional to the force.

If the mass of the particle is  $m$ , *Newton's second law of motion* may be written in mathematical form as:

$$F = ma$$

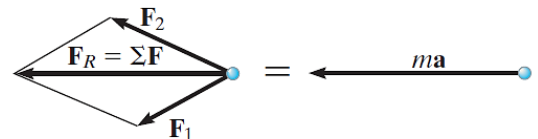
### Constrained and Unconstrained Motions:

- Unconstrained motion: No mechanical guides or linkages to constrain its motion.  
Example: airplanes, rockets, etc.
- Constrained motion: Motion is limited by some mechanical guide or linkages.  
Example: mechanisms

### 1- Equation of Motion: Rectangular coordinates ( $x - y$ )

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$\Sigma F_x \mathbf{i} + \Sigma F_y \mathbf{j} = m(a_x \mathbf{i} + a_y \mathbf{j})$$



Equating  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  terms

$$\Sigma F_x = ma_x$$

$$\Sigma F_y = ma_y$$

**Notes:**

- 1- If a moving particle contacts a *rough surface*, it may be necessary to use the *frictional equation*:

$$F_f = \mu_k N$$

$F_f$  : Friction force ,  $\mu_k$ : kinetic friction coefficient,  $N$ : normal force

- 2- If the particle is connected to an *elastic spring* having negligible mass, the spring force  $F_s$  is:

$$F_s = k s$$

Where  $s = l - l_0$

$k$  : spring's stiffness (constant) N/m , lb/ft

$s$  : is the stretch or compression mm, ft

$l$  : deformed length

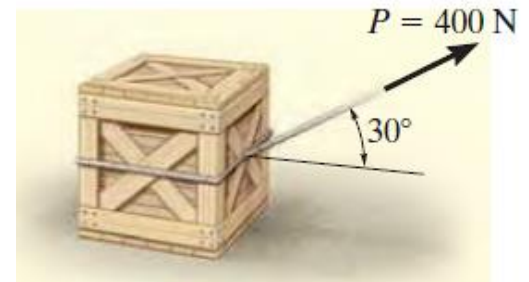
$l_0$ : undeformed length

- 3- If  $a = f(t)$ , use [  $a = dv/dt$  and  $v = ds/dt$  ] which, when integrated, yield the particle's velocity and position, respectively.

- 4- If  $a = constant$  ( $a_c$ ), use [  $v = v_0 + a_c t$  ,  $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a_c(s - s_0)$  and  $s = s_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a_c t^2$  ] to determine the velocity or position of the particle.

- 5- If  $a$  is a function of displacement ( $a = f(s)$ ), use  $ads = vdv$

**Ex. (1):** The 50-kg crate shown in figure, rests on a horizontal surface for which the coefficient of kinetic friction is  $\mu_k = 0.3$ . If the crate is subjected to a 400N towing force as shown, determine the velocity of the crate in 3 s starting from rest.



**Sol.**

**equations of motion.**

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = ma_y : N_C - 490.5 + 400 \sin 30 = 50 (0)$$

$$\therefore N_C = 290.5 \text{ N}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = ma_x : 400 \cos 30 - 0.3N_C = 50 a$$

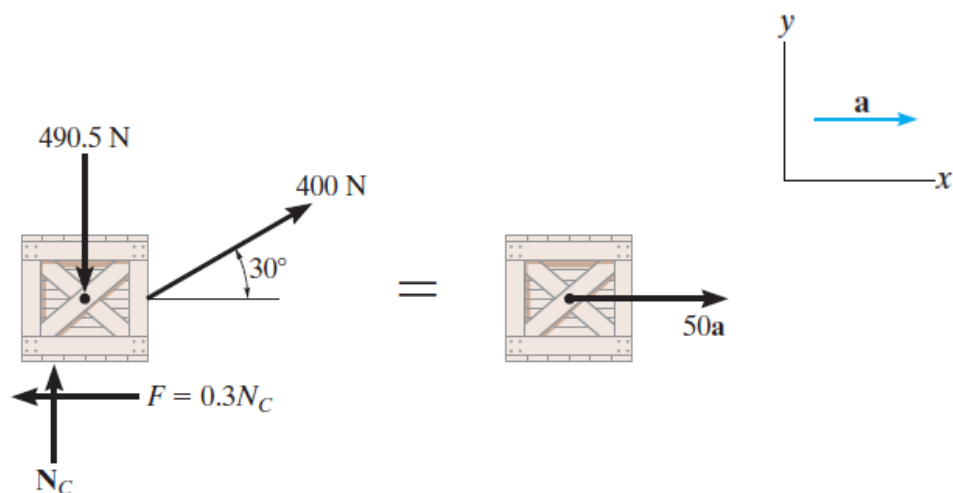
$$\therefore a = 5.185 \text{ m/s}^2$$

**Kinematics:**  $a = 5.185 \text{ m/s}^2$  is constant

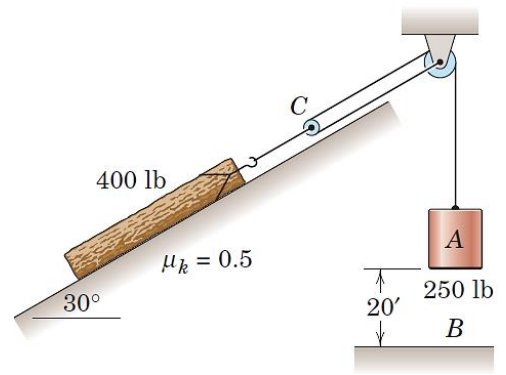
$$v = v_0 + a_c t$$

$$v = 0 + 5.185(3) = 15.6 \text{ m/s}$$

**Ans.**



**Ex.(2):** The 250-lb concrete block A is released from rest in the position shown and pulls the 400-lb log up the 30° ramp. If the coefficient of kinetic friction between the log and the ramp is 0.5, determine the velocity of the block as it hits the ground at B.



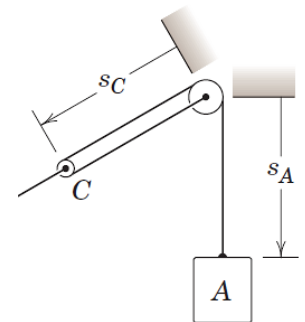
**Sol.:**

The total length of cable is

$$L = 2s_C + s_A + \text{constant}$$

Differentiating twice with respect to time gives

$$0 = 2a_C + a_A \quad (1)$$



For the log:

$$F_f = \mu_k N = 0.5N$$

$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

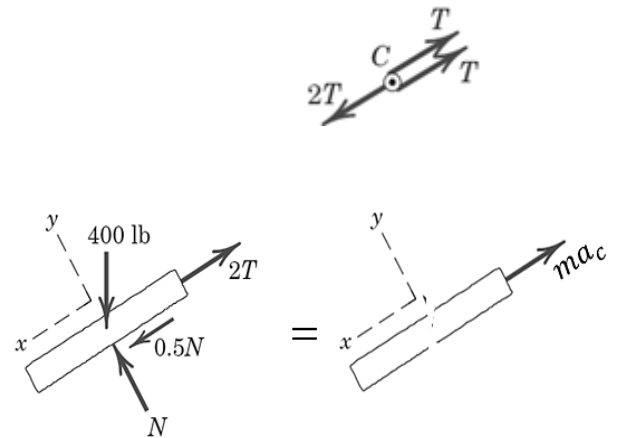
$$N - 400 \cos 30 = 0 \implies N = 346 \text{ lb}$$

$$\sum F_x = ma_x$$

$$0.5N + 400 \sin 30 - 2T = \frac{400}{32.2} a_C$$

$$373 - 2T = 12.42a_C$$

$$T = 186.5 - 6.211a_C \quad (2)$$



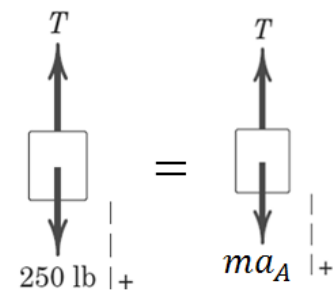
For the block A:

$$+\downarrow \sum F = ma$$

$$250 - T = \frac{250}{32.2} a_A$$

$$250 - (186.5 - 6.211a_C) = 7.764a_A$$

$$63.5 + 6.211a_C = 7.764a_A \quad (3)$$



Solving the three equations gives us

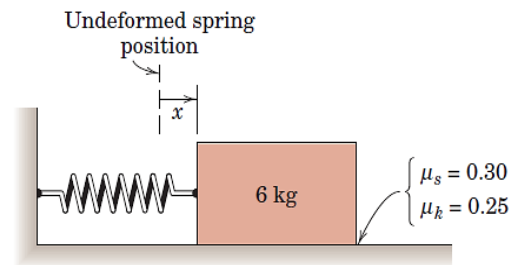
$$a_A = 5.83 \text{ ft/s}^2, \quad a_C = -2.92 \text{ ft/s}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad T = 205 \text{ lb}$$

Since  $a_A$  is constant

$$v_A^2 = v_A^2)_0 + 2a_A(y - y_0)_A$$

$$v_A^2 = 0 + 2(5.83)(20 - 0)_A \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_A = 15.27 \text{ ft/s} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Ex.(3):** The nonlinear spring has a tensile force-deflection relationship given by  $F_s = 150x + 400x^2$ , where  $x$  is in meters and  $F_s$  is in Newton. Determine the acceleration of the 6 kg block if it is released from rest at (a)  $x = 50 \text{ mm}$  and (b)  $x = 100 \text{ mm}$



**Sol:**

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = ma_y = 0$$

$$N = 6(9.81) = 58.9 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{max} = \mu_s N = 0.3(58.9) = 17.66 \text{ N}$$

(a) At  $x = 50 \text{ mm} = 0.05 \text{ m}$

$$F_s = 150(0.05) + 400(0.05)^2$$

$$F_s = 8.5 \text{ N} < F_{max} \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = 0 \quad \text{No motion (the block at rest)} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

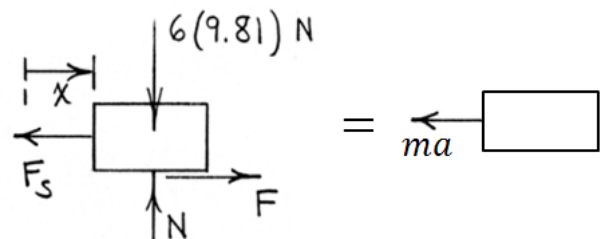
(b) At  $x = 0.01 \text{ m}$

$$F_s = 150(0.01) + 400(0.01)^2$$

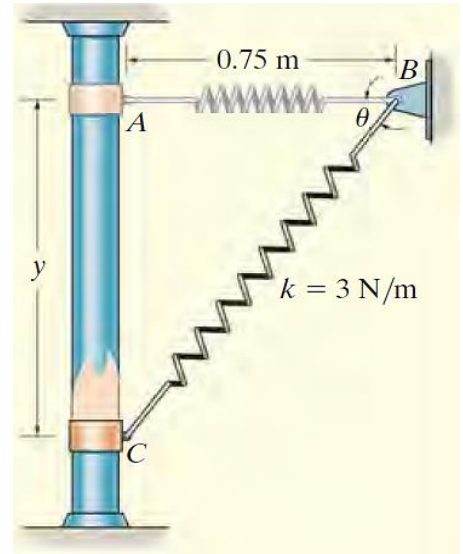
$$F_s = 19 \text{ N} > F_{max} \quad \{ \text{the block moves (accelerates)} \}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = ma_x : \quad -F_s + \mu_k N = 6a$$

$$-19 + 0.25(58.9) = 6a \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = -0.714 = 0.714 \text{ m/s}^2 \leftarrow \text{Ans.}$$



**Ex.(4):** A smooth 2-kg collar, shown in Figure below, is attached to a spring having a stiffness  $k = 3 \text{ N/m}$  and an unstretched length of  $0.75 \text{ m}$ . If the collar is released from rest at  $A$ , determine its acceleration and the normal force of the rod on the collar at the instant  $y = 1 \text{ m}$ .



**Sol.:**

**equations of motion.**

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = ma_x : F_s \cos \theta - N_C = 2(0) \quad (1)$$

$$+\uparrow \sum F_y = ma_y : 19.62 - F_s \sin \theta = 2a \quad (2)$$

Spring force  $F_s = k s$

$s =$  deformed (stretched) length  $-$  undeformed (unstretched) length

$$s = CB - AB \quad , \quad AB = 0.75 \quad , \quad CB = \sqrt{y^2 + (0.75)^2}$$

$$\therefore s = \sqrt{y^2 + (0.75)^2} - 0.75$$

$$F_s = 3 \sqrt{y^2 + (0.75)^2} - 0.75$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{0.75} \right)$$

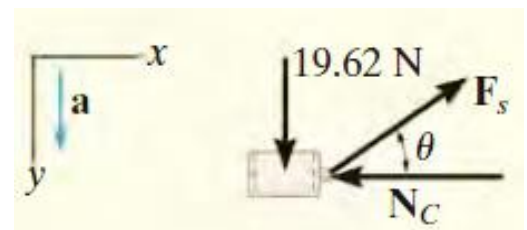
At  $y = 1 \text{ m} \implies F_s = 1.5 \text{ N} \quad , \quad \theta = 53.1^\circ$  sub. In eq. (1) & (2) we obtained

$$N_C = 0.9 \text{ N}$$

Ans.

$$a = 9.21 \text{ m/s}^2 \downarrow$$

Ans.



## 2- Equations of Motion: Normal and Tangential Coordinates ( $n-t$ )

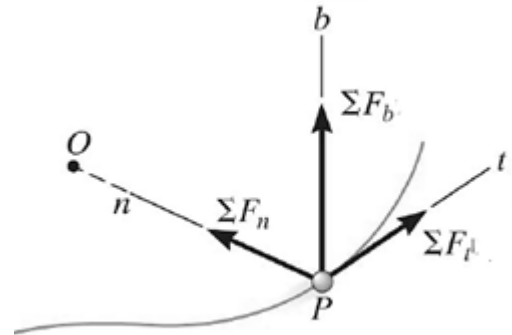
When a particle moves along a **curved path** which is known, the equation of motion for the particle may be written in the **tangential**, **normal**, and **binormal** directions. *Note that there is no motion of the particle in the binormal direction, since the particle is constrained to move along the path.*

The equations of motion are:

$$\Sigma F_t = ma_t$$

$$\Sigma F_n = ma_n$$

$$\Sigma F_b = 0$$



Where  $a_t = \frac{dv}{dt} = \dot{v}$ ,  $a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = v\dot{\beta}$ , and  $v = \rho\dot{\beta}$

**Ex. (5):** If the 2-kg block passes over the top B of the circular portion of the path with a speed of 3.5 m/s, calculate the magnitude of the normal force exerted by the path on the block. Determine the maximum speed  $v$  which the block can have at A without losing contact with the path.

**Sol.:**

$$\Sigma F_n = ma_n = m \frac{v^2}{\rho}$$

$$2(9.81) - N = 2 \frac{3.5^2}{2.4}$$

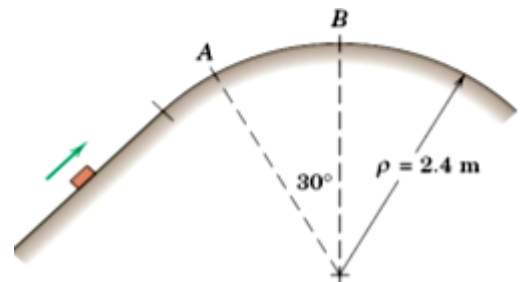
$$\underline{N_B = 9.41 \text{ N}}$$

Loss of contact at A:  $N_A \rightarrow 0$

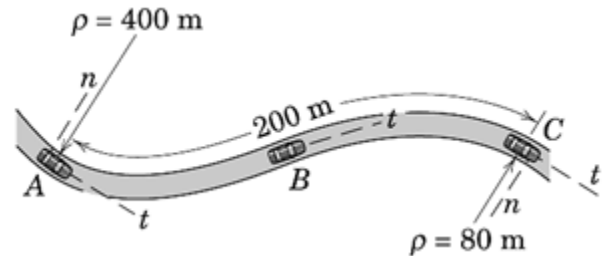
$$\Sigma F_n = ma_n = m \frac{v^2}{\rho}$$

$$mg \cos 30^\circ = m \frac{v^2}{2.4}$$

$$\underline{v = 4.52 \text{ m/s}}$$



**Ex. (6):** A 1500-kg car enters a section of curved road in the horizontal plane and slows down at a uniform rate from a speed of 100 km/h at A to a speed of 50 km/h as it passes C. The radius of curvature  $\rho$  of the road at A is 400 m and at C is 80 m. Determine the total horizontal force exerted by the road on the tires at positions A, B, and C. Point B is the inflection point where the curvature changes direction.



**Sol.:**

$$v_C = \frac{50000}{3600} = 13.889 \text{ m/s} \quad , \quad v_A = \frac{100000}{3600} = 27.777 \text{ m/s}$$

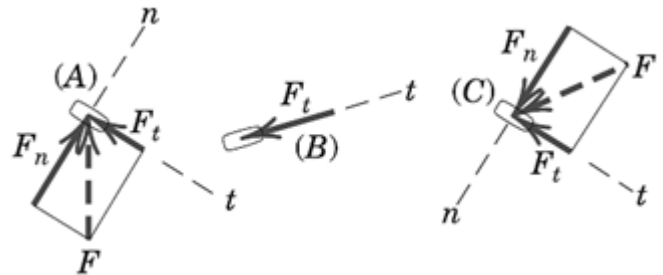
The constant tangential acceleration is in the negative  $t$ -direction, and its magnitude is given by

$$v_C^2 = v_A^2 + 2a_t \Delta s$$

$$a_t = \frac{(13.889^2 - 27.777^2)}{2(200)} = 1.447 \text{ m/s}^2$$

The  $a_t$  is equal at each point

$$a_t = a_t)_A = a_t)_B = a_t)_C = 1.447 \text{ m/s}^2$$



The normal components of acceleration at A, B, and C are

$$[a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho}] \quad \text{at A} \quad a_n = \frac{v_A^2}{\rho_A} = \frac{27.777^2}{400} = 1.929 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\text{at B} \quad a_n = \frac{v_B^2}{\rho_B = \infty} = 0$$

$$\text{at C} \quad a_n = \frac{v_C^2}{\rho_C} = \frac{13.889^2}{80} = 2.41 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\sum F_t = ma_t; \quad F_t = 1500(1.447) = 2170 \text{ N}$$

$$\sum F_n = ma_n; \quad \text{at A} \quad F_n = 1500(1.929) = 2890 \text{ N}$$



$$\text{at } B \quad F_n = 1500(0) = 0$$

$$\text{at } C \quad F_n = 1500(2.41) = 3620 \text{ N}$$

Thus, the total horizontal force acting on the tires becomes

$$\text{at } A \quad F = \sqrt{F_n^2 + F_t^2} = \sqrt{2890^2 + 2170^2} = 3620 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

$$\text{at } B \quad F = \sqrt{F_n^2 + F_t^2} = F_t = 2170 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

$$\text{at } C \quad F = \sqrt{F_n^2 + F_t^2} = \sqrt{3620^2 + 2170^2} = 4220 \text{ N} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

### 3- Equations of Motion: Polar Coordinates ( $r - \theta$ )

$$\Sigma F_r = ma_r$$

$$\Sigma F_\theta = ma_\theta$$

where  $\alpha_r = \ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2$  and  $\alpha_\theta = r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}$

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega, \quad \omega = \frac{v}{r}$$

$v$  : tangential velocity (m/s)

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega : \text{angular velocity (rad/s)}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} : \text{angular acceleration (rad/s}^2\text{)}$$

$a_r$ : radial component of acceleration

$a_\theta$ : transverse component of acceleration

**Ex. (7):** If the 2-kg block passes over the top B of the circular portion of the path with a speed of 3.5 m/s, calculate the magnitude of the normal force exerted by the path on the block. Determine the maximum speed  $v$  which the block can have at A without losing contact with the path.

**Sol.:**

$$r = 2.4 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \dot{r} = 0, \quad \ddot{r} = 0$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{v}{r}$$

$$\sum F_r = m(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2) = -m\frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$-2(9.81) + N_B = -2\frac{(3.5)^2}{2.4}$$

$$N_B = 9.41 \text{ N}$$

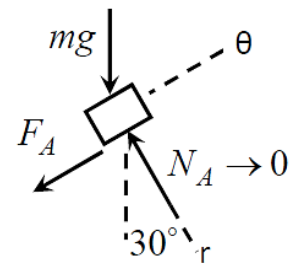
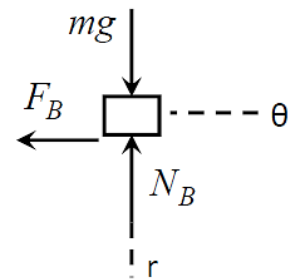
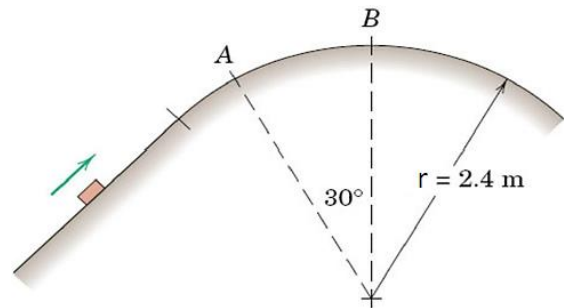
Loss of contact at A:  $N_A \rightarrow 0$

$$\sum F_r = -m\frac{v^2}{r}$$

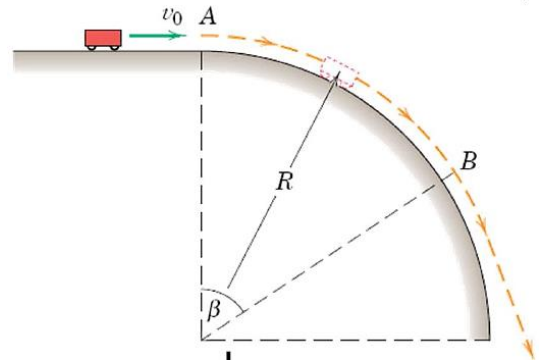
$$-mg \cos 30 = -m\frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$v = 4.52 \text{ m/s}$$

**Ans.**



**Ex. (8):** A small vehicle enters the top A of the circular path with a horizontal velocity  $v_0$  and gathers speed as it moves down the path. Determine an expression for the angle  $\beta$  which locates the point where the vehicle leaves the path and becomes a projectile. Evaluate your expression for  $v_0 = 0$ . Neglect friction



**Sol.:**

$$\sum F_{\theta} = ma_{\theta}, \quad mg \sin \theta = ma_{\theta}, \quad a_{\theta} = g \sin \theta$$

$$\int v dv = \int a_{\theta} ds, \quad \int_{v_0}^v v dv = \int_0^{\theta} g \sin \theta (R d\theta)$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2gR(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\sum F_r = ma_r, \quad -mg \cos \theta + N = -m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$N = mg \cos \theta - m \frac{v_0^2}{R} - 2mg(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$= mg \left( 3 \cos \theta - 2 - \frac{v_0^2}{gR} \right)$$

$$\text{When } N = 0, \text{ so } 3 \cos \beta = 2 + \frac{v_0^2}{gR} \quad \beta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} + \frac{v_0^2}{3gR} \right)$$

$$\text{For } v_0 = 0, \quad \beta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) = 48.2^{\circ}$$

**Ans.**