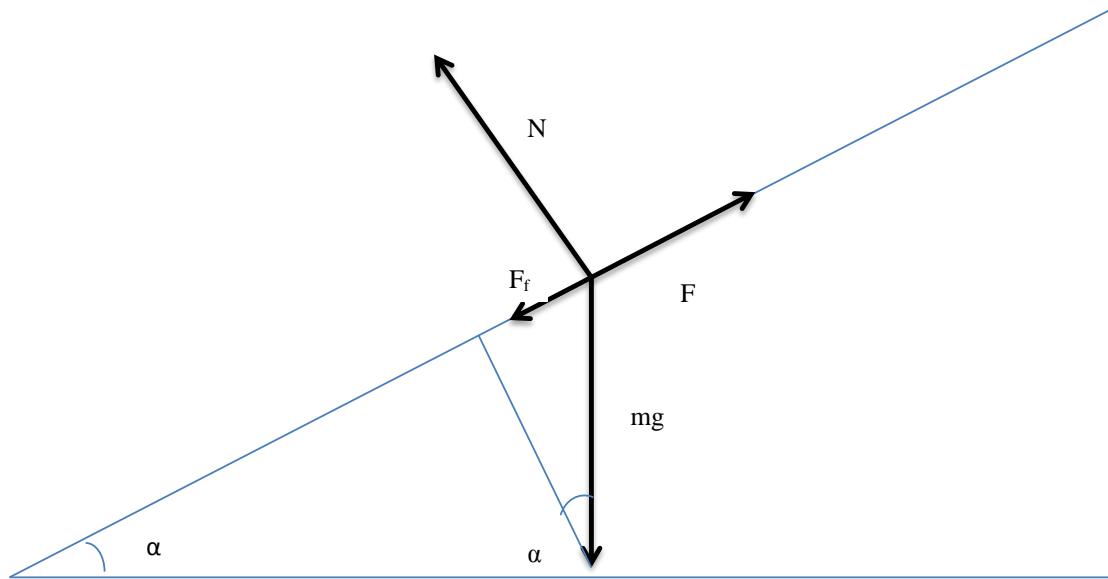


If I am pulling a bag with a force of 25 N and the bag is on an angle of 32 degrees from the ground and the bag has a 2 kg weight, what is the coefficient of kinetic friction between the bag and the ground?



$$\alpha = 32$$

$$mg = 9.8 \frac{m}{s^2} 2 \text{ kg} = 19.6 \text{ N}$$

$F = 25 \text{ N}$ - force of pulling

F_f - force of friction

From Newton's first law of motion:

If there is no net force on an object, then its velocity is constant.

So, vector sum of forces equals 0.

$\mu(\text{or } k) = F_f/N$ - the coefficient of kinetic friction between the bag and the ground

Therefore:

$$F_f + mg \sin \alpha = F \Rightarrow F_f = F - mg \sin \alpha$$

and:

$$mg \cos \alpha = N \Rightarrow N = mg \cos \alpha$$

$$\mu(k) = \frac{F_f}{N} = \frac{F - mg \sin \alpha}{mg \cos \alpha} = \frac{25 - 19.6 \sin 32}{19.6 \cos 32} = 0.88$$

Answer: the coefficient of kinetic friction between the bag and the ground equals 0.88