

If a pushing force making an angle  $\alpha$  with horizontal is applied on a block of mass  $m$  placed on horizontal table and angle of friction is  $\beta$ , then minimum of force required to move the block is??

Solution:

Then minimum of force required to move the block is such that its projection is equal to the force of friction :

$$F \cos(\alpha) = F_t$$

From geometry :

$$N = mg - F \sin(\alpha)$$

$$F_t = \tan(\beta) N = \tan(\beta) (mg - F \sin(\alpha)) = F \cos(\alpha)$$

$$\text{Then } F = \frac{mg \sin(\beta)}{\cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) + \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta)} = \frac{mg \sin(\beta)}{\cos(\alpha - \beta)}$$