## Chapter 6 Force and Motion－II

## 賽車能在天花板上倒吊行駛嗎？

02．The free－body diagram for the player is shown next． $\boldsymbol{F}_{N}$ is the normal force of the ground on the player，$m g$ is the force of gravity，and $f$ is the force of friction．The force of friction is related to the normal force by $f=\mu_{k} F_{N}$ ．
 We use Newton＇s second law applied to the vertical axis to find the normal force．The vertical compo－ nent of the acceleration is zero，so we obtain $F_{N}-$ $m g=0$ ；thus，$F_{N}=m g$ ．Consequently，

$$
\mu_{k}=f / F_{N}=(470 \mathrm{~N}) /(79 \mathrm{~kg} \times 9.80 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} 2)=0.61
$$

07．We choose $+x$ horizontally rightwards and $+y$ upwards and observe that the 15 N force has com－ ponents $F_{x}=F \cos \theta$ and $F_{y}=-F \sin \theta$ ．（a）We apply Newton＇s second law to the $y$ axis：

$$
\begin{gathered}
F_{N}-F \sin \theta-m g=0 \Rightarrow \\
F_{N}=(15) \sin 40^{\circ}+(3.5)(9.8)=44(\mathrm{~N}) .
\end{gathered}
$$

With $\mu_{k}=0.25$ ，Eq．6－2 leads to $f_{k}=11 \mathrm{~N}$ ．（b）We apply Newton＇s second law to the $x$ axis：

$$
F \cos \theta-f_{k}=m a
$$

$$
\Rightarrow a=\frac{(15) \cos 40^{\circ}-11}{3.5}=0.14\left(\mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}\right) .
$$

Since the result is positive－valued，then the block is accelerating in the $+x$（rightward）direction．
$\mathbf{0 8}$ ．We first analyze the forces on the pig of mass $m$ ． The $+x$ direction is＂downhill．＂The incline angle is $\theta$ ．Application of Newton＇s second law to the $x$－and $y$－ axes leads to

$$
m g \sin \theta-f_{k}=m a
$$

and $\quad F_{N}-m g \cos \theta=0$ ．


Solving these along with Eq．6－2 $\left(f_{k}=\mu_{k} F_{N}\right)$ pro－ duces the following result for the pig＇s downhill acceleration：

$$
a=g \sin \theta-\mu_{k} \cos \theta=0 .
$$

To compute the time to slide from rest through a downhill distance $\ell$ ，we use Eq．2－15：

$$
\ell=v_{0} t+(1 / 2) a t^{2} \Rightarrow t=\sqrt{2 \ell / a} .
$$

We denote the frictionless $\left(\mu_{k}=0\right)$ case with a prime and set up a ratio：

$$
\frac{t}{t^{\prime}}=\frac{\sqrt{2 \ell / a}}{\sqrt{2 \ell / a^{\prime}}}=\sqrt{\frac{a^{\prime}}{a}}
$$

which leads us to conclude that if $t / t^{\prime}=2$ then $a^{\prime}=$ $4 a$ ．Putting in what we found out above about the accelerations，we have

$$
g \sin \theta=4\left(g \sin \theta-\mu_{k} \cos \theta\right) .
$$

Using $\theta=35^{\circ}$ ，we obtain $\mu_{k}=0.53$ ．
15．（a）The free－body diagram for the block is shown below． $\boldsymbol{F}$ is the applied force， $\boldsymbol{F}_{N}$ is the normal force of the wall on the block，$f$ is the force of friction，
and $m \boldsymbol{g}$ is the force of gravity．To determine if the block falls，we find the magnitude $f$ of the force of friction required to hold it without accelerating and also find the normal force of the wall on the block． We compare $f$ and $\mu_{s} F_{N}$ ．If $f<\mu_{s} F_{N}$ ，the block does not slide on the wall but if $f>\mu_{s} F_{N}$ ，the block does slide．The horizontal component of Newton＇s second law is $F-F_{N}=0$ ，so $F_{N}=F=12 \mathrm{~N}$ and $\mu_{s} F_{N}=$ $(0.60)(12 \mathrm{~N})=7.2 \mathrm{~N}$ ．The vertical component is $f-$ $m g=0$ ，so $f=m g=5.0 \mathrm{~N}$ ．Since $f<\mu_{s} F_{N}$ the block does not slide．（b）Since the block does not move $f=5.0 \mathrm{~N}$ and $F_{N}=12 \mathrm{~N}$ ．The force of the wall on the block is

$$
\vec{F}_{w}=-F_{N} \hat{\mathrm{i}}+f \hat{\mathrm{j}}=(-12 \mathrm{~N}) \hat{\mathrm{i}}+(5.0 \mathrm{~N}) \hat{\mathrm{j}},
$$

where the axes are as shown on Fig．6－25 of the text．
21．The free－body diagrams for block $B$ and for the knot just above block $A$ are shown next． $\boldsymbol{T}_{1}$ is the tension force of the rope pulling on block $B$ or pulling on the knot（as the case may be）， $\boldsymbol{T}_{12}$ is the tension force exerted by the second rope（at angle $\theta=30^{\circ}$ ） on the knot， $\boldsymbol{f}$ is the force of static
 friction exerted by the horizontal surface on block $B$ ， $\boldsymbol{F}_{N}$ is normal force exerted by the surface on block $B, W_{A}$ is the weight of block $A$（ $W_{A}$ is the magnitude of $m_{A} \boldsymbol{g}$ ），and $W_{B}$ is the weight of block $B\left(W_{B}=711 \mathrm{~N}\right.$ is
 the magnitude of $m_{B} \boldsymbol{g}$ ）．For each object we take $+x$ horizontally rightward and $+y$ upward．Applying Newton＇s second law in the $x$ and $y$ axes for block $B$ and then doing the same for the knot results in four equations：

$$
T_{1}-f_{s, \max }=0, \quad F_{N}-W_{B}=0
$$

$$
T_{2} \cos \theta-T_{1}=0, \text { and } \quad T_{2} \sin \theta-W_{A}=0
$$

where we assume the static friction to be at its maximum value（permitting us to use Eq．6－1）． Solving these equations with $\mu_{s}=0.25$ ，we obtain $W_{A}=103 \mathrm{~N} \approx 1.0 \times 10^{2} \mathrm{~N}$ ．
29．The free－body diagrams for the two blocks， treated individually，are shown below（first $m$ and then $M$ ）．$F^{\prime}$ is the contact force between the two blocks，and the static friction force $\boldsymbol{f}_{s}$ is at its maximum value（so Eq． 6－1 leads to $f_{s}=f_{s, \max }=$

$\mu_{s} F^{\prime}$ where $\mu_{s}=0.38$ ）．Treating the two blocks to－ gether as a single system（sliding across a friction－ less floor），we apply Newton＇s second law（with $+x$ rightward）to find an expression for the accelera－
tion．

$$
F=m_{\text {total }} a \Rightarrow a=\frac{F}{m+M}
$$

This is equivalent to having analyzed the two blocks individually and then combined their eqs． Now，when we analyze the small block individually， we apply Newton＇s second law to the $x$ and $y$ axes， substitute in the above expression for $a$ ，and use Eq． 6－1．

$$
F-F^{\prime}=m a \Rightarrow F^{\prime}=F-m \frac{F}{m+M}
$$

and $\quad f_{s}-m g=0 \Rightarrow \mu_{s} F^{\prime}-m g=0$ ．
These expressions are combined（to eliminate $F^{\prime}$ ） and we arrive at

$$
F=\frac{m g}{\mu_{s}[1-m /(m+M)]},
$$

which we find to be $F=4.9 \times 10^{2} \mathrm{~N}$ ．
32．Using Eq．6－16，we solve for the area $A=2 \mathrm{mg}$／ $\left(C \rho v_{t}^{2}\right)$ ，which illustrates the inverse proportion－ ality between the area and the speed－squared．Thus， when we set up a ratio of areas－of the slower case to the faster case－we obtain $A_{\text {slow }} / A_{\text {fast }}=(310$ $\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{h})^{2} /(160 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h})^{2}=3.75$ ．
33．For the passenger jet $D_{j}=C \rho_{1} A v_{j}^{2} / 2$ ，and for the prop－driven transport $D_{t}=C \rho_{2} A v_{t}^{2} / 2$ ，where $\rho_{1}$ and $\rho_{2}$ represent the air density at 10 km and 5.0 km ， respectively．Thus the ratio in question is

$$
\frac{D_{j}}{D_{t}}=\frac{\rho_{1} v_{j}^{2}}{\rho_{2} v_{t}^{2}}=\frac{(0.38)\left(1000^{2}\right)}{(0.67)\left(500^{2}\right)}=2.3 .
$$

37．The magnitude of the acceleration of the cyclist as it rounds the curve is given by $v^{2} / R$ ，where $v$ is the speed of the cyclist and $R$ is the radius of the curve．Since the road is horizontal，only the frictional force of the road on the tires makes this acceleration possible．The horizontal component of Newton＇s second law is $f=m v^{2} / R$ ．If $F_{N}$ is the normal force of the road on the bicycle and $m$ is the mass of the bicycle and rider，the vertical compo－ nent of Newton＇s second law leads to $F_{N}=m g$ ． Thus，using Eq．6－1，the maximum value of static friction is $f_{s, \text { max }}=\mu_{s} F_{N}=\mu_{s} m g$ ．If the bicycle does not slip，$f \leq \mu_{s} m g$ ．This means

$$
\frac{v^{2}}{R} \leq \mu_{s} g \Rightarrow R \geq \frac{v^{2}}{v_{s} g}
$$

Consequently，the minimum radius with which a cyclist moving at $29 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}=8.1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ can round the curve without slipping is

$$
R_{\min }=\frac{v^{2}}{v_{s} g}=\frac{(8.1)}{(0.32)(9.8)}=21(\mathrm{~m})
$$

41．At the top of the hill，the situation is similar to that of S．P．6－7 but with the normal force direction reversed．Adapting Eq．6－19，we find

$$
F_{N}=m\left(g-v^{2} / R\right)
$$

Since $F_{N}=0$ there（as stated in the problem）then $v^{2}$ $=g R$ ．Later，at the bottom of the valley，we reverse both the normal force direction and the acceleration direction（from what is shown in Sample Problem 6－7）and adapt Eq．6－19 accordingly．Thus we obtain $F_{N}=m\left(g+v^{2} / R\right)=2 m g=1372 \mathrm{~N} \approx 1.37 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{~N}$ ．
47．The free－body diagram（for the airplane of mass $m$ ）is shown below．We note that $\boldsymbol{F}_{\ell}$ is the force of aerodynamic lift and $\boldsymbol{a}$ points rightwards in the figure．We also note that $a=v^{2} / R$ ，where $v=480$ $\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{h}=133 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ ．Applying Newton＇s law to the axes of the problem（ $+x$ rightward and $+y$ upward）we obtain

$$
\boldsymbol{F}_{\ell} \sin \theta=m v^{2} / R \text { and } \boldsymbol{F}_{\ell} \cos \theta=m g
$$

where $\theta=40^{\circ}$ ．Eliminating mass from these equations leads to

$$
\tan \theta=v^{2} / g R
$$


which yields $R=v^{2} / g \tan \theta=2.2 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{~m}$ ．
49．For the puck to remain at rest the magnitude of the tension force $T$ of the cord must equal the gravi－ tational force $M g$ on the cylinder．The tension force supplies the centripetal force that keeps the puck in its circular orbit，so $T=m v^{2} / r$ ．Thus $M g=m v^{2} / r$ ． We solve for the speed：

$$
v=\sqrt{\frac{M g r}{m}}=\sqrt{\frac{(2.50)(9.80)(0.200)}{1.50}}=1.81(\mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s})
$$

52．（a）We note that $R$（the horizontal distance from the bob to the axis of rotation）is the circum－ ference of the circular path divided by $2 \pi$ ，therefore， $R=0.94 / 2 \pi=0.15(\mathrm{~m})$ ．The angle that the cord makes with the horizontal is now easily found：

$$
\theta=\cos ^{-1}(R / L)=\cos ^{-1}(0.15 / 0.90)=80^{\circ}
$$

The vertical component of the force of tension in the string is $T \sin \theta$ and must equal the downward pull of gravity $(m g)$ ．Thus，$\quad T=m g / \sin \theta=0.40 \mathrm{~N}$ ． Note that we are using $T$ for tension（not for the period）．（b）The horizontal component of that tension must supply the centripetal force（Eq．6－18）， so we have $T \cos \theta=m v^{2} / R$ ．This gives speed $v=$ $0.49 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ ．This divided into the circumference gives the time for one revolution：$\tau=0.94 / 0.49=1.9$（s）．
57．（a）Refer to the figure in the textbook accom－ panying S．P．6－3（Fig．6－5）．Replace $f_{\mathrm{s}}$ with $f_{k}$ in Fig．6－5（b）．With $\theta=60^{\circ}$ ，we apply Newton＇s second law to the＂downhill＂direction：

$$
m g \sin \theta-f=m a \text { and } f=f_{k}=\mu_{k} F_{N}=\mu_{k} m g \cos \theta
$$

Thus，$\quad a=g\left(\sin \theta-\mu_{k} \cos \theta\right)=7.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ ．
（b）The direction of the acceleration $\boldsymbol{a}$ is down the slope．（c）Now the friction force is in the＂down－ hill＂direction（which is our positive direction）so that we obtain

$$
a=g\left(\sin \theta+\mu_{k} \cos \theta\right)=9.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}
$$

（d）The direction is down the slope．
58．（a）The $x$ component of $\boldsymbol{F}$ tries to move the crate while its $y$ component indirectly contributes to the inhibiting effects of friction（by increasing the normal force）．Newton＇s second law implies
$x$ direction：$\quad F \cos \theta-f_{\mathrm{s}}=0$ ，
$y$ direction：$\quad F_{N}-F \sin \theta-m g=0$ ．
To be＂on the verge of sliding＂means $f_{s}=f_{s, \max }=$ $\mu_{\mathrm{s}} F_{N}$ ．Solving these eqs．for $F$（actually，for the ratio of $F$ to $m g$ ）yields

$$
\frac{F}{m g}=\frac{\mu_{s}}{\cos \theta-\mu_{s} \sin \theta} .
$$

This is plotted below（ $\theta$ in degrees）．（b）The denomi－ nator of our expression（for $F / m g$ ）vanishes when

$$
\begin{equation*}
\cos \theta-\mu_{s} \sin \theta=0 \Rightarrow \theta_{i n f}=\tan ^{-1}\left(1 / \mu_{s}\right) \tag{c}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $\mu_{s}=0.70$ ，we obtain $\theta_{\text {inf }}=\tan ^{-1}\left(1 / \mu_{s}\right)=55^{\circ}$ ．
Reducing the coeffici－ ent means increasing the angle by the condi－ tion in part（b）．（d）For $\mu_{s}=0.60$ ，we have $\theta_{i n f}$ $=\tan ^{-1}\left(1 / \mu_{s}\right)=59^{\circ}$ ．


59．－（a）The $x$ component of $\boldsymbol{F}$ contributes to the motion of the crate while its $y$ component indirectly contributes to the inhibiting effects of friction（by increasing the normal force）．Along the $y$ direc－ tion，we have $F_{N}-F \cos \theta-m g=0$ and along the $x$ direction we have $F \sin \theta-f_{k}=0$（since it is not accelerating，according to the problem）．Also，Eq． 6－2 gives $f_{k}=\mu_{k} F_{N}$ ．Solving these equations for $F$ yields

$$
F=\frac{\mu_{k} m g}{\sin \theta-\mu_{k} \cos \theta}
$$

（b）When $\theta<\theta_{0}=\tan ^{-1} \mu_{s}, \boldsymbol{F}$ will not be able to move the mop head．
61．（a）Using $F=\mu_{s} m g$ ，the coefficient of static friction for the surface between the two blocks is $\mu_{s}$ $=(12 \mathrm{~N}) /(39.2 \mathrm{~N})=0.31$ ，where $m_{t} g=(4.0)(9.8)=$ 39.2 N is the weight of the top block．Let $M=m_{t}+$ $m_{b}=9.0 \mathrm{~kg}$ be the total system mass，then the maxi－ mum horizontal force has a magnitude $M a=M \mu_{s} g$ $=27 \mathrm{~N}$ ．（b）The acceleration（in the maximal case） is $a=\mu_{s} g=3.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ ．
68．${ }^{\text {．The free－body diagrams for the two boxes are }}$ shown below．$T$ is the magnitude of the force in the $\operatorname{rod}$（when $T>0$ the rod is said to be in tension and when $T<0$ the rod is under compression）， $\boldsymbol{F}_{N 2}$ is the normal force on box 2 （the uncle box）， $\boldsymbol{F}_{N 1}$ is the normal force on the aunt box（box 1），$f_{1}$ is kinetic friction force on the aunt box，and $f_{2}$ is kinetic friction force on the uncle box．Also，$m_{1}=$ 1.65 kg is the mass of the aunt box and $m_{2}=3.30$
kg is the mass of the uncle box（which is a lot of ants！）．For each block we take $+x$ downhill（which is toward the lower－right in these diagrams）and $+y$ in the direction of the normal force．Applying Newton＇s second law to the $x$ and $y$ directions of first box 2 and next box 1 ，we arrive at four equations：

$$
\begin{gathered}
m_{2} g \sin \theta-f_{2}-T=m_{2} a \\
F_{N 2}=m_{2} g \cos \theta \\
m_{1} g \sin \theta-f_{1}+T=m_{2} a
\end{gathered}
$$


and $\quad F_{N 1}=m_{1} g \cos \theta$ ，
which，when combined with Eq．6－2 $\left(f_{1}=\mu_{1} F_{N 1}\right.$ where $\mu_{1}=0.226$ and $f_{2}=\mu_{2} F_{N 2}$ where $\mu_{2}=0.113$ ）， fully describe the dynamics of the system．（a） We solve the above equations for the tension and obtain
$T=\frac{m_{1} m_{2} g}{m_{1}+m_{2}}\left(\mu_{1}-\mu_{2}\right) \cos \theta=1.05 \mathrm{~N}$ ．
（b）These equations lead to an acceleration equal to


$$
a=g \sin \theta-\frac{\mu_{1} m_{1}+\mu_{2} m_{2}}{m_{1}+m_{2}} g \cos \theta=3.62 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}
$$

（c）Reversing the blocks is equivalent to switching the labels．We see from our algebraic result in part （a）that this gives a negative value for $T$（equal in magnitude to the result we got before）．Thus，the situation is as it was before except that the rod is now in a state of compression．
90．${ }^{\circ}$ For simplicity，we denote the $70^{\circ}$ angle as $\theta$ and the magnitude of the push $(80 \mathrm{~N})$ as $P$ ．The vertical forces on the block are the downward normal force exerted on it by the ceiling，the down－ ward pull of gravity（of magnitude $m g$ ）and the vertical component of $\boldsymbol{P}$（which is upward with magnitude $P \sin \theta$ ）．Since there is no acceleration in the vertical direction，we must have

$$
F_{N}=P \sin \theta-m g,
$$

in which case the leftward－pointed kinetic friction has magnitude

$$
f_{k}=\mu_{k}(P \sin \theta-m g)
$$

Choosing $+x$ rightward，Newton＇s second law leads to

$$
\begin{aligned}
P \cos \theta-f_{k} & =m a \Rightarrow \\
a & =\frac{P \cos \theta-\mu_{k}(P \sin \theta-m g)}{m}
\end{aligned}
$$

which yields $a=3.4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ when $\mu_{k}=0.40$ and $m=$ 5.0 kg ．

97．${ }^{\text {• The coordinate system we wish to use is shown }}$ in Fig．5－18 in the textbook，so we resolve this horizontal force into appropriate components．（a） Applying Newton＇s second law to the $x$（directed uphill）and $y$（directed away from the incline surface）axes，we obtain
$F \cos \theta-f_{k}-m g \sin \theta=m a$,
$F_{N}-F \sin \theta-m g \cos \theta=0$ ．
Using $f_{k}=\mu_{k} F_{N}$ ，these equations lead to $a=(F / m)\left(\cos \theta-\mu_{k} \sin \theta\right)-g\left(\sin \theta+\mu_{k} \cos \theta\right)$, which yields $a=-2.1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ ，or $|a|=2.1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}$ ，for $\mu_{k}=$ $0.30, F=50 \mathrm{~N}$ and $m=5.0 \mathrm{~kg}$ ．（b）The direction of $\boldsymbol{a}$ is down the plane．（c）With $v_{0}=+4.0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ and $v$ $=0$ ，Eq．2－16 gives

$$
\Delta x=-4.0^{2} /[(2)(-2.1)]=3.9(\mathrm{~m}) .
$$

（d）We expect $\mu_{s}$ ，not $\mu_{k}$ ；otherwise，an object start－ ed into motion would immediately start decelerat－ ing（before it gained any speed）！In the minimal expectation case，where $\mu_{s}=0.30$ ，the maximum possible（downhill）static friction is，using Eq．6－1，

$$
f_{s, \max }=\mu_{s} F_{N}=\mu_{s}(F \sin \theta+m g \cos \theta),
$$

which turns out to be 21 N ．But in order to have no acceleration along the $x$ axis，we must have

$$
f_{s}=F \cos \theta-m g \sin \theta=10 \mathrm{~N} .
$$

（the fact that this is positive reinforces our suspicion that $f_{s}$ points downhill）．Since the $f_{s}$ needed to remain at rest is less than $f_{s, \text { max }}$ then it stays at that location．


## Ex．3－2，Pb．6－25．

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friction，摩擦／摩擦力；frictional force，摩擦力；negative lift，負升力；static／kinetic frictional force，靜／動摩擦力； coefficient of static friction，靜摩擦係數；coefficient of kinetic friction，動摩擦係數；drag force，拖曳力；drag coefficient，拖曳係數；effective cross－sectional area，等效截面積；terminal speed，終端速率；uniform circular motion，等速率圓周運動；centripetal acceleration／force，向心加速度／力；center of curvature，曲率中心；banked，有坡面的；bobsled，大雪榡；skydiving，特技跳傘；spread eagle，大鵬展翅（鯤魚化為大鵬鳥，一飛數萬里。用以比喻前程遠大，不可限量。）；Dare Devil，蠻勇之人； Grand Prix 國際汽車大獎賽；pit，（賽車中途的）加油站，修理站；

## －備忘錄

## 重點整理－第6章 力與運動－II

摩擦力 $\boldsymbol{f}$ ：當作用力 $\boldsymbol{F}$ 試著沿著表面滑動物體時，從表面來的摩擦力作用於此物體上，摩擦力平行表面並且其方向爲阻止滑動，摩擦力導源於物體與接觸表面間的鍵結。若物體向未滑動時，摩擦力爲靜摩擦力 $\boldsymbol{f}_{s}$ ；若物體滑動時，則爲動摩擦力 $f_{k}$ 。
摩擦力之三性質 •性質1．若物體劣未運動，則靜摩擦力與施力 $\boldsymbol{F}$ 平行表面的分量兩者大小相等，而 $f_{s}$ 的方向爲與該分量相反。－性質 $2 . \boldsymbol{f}_{s}$ 有一最大値 $f_{s, \max }$ ，其爲 $f_{s, \max }=\mu_{s} F_{N}$ ，式中 $\mu_{s}$ 稱爲靜摩擦係數而 $F_{N}$ 爲正向力的大小。若 $\boldsymbol{F}$ 平行表面的分量大於 $\boldsymbol{f}_{s, \max }$ ，則物體開始於表面上滑動。 ${ }^{(1)}$ 性質3．若物體開始於表面上滑動，則摩擦力大小立即減小至一定値 $f_{k}$ ，其爲 $f_{k}=\mu_{k} F_{N}$ ，其中 $\mu_{k}$ 爲動摩擦係數。
拖曳力 $\boldsymbol{D}$ 當物體與空氣（或其它流體）作相對運動時，其受拖曳力作用，此力阻止相對運動而且指向流體相對於物體之流動方向，拖曳力的大小藉由實驗決定的拖曳係數 $C$ 與相對速率 $v$ 產生關聯，其爲 $D=(1 / 2) C \rho A v^{2}$ ，
式中 $\rho$ 爲流體密度（每單位體積之質量），$A$ 爲物體的等效截面積（取垂直相對速度 $\boldsymbol{v}$ 之截面積）。
終端速率 $v_{t}$ 當鈍形物體在空氣中下落夠深時，物體所受的拖曳力與其所受的重力 $\boldsymbol{F}_{g}$ 兩者大小變爲相等，之後物體以固定的終端速率 $v_{t}$ 下落，其爲 $v_{t}=\sqrt{2 F_{g} / C \rho A}$ 。
等速率圓周運動 若質點以等速率 $v$ 於半徑爲 $R$之圓周或圓弧上運動，則稱爲質點作等速率圓周運動，此質點於是有向心加速度，其大小爲 $a=$ $v^{2} / R$ ；此加速度是由於作用於質點之淨向心力而產生，此向心力大小爲 $f=m v^{2} / R$ ，
其中 $m$ 爲質點之質量；向量 $\boldsymbol{a}$ 及 $\boldsymbol{F}$ 均指向質點路徑的曲率中心。

