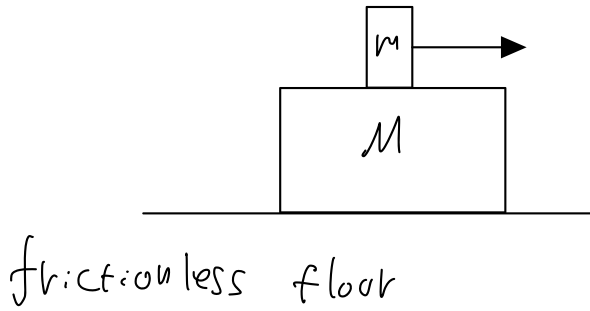


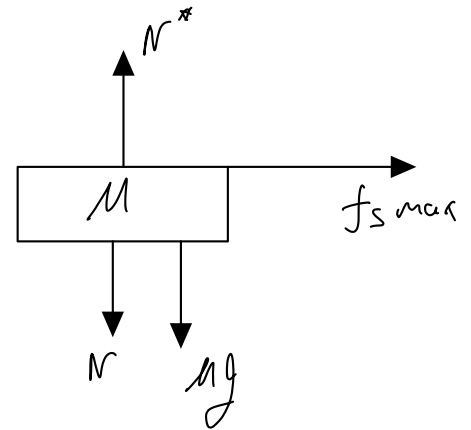
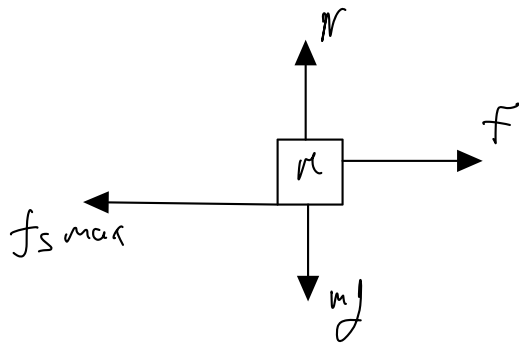
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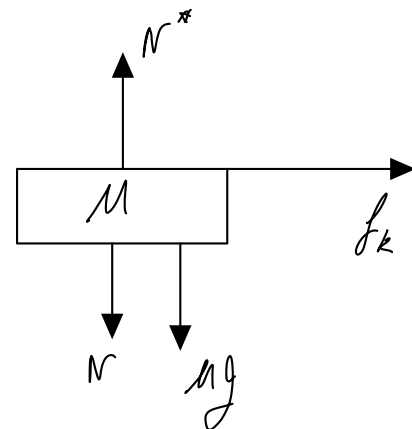
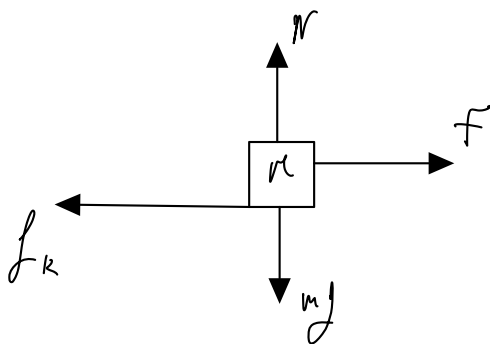
Given μ

What is the minimum F required to start the block m to slide on block M

Free diagram body



The two blocks will move as 1 block with same acceleration until $F > f_{max}$ and:



and the blocks will move with two different acceleration.

So i would solve :

$$\sum F_x = ma$$

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$$(1) \quad F_{\text{friction}} - f_{s \max} = ma$$

$$(2) \quad f_{s \max} = \mu a \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{f_{s \max}}{\mu} = a$$

$$F_m - f_{s \max} = m \cdot \frac{f_{s \max}}{\mu}$$

$$F_m = f_{s \max} \left(1 + \frac{m}{\mu} \right)$$

$$(3) \quad \longrightarrow \quad F_m = \mu_{s \max} m g \left(1 + \frac{m}{\mu} \right)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$N - mg = 0$$

$$N = mg$$

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$$(3) \quad f_{s \max} = \mu_{s \max} \cdot mg$$