Pre-Lab Practice: Friction

Review the Textbook:

- PHYS 1401: Serway & Vuille: Section 4.6, Examples 4.13 and 4.14.
- PHYS 2425: Serway & Jewett: Section 5.8, Examples 5.12 and 5.13.

A 1200 kg car traveling along a horizontal road at speed of 30 m/s (about 65 MPH) runs into an icy patch. The car skids to a stop. Assume the coefficient of kinetic friction between the tires and ice to be 0.1.

- 1. What is the normal force exerted on the car? (11760 N)
- 2. What is the magnitude of a kinetic friction force acting upon the car? (1176 N)
- 3. What is the magnitude of the acceleration of the car? (0.98 m/s^2)
- 4. How much time does it take the car to stop? (30.6 s)
- 5. How far does the car go in that time? (459 m)

6. In Figure 4, $m_1 = m_2 = 300$ g. If the surface of the table is frictionless, what is the acceleration of the system? (4.9 m/s²)

7. In Figure 4, $m1 = m_2 = 300$ g. If the surface of the table has a coefficient of friction of 0.5, what is the acceleration of the system? (2.45 m/s²)



Figure 4. A system of masses connected over a pulley.