

“The Knowledge” FOR MECHANICS MINOR - Answers

The equation for F_{\max} in terms of the coefficient of friction

$$F_{\max} = \mu R$$

The meaning of a couple

A set of forces with zero resultant force but a non-zero total moment

The definition of Work Done by a force

Work Done = Force x Displacement in the direction of that force

The Work-Energy Principle (WEP)

Initial Energy + Work Done = Final Energy

The two definitions of Power

$$P = Fv = \frac{WD}{t}$$

The definition of Impulse

$$\text{Impulse} = Ft$$

The Principle of Impulse

Impulse = $mv - mu$ (change in momentum)

The definition of the coefficient of restitution, its bounds, and the significance of it attaining these bounds

$$e = \frac{\text{separating speed}}{\text{approach speed}}, \quad 0 \leq e \leq 1.$$

When $e = 1$, the collision is perfectly elastic and no kinetic energy is lost.

When $e = 0$, the collision is inelastic and the bodies coalesce.