

80. (Second problem in **Cluster 1**)

To keep the block stationary, we require  $\sum \vec{F} = 0$  (equilibrium of forces), which leads (along the horizontal  $x$  axis) to  $f_s = 50$  N. Now, we take  $f_s = f_{s, \max} = \mu_s N$  and find that  $N$  must equal  $50/0.4 = 125$  N. Equilibrium of forces along the  $y$  axis implies  $N - mg - F = 0$ , so that (with  $mg = 98$  N) we must have  $F = 27$  N.