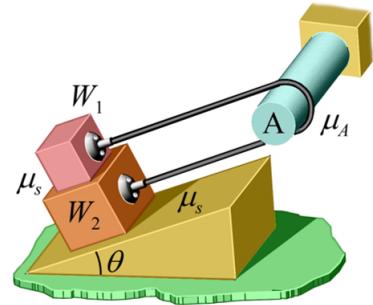


**Question :** Determine the minimum weight  $W_1$  that will not cause the weight  $W_2 = 1\text{kN}$  to slide downwards. The coefficient of friction on the pipe A is  $\mu_A = 0.2$  and on the other surfaces is  $\mu_s = 0.15$ . ( $\theta = 30^\circ$ ).



**Solution:**

The equilibrium equations are used in order to obtain the reactions and frictional forces of the weight  $W_1$  as,

$$\sum F_\eta = 0; \quad N_1 - W_1 \cos 30^\circ = 0 \quad N_1 = 0.866 W_1$$

$$(F_s)_1 = \mu_s N_1 \cong 0.13 W_1$$

$$\sum F_\xi = 0; \quad T_1 - W_1 \sin 30^\circ - (F_s)_1 = 0 \quad T_1 \cong 0.63 W_1$$

The equilibrium equations are used in order to obtain the reactions and frictional forces of the weight  $W_2$  as,

$$\sum F_\eta = 0; \quad N_2 - N_1 - 1000 \cos 30^\circ = 0$$

$$N_2 = 0.866 W_1 + 866$$

$$(F_s)_2 = \mu_s N_2 = 130 + 0.13 W_1$$

$$\sum F_\xi = 0; \quad T_2 - 1000 \sin 30^\circ + (F_s)_1 + (F_s)_2 = 0$$

$$T_2 = 370 - 0.26 W_1$$

Since the rotation is clockwise direction,

$$T_2 = T_1 e^{\mu_A \beta} \Rightarrow 370 - 0.25 W_1 = 0.63 W_1 e^{0.2 \pi} \Rightarrow W_1 = 256.78 \text{kN}$$

