P6.2-5) A RWD 2011 Corvette Coupe's technical specifications are listed below. If the car, starting from rest, has a maximum acceleration before slip of 10 ft/s² on a 15% grade, determine the total rolling resistance. Estimate the friction characteristics as that between rubber and dry asphalt ($\mu_s = 0.9$) and assume that drag is negligible. Use a rigid-body model to solve this problem.

• Curb weight: W = 3175 lb

• Wheel base: L = 105.7 in (Distance between the axles.)

• CG height: h = 19.8 in

• Rear wheel drive

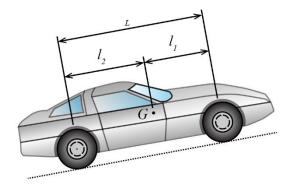
• Weight distribution: 51/49 f/r (%)

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Solution:

Draw a free-body diagram of the car.



Use the car's equation of motion to determine the rolling resistance.

Calculate the position of the mass center.

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Calculate the angle of the road.

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