Week 6 Challenge Homework Solutions

A 2-kg-block is pushed upward from underneath by a constant 50-N vertical force. The block is sliding on the bottom side of an inclined plane that makes an angle of 70° with respect to the vertical. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the block and the plane is 0.2.

- (a) (a) Determine if the net force points up or down the incline?
- (b) (b) If after traveling a total distance of 4 m the block is traveling at a speed of 4.443 m/s up the incline, what was the initial speed of the block?
- (c) (c) Use the *Sign* sense-making technique, along with your answer to part (a), to check whether your answer to part (b) seems reasonable.





Question 2

A mass of 3.0 kg is tied via a light string to the center of a table. A second mass of 5.0 kg is tied, also via a light string, to the first mass. Both masses are made to undergo uniform circular motion in the horizontal plane at a rate of 10 revolutions per second. The first mass is 1.2 m from the center of the table and the second mass is 2.0 m from the center of the table.

- (a) (a) What is the tension in both strings?
- (b) (b) Use Related Quantities along with Proportionality sense-making technique to check your answer to part (a) behaves the way you'd expect. Should the tension increase if the speed increases? Which tension do you expect to be greater?

