

Sliding Blocks

Problem Statement

The two blocks shown are originally at rest. The masses of the blocks is given. The static and kinetic friction between the inclined surface and the blocks is given. A) Determine the velocity of the blocks after 5 m. B) Find tension in the string. C) Acceleration of the blocks.

Input

Mass of Block A ---- Kg.

Mass of Block B ---- Kg.

Angle of Block A ----- Degrees

Angle of Block B ----- Degrees

Kinetic friction of Block A and the surface

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Control Buttons

"RUN" button starts the animation.

"STOP" button stops the animation.

"RESET" button resets the animation.

Procedure

Set all the input values. Press reset button and then start button to start the animation.

Concepts used

Principle of Work and Energy

What to see

What decides the angle of the Ball with Wall after strike.

How does the value of Restitution affect motion of Ball.

What is the effect of initial velocity on the motion of the Ball.

- 1. how does the velocity change with time?
" " " acceleration " " " ?
" " " distance " " " ?
why?
- 2. what determines which way the blocks will move?
- 3. can the blocks remain stationary? why?
- 4. suppose block, b, wants to move down the
plane, but is kept from doing so by restraining
block, a. will the tension in the connecting
cable be greater or less after block, a, is
released? why?

