Solve area of $\triangle ABC$

$$\vec{AB} = m$$

$$\vec{AC} = n$$

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = |\vec{AB}| |\vec{AC}| \sin \theta \quad (1)$$

$$S_{\triangle ABC} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB}| |\vec{AC}| \sin \theta \quad (2)$$

From (1), (2)

$$S_{\triangle ABC} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}|$$

$$\vec{AB} = (2, 3), \vec{AC} = (5, 2)$$

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(3 \times 0 - 2 \times 0) - \hat{j}(2 \times 0 - 5 \times 0) + \hat{k}(2 \times 2 - 5 \times 3) = -11\hat{k}$$

$$S_{\triangle ABC} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}| = \frac{1}{2} |-11\hat{k}| = 5.5$$

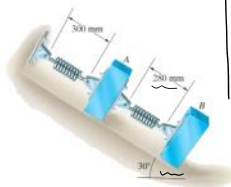
Heron's formula

$$S_{\triangle} = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$$

• 2D Force

Problem 1 The inclined surface is smooth (Remember that "smooth" means that friction is negligible). The two springs are identical, with unstretched lengths of 250 mm and spring constants $k = 1200 \text{ N/m}$. What are the masses of blocks A and B?

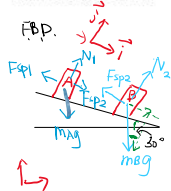


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1 ab=sqrt(13)
2 ac=sqrt(29)
3 bc=sqrt(10)
4 s = 0.5 * (ab + ac + bc)
5 area = sqrt(s * (s-ab) * (s-ac) * (s-bc))
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ab = 3.6056
ac = 5.3852
bc = 3.1623
s = 6.0765
area = 5.5000



$$F_{sp2} = \frac{1}{2} m_B g \quad (1)$$

$$F_{sp2} = k(L_1 - L) = 1200 \text{ N/m} \cdot (0.28 \text{ m} - 0.25 \text{ m}) = 36 \text{ N}$$

From Eq. (1)

$$m_B = \frac{2 F_{sp2}}{g} = \frac{2 \times 36}{9.8} \text{ kg} = 7.3469 \text{ kg}$$

$$F_{sp1} = \frac{1}{2} m_A g + F_{sp2}$$

$$m_A = \frac{2(F_{sp1} - F_{sp2})}{g} \quad (2)$$

$$F_{sp1} = k(0.2 - 0.25) = 60 \text{ N}$$

plg into (2)

$$m_A = \frac{2(60 - 36)}{9.8} \text{ kg} = 4.89 \text{ kg}$$