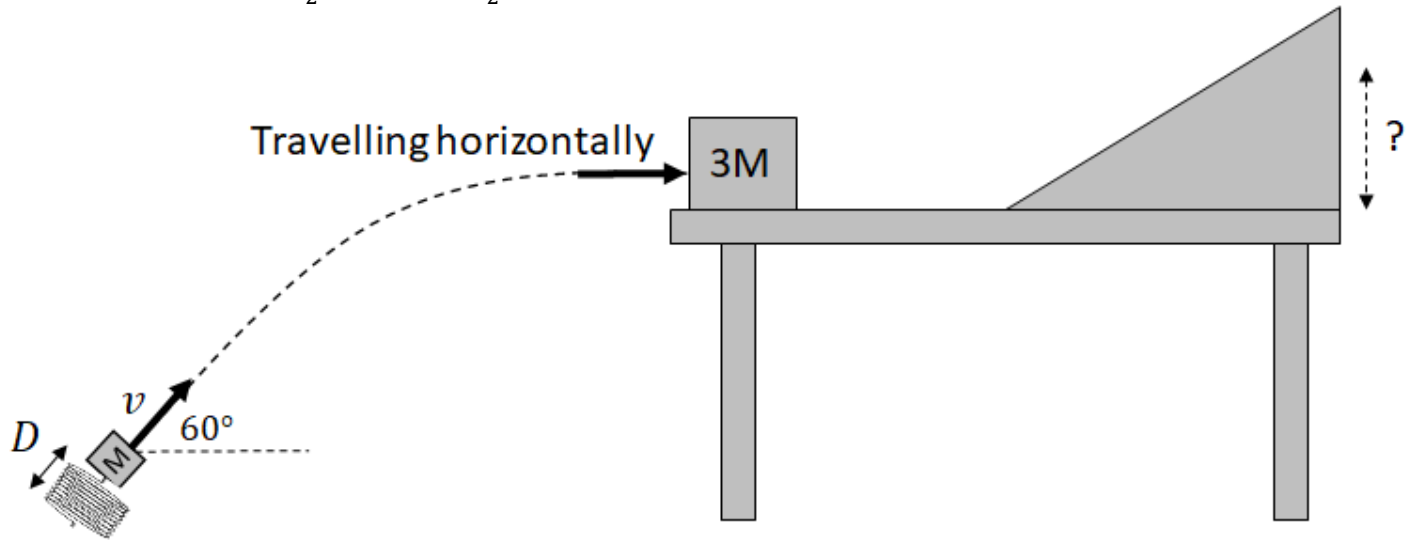


For reference: $\cos 60 = \frac{1}{2}$ $\sin 60 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$



A block of mass M is pushed against a spring. The spring is compressed a distance of D from equilibrium. The block leaves the spring with a speed of v .

- a) Determine an expression for the spring constant of the spring in terms of M , D , and v , as appropriate. Show your work.

The block leaves the spring traveling at a speed of v at an angle of 60° above the horizontal, as shown. When the block gets the top of its motion and is traveling *directly horizontally*, it collides and sticks to a block of mass $3M$ on a table.

- b) Calculate the speed of the block of mass M right before it collides, when it is travelling horizontally at the apex of its motion. Answer in terms of v .
c) Calculate the speed of the combined blocks ($4M$) after they collide and stick together. Answer in terms of v . Show your work.

The combined blocks travel across the frictionless table, and encounter a frictionless incline.

- d) Determine an expression for max height up the incline the blocks slide. Answer in terms of v and g . Show your work.