Example: inclined plane with friction

- (a) What range of masses m_2 keeps the system at rest?
- (b) If $m_2 = 10$ kg, what is the acceleration of the system?



Example: centripetal force

A coin is placed on the outer edge of a turntable of radius 15 cm, rotating at 33¹/₃ rpm. What is the smallest coefficient of static friction needed to keep the coin from flying off the turntable?



Midterm exam

- Thursday, February 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Bring calculator (no text storage), pencil
- Turn off or silence cell phones
- Bring student card. Put face up on desk.
- Last names
 - A-D: go to 111 Armes
 - E-O: go to 208 Armes
 - P-Z: go to 205 Armes
- Paper A: answers in #1-18 of column 1
- Paper B: answers in #41-58 of column 2

Some advice on studying physics

- Keep up with your studies. Do homework problems as you go.
 understanding concepts takes time
 - cramming "facts" at the last minute won't help you
- 2. Understand previous concepts before trying to learn new ones.
 - like building a house from the foundation up
 - e.g. F = ma is the only new equation in chapter 5.
- Join or form a study group.Studies find this is the best predictor of success
- 4. Don't try to memorize your way through the course.University-level physics is not "plug and chug"
- 5. Don't think you already know the material at the right level.
 Greater depth than high-school level physics