Wave Race – Activity 1

Use two snakeys attached to metal rods for each race unless otherwise stated. As pictured here.

Variable	Constants (circle the right ones)	Diagram/Description of the setup	Results (Which one won?)	What did you learn?
Amplitude (1/2 block high, 1 block high)	Amplitude Wavelength Tension Linear Density			
Wavelength (2 blocks long, 3 blocks long)	Amplitude Wavelength Tension Linear Density			
Tension (Measure with a spring scale in N)	Amplitude Wavelength Tension Linear Density	Force spring 1 = Force spring 2 =		
Linear Density (1 metal slinky, 1 plastic slinky)	Amplitude Wavelength Tension Linear Density			

	As amplitude increase, the wave speed does what?
2.	As wavelength increases, the wave speed does what?
3.	As tension on the spring increases, the wave speed does what? (Be careful on this one and remember the more stretched spring traveled more distance.)
4.	As density of the medium increases, the wave speed does what?
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