



# PHY121 Physics I

## Chapter 8 Potential Energy and Conversation of Energy

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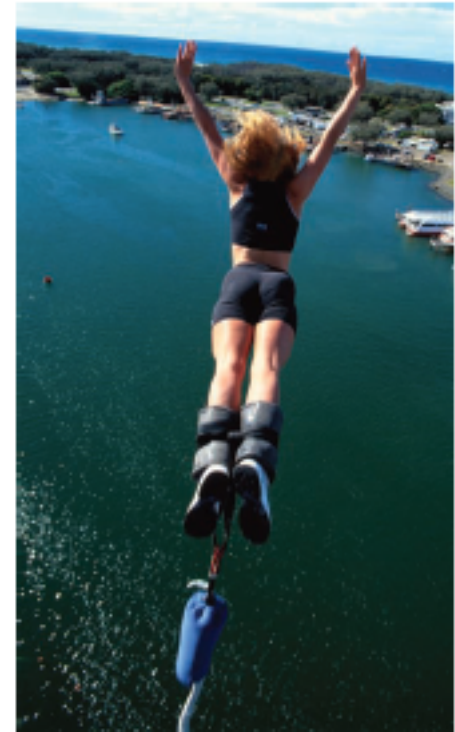
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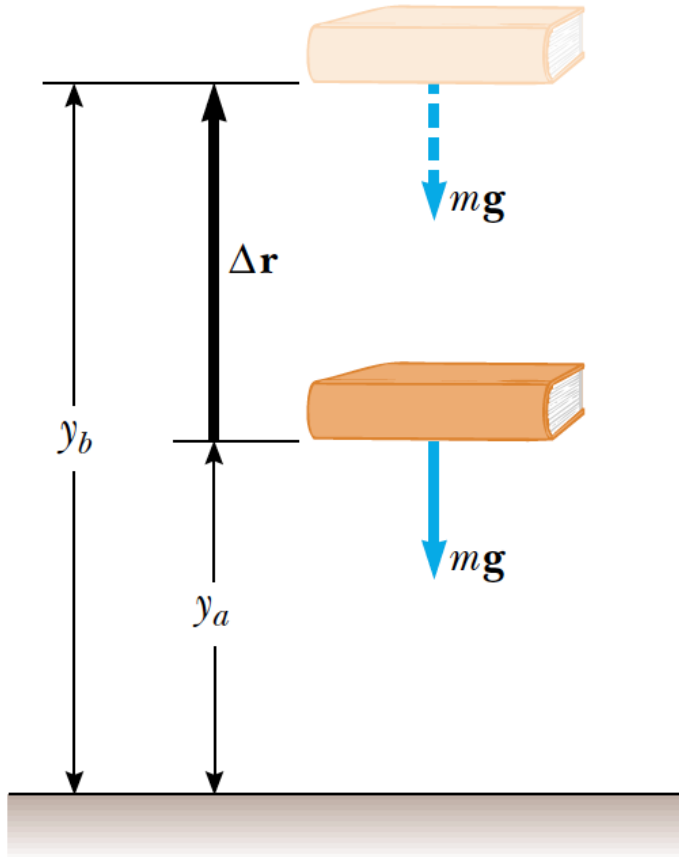
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## + 8.1. Potential Energy

We do some work on the system by lifting the book slowly through a height  $\Delta y = y_b - y_a$ , as in Figure.



Because the energy change of the system is not in the form of kinetic energy or internal energy, it must appear as some other form of energy storage.

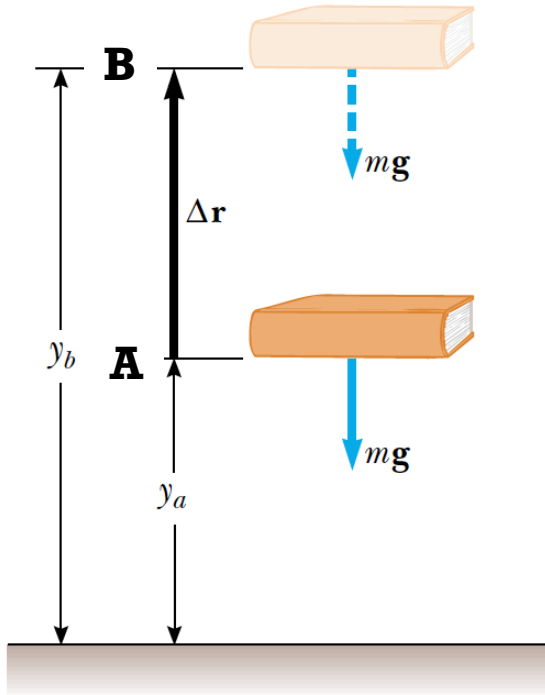
After lifting the book, we could release it and let it fall back to the position  $y_a$  and it gains kinetic energy.

While the book was at the  $y_b$ , it had potential to gain kinetic energy.

We call the energy storage mechanism before we release the book as **potential energy**.

A potential energy can only be associated with specific types of forces. !!!!

## + 8.1. Potential Energy



The work done by the external agent on the system (object and Earth) as the book undergoes upward displacement  $\Delta y = y_b - y_a$ :

$$W_{A \rightarrow B} = F \Delta r = mg(y_b - y_a)$$

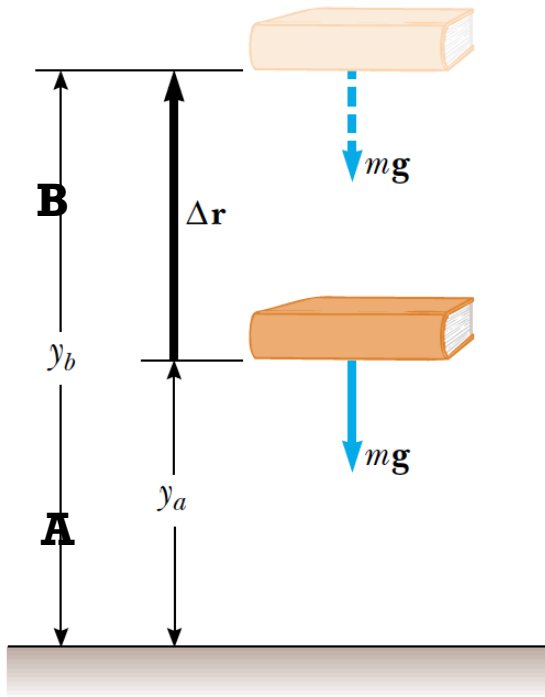
$$W_{A \rightarrow B} = mgy_b - mgy_a$$

In previous chapter we found the work kinetic energy theorem:

$$W_{A \rightarrow B} = \frac{1}{2}mv_b^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_a^2 = \Delta K$$

In each equation, the work done on a system equals a difference between the final and initial values of a quantity.

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$$W_{A \rightarrow B} = mgy_b - mgy_a$$

we can identify the quantity  $mgy$  as the gravitational potential energy  $U_g$ :

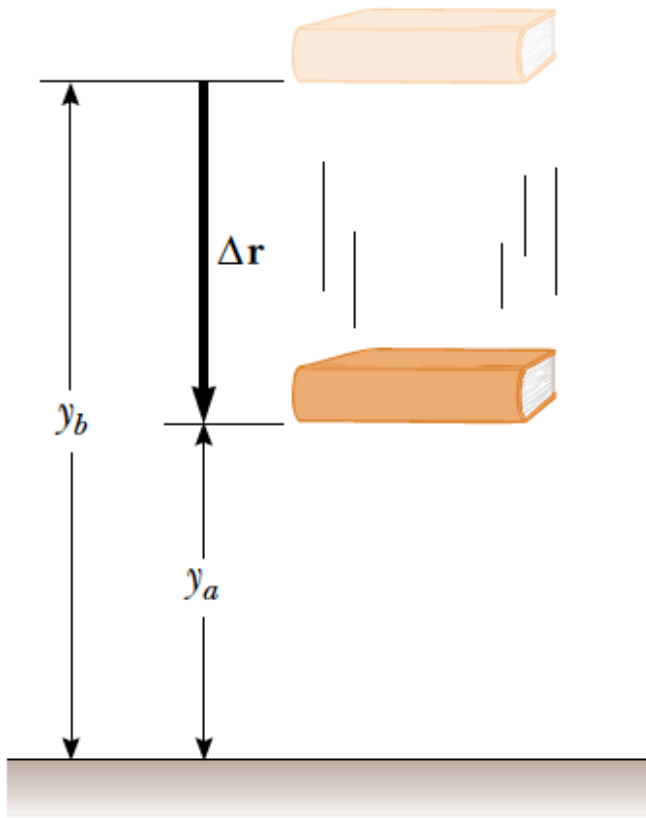
$$U_g = mgy$$

The units of gravitational potential energy are joules, the same as those of work and kinetic energy.

Potential energy, like work and kinetic energy, is a scalar quantity.

## + 8.1. Potential Energy

The work done by gravitational force on the system (object and Earth) as the book undergoes downward displacement  $\Delta y = y_b - y_a$  :



$$W = (-mg\hat{j}) \cdot [(y_a - y_b)\hat{j}]$$

$$W = mgy_b - mgy_a$$

$$W = -(mgy_a - mgy_b)$$

$$W = -\Delta U$$

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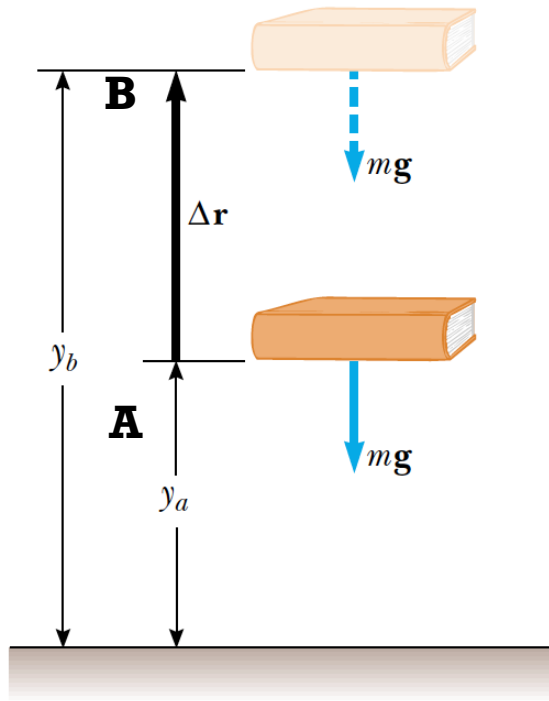
$$W = -\Delta U$$

**When the body moves up,  $y$  increases, the work done by the gravitational force is negative, and the gravitational potential energy increases**

**When the body moves down,  $y$  decreases, the gravitational force does positive work, and the gravitational potential energy decreases**

## + 8.2. Conservative Forces

The work done by gravitational force on the system (object and Earth) as the book undergoes upward displacement  $\Delta y = y_b - y_a$  :



$$W_{A \rightarrow B} = F \Delta r = -mg(y_b - y_a)$$

$$W_{A \rightarrow B} = -mgh$$

If  $h$  positive the gravitational force does a **negative** work.

The work done on the book alone by the gravitational force as the book falls back to its original height (from B to A) is **positive** :

$$W_{A \rightarrow B} = -W_{B \rightarrow A}$$



## + 8.2. Conservative Forces

In a situation in which

$$W_{A \rightarrow B} = -W_{B \rightarrow A}$$

is always true, the other type of energy is a potential energy and the force is said to be a **conservative force**.

Gravitational force and elastic force are **conservative forces**.

A force that is not conservative is called a **nonconservative force**. The kinetic frictional force and drag force are nonconservative forces.

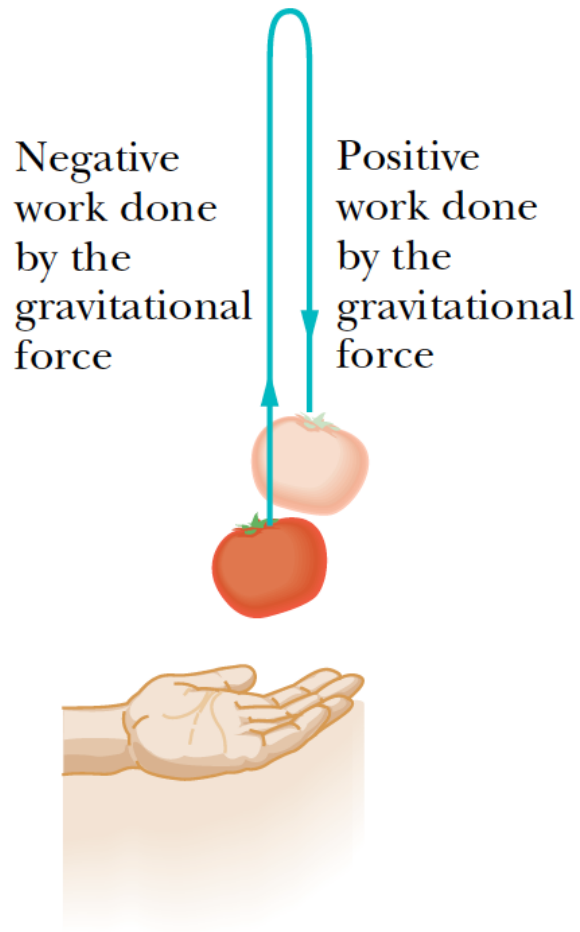
Some properties of conservative forces:

**The net work done by a conservative force on a particle moving around any closed path is zero.**

**The work done by a conservative force on a particle moving between two points does not depend on the path taken by the particle.**

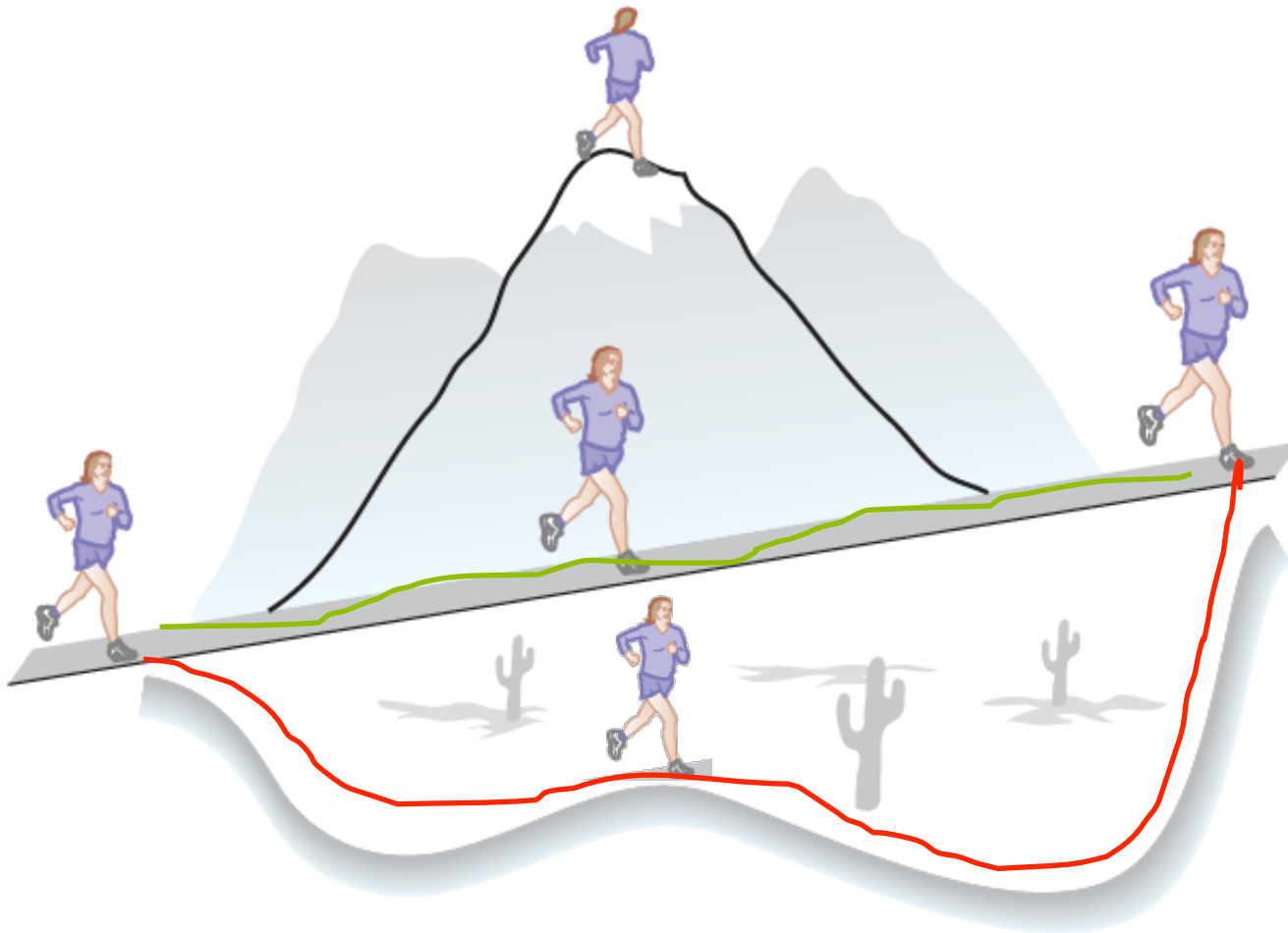
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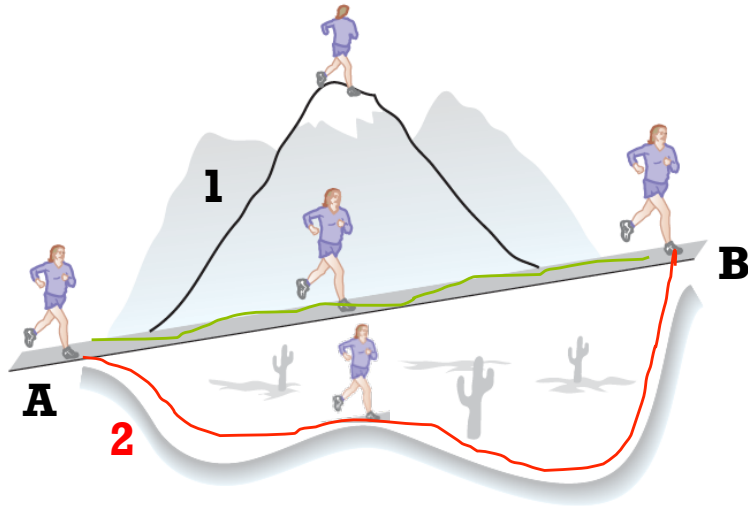
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If runner run from A to B by using road no 1 and back to point A by using road no 2:

$$W_{A \rightarrow B;1} + W_{B \rightarrow A,2} = 0$$

$$W_{A \rightarrow B;1} = -W_{B \rightarrow A,2}$$

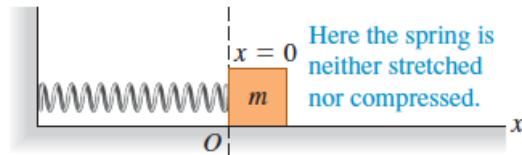
Now we assume that, the runner run from A to B by using the road no 2:

$$W_{A \rightarrow B;2} = -W_{B \rightarrow A,2}$$

$$W_{A \rightarrow B;2} = W_{A \rightarrow B;1}$$

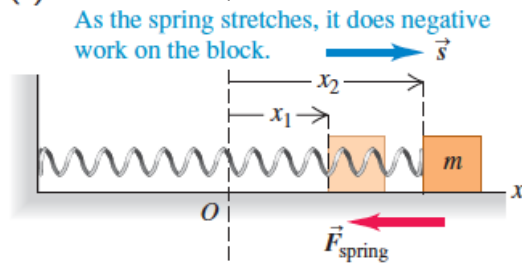
## + 8.3. Elastic Potential Energy

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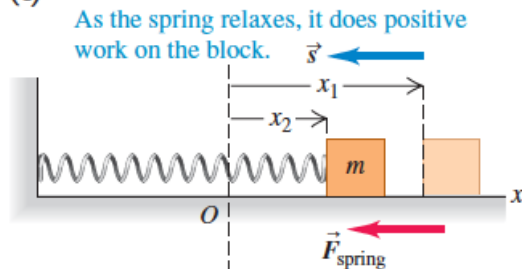
The work done by external agent to compress or stretch the spring is:

(b)



$$W_{ext.} = \frac{1}{2} kx_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} kx_1^2$$

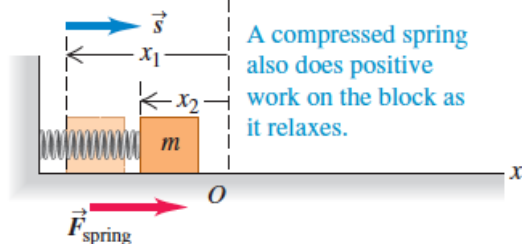
(c)



The work done by spring on the block is:

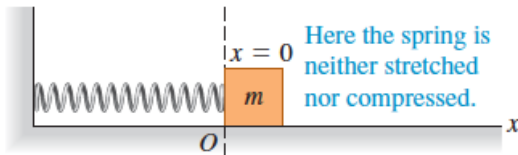
$$W_{el} = \frac{1}{2} kx_1^2 - \frac{1}{2} kx_2^2$$

(d)

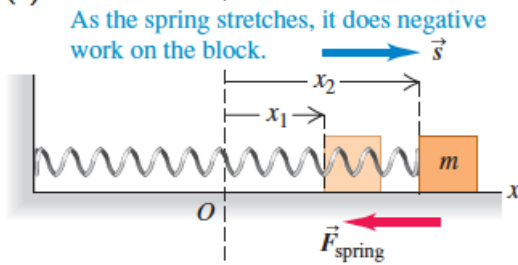


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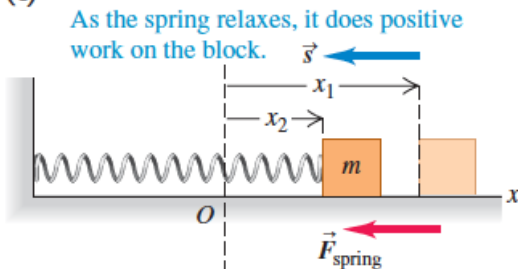
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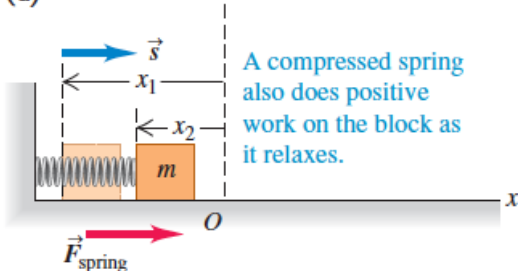
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(c)



(d)



Elastic potential energy is given by:

$$U_{el} = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

The work done on the block by the elastic force in terms of the change in elastic potential energy:

$$W_{el} = \frac{1}{2} kx_1^2 - \frac{1}{2} kx_2^2$$

$$W_{el} = U_{el;1} - U_{el;2} = -\Delta U_{el}$$

## + 8.4. Conservation of Mechanical Energy

The mechanical energy  $E_{mec}$  of a system is the sum of its potential energy  $U$  and the kinetic energy  $K$  of the objects within it:

$$E_{mec} = K + U$$

When a conservative force does work  $W$  on an object within the system, that force transfers energy between kinetic energy  $K$  of the object and potential energy  $U$  of the system.

From Work-kinetic energy theorem

$$\Delta K = W$$

and from the potential energy discussion:

$$W = -\Delta U$$

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$$\Delta K = W \qquad W = -\Delta U$$

Thus:

$$\Delta K = -\Delta U$$

In words, one of these energies increases exactly as much as the other decreases

We can rewrite this equation

$$K_2 - K_1 = -(U_2 - U_1)$$

$$K_1 + U_1 = K_2 + U_2$$

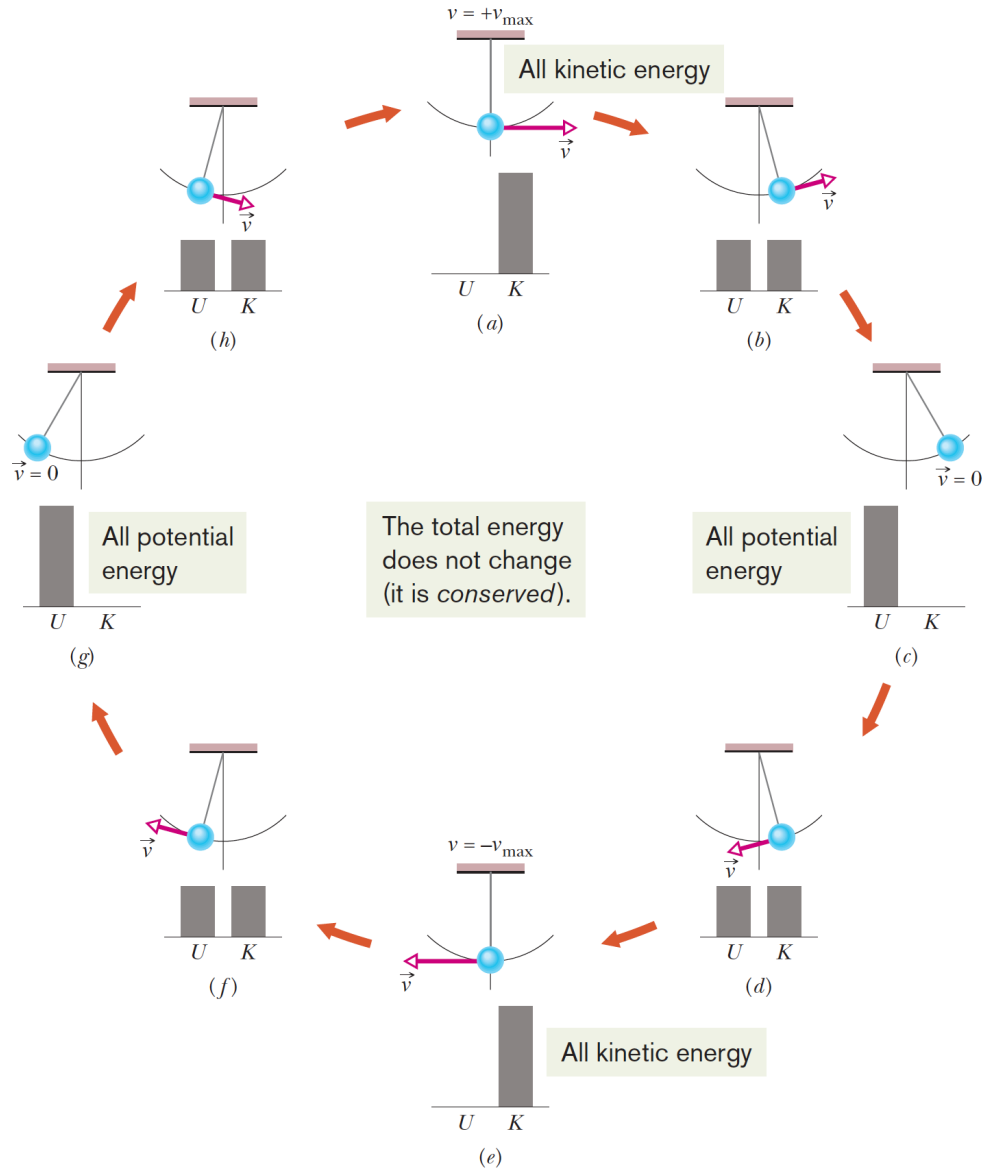
This result is called the principle of conservation of mechanical energy

**In an isolated system where only conservative forces cause energy changes, the kinetic energy and potential energy can change, but their sum, the mechanical energy  $E_{\text{mec}}$  of the system, cannot change.**



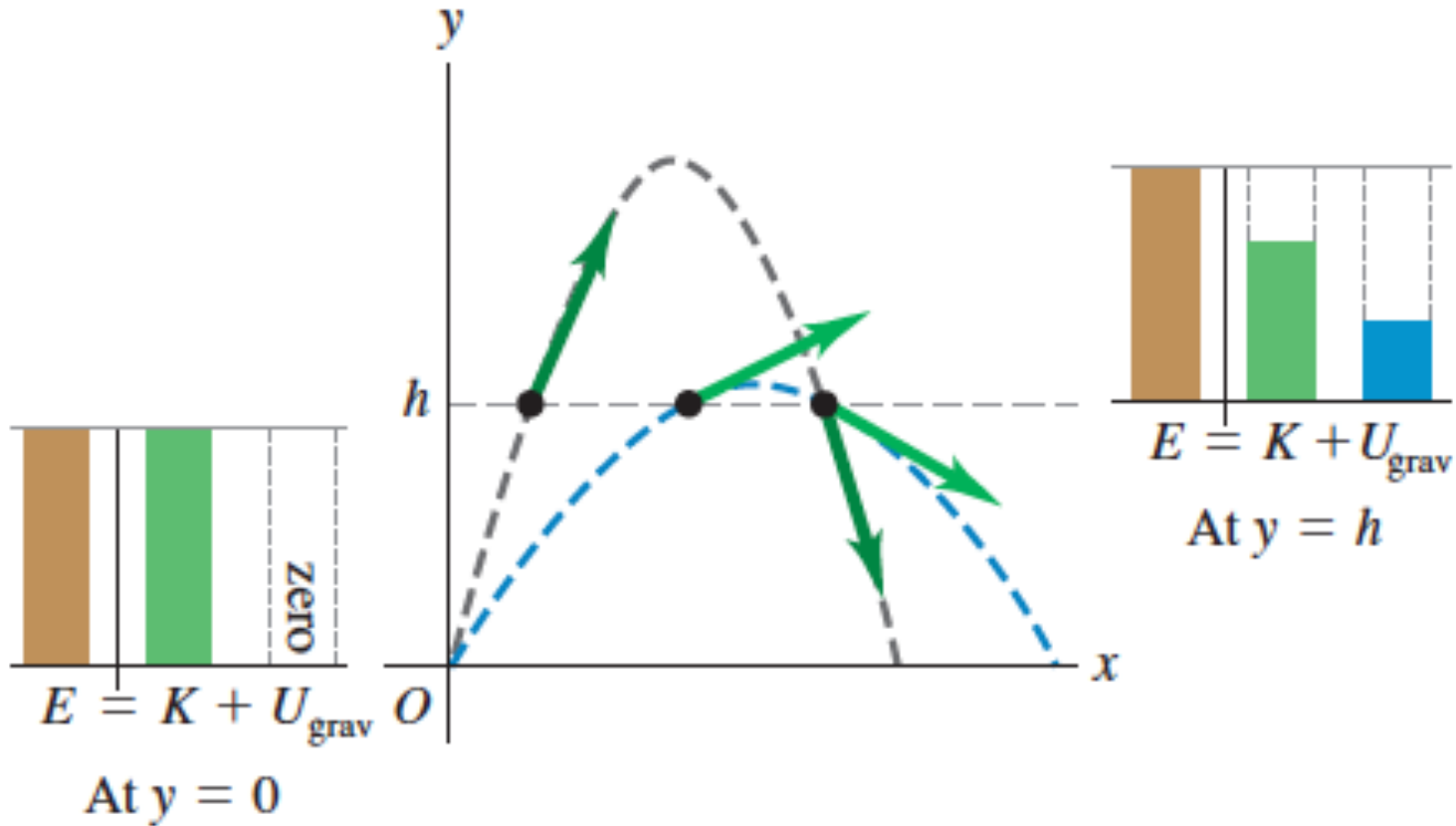
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Pendulum:



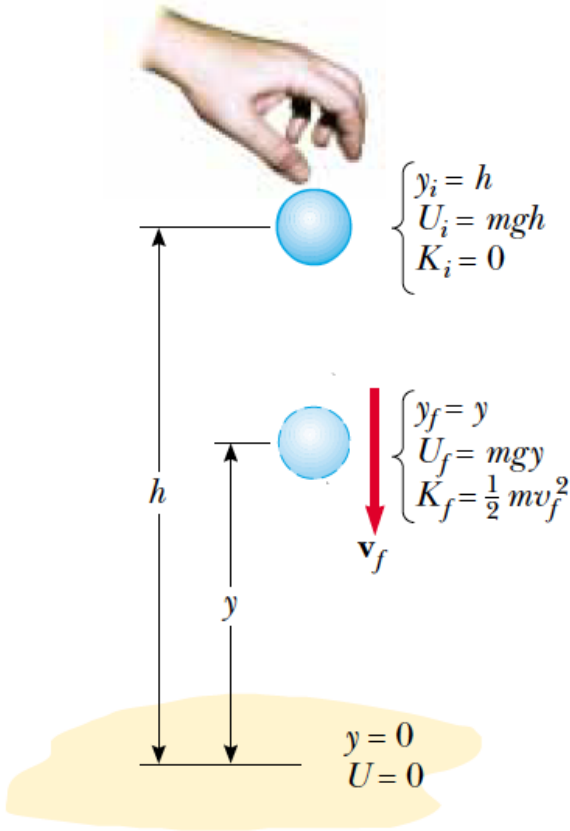
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Projectile motion:



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### Example:1

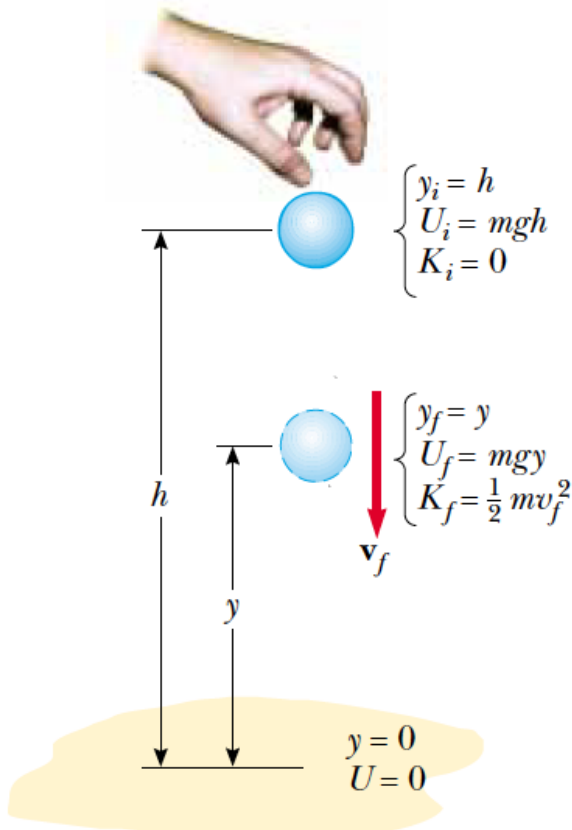


A ball of mass  $m$  is dropped from a height  $h$  above the ground, as shown in Figure. Neglecting air resistance, determine the speed of the ball when it is at a height  $y$  above the ground.

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Answer:1

From the conservation of mechanical energy:



$$K_f + U_f = K_i + U_i$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 + mgy = 0 + mgh$$

$$v_f^2 = 2g(h - y)$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{2g(h - y)}$$

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### Example:2

Determine the speed of the ball in example 1 at  $y$  if at the instant of release it already has an initial upward speed  $v_i$  at the initial altitude  $h$ .

### Answer:2

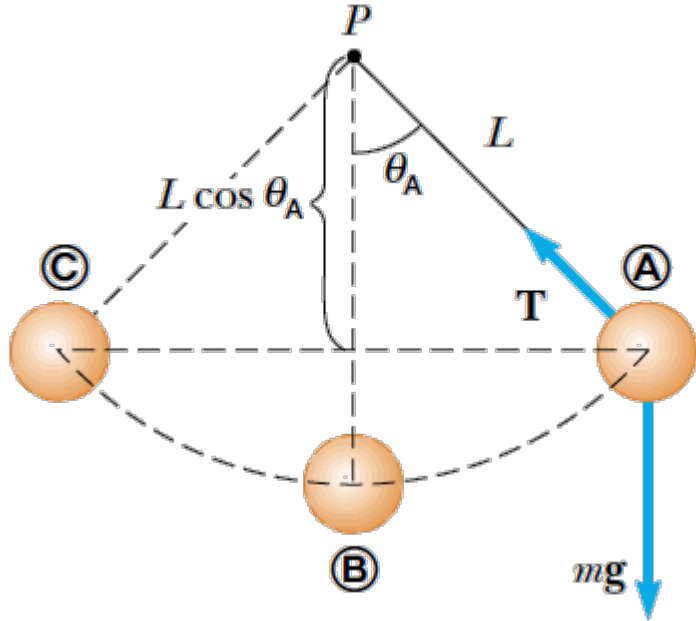
$$\frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 + mgy = \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + mgh$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2g(h - y)$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{v_i^2 + 2g(h - y)}$$

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### Example:3

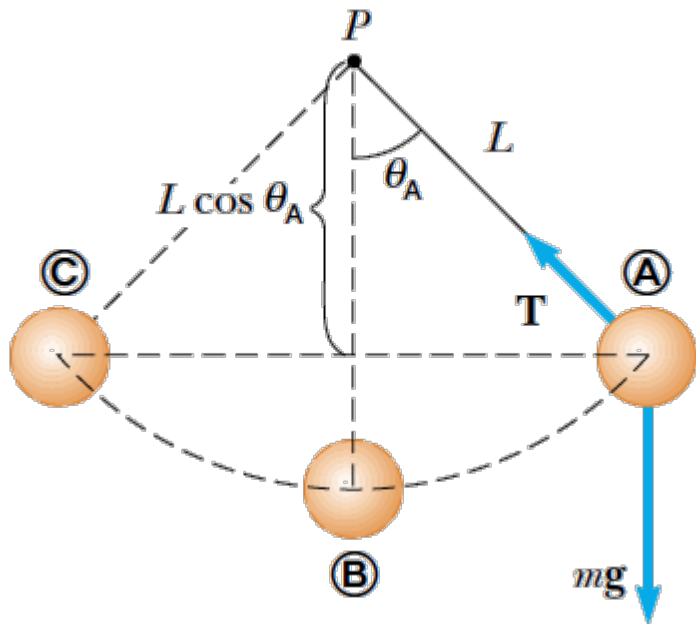


A pendulum consists of a sphere of mass  $m$  attached to a light cord of length  $L$ , as shown in Figure. The sphere is released from rest at point  $A$  when the cord makes an angle  $\theta_A$  with the vertical, and the pivot at  $P$  is frictionless.

- Find the speed of the sphere when it is at the lowest point  $B$ .
- What is the tension  $T_B$  in the cord at point  $B$

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Answer: 3



If we measure the  $y$  coordinates of the sphere from the center of rotation, the coordinate of point A

$$y_A = -L \cos \theta_A$$

and the coordinate of point B

$$y_B = -L$$

The potential energy at these points are:

$$U_A = -mgL \cos \theta_A$$

$$U_B = -mgL$$

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Answer: 3

From the conversation of energy:

$$K_B + U_B = K_A + U_A$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 - mgL = 0 - mgL \cos \theta_A$$

$$v_B = \sqrt{2gL(1 - \cos \theta_A)}$$



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Answer:3

$$\sum F_r = mg - T = ma_r = -m \frac{v_B^2}{L}$$

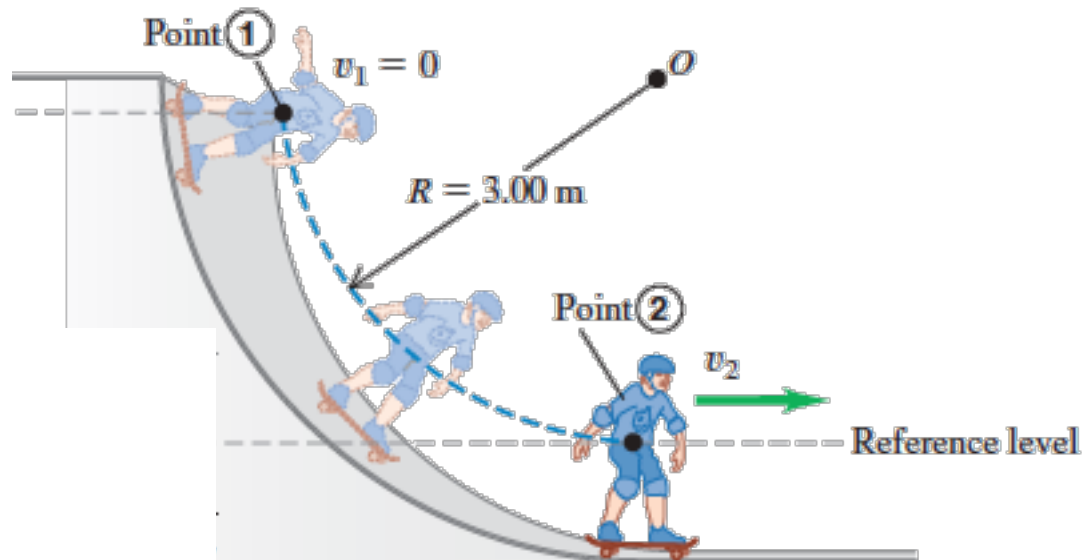
$$T = mg(3 - 2 \cos \theta_A)$$

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### Example:4

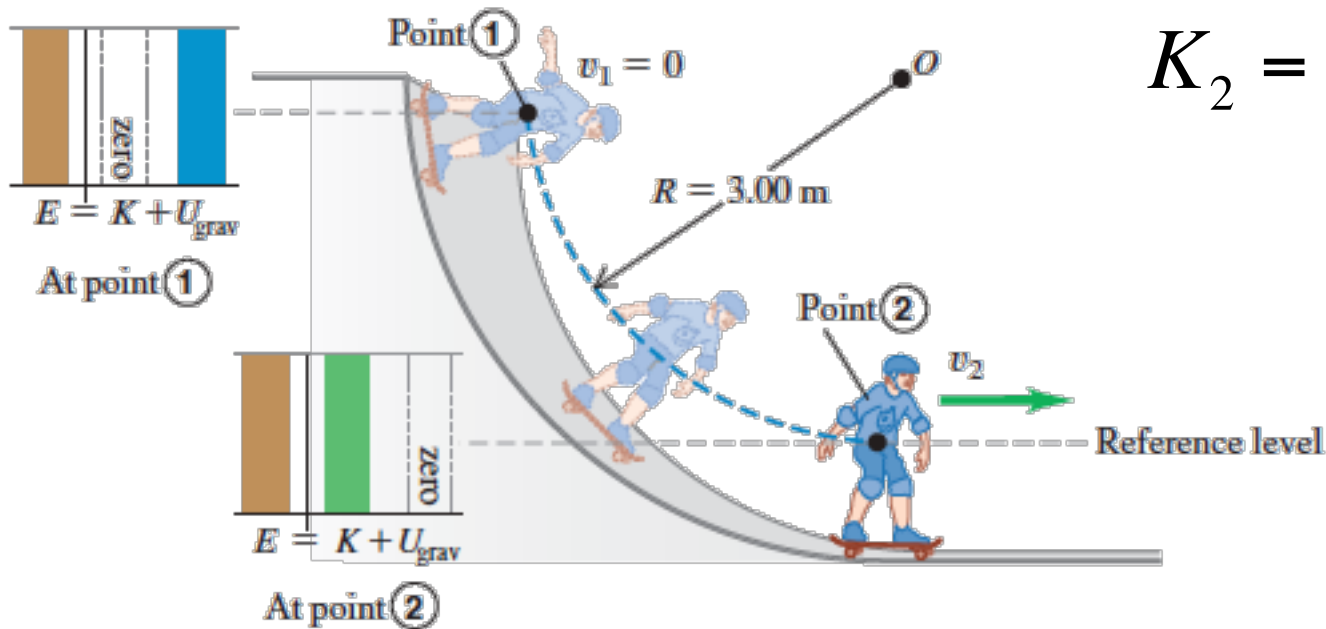
A friend of you skateboards from rest down a curved, frictionless ramp. If we treat he and his skateboard as a particle, he moves through a quarter-circle with radius  $R=3.00$  m. He and his skateboard have a total mass of  $25.0$  kg.

- Find his speed at the bottom of the ramp.
- Find the normal force that acts on him at the bottom of the curve.



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Answer: 4

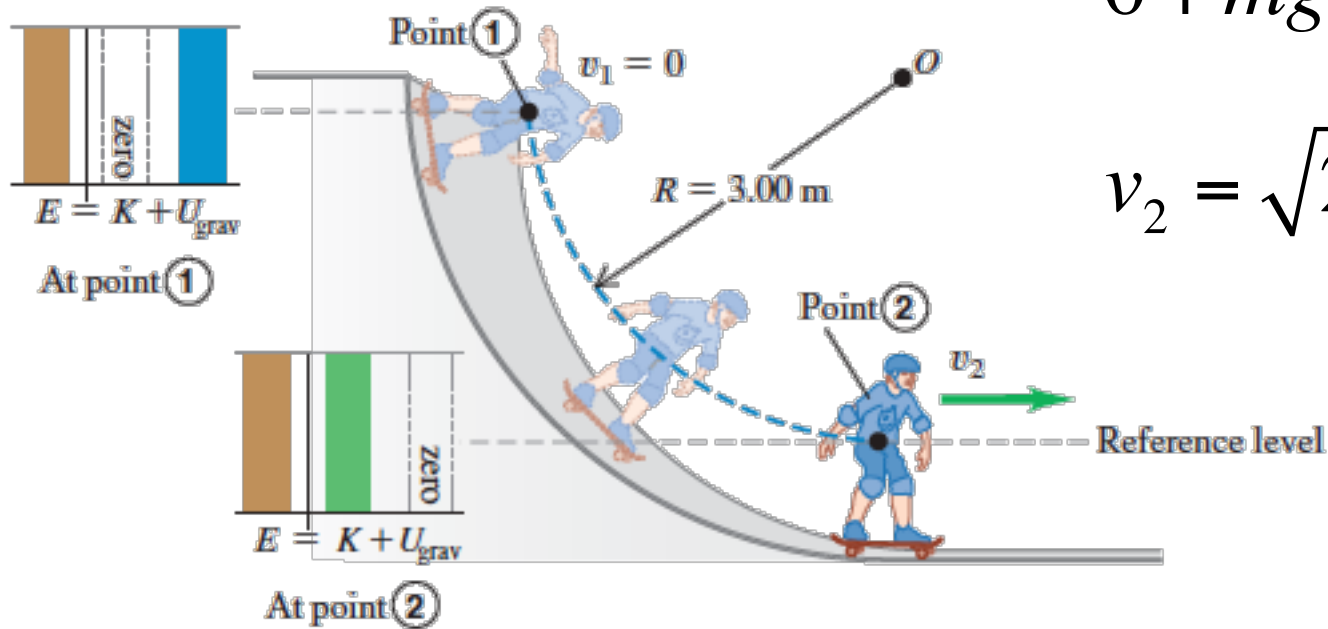


$$K_1 = 0; U_1 = mgR$$

$$K_2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2; U_2 = 0$$

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Answer: 4



$$K_1 + U_1 = K_2 + U_2$$

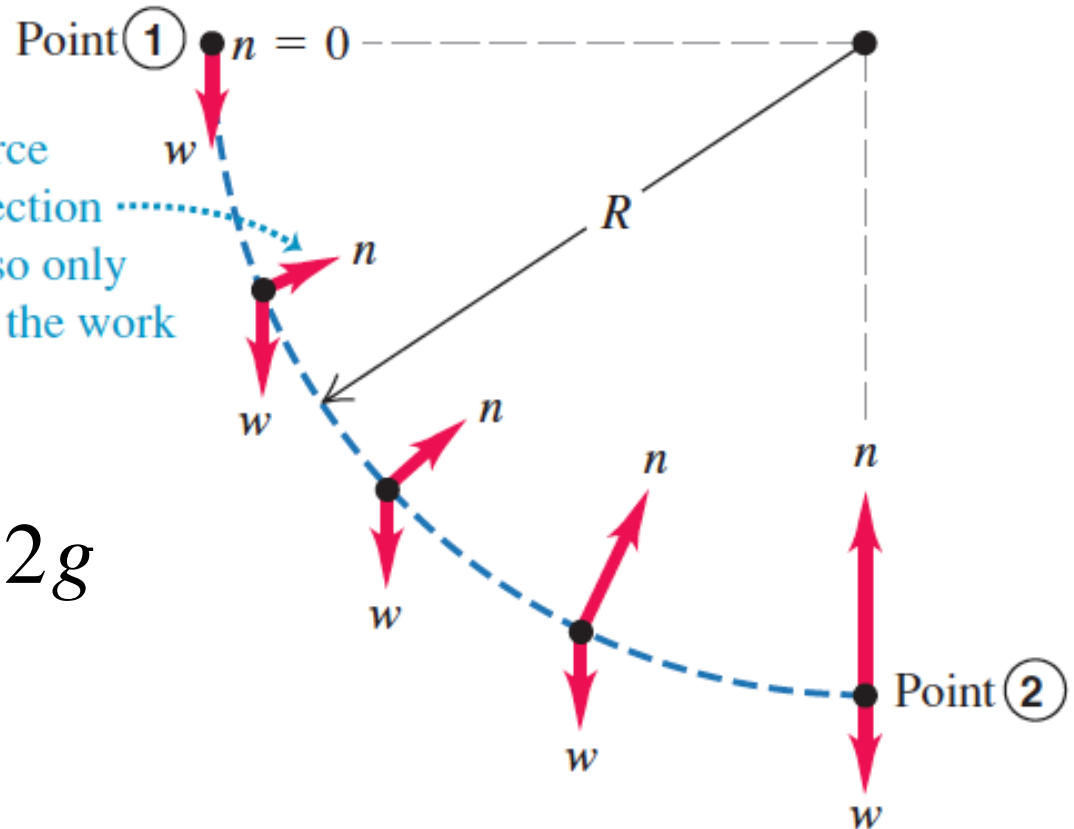
$$0 + mgR = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 + 0$$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{2gR} = 7.67 \text{ m/s}$$

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Answer: 4

At each point, the normal force acts perpendicular to the direction of Throcky's displacement, so only the force of gravity ( $w$ ) does the work on him.




$$a_c = \frac{v_2^2}{R} = \frac{2gR}{R} = 2g$$

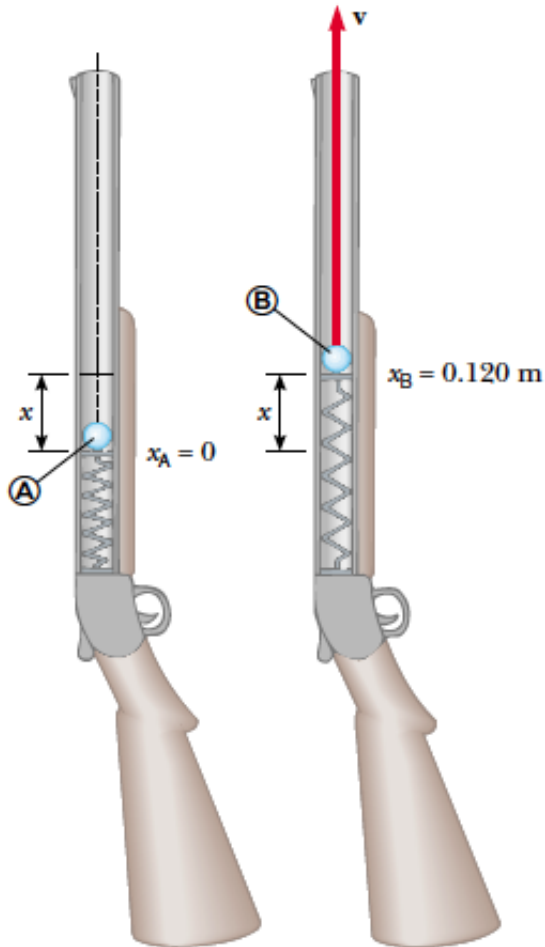
$$\sum F_y = n - w = ma_c$$

$$n = w + 2mg = 3mg = 755\text{N}$$

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### Example: 5

©   $x_C = 20.0 \text{ m}$



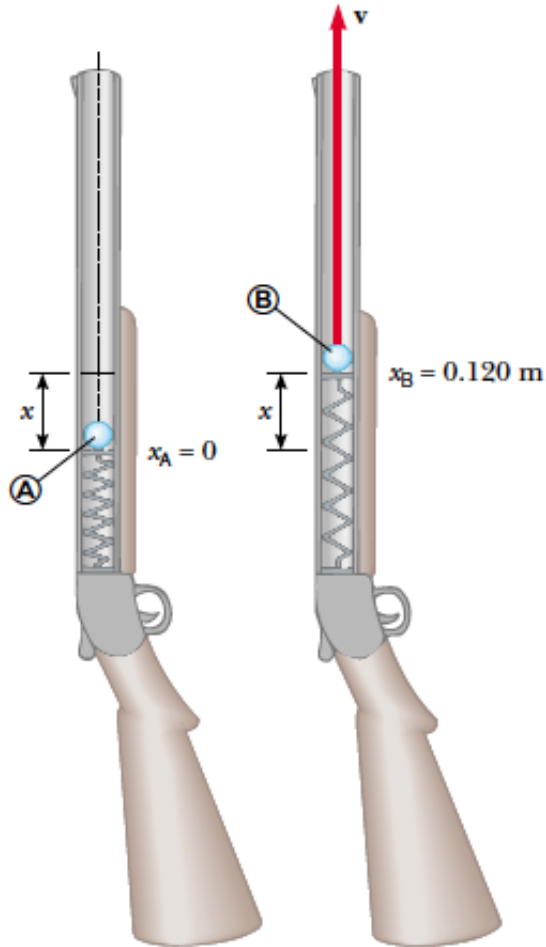
The launching mechanism of a toy gun consists of a spring of unknown spring constant. When the spring is compressed  $0.120 \text{ m}$ , the gun, when fired vertically, is able to launch a  $35.0\text{-g}$  projectile to a maximum height of  $20.0 \text{ m}$  above the position of the projectile before firing.

- Neglecting all resistive forces, determine the spring constant.
- Find the speed of the projectile as it moves through the equilibrium position of the spring (where  $x_B = 0.120\text{m}$ ) as shown in Figure.

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Answer: 5a

©  $x_C = 20.0 \text{ m}$



$$E_C = E_A$$

$$K_C + U_{g,C} + U_{el,C} = K_A + U_{g,A} + U_{el,A}$$

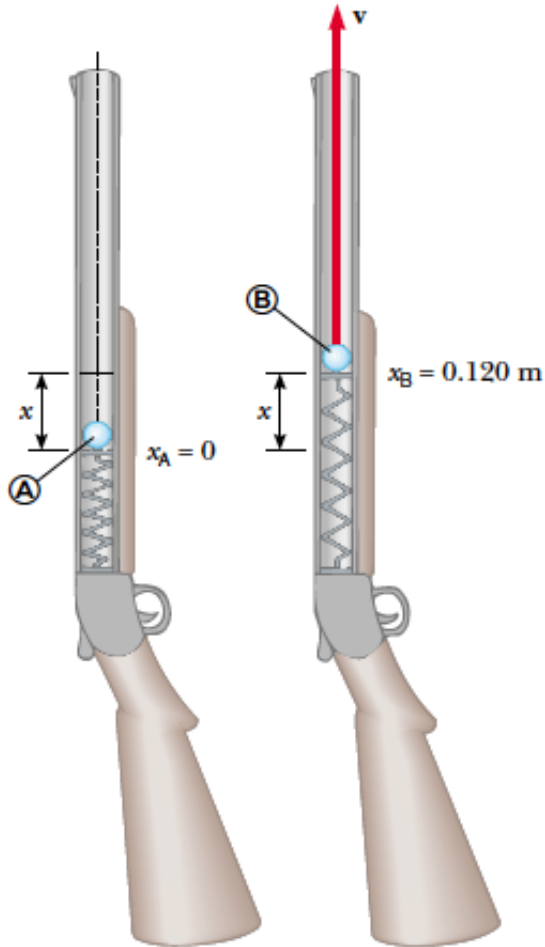
$$0 + mgh + 0 = 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$k = \frac{2mgh}{x^2} = 953 \text{ N / m}$$

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Answer: 5b

©  $x_C = 20.0 \text{ m}$



$$E_B = E_A$$

$$K_B + U_{g,B} + U_{el,B} = K_A + U_{g,A} + U_{el,A}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 + mgx_B + 0 = 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

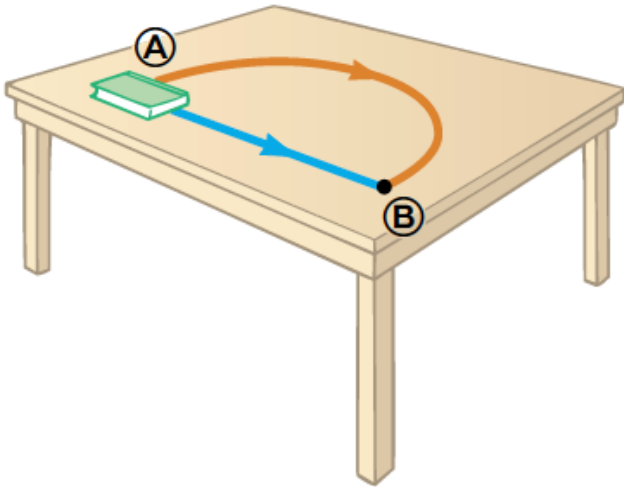
$$v_B = \sqrt{\frac{kx^2}{m} - 2gx_B} = 19.7 \text{ m/s}$$



## + 8.6 Work Done on a System by an External Force

If the forces acting on objects within a system are conservative, then the mechanical energy of the system is conserved.

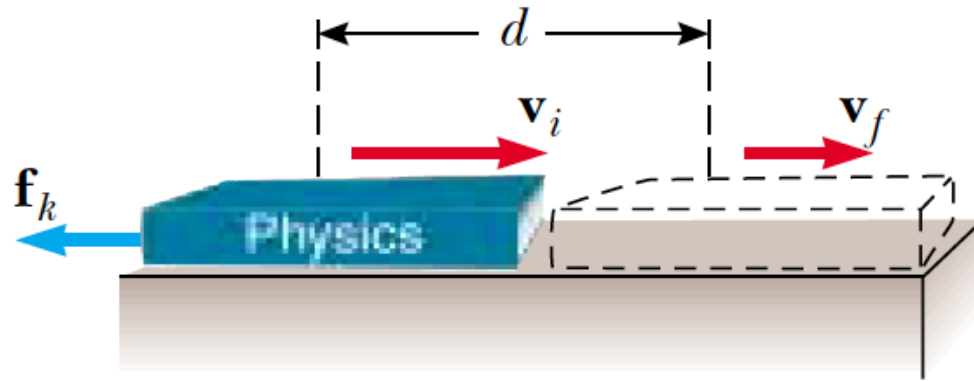
What if the forces are not conservative ?



A force is nonconservative if it does not satisfy properties 1 and 2 for conservative forces.

Nonconservative forces acting within a system cause a change in the mechanical energy  $E_{\text{mech}}$  of the system

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Applying Newton's second law to book.:

$$-f_k = ma$$

Since the friction force is constant, acceleration is constant too:

$$v_s^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$

Solving this equation for  $a$ , substituting the result into the first equation

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$$-f_k d = \frac{1}{2} m v_s^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2$$

$$-f_k d = \Delta K$$

In a more general situation (say, one in which the block is moving up a ramp), there can be a change in potential energy

$$\Delta K + \Delta U = -f_k d$$

If the friction do work, the change in mechanical energy is given by:

$$\Delta E_{mek} = -f_k d$$

$-f_k d$  is the amount by which the mechanical energy of the system changes because of the force of kinetic friction.

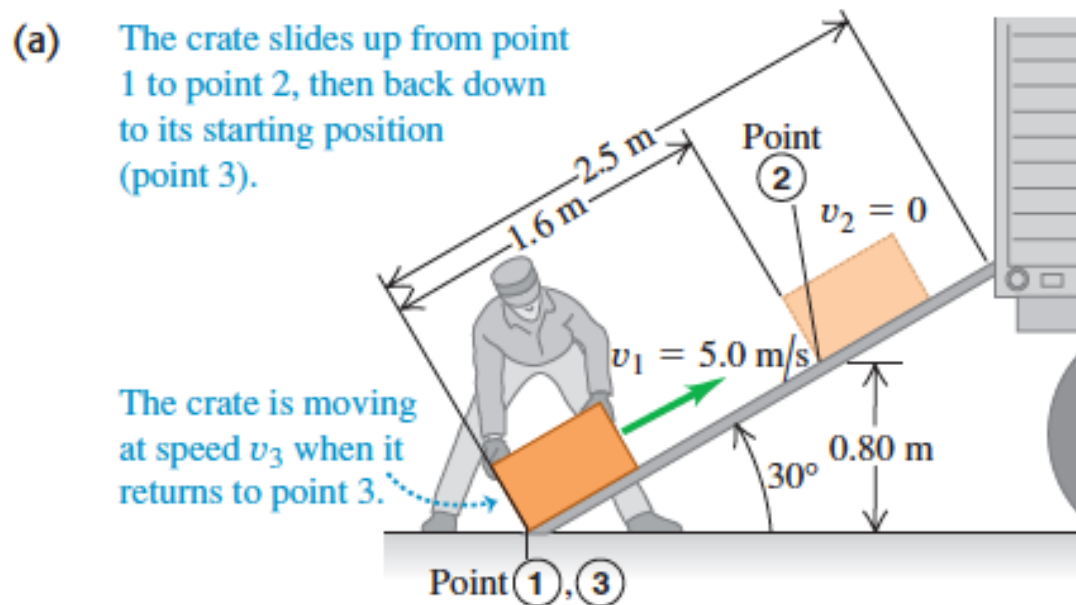
By experiment we know that the book and the portion of the floor along which it slides become warmer as the block slides.

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### Example: 6

We want to slide a 12-kg crate up a 2.5-m-long ramp inclined at  $30^\circ$ . A worker, ignoring friction, calculates that he can do this by giving it an initial speed of 5.0 m/s at the bottom and letting it go. But friction is not negligible; the crate slides only 1.6 m up the ramp, stops, and slides back down.

- (a) Find the magnitude of the friction force acting on the crate, assuming that it is constant.
- (b) How fast is the crate moving when it reaches the bottom of the ramp?

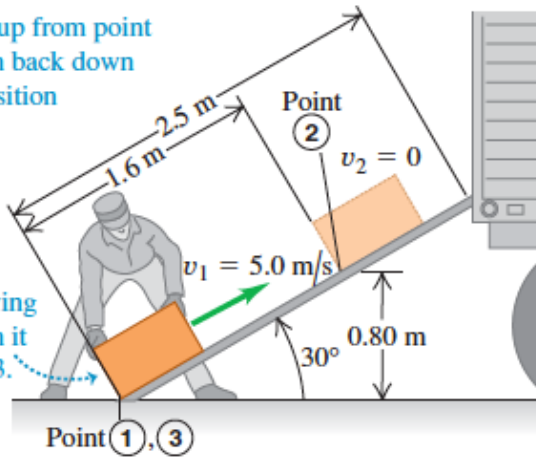


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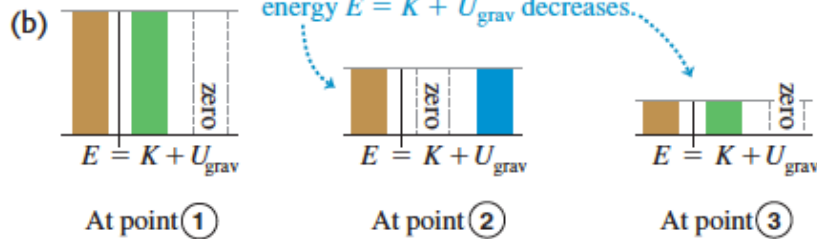
Answer: 6a

- (a) The crate slides up from point 1 to point 2, then back down to its starting position (point 3).

The crate is moving at speed  $v_3$  when it returns to point 3.



The force of friction does negative work on the crate as it moves, so the total mechanical energy  $E = K + U_{\text{grav}}$  decreases.



$$K_1 = \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}(12\text{kg})(5.0\text{m/s})^2 = 150\text{J}$$

$$U_{g,1} = 0$$

$$K_2 = 0$$

$$U_{g,2} = mgy = (12\text{kg})(9.8\text{m/s}^2)(0.80\text{m}) = 94\text{J}$$

$$\Delta K + \Delta U = -f_k d$$

$$(K_2 + U_{g,2}) - (K_1 + U_{g,1}) = -f_k d$$

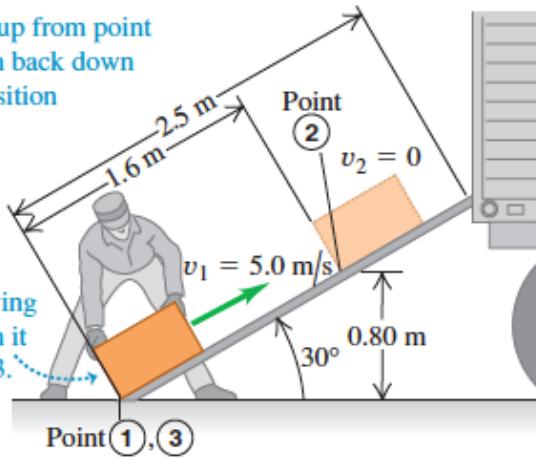
$$(0 + 94) - (K_1 + 0) = -(35\text{N})(0.80\text{m})$$

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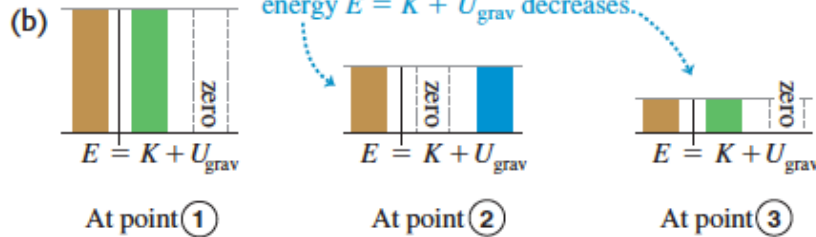
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As the crate moves from point 1 to point 2, the work done by friction:

$$W_{\text{fric.},1-2} = -f_k d = -56 \text{ J}$$

As the crate moves from point 2 to point 3, the work done by friction:

$$W_{\text{fric.},2-3} = -f_k d = -56 \text{ J}$$

$$\Delta K + \Delta U = -f_k d$$

$$(K_2 + U_{g,2}) - (K_1 + U_{g,1}) = -f_k d$$

$$(0 + 94) - (150 + 0) = -f_k (0.80 \text{ m})$$

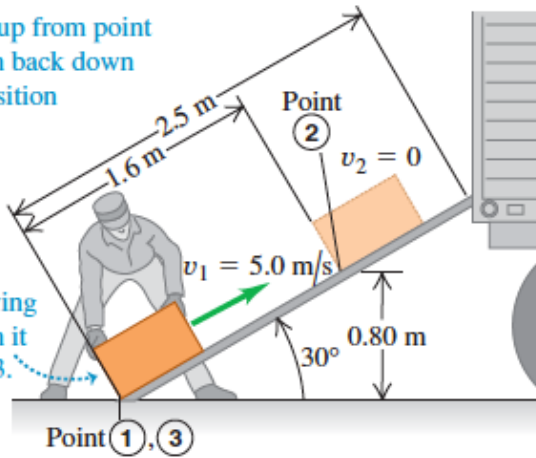
$$f_k = 35 \text{ N}$$

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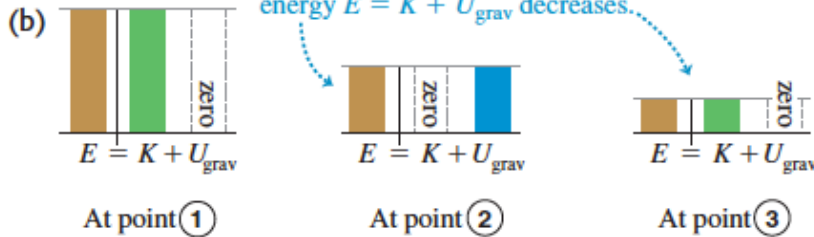
Answer: 6b

- (a) The crate slides up from point 1 to point 2, then back down to its starting position (point 3).

The crate is moving at speed  $v_3$  when it returns to point 3.



The force of friction does negative work on the crate as it moves, so the total mechanical energy  $E = K + U_{\text{grav}}$  decreases.



As the crate moves from point 2 to point 3, the work done by friction:

$$W_{\text{fric.},2-3} = -f_k d = -56 \text{ J}$$

$$\Delta K + \Delta U = W_{\text{fric.},2-3}$$

$$(K_3 + U_{g,3}) - (K_2 + U_{g,2}) = W_{\text{fric.},2-3}$$

$$(K_3 + 0) - (0 + 94) = -56$$

$$K_3 = 38 \text{ J}$$

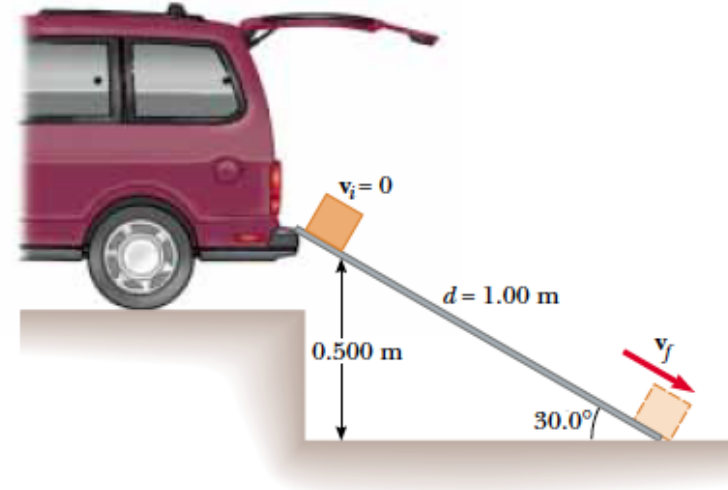
$$K_3 = \frac{1}{2} m v_3^2 = 38 \text{ J}$$

$$v_3 = \sqrt{\frac{2(38 \text{ J})}{12 \text{ kg}}} = 2.5 \text{ m/s}$$

## + 8.6 Work Done on a System by an External Force

### Example:7

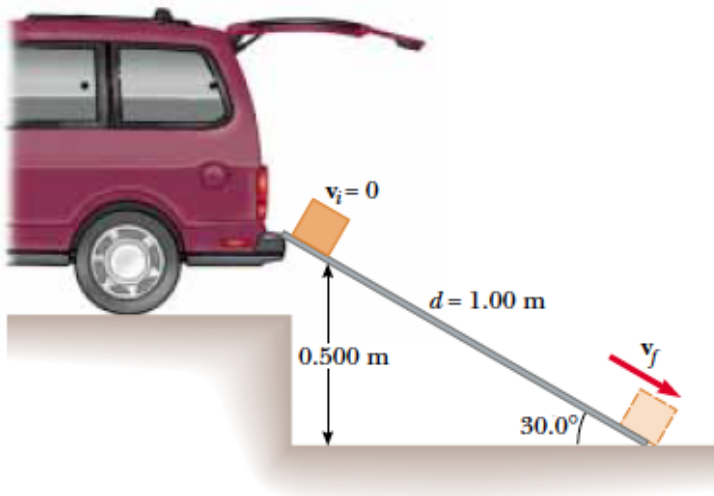
A 3.00-kg crate slides down a ramp. The ramp is 1.00 m in length and inclined at an angle of  $30.0^\circ$ , as shown in Figure. The crate starts from rest at the top, experiences a constant friction force of magnitude 5.00 N, and continues to move a short distance on the horizontal floor after it leaves the ramp. Use energy methods to determine the speed of the crate at the bottom of the ramp?





## + 8.6 Work Done on a System by an External Force

Answer: 7



When the packet is top :

$$E_{top} = K_{top} + U_{top}$$

$$E_{top} = 0 + 3(9.8).0.5$$

$$E_{top} = 14.7 \text{ J}$$

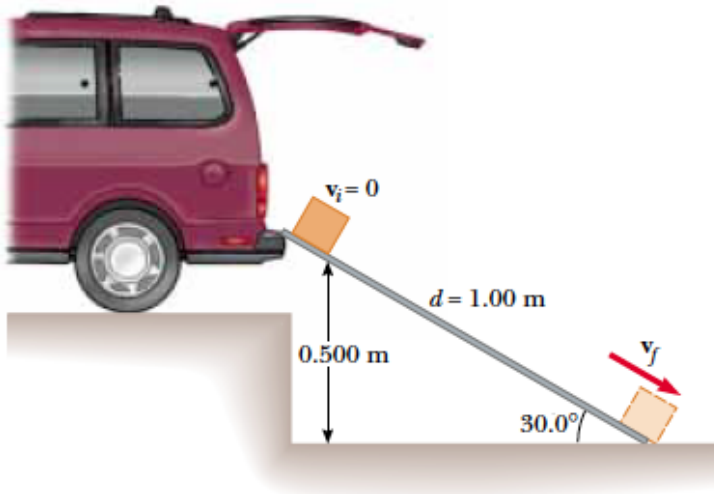
When the packet is down:

$$E_{down} = K_{down} + U_{down}$$

$$E_{down} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + 0 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

## + 8.6 Work Done on a System by an External Force

Answer: 7



So:

$$\Delta E_{mec} = -f_k d$$

$$E_{down} - E_{top} = -f_k d$$

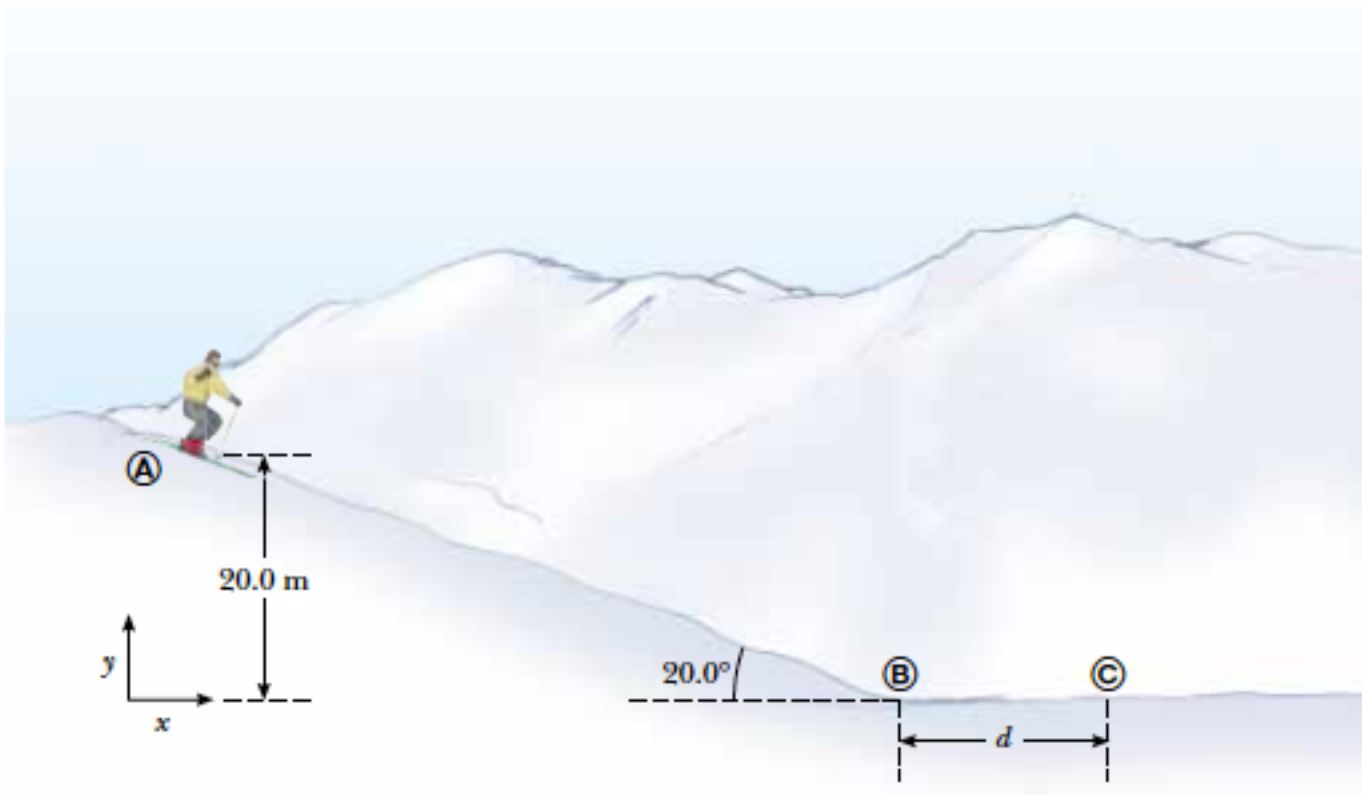
$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - 14.7 = -5.1$$

$$v = 2.54 \text{ m/s}$$

## + 8.6 Work Done on a System by an External Force

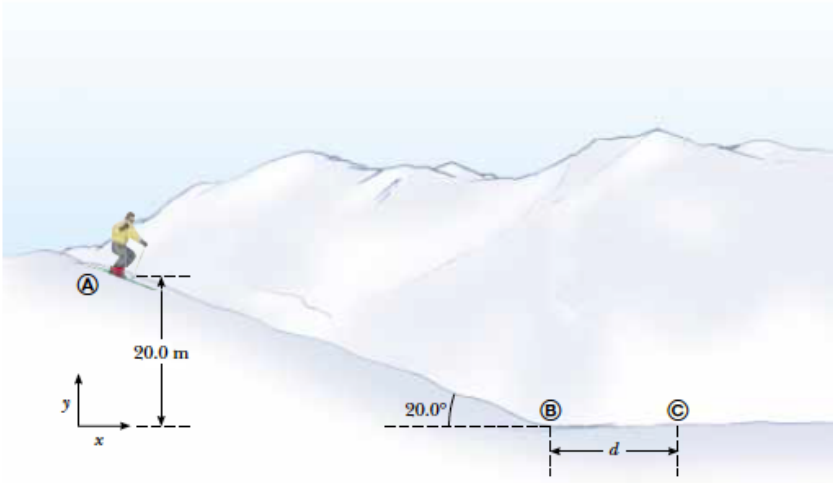
### Example: 8

A skier starts from rest at the top of a frictionless incline of height 20.0 m, as shown in Figure. At the bottom of the incline, she encounters a horizontal surface where the coefficient of kinetic friction between the skis and the snow is 0.210. How far does she travel on the horizontal surface before coming to rest, if she simply coasts to a stop?



## + 8.6 Work Done on a System by an External Force

Answer: 8



From A to B:

$$K_A + U_A = K_B + U_B$$

$$0 + mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 + 0$$

$$v_B = \sqrt{2gh} = 19.8 \text{ m/s}$$

From B to C:

$$\Delta K + \Delta U = -f_k d$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 + 0\right) - (0 + 0) = -\mu_k mgd$$

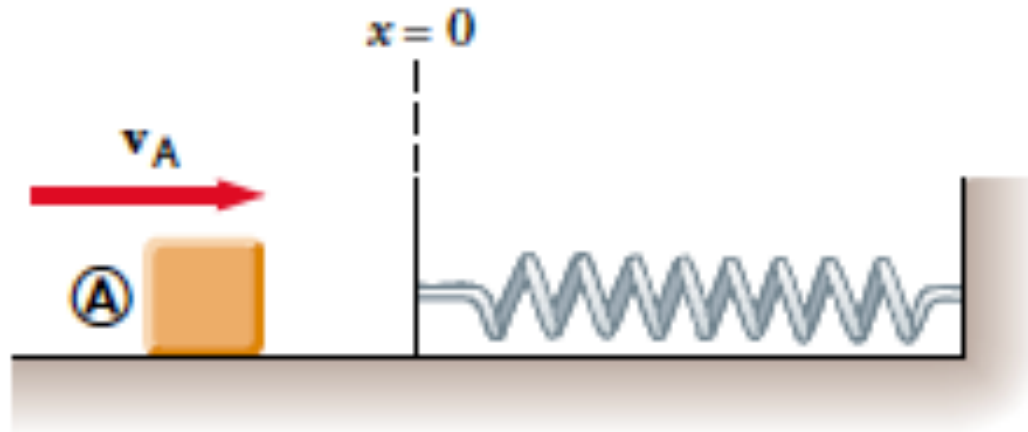
$$d = 95.2 \text{ m}$$

## + 8.6 Work Done on a System by an External Force

### Example:9

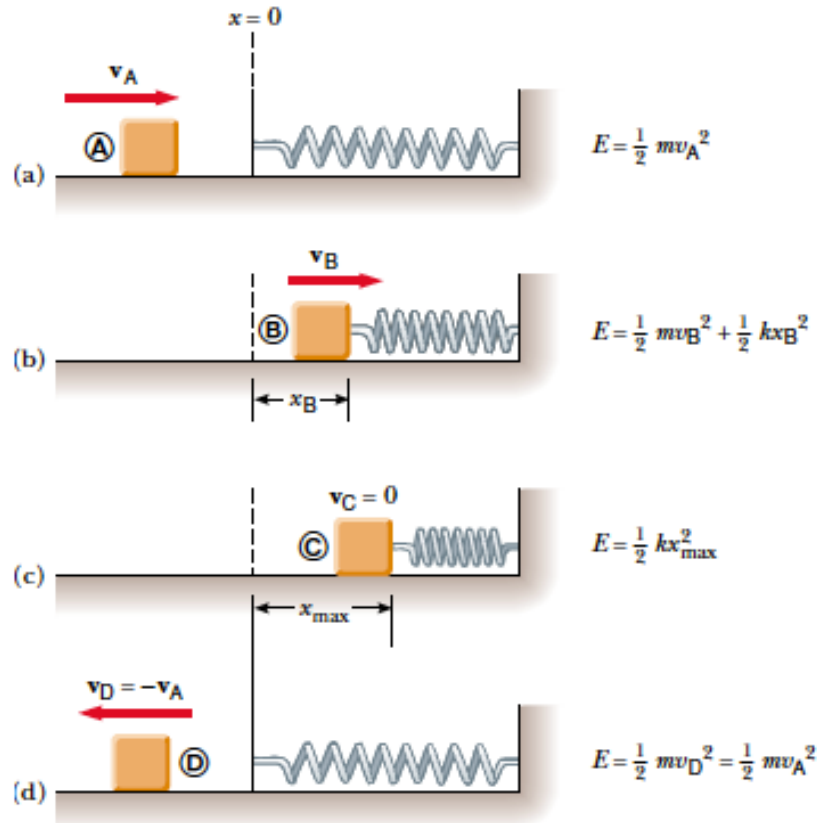
A block having a mass of 0.80 kg is given an initial velocity  $v_A = 1.2$  m/s to the right and collides with a spring of negligible mass and force constant  $k = 50$  N/m, as shown in Figure

- Assuming the surface to be frictionless, calculate the maximum compression of the spring after the collision.
- Suppose a constant force of kinetic friction acts between the block and the surface, with  $\mu_k = 0.50$ . If the speed of the block at the moment it collides with the spring is  $v_A = 1.2$  m/s, what is the maximum compression  $x_C$  in the spring?



## + 8.6 Work Done on a System by an External Force

Answer: 9a



**Figure 8.14** (Example 8.9) A block sliding on a smooth, horizontal surface collides with a light spring. (a) Initially the mechanical energy is all kinetic energy. (b) The mechanical energy is the sum of the kinetic energy of the block and the elastic potential energy in the spring. (c) The energy is entirely potential energy. (d) The energy is transformed back to the kinetic energy of the block. The total energy of the system remains constant throughout the motion.

$$E_{\text{mec},A} = E_{\text{mec},C}$$

$$K_A + U_A = K_C + U_C$$

$$\frac{1}{2} mv_A^2 + 0 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} kx_C^2$$

$$x_C = 0.15m$$

## + 8.6 Work Done on a System by an External Force

Answer: 9b

$$\Delta E_{mec} = -f_k x_C$$

$$(K_c + U_c) - K_A + U_A = -f_k x_C$$

$$(0 + \frac{1}{2} kx_C^2) - (\frac{1}{2} mv_A^2 + 0) = -\mu_k mgx_c$$

$$25x_C^2 + 3.92x_C - 0.576 = 0$$

$$x_C = -0.25m$$

$$x_C = 0.092m$$

## + 8.7. Relationship Between Conservative Forces and Potential Energy

The work done by a conservative force  $F$  as a particle moves along the  $x$  axis is:

$$W = \int_{x_i}^{x_s} F(x) dx$$

where  $F_x$  is the component of  $F$  in the direction of the displacement.

Yapılan bu iş potansiyel enerjideki değişim negatifine eşit. Böylece

$$\Delta U = - \int_{x_i}^{x_s} F(x) dx$$

equals the negative of the change in the potential energy associated with that force when the configuration of the system changes,



## + 8.7. Relationship Between Conservative Forces and Potential Energy

Gravitational potential energy:

$$\Delta U = - \int_{y_i}^{y_s} (-mg) dy$$

$$U_s - U_i = mgy_s - mgy_i$$

$$U = mgy$$

Elastic potential energy:

$$\Delta U = - \int_{x_i}^{x_s} (-kx) dx$$

$$U_s - U_i = \frac{1}{2} kx_s^2 - \frac{1}{2} kx_i^2$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

## + 8.8 Reading a Potential Energy Curve

$$\Delta U = - \int_{x_i}^{x_s} F(x) dx$$

This equation tells us how to find the change  $\Delta U$  in potential energy between two points in a one-dimensional situation if we know the force  $F(x)$ . But if we know the potential energy function  $U(x)$ , we can find the force associated with it:

$$W = -\Delta U$$

$$\Delta F_x \Delta x = -\Delta U$$

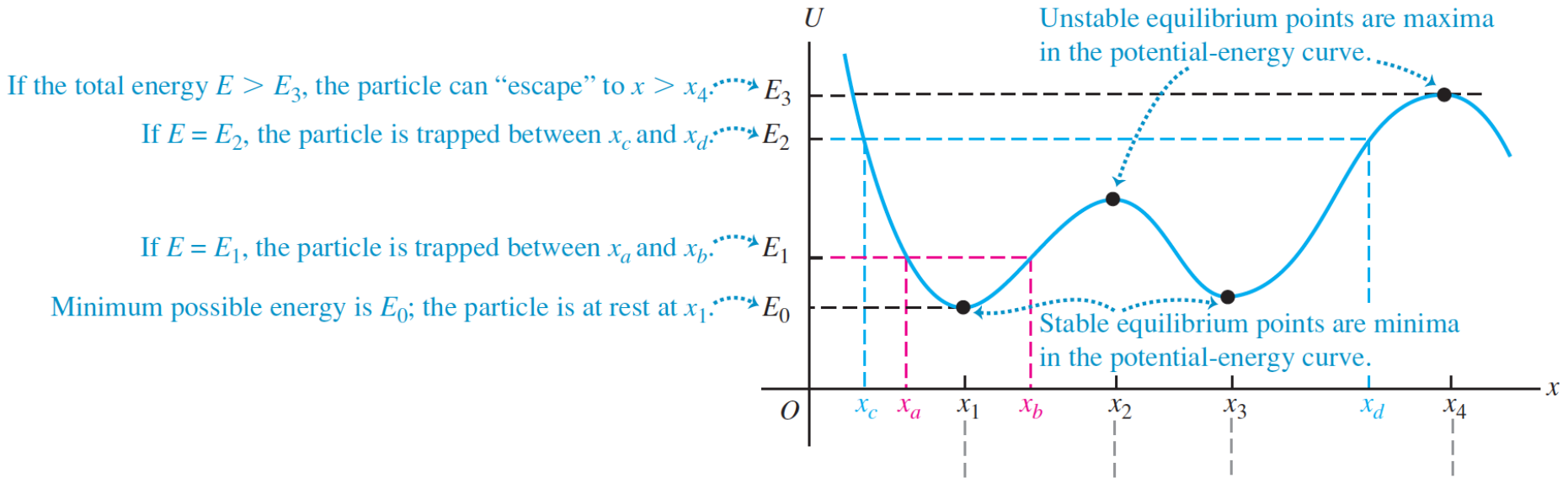
$$\Delta F_x = -\frac{\Delta U}{\Delta x}$$

Solving for  $F(x)$  and passing to the differential limit yield

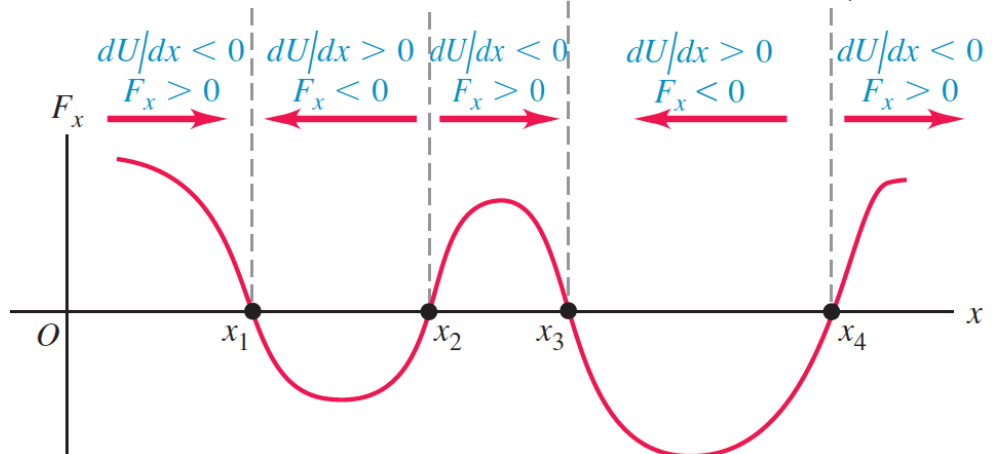
$$F_x = -\frac{dU}{dx}$$

# + 8.8 Reading a Potential Energy Curve

(a) A hypothetical potential-energy function  $U(x)$



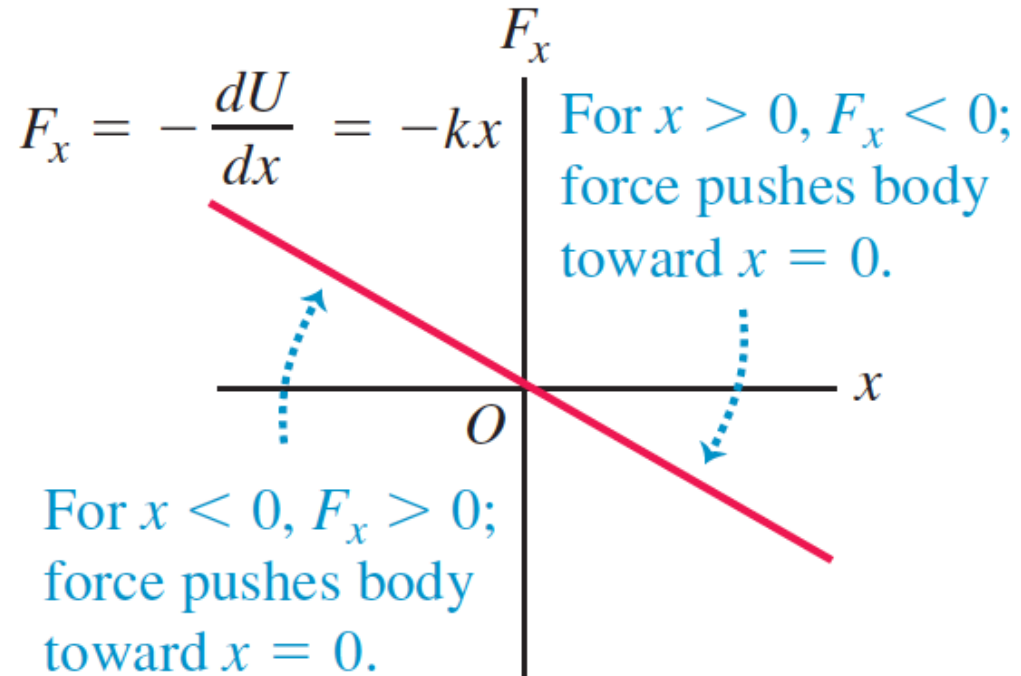
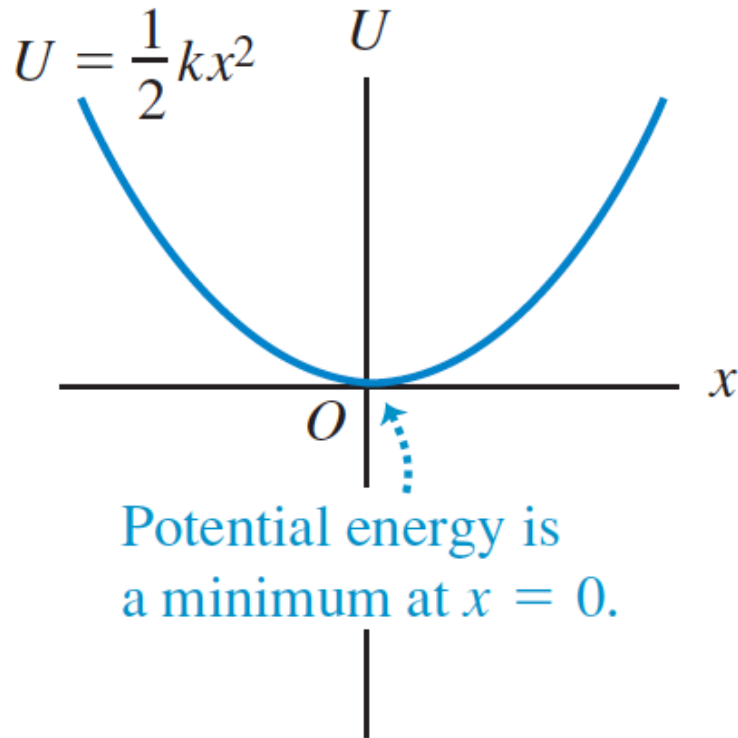
(b) The corresponding  $x$ -component of force  $F_x(x) = -dU(x)/dx$



$$F_x = -\frac{dU}{dx}$$

## + 8.8 Reading a Potential Energy Curve

(a) Spring potential energy and force as functions of  $x$



## + 8.8 Reading a Potential Energy Curve

(b) Gravitational potential energy and force as functions of  $y$

