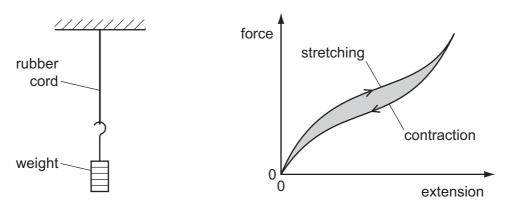
22 A rubber cord hangs from a rigid support. A weight attached to its lower end is gradually increased from zero, and then gradually reduced to zero.



The force-extension curve for contraction is below the force-extension curve for stretching.

What does the shaded area between the curves represent?

- **A** the amount of elastic energy stored in the rubber
- **B** the amount of thermal energy dissipated in the rubber
- **C** the work done on the rubber cord during stretching
- **D** the work done by the rubber cord during contraction

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