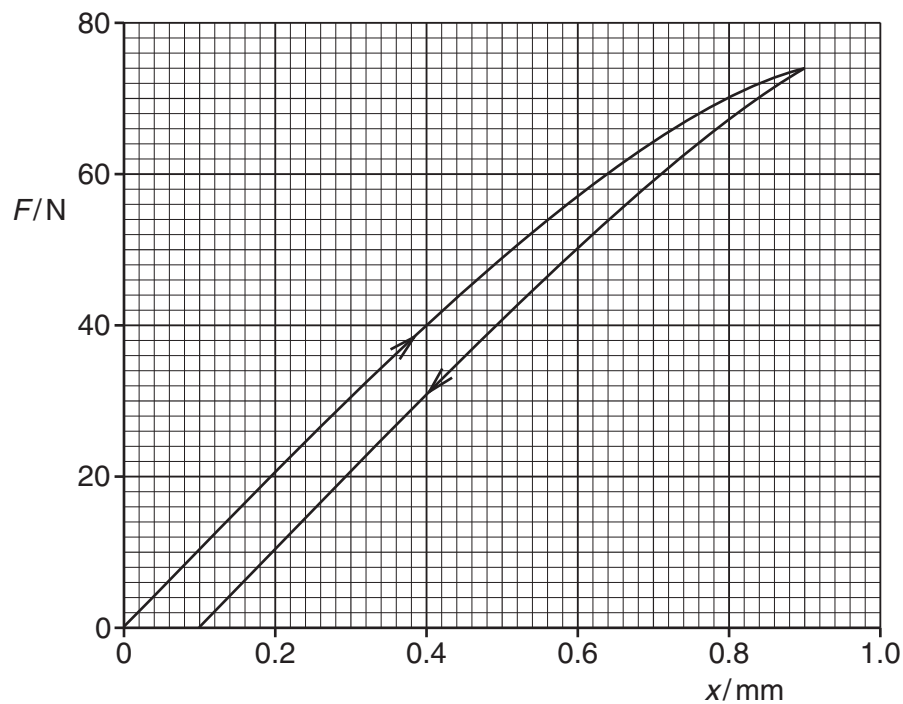


- 4 (a) A metal wire has spring constant  $k$ . Forces are applied to the ends of the wire to extend it within the limit of Hooke's law.  
Show that, for an extension  $x$ , the strain energy  $E$  stored in the wire is given by

$$E = \frac{1}{2}kx^2.$$

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- (b) The wire in (a) is now extended beyond its elastic limit. The forces causing the extension are then removed.  
The variation with extension  $x$  of the tension  $F$  in the wire is shown in Fig. 4.1.



**Fig. 4.1**

Energy  $E_S$  is expended to cause a permanent extension of the wire.

- (i) On Fig. 4.1, shade the area that represents the energy  $E_S$ .

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(ii) Fig. 4.1 to calculate the energy  $E_S$ .

$E_S = \dots\dots\dots$  mJ [3]

(iii) Suggest the change in the structure of the wire that is caused by the energy  $E_S$ .

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