

Question 2: Version J

2. In Scenario 1, a system composed of two springs, A and B, and a block of mass m is at rest on a horizontal surface. Friction between the block and the surface is negligible. Each spring is attached to a fixed wall and the block, as shown in Figure 1. Spring A has a spring constant k and Spring B has a spring constant $2k$. Each spring is at its relaxed length when the block is at position $x = 0$, as shown.

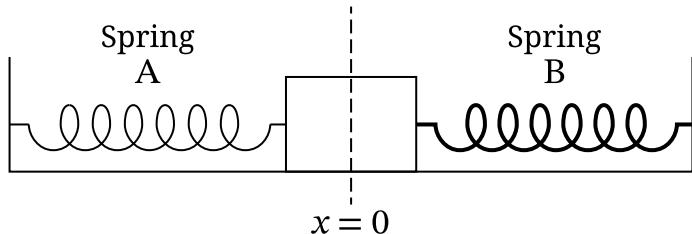


Figure 1

The block is moved to $x = x_1$ and held at rest, as shown in Figure 2.

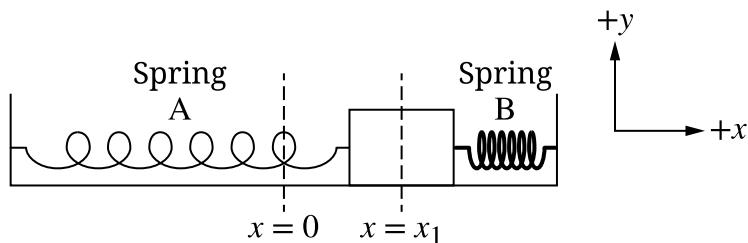


Figure 2

- A. An energy bar chart can be used to represent the elastic potential energy U_A of Spring A, the elastic potential energy U_B of Spring B, and the kinetic energy K_{block} of the block. On the energy bar chart in Figure 3, **draw** shaded bars to represent the energy of the system for when the block is at $x = x_1$.

- The height of the shaded bars should be proportional to the relative values of U_A , U_B , and K_{block} .
- Any energy that is equal to zero should be represented by a distinct line on the zero-energy line.

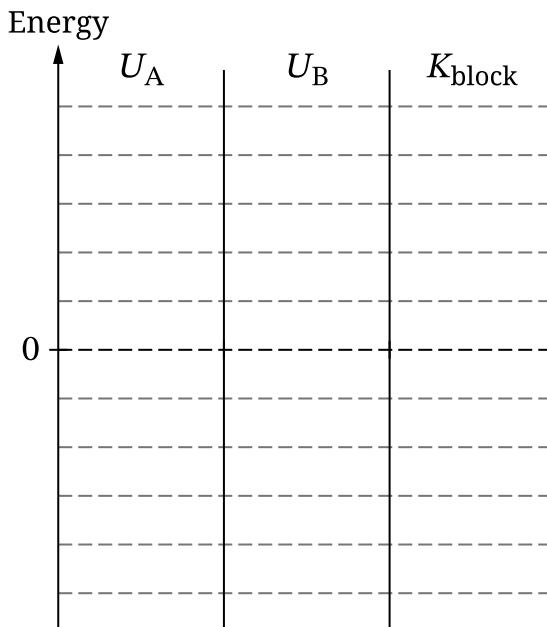
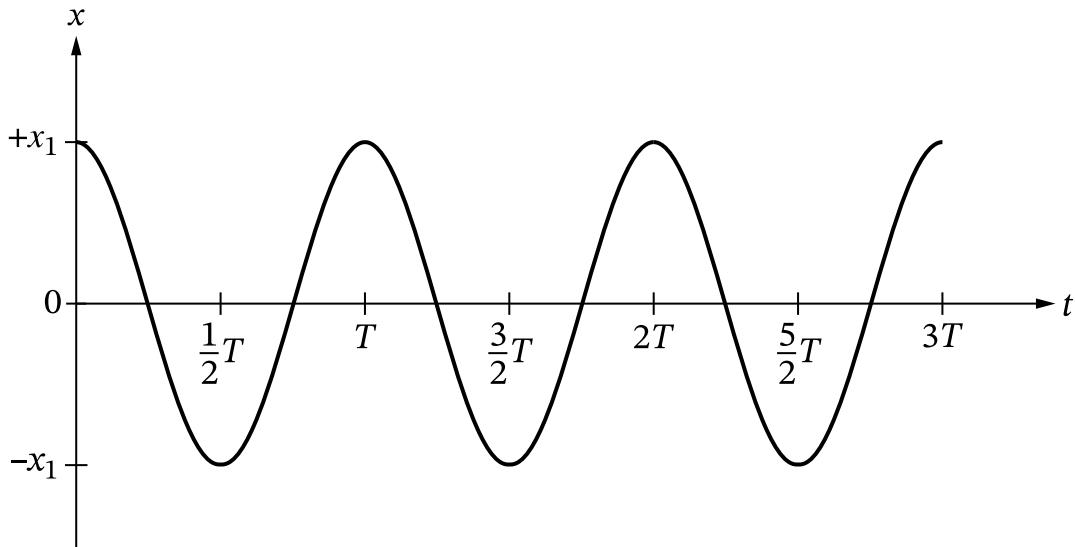


Figure 3

- B. The block is released from rest at $x = x_1$ and begins to oscillate. **Derive** an expression for the speed v of the block as the block passes through $x = \frac{1}{2}x_1$. Express your answer in terms of m , k , x_1 , and physical constants, as appropriate. Begin your derivation by writing a fundamental physics principle or an equation from the reference information.

- C. In Scenario 1, the block oscillates with period T . The position x of the block in Scenario 1 as a function of time t is shown in Figure 4.



Scenario 1

Figure 4

In Scenario 2, the block-springs system is placed on a new surface. There is friction between the block and the new surface. The block is again moved to the same position $x = x_1$ and released from rest. The block completes multiple oscillations with the same period as in Scenario 1 before coming to rest.

On the axes shown in Figure 5, **sketch** a graph of the kinetic energy K of the block as a function of t for Scenario 2.

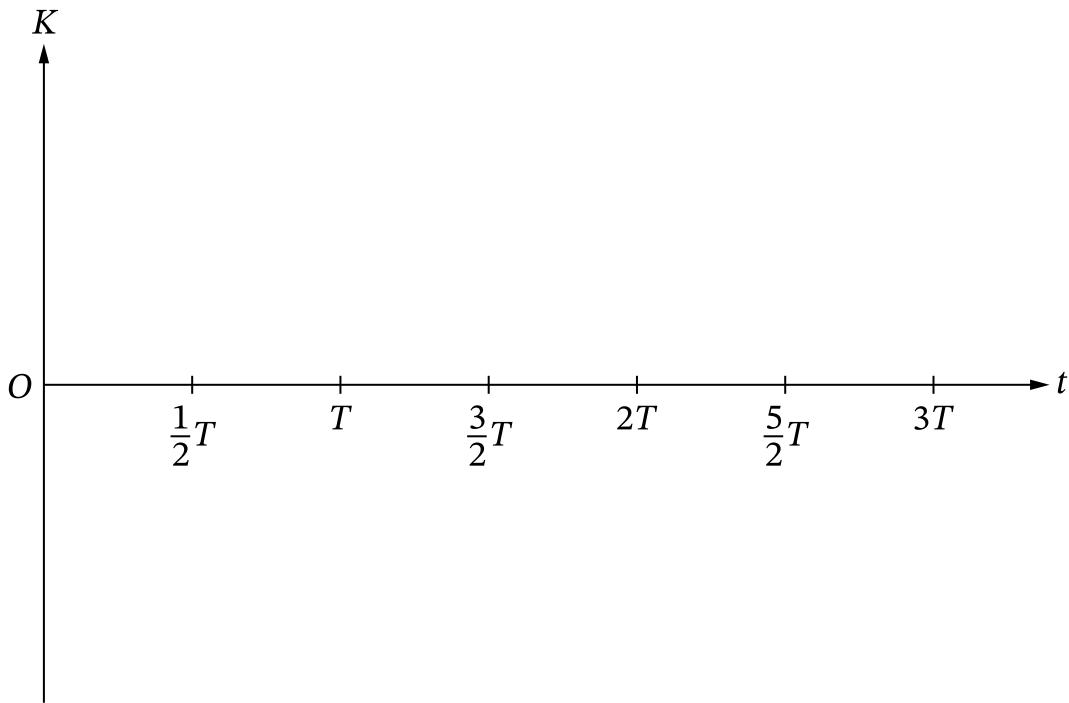


Figure 5

- D.** In Scenario 3, the block is replaced with a new block of larger mass. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the new block and the surface in Scenario 3 is the same as the coefficient of kinetic friction between the original block and the surface in Scenario 2.

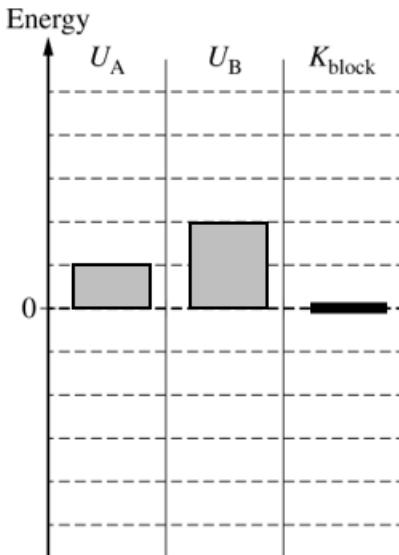
The new block is moved to position $x = x_1$ and released from rest. The kinetic energy of the new block is plotted as a function of time.

Describe how one feature of the graph of K as a function of t in Scenario 3 would differ from the graph you drew in Figure 5 for Scenario 2.

Briefly **justify** your answer.

Question 2: Translation Between Representations (TBR)**12 points**

A	For indicating that K_{block} is zero	Point A1
	For drawing bars with positive heights for U_A and U_B	Point A2
	For drawing a bar for U_B with a height that is twice the height of the bar drawn for U_A	Point A3
Scoring Note: This point may be earned regardless of the signs of either bar.		

Example Response**Figure 3**

B	For a multistep derivation that includes energy conservation or simple harmonic motion	Point B1
	For relating the presence of both springs to the behavior of the system	Point B2
	For relating positions $x = x_1$ and $x = \frac{1}{2}x_1$ to the oscillation of the block	Point B3
	For a correct expression for v in terms of given quantities	Point B4