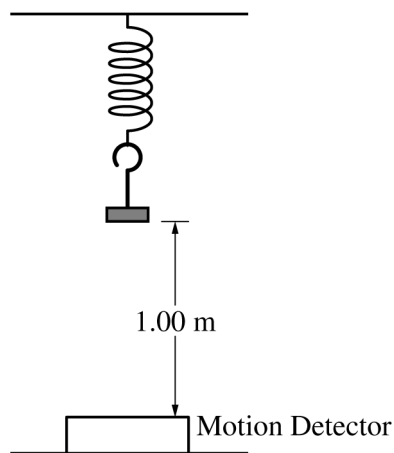


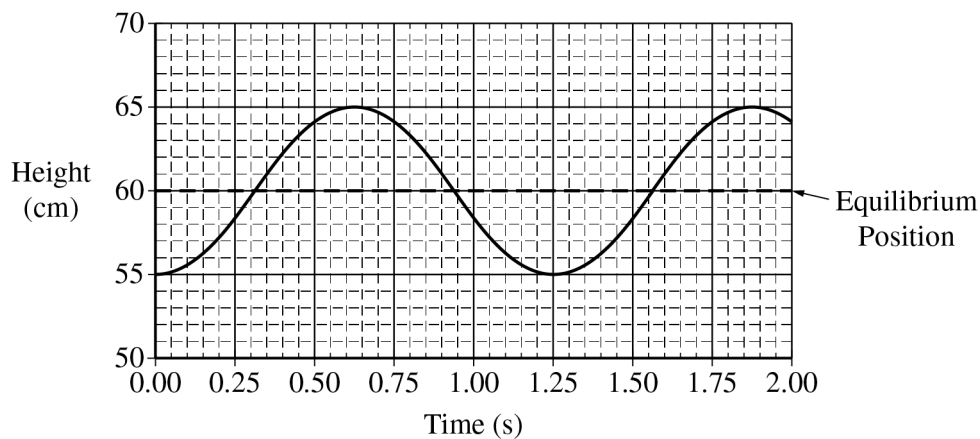
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5. (7 points, suggested time 13 minutes)

A spring of unknown spring constant  $k_0$  is attached to a ceiling. A lightweight hanger is attached to the lower end of the spring, and a motion detector is placed on the floor facing upward directly under the hanger, as shown in the figure above. The bottom of the hanger is 1.00 m above the motion detector.

A 0.50 kg object is placed on the hanger and allowed to come to rest at the equilibrium position. The spring is then stretched downward a distance  $d_0$  from equilibrium and released at time  $t = 0$ . The motion detector records the height of the bottom of the hanger as a function of time. The output from the motion detector is shown in the graph on the following page.

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Continue your response to **QUESTION 5** on this page.

- (a) Using the information given and information taken from the graph, calculate the spring constant.
- (b) At time 0.75 s, the object-spring-Earth system has a total kinetic energy  $K_0$  and a total potential energy  $U_0$ . At 1.13 s, the object-spring-Earth system again has a total kinetic energy  $K_0$  and a total potential energy  $U_0$ .
- Explain how a feature of the graph indicates that the total kinetic energy of the system is the same at these two times.
  - Briefly explain why the total potential energy of the system is the same at these two times.

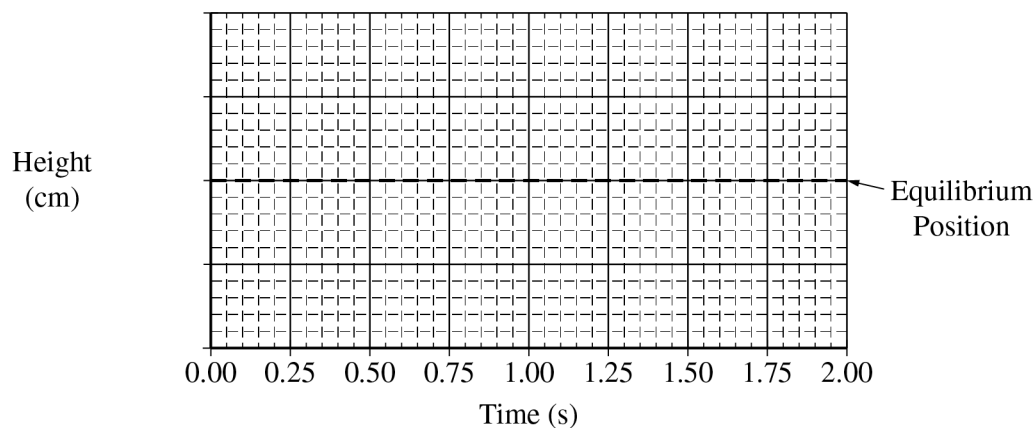
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(c) The experiment is repeated with a spring of spring constant  $4k_0$  and that has the same length as the original spring. The 0.50 kg object is hung from the new spring and allowed to come to rest at a new equilibrium position.

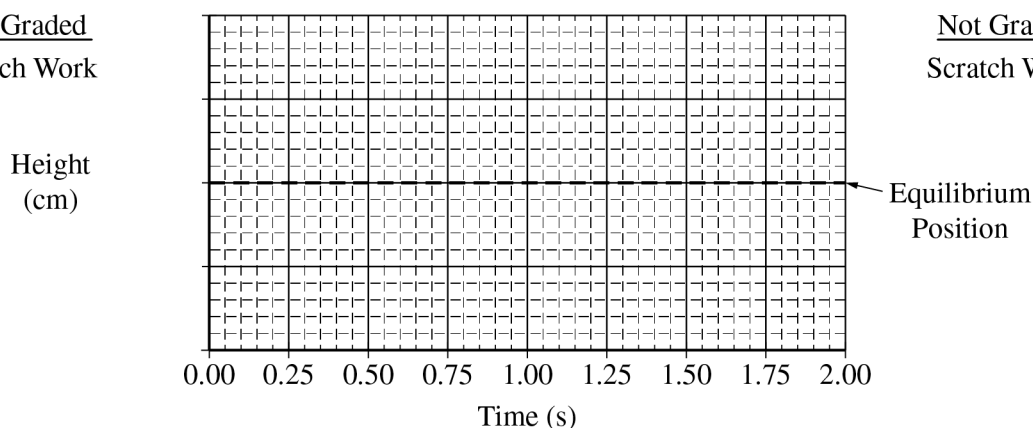
i. Determine the new equilibrium position above the motion detector.

ii. The object is again pulled down the same distance  $d_0$  from the equilibrium position and released. On the following graph, draw a curve representing the motion of the object after it is released. Label the vertical axis with an appropriate numerical scale. A grid for scratch (practice) work is also provided.



The following graph is provided for scratch work only and will not be graded.

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**Question 5: Short Answer****7 points**

(a) For obtaining a period from the graph of 1.25 seconds **1 point**

For substituting the values of period and mass into a valid equation for the spring constant **1 point**

**Example Response**

$$T = 1.25 \text{ s}$$

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

$$k_0 = \frac{m}{\left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^2} = \frac{0.50 \text{ kg}}{\left(\frac{1.25 \text{ s}}{2\pi}\right)^2} = 12.6 \text{ N/m}$$

**Alternate Solution**

For stating that the spring is stretched 0.40 m to its equilibrium position (because the equilibrium height is 60 cm and the original height was 100 cm) **1 point**

For substituting the amount of spring stretch and mass into a valid equation for the spring constant **1 point**

**Alternate Example Response**

The string is stretched 0.40 m under a force of  $mg = 5 \text{ N}$ . Because  $F = -kx$ , we have

$$k = \frac{mg}{x} = \frac{5}{0.4} \text{ N/m} = 12.5 \text{ N/m}$$

**Total for part (a) 2 points**

(b)(i) For a valid reason why the kinetic energy is the same at both times **1 point**

**Example Responses**

The magnitude of the slope of the graph is the same at both times, this means the speed and, therefore, the kinetic energy is the same at both times.

**OR**

The object is the same distance from equilibrium at both times, so the kinetic energy must be the same.

(b)(ii) For a valid reason why the total potential energy is the same at both times **1 point**

**Example Responses**

The total energy of the system is constant, so if  $K$  is the same at both times,  $U$  must be also.

**OR**

The total energy of the system is constant, and equal energy is transferred from gravitational potential to spring potential.

**Total for part (b) 2 points**

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(c)(i) For writing 90 cm or 0.90 m **1 point**

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(c)(ii) For **both** of the following: **1 point**

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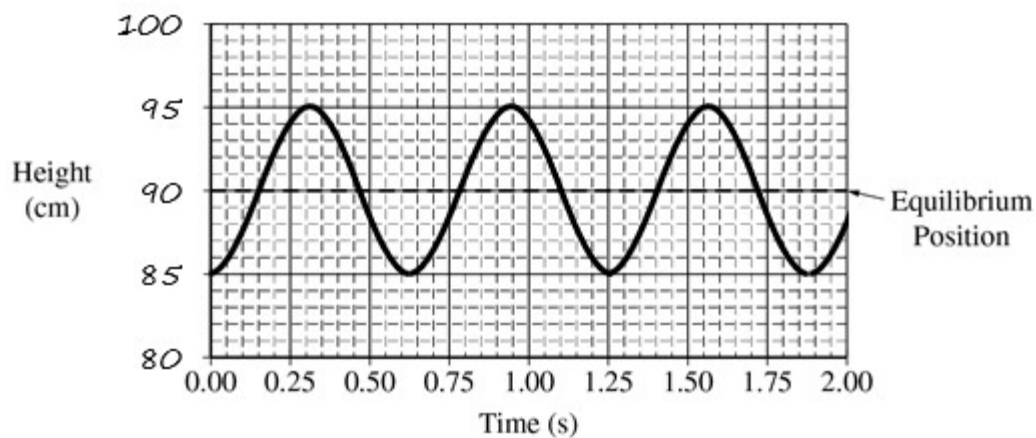
- a graph that has the same amplitude as the original graph
- a graph that is centered on the new equilibrium value consistent with (c)(i)

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For a graph with half the period as the original graph **1 point**

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**Example Response**



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**Total for part (c) 3 points**

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**Total for question 5 7 points**

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