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# Gravitational Potential and Kinetic Energy 1.1

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In the absence of air resistance, use the equations in the [notes page](#) to derive expressions for:

## Part A Speed on the ground for a dropped object

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the speed  $v_1$  at the ground if an object was dropped from  $h_0$ .

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_K$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $g$ ,  $h_0$ ,  $h_1$ ,  $m$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $v_1$

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## Part B Speed for an object with initial speed $v_0$

the speed  $v_1$  at a height  $h_1$  if an object had speed  $v_0$  at  $h_0$ .

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_K$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $g$ ,  $h_0$ ,  $h_1$ ,  $m$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $v_1$

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## Part C Greatest height starting from the ground

the greatest height  $h_1$  for an object projected up from the ground with speed  $v_0$ .

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_K$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $g$ ,  $h_0$ ,  $h_1$ ,  $m$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $v_1$

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**Part D**    **Greatest height reached starting from  $h_0$**

the greatest height  $h_1$  for an object projected up from a height  $h_0$  with speed  $v_0$ .

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_K$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $g$ ,  $h_0$ ,  $h_1$ ,  $m$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $v_1$

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## Part E    Greatest height after a bounce

the greatest height  $h_1$  above a hard surface reached by an object dropped from a height  $h_0$  if the efficiency of the bounce is  $\eta$ .

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_K$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $g$ ,  $h_0$ ,  $h_1$ ,  $m$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $v_1$

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## Part F    Speed after a bounce

the speed  $v_1$  just after a bounce from a hard surface if the speed just before was  $v_0$ .

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_K$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $g$ ,  $h_0$ ,  $h_1$ ,  $m$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $v_1$

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# Gravitational Potential and Kinetic Energy 1.10

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How high would a ball bounce if it struck an  $\eta = 0.75$  surface at  $13 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ?

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# Gravitational Potential and Kinetic Energy 1.7



A worker at ground level throws a 2.2 kg drinks bottle upwards to a thirsty colleague 3.2 m above the ground. It just reaches him, but he fails to catch it, and it falls into an excavated trench 1.6 m below ground level.

## Part A   Initial speed of bottle

At what speed did the worker need to throw the bottle if she threw it from the waist, 1.0 m above the ground?

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## Part B   Impact speed

How fast was it moving when it struck the base of the trench?

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# Gravitational, Elastic and Kinetic Energy 2.1

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In the absence of air resistance, use the equations in the [notes page](#) to derive expressions for

## Part A The total energy

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Derive an expression for the total energy,  $E_T$ , in terms of  $x$  and  $v$ .

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_B$ ,  $E_{EP}$ ,  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $g$ ,  $k$ ,  $m$ ,  $v$ ,  $x$ ,  $x_B$ ,  $y$

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**Part B    The value of  $x$  where the forces balance**

Derive an expression for the value of  $x$  where the forces balance (we will call this  $x_B$ ).

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_B$ ,  $E_{EP}$ ,  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $g$ ,  $k$ ,  $m$ ,  $v$ ,  $x$ ,  $x_B$ ,  $y$

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**Part C     $E_{GP} + E_{EP}$  at the point where the forces balance**

Derive an expression for  $E_{GP} + E_{EP}$  at the point where the forces balance (we will call this  $E_B$ ).

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_B$ ,  $E_{EP}$ ,  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $g$ ,  $k$ ,  $m$ ,  $v$ ,  $x$ ,  $x_B$ ,  $y$

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## Part D    The greatest value of $x$

Derive an expression for the greatest value of  $x$  if you hold the mass at  $x = 0$  and let go.

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_B$ ,  $E_{EP}$ ,  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $g$ ,  $k$ ,  $m$ ,  $v$ ,  $x$ ,  $x_B$ ,  $y$

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## Part E    $E_{GP} + E_{EP}$ in terms of $y = x - x_B$

Derive an expression for the value of  $E_{GP} + E_{EP}$  in terms of  $y = x - x_B$ .

The following symbols may be useful:  $E_B$ ,  $E_{EP}$ ,  $E_{GP}$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $g$ ,  $k$ ,  $m$ ,  $v$ ,  $x$ ,  $x_B$ ,  $y$

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## Gravitational, Elastic and Kinetic Energy 2.2

Calculate  $E_{\text{GP}}$ ,  $E_{\text{EP}}$ ,  $E_{\text{K}}$  and  $E_{\text{T}}$  for a 2.5 kg mass when  $x = 0.055 \text{ m}$  and  $v = 0.25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  if  $k = 600 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ .

### Part A   Calculate $E_{\text{GP}}$

Calculate  $E_{\text{GP}}$  for a 2.5 kg mass when  $x = 0.055 \text{ m}$  and  $v = 0.25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  if  $k = 600 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ .

### Part B   Calculate $E_{\text{EP}}$

Calculate  $E_{\text{EP}}$  for a 2.5 kg mass when  $x = 0.055 \text{ m}$  and  $v = 0.25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  if  $k = 600 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ .

### Part C   Calculate $E_{\text{K}}$

Calculate  $E_{\text{K}}$  for a 2.5 kg mass when  $x = 0.055 \text{ m}$  and  $v = 0.25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  if  $k = 600 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ .

### Part D   Calculate $E_{\text{T}}$

Calculate  $E_{\text{T}}$  for a 2.5 kg mass when  $x = 0.055 \text{ m}$  and  $v = 0.25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  if  $k = 600 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ .



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## Gravitational, Elastic and Kinetic Energy 2.3

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Calculate  $x_B$  (the extension of the spring at the equilibrium point) for a  $100 \text{ N}$  weight hanging from a  $k = 5000 \text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring.

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## Gravitational, Elastic and Kinetic Energy 2.4

This question is about the system shown in the Example in the [notes page](#).

A 60 kg bungee jumper falls 12 m before their bungee is taut.  $k = 200 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ .

Calculate the speed of the bungee jumper when,

### Part A   The bungee has stretched 5.0 m

Calculate the speed of bungee jumper when the bungee has stretched 5.0 m.

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### Part B   The bungee becomes slack on the way up

Calculate the speed of bungee jumper when the bungee becomes slack on the way up.

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## Gravitational, Elastic and Kinetic Energy 2.5

Fill in the missing entries in the table below. This describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2 \text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000 \text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ . You calculated  $x_B$  in [question 2.3](#).

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ $\text{m s}^{-1}$	/J					/cm
1.0	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	0.0	(f)
2.0	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k) = $E_B$	0.0	0.0
3.0	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	0.0	(q)
4.0	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	0.0	(w)

### Part A Find $v$ (a)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2 \text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000 \text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ $\text{m s}^{-1}$	/J					/cm
1.0	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	0.0	(f)

Find  $v$  (a).

Part B Find  $E_K$  (b)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/m s <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
1.0	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	0.0	(f)

Find  $E_K$  (b).

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Part C Find  $E_{GP}$  (c)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/m s <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
1.0	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	0.0	(f)

Find  $E_{GP}$  (c).

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Part D Find  $E_{EP}$  (d)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/m s <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
1.0	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	0.0	(f)

Find  $E_{EP}$  (d).

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Part E Find  $E_{EP} + E_{GP}$  (e)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
1.0	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	0.0	(f)

Find  $E_{EP} + E_{GP}$  (e).

Part F Find  $y$  (f)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
1.0	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	0.0	(f)

Find  $y$  (f).

Part G Find  $v$  (g)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
2.0	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k) = $E_B$	0.0	0.0

Find  $v$  (g).

Part H Find  $E_K$  (h)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
2.0	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k) = $E_B$	0.0	0.0

Find  $E_K$  (h).

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Part I Find  $E_{GP}$  (i)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
2.0	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k) = $E_B$	0.0	0.0

Find  $E_{GP}$  (i).

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Part J Find  $E_{EP}$  (j)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
2.0	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k) = $E_B$	0.0	0.0

Find  $E_{EP}$  (j).

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Part K Find  $E_{EP} + E_{GP}$  (k)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/m s <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
2.0	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k) = $E_B$	0.0	0.0

Find  $E_{EP} + E_{GP}$  (k).

Part L Find  $v$  (l)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/m s <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
3.0	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	0.0	(q)

Find  $v$  (l).

Part M Find  $E_K$  (m)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/m s <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
3.0	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	0.0	(q)

Find  $E_K$  (m).

Part N Find  $E_{\text{GP}}$  (n)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_{\text{K}}$	$E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}} + E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{T}}$	$y = x - x_{\text{B}}$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
3.0	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	0.0	(q)

Find  $E_{\text{GP}}$  (n).

Part O Find  $E_{\text{EP}}$  (o)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_{\text{K}}$	$E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}} + E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{T}}$	$y = x - x_{\text{B}}$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
3.0	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	0.0	(q)

Find  $E_{\text{EP}}$  (o).

Part P Find  $E_{\text{EP}} + E_{\text{GP}}$  (p)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_{\text{K}}$	$E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}} + E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{T}}$	$y = x - x_{\text{B}}$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
3.0	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	0.0	(q)

Find  $E_{\text{EP}} + E_{\text{GP}}$  (p).

Part Q Find  $y$  (q)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
3.0	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	0.0	(q)

Find  $y$  (q).

Part R Find  $v$  (r)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
4.0	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	0.0	(w)

Find  $v$  (r).

Part S Find  $E_K$  (s)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
4.0	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	0.0	(w)

Find  $E_K$  (s).



Part T Find  $E_{\text{GP}}$  (t)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_{\text{K}}$	$E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}} + E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{T}}$	$y = x - x_{\text{B}}$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
4.0	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	0.0	(w)

Find  $E_{\text{GP}}$  (t).

Part U Find  $E_{\text{EP}}$  (u)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_{\text{K}}$	$E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}} + E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{T}}$	$y = x - x_{\text{B}}$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
4.0	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	0.0	(w)

Find  $E_{\text{EP}}$  (u).

Part V Find  $E_{\text{EP}} + E_{\text{GP}}$  (v)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_{\text{K}}$	$E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}}$	$E_{\text{EP}} + E_{\text{GP}}$	$E_{\text{T}}$	$y = x - x_{\text{B}}$
/cm	/ms <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
4.0	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	0.0	(w)

Find  $E_{\text{EP}} + E_{\text{GP}}$  (v).

Part W Find  $y$  (w)

The table describes the motion of a 100 N weight ( $m = 10.2\text{ kg}$ ), hanging from a  $k = 5000\text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring, which is released from rest at  $x = 0$ .

$x$	$v$	$E_K$	$E_{GP}$	$E_{EP}$	$E_{EP} + E_{GP}$	$E_T$	$y = x - x_B$
/cm	/m s <sup>-1</sup>	/J					/cm
4.0	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	0.0	(w)

Find  $y$  (w).



## Gravitational, Elastic and Kinetic Energy 2.6

For the system in [question 2.5](#), state or calculate

### Part A   $x$ where the total potential energy is at a minimum

Calculate the value of  $x$  where the total potential energy is at a minimum.

### Part B   The minimum total potential energy

Calculate the minimum total potential energy.

### Part C   The total potential energy

Calculate the total potential energy *relative to the minimum* when  $y = 2.0$  cm.

### Part D   The energy required to stretch 2.0 cm

Calculate the energy required to stretch a  $k = 5000 \text{ N m}^{-1}$  spring by 2.0 cm.



## Gravitational, Elastic and Kinetic Energy 2.7

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A Level



This question is about the system shown in the Example in the [notes page](#).

A 60 kg bungee jumper falls 12 m before their bungee is taut.  $k = 200 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ .

Calculate how far the bungee jumper falls before they first come to rest. You may assume that the *total* potential energy of the jumper relative to the equilibrium position is given by  $\frac{1}{2}ky^2$ .

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