

- 4 A student investigates the energy changes of a mass oscillating on a vertical spring, as shown in Fig. 4.1.

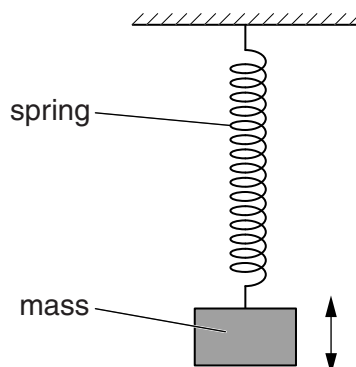


Fig. 4.1

The student draws a graph of the variation with displacement x of energy E of the oscillation, as shown in Fig. 4.2.

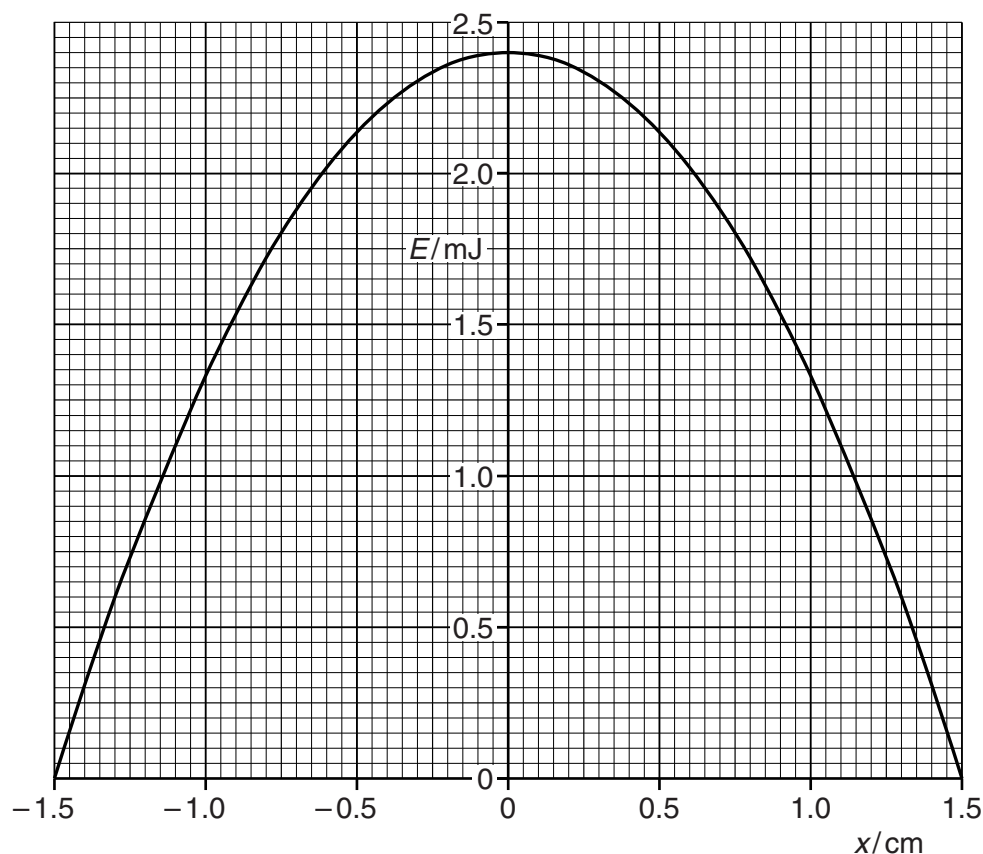


Fig. 4.2

- (a) State whether the energy E represents the total energy, the potential energy or the kinetic energy of the oscillations.

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- (b) The student repeats the investigation but with a smaller amplitude. The maximum value of E is now found to be 1.8 mJ.

Use Fig. 4.2 to determine the change in the amplitude. Explain your working.

change in amplitude = cm [3]