

**20** Two guitar strings are stretched by tensile forces.

String X is stretched by a tensile force  $F$  that causes an extension  $x$ .

String Y is stretched by a tensile force  $2F$  that causes an extension  $2x$ .

The strings obey Hooke's law.

What is the ratio  $\frac{\text{strain energy in stretched string X}}{\text{strain energy in stretched string Y}}$ ?

**A** 4

**B** 2

**C**  $\frac{1}{2}$

**D**  $\frac{1}{4}$