

Spring Potential energy

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50.0	82.25	
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85.0	71.70	
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95.0	68.25	
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Max. Extension: ~~52.00cm~~ ~~41.8cm~~

mass: 100.0g

Position: 66.55cm

m = 100.0g Unstretched = 93.90cm

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$$x_0 = 0.979 \pm 0.003$$

From Origin

Trial | Max (cm) | Position (cm)

1	42.80	66.55
2	42.95	66.55
3	40.35	66.55
4	41.10	66.55

$$k = \frac{5}{-3.13} = -3.134185 \text{ N/m}$$

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$$0.003 \cdot \frac{-9.81}{3.13^2} = 0.003 \text{ N/m}$$

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Position (cm)	Spring Energy (J)	Grav. Energy (J)
0	0	0

52.1
(±0.6)

0.4253

- 0.51058

$$\epsilon = \frac{U_{kf} + U_{gf}}{|U_{gf}|} = \boxed{0.1670}$$

$$x_i = 0$$

$$x_f = 52.1 \pm 0.6$$

$$U_{ki} = 0$$

$$U_{kf} = \frac{1}{2} k x^2 = 0.4253$$

$$U_{gi} = 0$$

$$- m g x = -0.51058$$

$$\delta U_{kf} = \sqrt{\delta U_{kfk}^2 + \delta U_{kfx}^2}$$

$$\delta U_{kfk} = \delta_k \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^2$$

$$\delta U_{kfx} = \delta_x \cdot k x$$

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$$\delta \epsilon = \sqrt{\delta_{\epsilon U_{kf}}^2 + \delta_{\epsilon U_{gf}}^2}$$

$$\delta_{\epsilon U_{kf}} = \delta_{U_{kf}} \frac{1}{|U_{gf}|}$$

$$\delta_{\epsilon U_{gf}} = \delta_{U_{gf}} \cdot \frac{U_{kf}}{U_{gf}^2}$$

$$\delta \epsilon = \sqrt{\left(\delta_{U_{kf}} \frac{1}{|U_{gf}|} \right)^2 + \left(\delta_{U_{gf}} \frac{U_{kf}}{U_{gf}^2} \right)^2}$$

$$\delta_{U_{gf}} = \delta_{U_{gfh}} = \delta_n m g \quad (\text{mass \& g errors are negligible})$$

$$\delta \epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{(\delta_k \frac{1}{2} x^2)^2 + (\delta_x k x)^2}{U_{gf}^2} + \left(\delta_n m g \frac{U_{kf}}{U_{gf}^2} \right)^2}$$

$$= \cancel{0.142} 0.02$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon = 0.18 \pm 0.02}$$