



$K_i = 0$
 U_i

K_f
 $U_f = 0$ since all have $r \sim \infty$

$$\Delta E_{mech} = \Delta K + \Delta U = 0$$

$$(K_f - K_i) + (U_f - U_i) = 0$$

So: $K_f = U_i$

Now: $U_i = 4 \frac{K g g}{x} + 2 \frac{K g g}{\sqrt{x^2 + x^2}}$

$$= \frac{4K g^2}{x} + \frac{2K g^2}{\sqrt{2} x}$$

$$= \frac{K g^2}{x} (4 + \sqrt{2})$$

and, $K_f = 4 \left(\frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right)$ By symmetry, all have same speed.

So:

$$2 m v^2 = \frac{K g^2}{x} (4 + \sqrt{2})$$

∴ $v = \left\{ \frac{K g^2}{2 m x} (4 + \sqrt{2}) \right\}^{1/2} = 0.4933 \frac{m}{s}$

