

# A Quick Recap of the Last Class

- **Work Kinetic Energy Theorem:**

$$\Delta K = K_f - K_i = W_{net}$$

- **Potential Energy for a Conservative Force:**

$$\Delta U = U_f - U_i \equiv -W_c(i \rightarrow f)$$

- **Gravitational Potential Energy\*:**

$$U_g = mgy$$

*\*For  $g = \text{constant}$ ; and we're free to set  $y = 0$  anywhere we like.*

- **Conservation of Mechanical Energy\*:**

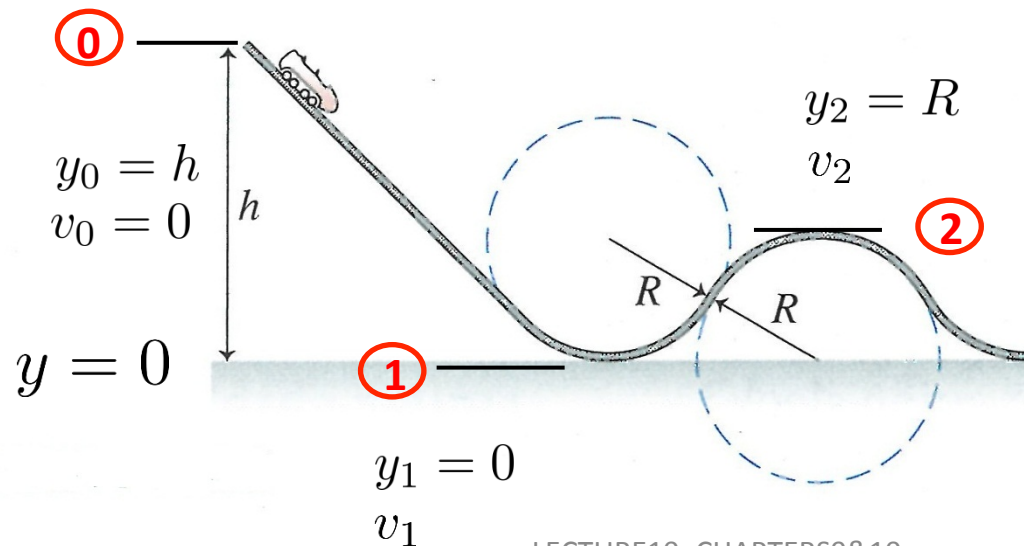
$$\Delta E_{mech} = \Delta K + \Delta U = 0$$

*\*At this point, includes only conservative forces that can be described by a potential energy.*

# A Good Whiteboard Problem: 9-8

A roller coaster car on a frictionless track shown below starts from rest at height  $h$ . The track's valley and hill consist of circular shaped segments of radius  $R$ .

- What is the maximum height  $h_{\max}$  (in terms of  $R$ ) from which the car can start so as not to fly off the track going over the hill?
- For the height found in part a, what is the apparent weight (in terms of the actual weight  $w$ ) felt by the riders at the bottom of the valley?



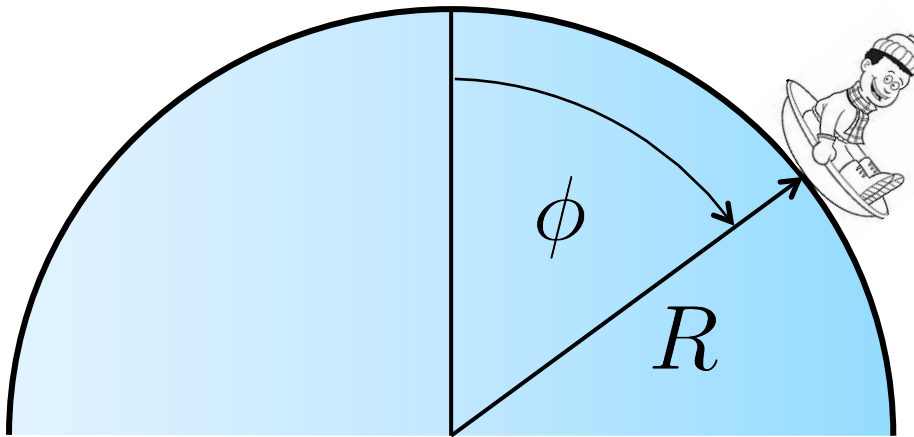
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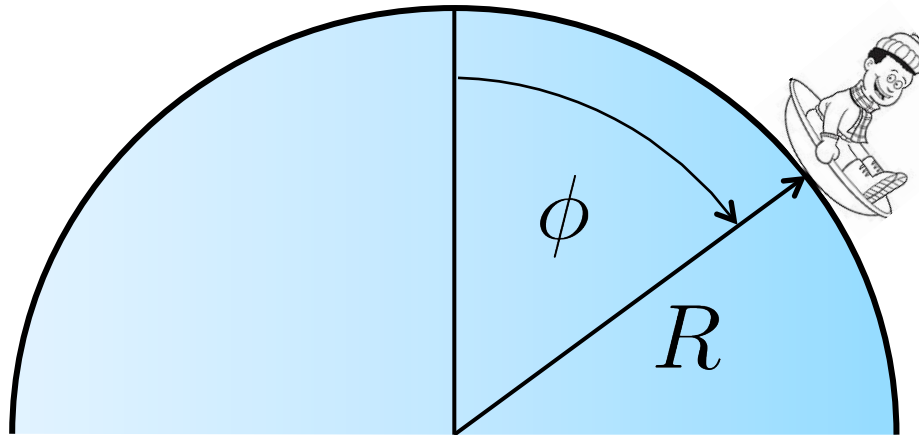
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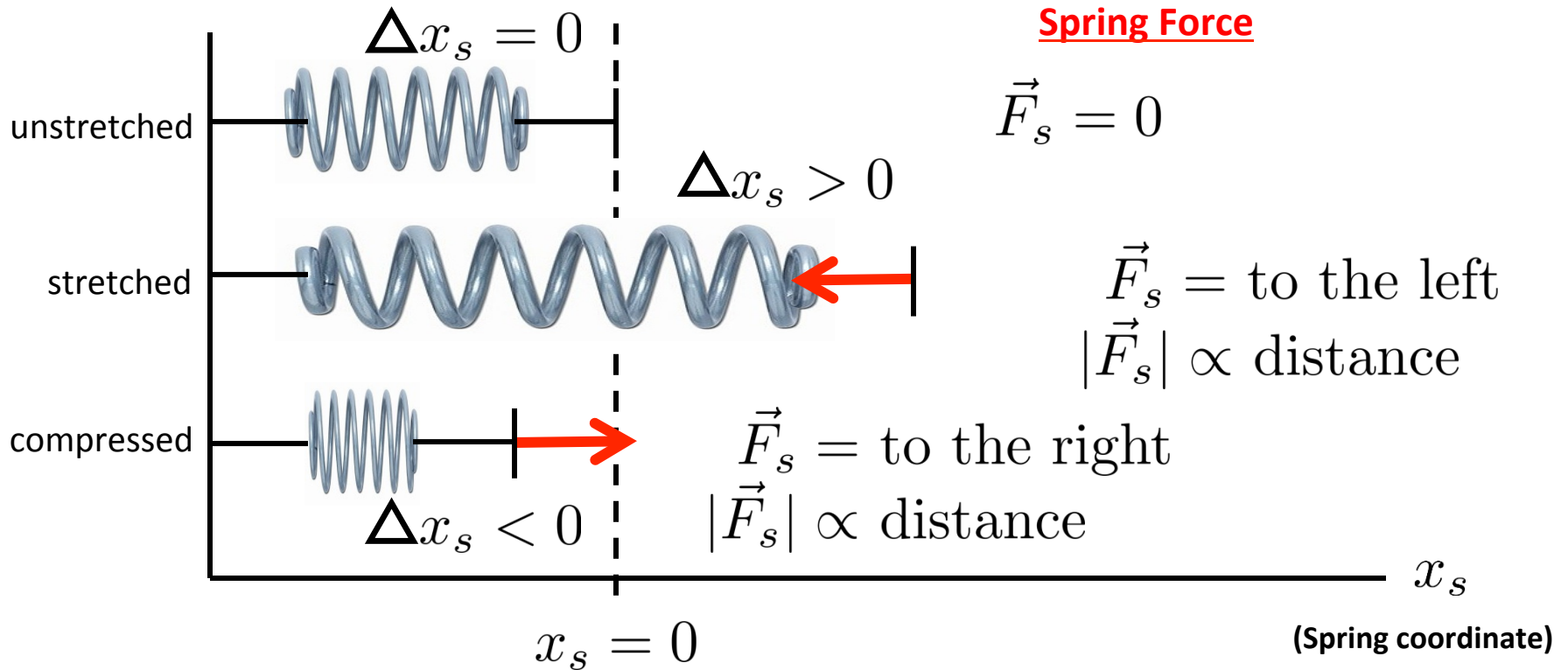
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## Whiteboard Problem: 9/10 - 9

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# Linear Springs – Hooke's\* Law

Compression or extension of spring =  $\Delta x_s$

equilibrium (or unstretched) length of spring

**Spring Force**

$\vec{F}_s = 0$

$\vec{F}_s =$  to the left

**Restoring force (Spring force)**

$\vec{F}_s =$  to the right

**Force constant of spring [tells us how stiff the spring is]**

$F_s = -k(\Delta x_s)$

$(N) = (\frac{N}{m})(m)$

$x_s = 0$

$\Delta x_s = 0$

$\Delta x_s > 0$

$\Delta x_s < 0$

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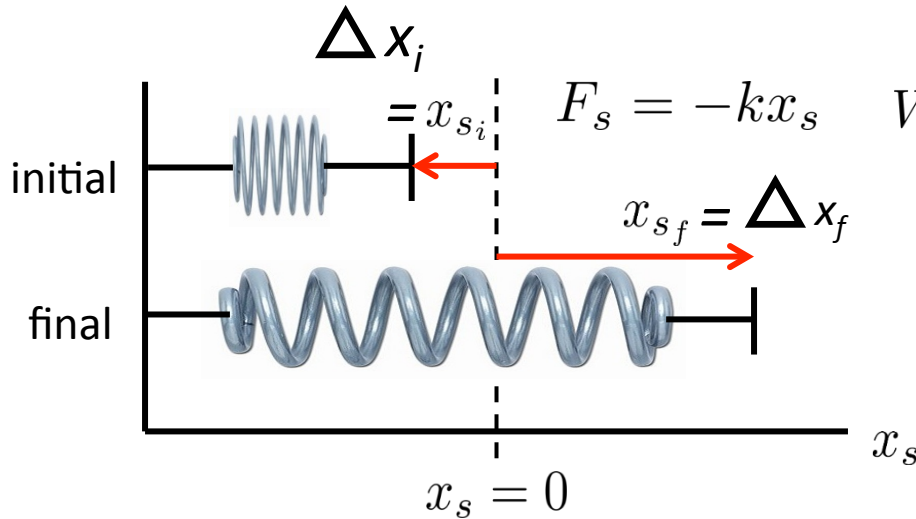
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\*The same Hooke from the Newton film – his brother was the ship captain in Peter Pan.

# Work & Potential Energy for a Linear Spring\*



$$W_{s_i \rightarrow f} = \int_{x_{s_i}}^{x_{s_f}} F_s dx_s = \int_{x_{s_i}}^{x_{s_f}} -kx_s dx_s$$

$$= -k \int_{x_{s_i}}^{x_{s_f}} x_s dx_s = -k \left( \frac{x_s^2}{2} \right)_{x_{s_i}}^{x_{s_f}}$$

$$W_{s_i \rightarrow f} = -\frac{1}{2}k (x_{s_f}^2 - x_{s_i}^2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}k (\Delta x_s)^2$$

**Is the Spring Force Conservative?**

**Yes**, the work done by  $F_s$  does not depend on the path taken between  $x_{si}$  and  $x_{sf}$ . (Try it)

**So, we can define a change in the Spring Potential Energy:**

**Spring Potential Energy\***

~~$$U_s = \frac{1}{2}kx_s^2$$

For  $x_s = 0$  at the spring equilibrium~~

\***Note**, I disagree with your author here. He writes his spring force and potential energy with the spring coordinate at some arbitrary point. **You can always choose the spring coordinate to be zero at the equilibrium point**; it makes things a lot easier in using this in problems.

# Whiteboard Problem 09/10 - 10

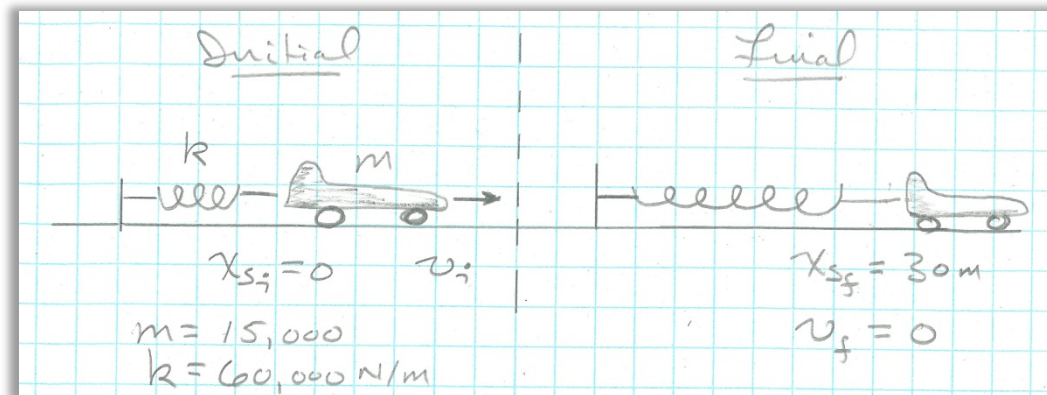
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My sketch:





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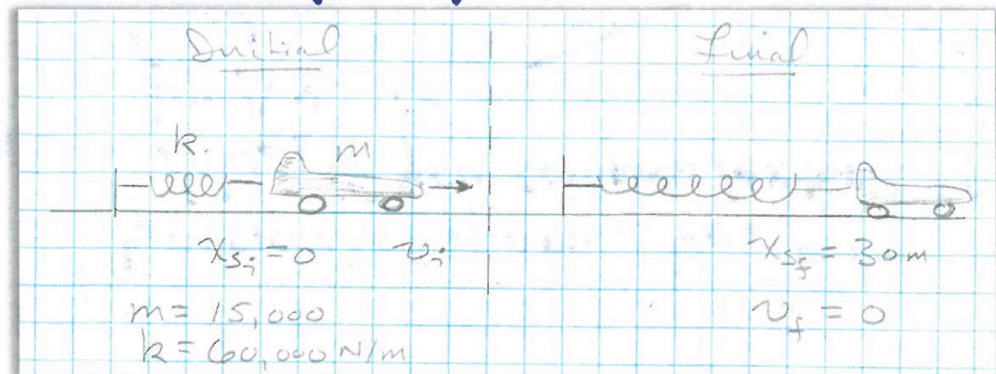
$$\Delta K + \Delta U = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} k (\Delta x_s)^2 - 0\right) = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} (15000) (v_i^2) + \frac{1}{2} (60,000) (30)^2 = 0$$

$$v_i = \sqrt{\frac{60,000 \times 30^2}{15,000}} = 60 \text{ m/s}$$

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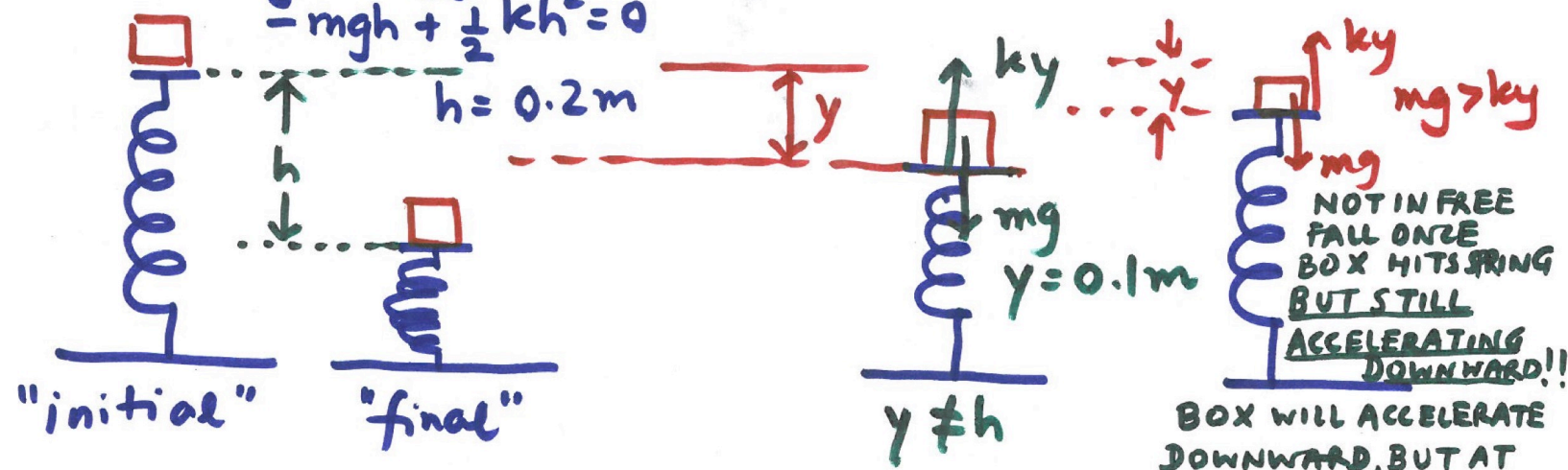
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$$\Delta U_g + \Delta U_{\text{el}} = 0$$

$$-mgh + \frac{1}{2}kh^2 = 0$$

$$h = 0.2 \text{ m}$$

b) NOT isolated!  
CANNOT USE C.O.M.E.



NOT IN FREE FALL ONCE BOX HITS SPRING BUT STILL ACCELERATING DOWNWARD!!

BOX WILL ACCELERATE DOWNWARD, BUT AT AN EVER-DECREASING RATE, UNTIL  $mg = ky$  i.e. the equilibrium point in (b).

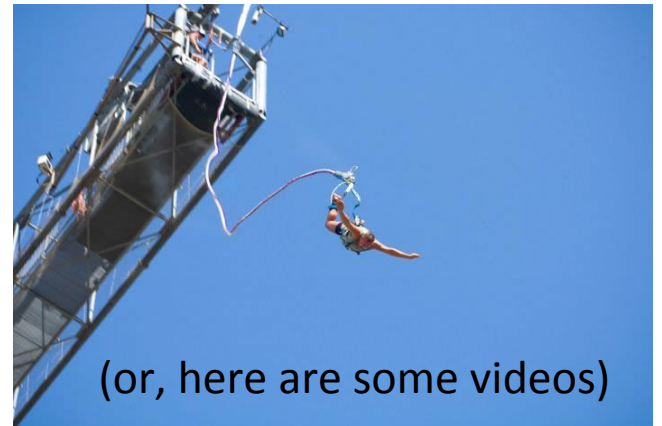
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# Force from Potential Energy

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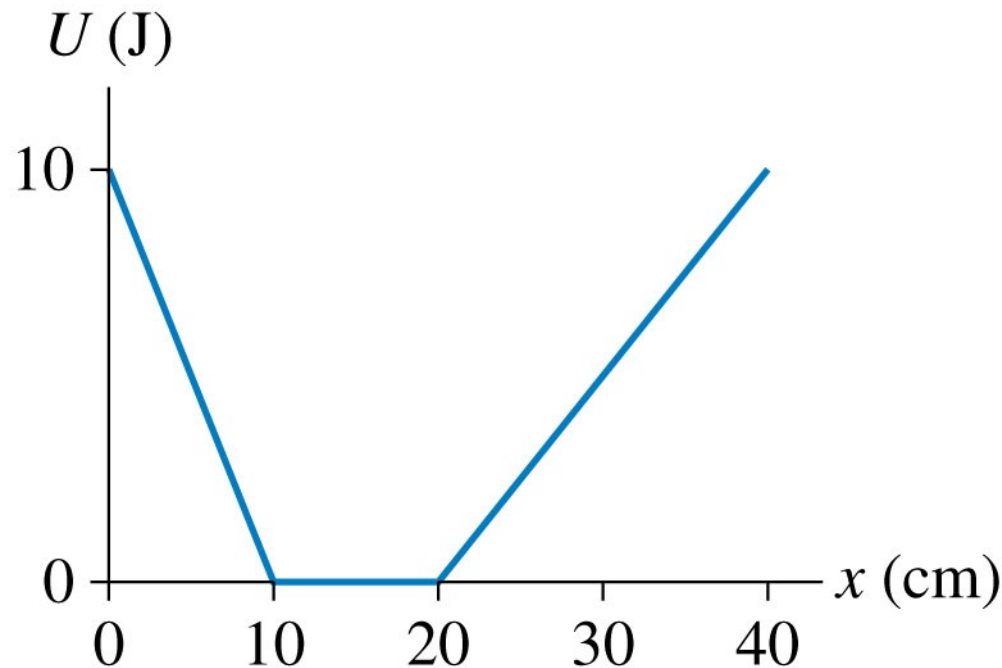
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## Whiteboard Problem 9/10 - 12

A particle has the potential energy show below.

- What is the x-component of the force on the particle at  $x = 5$  cm?
- What is the x-component of the force on the particle at  $x = 15$  cm?
- What is the x-component of the force on the particle at  $x = 30$  cm?



## Whiteboard Problem 9/10 - 13

A particle moving along the x-axis has the potential energy:

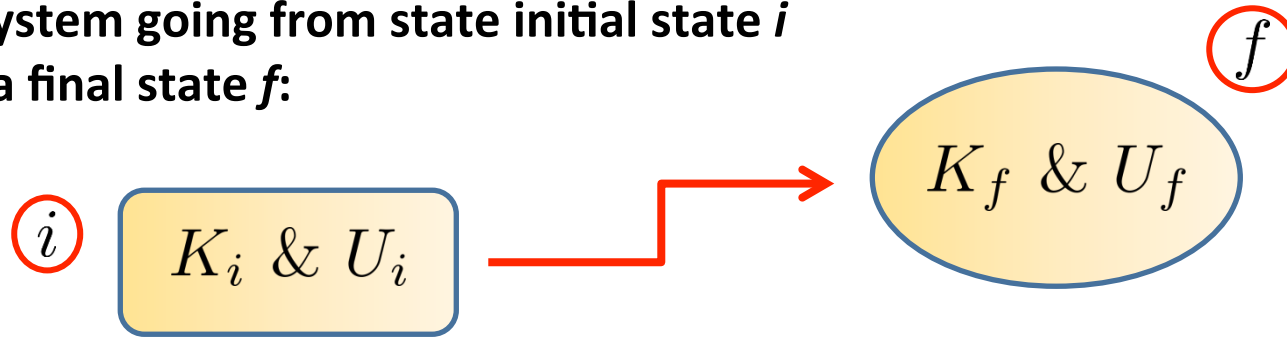
$$U(x) = \frac{10}{x} \text{ J}$$

where x is in m.

**What is the x-component of the force on the particle at x = 5 m?**

# Where We Stand with Conservation of Energy

For a system going from state initial state  $i$   
to a final state  $f$ :



If there are no dissipative forces (e.g. friction)  
or applied forces, the Mechanical Energy  
is Conserved.

$$E_{mech} = K + U = \text{constant}$$

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

Where:  $\Delta$  <sup>(always)</sup> (final) - (initial)

Where:

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 = \frac{1}{2}m(v_f^2 - v_i^2)$$

For Uniform Gravity:

$$\Delta U_g = mgy_f - mgy_i = mg(y_f - y_i)$$

For a Linear Spring:

$$\Delta U_s = \frac{1}{2}kx_{s_f}^2 - \frac{1}{2}kx_{s_i}^2 = \frac{1}{2}k(x_{s_f}^2 - x_{s_i}^2)$$

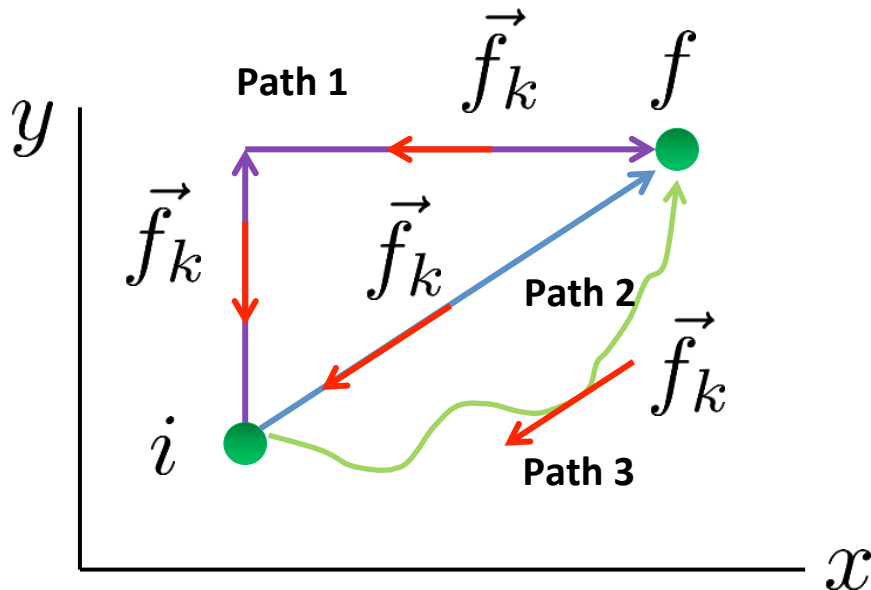
**What about other forces that can't be described with a Potential Energy?** 16



# Nonconservative\* Forces

**Definition:** A **nonconservative force** is a force for which the work done by the force in going from some initial point  $i$  to some final point  $f$  **does depend on the path followed.**

**For example, Friction:**



The work done by the friction force is different for each path from  $i$  to  $f$ .

So, we cannot associate a potential energy with a nonconservative force.

**But, we can include nonconservative forces in our conservation of energy technique.**

*\*Again, as we'll see, the name comes from the fact that nonconservative forces do not conserve the mechanical energy.*

# The Complete Conservation of Mechanical Energy

We started with the **Work – Kinetic Energy Theorem** for a system going from an initial state,  $i$ , to a final state,  $f$ :

$$\Delta K = W_{\text{net}}(i \rightarrow f) = W_c(i \rightarrow f) + W_{nc}(i \rightarrow f)$$

conservative forces

nonconservative forces

For Conservative Forces\*:  $\Delta U = -W_c(i \rightarrow f)$

Define: Total Mechanical Energy:  $E_{\text{mech}} = K + U$

$$\text{so, } \Delta E_{\text{mech}} = \Delta K + \Delta U$$

So, the **Work – Kinetic Energy Theorem** can be written as:

$$\Delta E_{\text{mech}} = \Delta K + \Delta U = W_{nc}$$

This is the equation we've been using with the added feature that **we now know how to include forces like friction or applied forces**. *They go right here.*

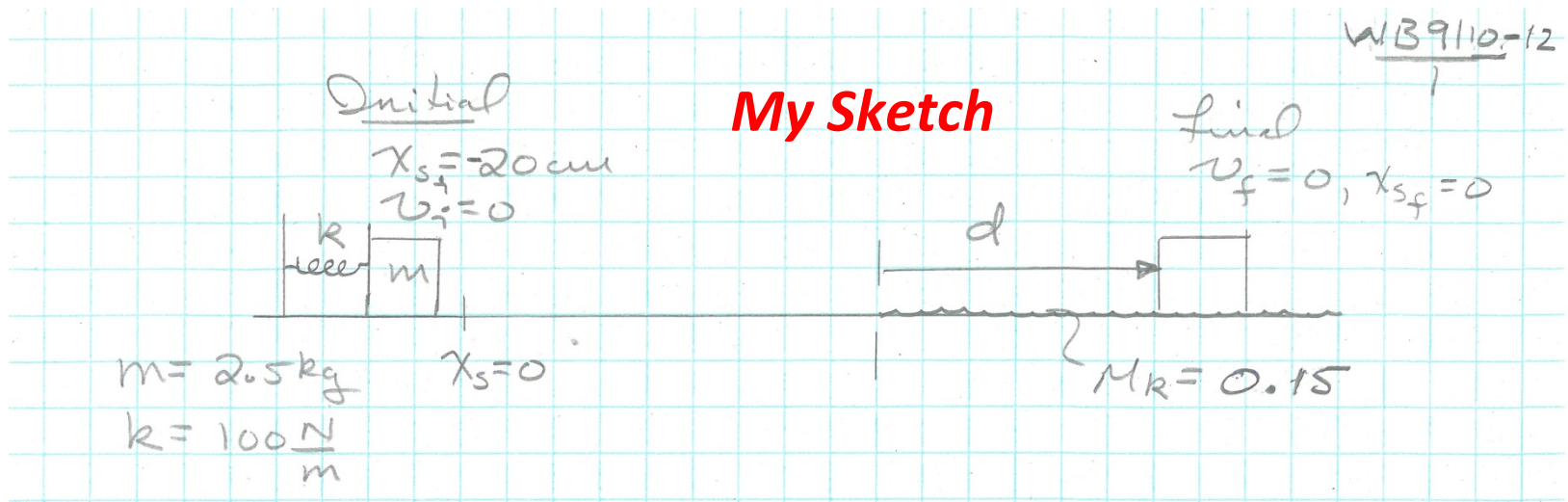
We see that potential energy is energy that can be stored and returned to kinetic. Applied forces can change the kinetic or the potential energies, and hence the mechanical energy. On the other hand, dissipative forces, like friction, will always decrease the mechanical energy and increase the thermal energy.

\*If you have more than one conservative force, you'll need a potential energy for each.

# Whiteboard Problem: 9/10-14

A horizontal spring with spring constant  $100 \text{ N/m}$  is compressed  $20 \text{ cm}$  and used to launch a  $2.5 \text{ kg}$  box across a frictionless horizontal surface. After the box travels some distance, the surface becomes rough. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the box and the surface is  $0.15$ .

**How far does the box slide across the rough surface before it comes to rest?**



## Whiteboard Problem: 9/10-15

Kathy's baby brother sits on a sled. The combined mass of the sled and the baby is  $m$ . Kathy pulls on the rope that is at an angle  $\theta$  above the horizontal. The tension  $T$  is constant and the coefficient of kinetic friction between the sled and the snow is  $\mu_k$ .

**Find an expression for the speed of the sled after Kathy has pulled it a distance  $d$  starting from rest. (LC)**

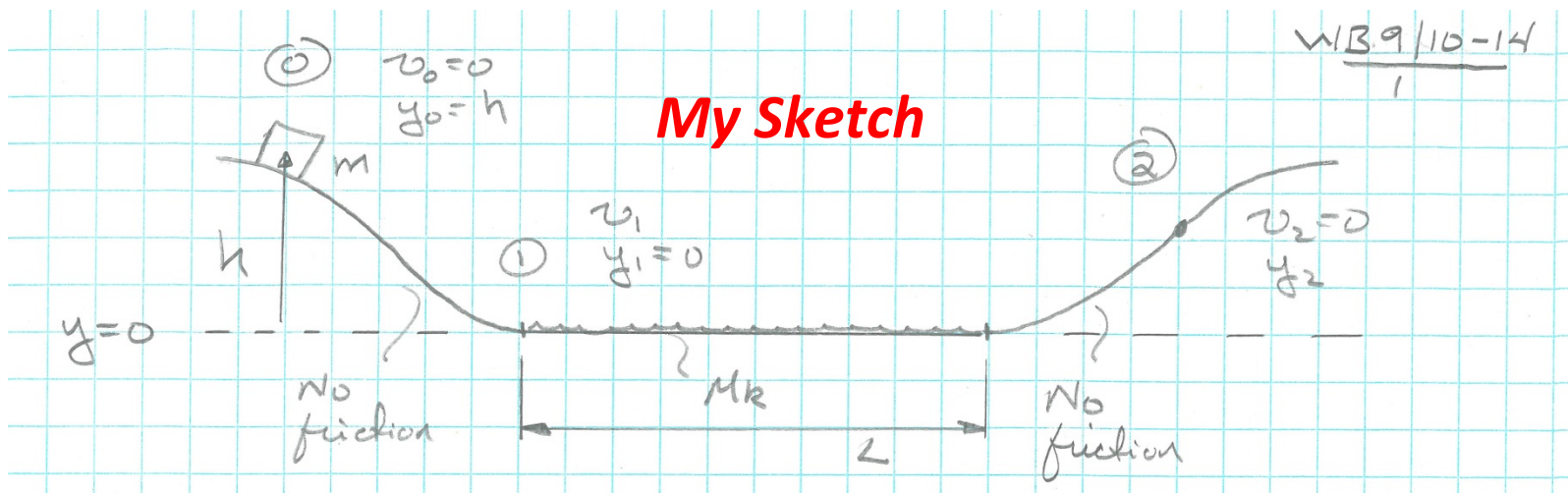


***There are two traps in this problem - - don't fall into them!***

## Whiteboard Problem: 9/10-16

A block of mass  $m$  starts from rest at height  $h$ . It slides down a frictionless slope, across a rough horizontal surface of length  $L$ , then up another frictionless slope. The coefficient of kinetic friction on the rough surface is  $\mu_k$ .

**Find an expression for the height that the block goes up the second slope.**



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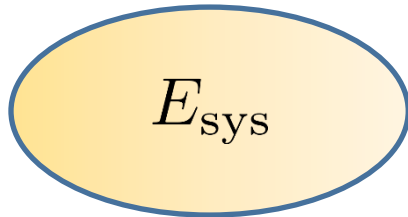
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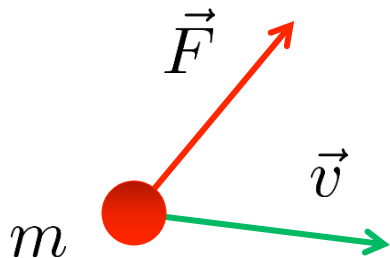
# Power

For a system, **Power** is the rate that energy is transferred into or out of the system:



$$\text{Power, } P = \frac{dE_{\text{sys}}}{dt} \quad \text{Units: } 1 \frac{J}{s} = 1 \text{ Watt}(W)$$

For a mass for which the energy is changing because a force is doing work on it, your author shows:



$$\text{Power, } P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}$$

## Whiteboard Problem 9/10 - 17

You push a 10 kg block of steel across a steel table at a steady speed of 1.0 m/s for 3.0 s.

**How much work did you do, and what was your power output while pushing?**

For steel on steel:  $\mu_k = 0.6$