

## Energy Problems – Set 3

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A block of mass  $m$  is on an incline plane with a coefficient of friction  $\mu_k$ . It begins a distance  $d_0$  from the bottom of the ramp with an initial velocity  $v_0$  directed up the ramp. What is its distance,  $d_f$ , from the bottom of the ramp when the block comes to rest?

- 1) Explicitly list the given and wanted information.
- 2) Draw an Action Diagram with all relevant dimensions, velocities, etc.
- 3) Draw a Free Body Diagram with all of the relevant forces and the displacement vector.

What is the net work done by the **Conservative Forces**?

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What is the net work done by the Non-Conservative Forces?

What is  $\Delta K$ ?

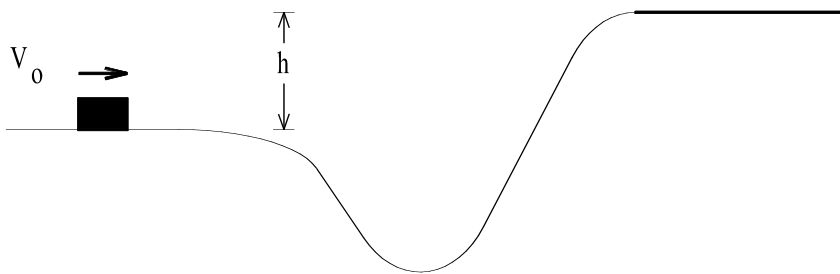
Put it all together! What is the final height above the ground?

What, then, is  $d_f$ ?

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A block slides along the track shown below. The track is frictionless until the block reaches the level portion at the top of the hill, where the coefficient of friction is  $\mu_k$ .



- a) First, Assume that there's no friction in the problem.  
Write expressions for each of the terms:

$$U_I =$$

$$K_I =$$

$$U_F =$$

$$K_F =$$

$$W_{NCF} =$$

- b) Write out the conservation of energy and solve for the final velocity.

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- c) Now assume that there is friction on the upper level part of the track.  
Write expressions for each of the Conservation of Energy terms:

$$U_I =$$

$$K_I =$$

$$U_F =$$

$$K_F =$$

$$W_{\text{NCF}} =$$

- d) How far does the block slide on the level part of the track?

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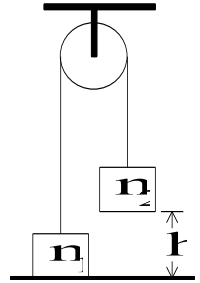
*Use work-energy techniques to solve the following problem.*

Two masses are connected by a light string passing over a light frictionless pulley. The mass  $m_2$  is released from rest at a height of 4.0 m above the ground.

Determine the speed of  $m_1$  just as  $m_2$  hits the ground and the maximum height  $m_1$  rises above the ground.

$$m_1 = 3.0 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_2 = 5.0 \text{ kg}$$



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A block of mass  $m$  is pushed against a spring of spring constant  $k$  and the spring is compressed a distance  $l$ . The block is released and slides across a frictionless surface for a short distance before encountering a surface with a coefficient of friction  $\mu_k$ .



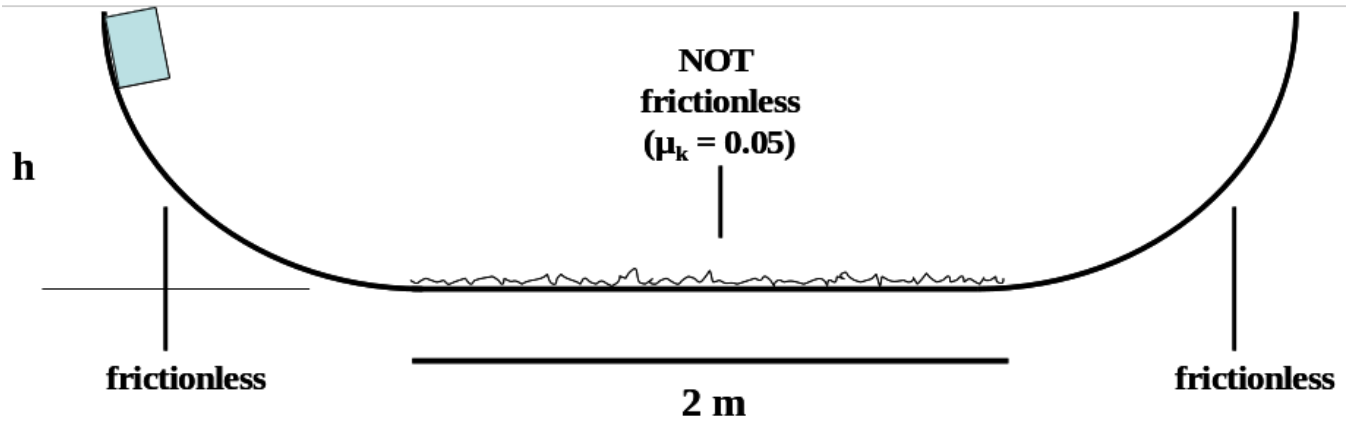
- Use conservation of energy to find an expression for the velocity of the block after it leaves the spring.
- Use conservation of energy to find an expression for how far it slides on the surface with friction before coming to a stop.

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Use *Conservation of Energy* to solve the following problem.

An 8.75-kg block starts at rest, at height  $h = 1.0$  m, and slides down a frictionless ramp onto a horizontal plane where  $\mu_k = 0.05$ . If the block has enough energy after passing the plane, it will rise onto another frictionless ramp, and so forth.



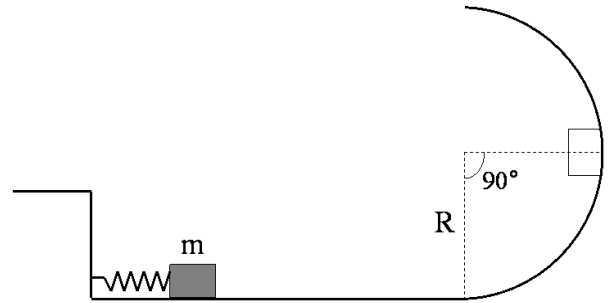
(a) The block is released, makes its first trip to the right hand side, returns to the left hand side, and then returns once more to the right. On this second excursion to the right side, how high up the ramp does the block go?

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A mass  $m$  rests on a frictionless horizontal track while compressing a horizontal spring of spring constant  $k$  a distance  $d$ . The mass is released and it slides along a frictionless horizontal track before sliding up a frictionless circular surface of radius  $R$ .

- a. Find an expression for the compression  $d$  such that the mass just comes to rest at a radius position of  $\theta=90^\circ$  as shown in the picture?



- b. Now include friction in the problem. If the spring is compressed the same distance  $d$  and the block stops at  $\theta < 90^\circ$ , how much work was done by the frictional force acting on the block?