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Chapter review

$$
(\uparrow) 2T \cos \theta = mg \qquad (1)
$$

By Hooke's law

$$
T = \frac{15mgx}{16a}
$$
 (2)

$$
\sin \theta = \frac{a}{a+x} \tag{3}
$$

a If
$$
\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}
$$
, $T = \frac{5mg}{8}$ from (1)
so, $\frac{5mg}{8} = \frac{15mgx}{16}$ from (2)

$$
\text{so, } \frac{3mg}{8} = \frac{13mgx}{16a} \qquad \text{from}
$$
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$$
\frac{2a}{3} = x
$$
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$$
\text{And from (3)}
$$
\n
$$
\sin \theta = \frac{a}{a + \frac{2a}{3}} = \frac{3}{5}
$$

which is consistent with $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ 5 $\theta = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$.

b Work done on particle = overall gain in energy $=$ P.E. gain – E.P.E. loss

$$
PM = (a + x) \cos \theta
$$

\n
$$
= \left(a + \frac{2a}{3}\right) \frac{4}{5}
$$

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$$
= \frac{4a}{3}
$$

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$$
\therefore
$$
 P.E. gain = $mg \frac{4a}{3}$
\nE.P.E. loss = initial E.P.E. - final E.P.E.
\n
$$
= \frac{15mg}{16 \times 2a} \left(2 \times \left(\frac{2a}{3}\right)^2 - 0^2\right)
$$

\n
$$
= \frac{15mg \times 2 \times 4a^2}{16 \times 2a \times 9}
$$

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$$
= \frac{5mga}{12}
$$

\nSo, work done = $\frac{4mga}{3} - \frac{5mga}{12}$
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$$
= \frac{mga}{12}(16-5)
$$

\n
$$
= \frac{11mga}{12}
$$

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2 Let *l* be the natural length of the spring. Let λ be the modulus of the spring.

 (\uparrow) $T = W$ by Hooke'slaw,

$$
T = \frac{\lambda a}{l}
$$

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$$
\therefore W = \frac{\lambda a}{l}
$$
 i.e. $\frac{W}{a} = \frac{\lambda}{l}$

Using conservation of energy,

P.E. loss of $W = E.P.E.$ gain of spring

 \boldsymbol{x}

$$
W\left(\frac{3a}{2} + x\right) = \frac{\lambda x^2}{2l}
$$

so, $W\left(\frac{3a}{2} + x\right) = \frac{Wx^2}{2a}$

$$
3a^2 + 2ax = x^2
$$

$$
0 = x^2 - 2ax - 3a^2
$$

$$
0 = (x - 3a)(x + a)
$$

$$
\therefore x = 3a \text{ or } -a
$$

 \therefore maximum compression is 3*a*

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4 Triangle *ABP* is a 3,4,5 triangle, so angle *APB* is a right angle.

$$
\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5} \text{ and } \sin \theta = \frac{4}{5}
$$

(\uparrow) $T_1 \sin \theta + T_2 \cos \theta = mg$

$$
\frac{4}{5}T_1 + \frac{3}{5}T_2 = mg
$$

$$
4T_1 + 3T_2 = 5mg
$$
 (1)
(\rightarrow) $T_1 \cos \theta = T_2 \sin \theta$

$$
\frac{3}{5}T_1 = \frac{4}{5}T_2
$$

$$
T_1 = \frac{4}{3}T_2
$$
 (2)
Substituting from (2) into (1):

$$
\frac{16}{3}T_2 + 3T_2 = 5mg
$$

$$
25T_2 = 15mg
$$

$$
T_2 = \frac{3mg}{5}
$$

From Hooke's law,

$$
T_2 = \frac{\lambda x}{l} = \frac{\lambda (a - l)}{l}
$$

$$
\frac{3mg}{5} = \lambda \left(\frac{a}{l} - 1\right)
$$

$$
\frac{3mg}{5\lambda} + 1 = \frac{a}{l}
$$

$$
\frac{3mg + 5\lambda}{5\lambda} = \frac{a}{l}
$$

$$
l = \frac{5\lambda a}{3mg + 5\lambda}
$$

Work done against friction $=$ overall loss in energy

= E.P.E. loss – K.E. gain
\n
$$
\frac{1}{5} p \cancel{r} g \frac{3a}{\cancel{2}} = \frac{5 p \cancel{r} g \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}{2a} - \frac{1}{2} m V^2
$$
\n
$$
\frac{3 a g}{5} = \frac{5 a g}{4} - V^2
$$
\n
$$
V^2 = \frac{5 a g}{4} - \frac{3 a g}{5} = \frac{a g (25 - 12)}{20}
$$
\n
$$
V = \sqrt{\frac{13 a g}{20}}
$$

 b

Friction will be the same. Assume string is still slack when ball

Work done against friction = K.E. loss

$$
\frac{1}{5}mg d = \frac{1}{2}m\left(\frac{2V}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\frac{4V^2}{25}
$$

$$
\frac{1}{5}gd = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{25} \times \frac{13ag}{20}
$$

$$
d = \frac{13a}{50}
$$

As *d* is less than *a*, the assumption that the string is still slack is valid.

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$$
(\uparrow)R = mg \quad (\rightarrow)\mu R = T
$$

$$
\mu mg = T
$$

byHooke'slaw,

$$
T = \frac{2mg}{l} \times \frac{l}{3} = \frac{2mg}{3}
$$

\n
$$
\therefore \quad \mu mg = \frac{2mg}{3}
$$

\n
$$
\mu = \frac{2}{3}
$$

\n**b**

Work done against friction = overall loss in energy

 \mathbf{I}

 $=$ E.P.E. loss $-$ K.E. gain

$$
\frac{2}{3}mg l = \frac{2mgl^2}{2l} - \frac{1}{2}mv^2
$$

$$
\frac{1}{2}v^2 = gl - \frac{2}{3}gl = \frac{1}{3}gl
$$

$$
v^2 = \frac{2}{3}gl
$$

$$
v = \sqrt{\frac{2gl}{3}}
$$

 c String is now slack.

Work done against friction $=$ K.E. loss

$$
\frac{2}{3}mg d = \frac{1}{2}m \times \frac{2}{3}gl
$$

$$
d = \frac{1}{2}l
$$

Total distance travelled is $\frac{3}{5}$ 2 *l* .

1

 λx , 0.15 $\cos \theta$

0.15 cos

 λx_1 $\sin \theta$

 $3x_2$ cos

i.e. $\frac{x_1}{x_1} = \frac{3\sin x_1}{x_1}$

 $\theta - 3$ 3sin θ $\theta - 1 \cos \theta$ $\frac{-3}{4}$ -

 Using the answer to part **a**: $4\cos\theta - 3$ 3sin $4\sin\theta - 1$ cos $3\sin\theta(4\sin\theta-1) = \cos\theta(4\cos\theta-3)$

sin

 θ $=\frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}$

 θ

cos

 $=\frac{3 \sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$

0.05 λx_1 sin

x x x x x

 $x \frac{0.15}{1}$ =

2

x

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8 a

(↗ perpendicular tostring)

b
$$
(\rightarrow)
$$
 $T \sin \theta = 9.8$

$$
T = 9.8\sqrt{10}
$$

$$
\frac{14.7 \times x}{1} = 9.8\sqrt{10}
$$

$$
x = \frac{2\sqrt{10}}{3} \approx 2.108...
$$

The extension is 2.1 m (2 s.f.).

Least force will be perpendicular to the string

$$
(\mathcal{P}) F = 3g \sin \theta
$$

$$
= \frac{3g}{\sqrt{10}}
$$

$$
= \frac{3g\sqrt{10}}{10}
$$

$$
= 9.297...
$$

The least force is 9.3 N (2 s.f.).

 a By conservation of energy,

K.E. gain + E.P.E. gain = P.E. loss
\n
$$
\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \left(\frac{mg}{4} \times \frac{x^2}{2a}\right) = mg \times 4a
$$
\n
$$
BP = 5a (3, 4, 5 \text{ triangle})
$$
\nSo, $x = 4a$
\n
$$
\therefore \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \left(\frac{mg}{4} \times \frac{16a^2}{2a}\right) = 4mga
$$
\n
$$
v^2 + 4ga = 8ga
$$
\n
$$
v^2 = 4ga
$$
\n
$$
v = 2\sqrt{ga}
$$

b
$$
x = 4a
$$
: $T = \frac{mg}{4} \times \frac{4a}{a}$
= mg

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Challenge

We define the variables for the problem as in the following diagram;

maximum depth

 a Now, applying conservation of elastic potential energy and gravitational potential energy, we find that:

$$
mgd = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{l} \cdot (d - l)^2
$$

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$$
\Rightarrow mgld = \frac{\lambda}{2} (d^2 + l^2 - 2dl)
$$

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$$
\Rightarrow \frac{2mgl}{\lambda} d = d^2 + l^2 - 2dl
$$

Substituting $k = \frac{mgl}{\lambda}$ and rearranging, we see that:

$$
d^{2} - 2(l + k)d + l^{2} = 0
$$

\n
$$
\Rightarrow d = \frac{1}{2} \left(2(l + k) \pm 2\sqrt{(l + k)^{2} - l^{2}} \right)
$$

\n
$$
\Rightarrow d = (l + k) \pm \sqrt{k^{2} + 2lk}
$$

But we know that *d* must be larger than *l*, else the string wouldn't be taut when the maximum depth was reached, so we should take the positive square root, giving the result.

 b i Suppose the jumper had an initial downwards velocity, *v*.

Then they would have an initial kinetic energy $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ 2 mv^2 in the downwards direction, in addition to the initial GPE of *mgd*. So the distance the jumper falls increases.

 ii If we included air resistance, the frictional force would do work on the jumper as they fell. Then the energy balance is $GPE + EPE + Work$ done by friction = 0. This results in a reduced GPE, decreasing the maximum distance the jumper falls.