

Title

Spring potential energy

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Ingredients

Sketch

Relaxed 😊



Distorted 😬



At/Through

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Owner

Spring

Quantity

Spring constant

Relaxed length

Length

Spring potential energy

Variable

k

$l_0$

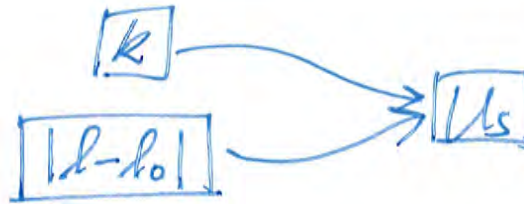
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$U_s$

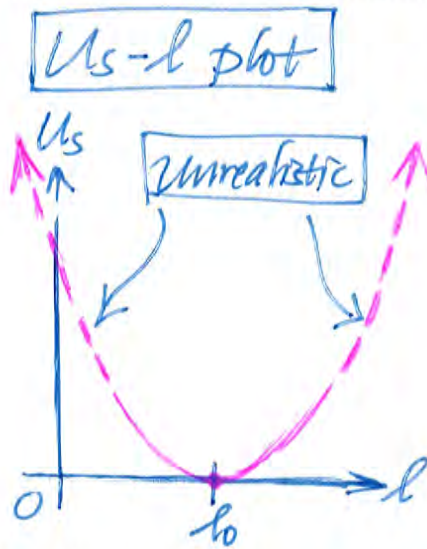
Giver

Recipe

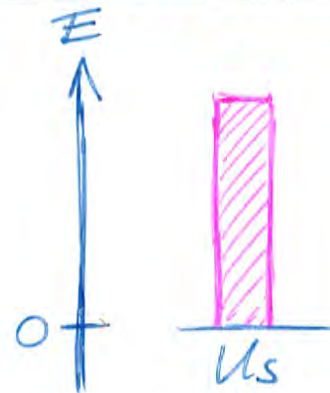
Diagram the relationship



Graphically present quantities



Spring potential energy bar chart



Mathematical relationship

$$U_s = \frac{1}{2}k(l-l_0)^2$$

The top half of this sheet consists of an “**Ingredients**” section with a row labeled “Sketch”, a row labeled “At/Through”, a row labeled “Owner”, a row labeled “Quantity”, a row labeled “Variable”, and a row labeled “Giver.”

Sketch: Title of first panel: Relaxed. Emoji of cool face wearing sunglasses. Spring with ends marked by dots. Title of second panel: Distorted. Emoji of grimacing face. Same spring, but noticeably stretched. Surround each sketch of the spring with a dashed bubble to indicate that the spring belongs to the system.

Remaining rows of Ingredients section are used for a flowchart illustrating the following:

The Owner is the Spring, which belongs to the System. At time  $t$ , the Spring owns the Quantity Spring constant, denoted by the Variable  $k$ . At time  $t$ , the Spring owns the Quantity Relaxed length, denoted by the Variable  $l_0$ . At time  $t$ , the Spring owns the Quantity Length, denoted by the Variable  $l$ . At time  $t$ , the Spring also owns the Quantity Spring potential energy, denoted by the Variable  $U_s$ .

The bottom half of this sheet consists of a “**Recipe**” section with a row labeled “Diagram the relationship”, a row labeled “Graphically present quantities”, and a row labeled “Mathematical relationship”.

Diagram the relationship

A flowchart arrows shows that spring constant  $k$  contributes to spring potential energy  $U_s$ .

Another arrow shows that the absolute value of the difference  $l - l_0$  also contributes to the spring potential energy  $U_s$ .

Graphically present quantities

Title of first section:  $U_s$ - $l$  plot

Plot  $U_s$  on the vertical axis and  $l$  on the horizontal axis. At a positive value of  $l$  on the horizontal axis an appreciable distance away from the vertical axis, draw a tickmark labeled  $l_0$ . Draw an upwards-opening parabola with its vertex on the horizontal axis at  $l = l_0$ . Use a solid line style for the portion of the graph near the vertex. For regions of the graph far to the left and far to the right of the vertex, make the line style dashed. All portions of the graph near the vertical  $U_s$  axis and to the left of that vertical axis should be made to be dashed, if they aren't already. Write a caption that reads, “Unrealistic” in a box with arrows pointing from this caption to the dashed portions of the graph.

Title of second section: Spring potential energy bar chart

Plot  $E$  on the vertical axis. Draw a tickmark labeled 0. At the height of this tickmark, draw a horizontal segment to the right, labeled underneath as  $U_s$ . From and extending upward from this labeled segment, draw a shaded rectangular bar.

Mathematical relationship

$U_s = \frac{1}{2} k (l - l_0)^2$