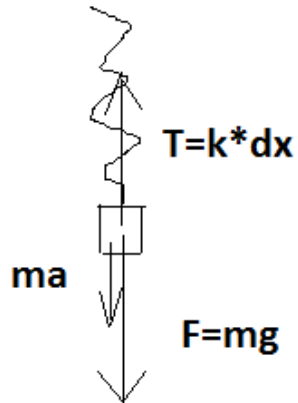


conservation of energy

a mass m is being lifted upward by means of a vertical spring of force constant k , with a uniform upward acceleration ' a '. If at the instant its velocity is $v = \sqrt{\frac{3m}{k}}$

the upper end of the spring is suddenly brought to rest, calculate the max. extension in the spring.



$dx = x_2 - x_1$ where x_1 - length of spring in the rest and x_2 - length at this moment.

$kdx = ma + mg$ - when mass m is lifting up and $kdx + ma = mg$ when mass m is going down.

The tension $T = kdx$ would be max when dx would be the greatest. this means that x_2 should be as far from x_1 as it is possible. SO we will look at the lowest point of string. At that point (and at the moment when tension would be the greatest) $a = 0$

Then $T = kdx = mg$

So ans: $T(\max) = mg$