Practice Problem Set #7

- Ropes used in rock climbing are "springy" so that they cushion a fall. A particular rope exerts a force F = -kx + bx², where k = 322 N/m, b = 2.10 N/m², and x is the stretch. Find the potential energy stored in this rope when it's been stretch 2.32 m, taking U = 0 at x = 0.
- A spring with k = 120 N/m is at the base of a curved ramp. A block with m = 40g is placed against the spring, which is compressed 10cm. When the block is released, how high up the ramp does it rise? Neglect friction.



3. A firefighter directs a stream of water against the window of a burning building, hoping to break the window so that water can get to the fire. The hose delivers water at a rate of 40 kg/s, and the water hits the window moving horizontally at 25 m/s. After hitting the window, the water drops vertically. What horizontal force does the water exert on the window?