

Dynamics of Potentials and Force Fields (Ch. 7 and Ch. 8 of Unit 1)

(From Lect 4.) A lesson in geometry of fractions and fractals: Ford Circles and Farey Sums
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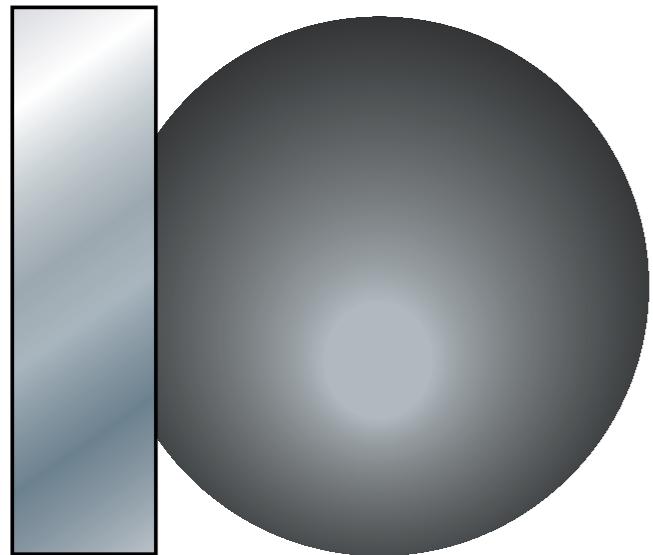
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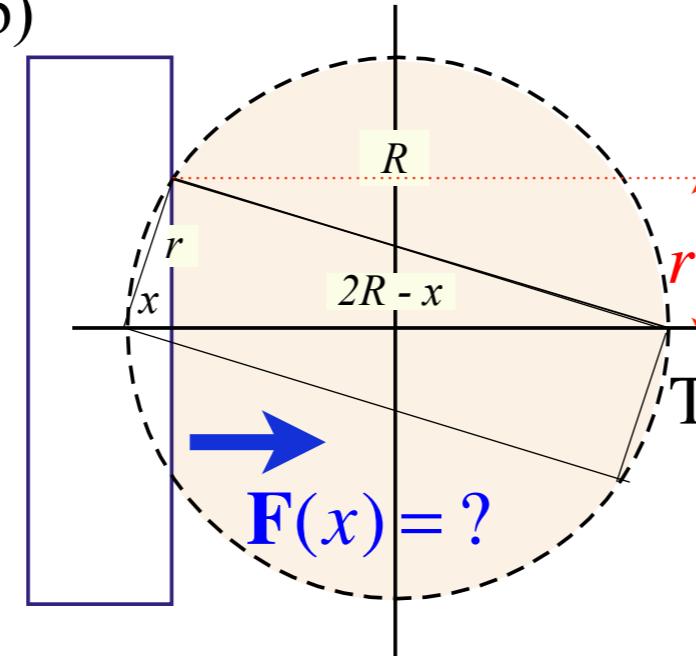
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Fig. 7.1
(modified)

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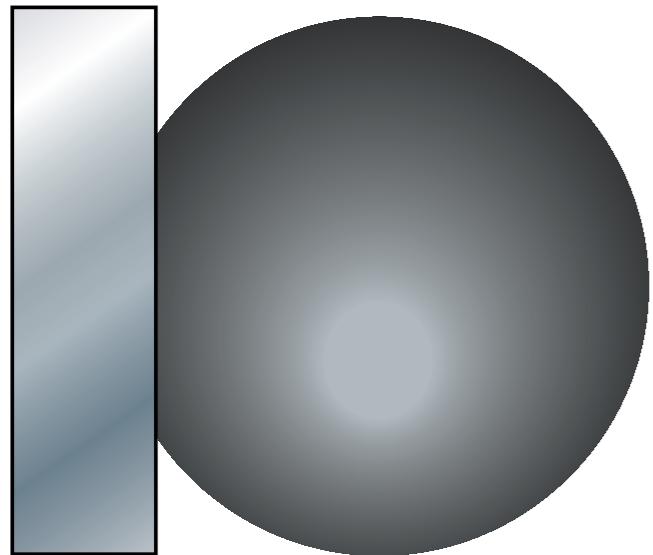
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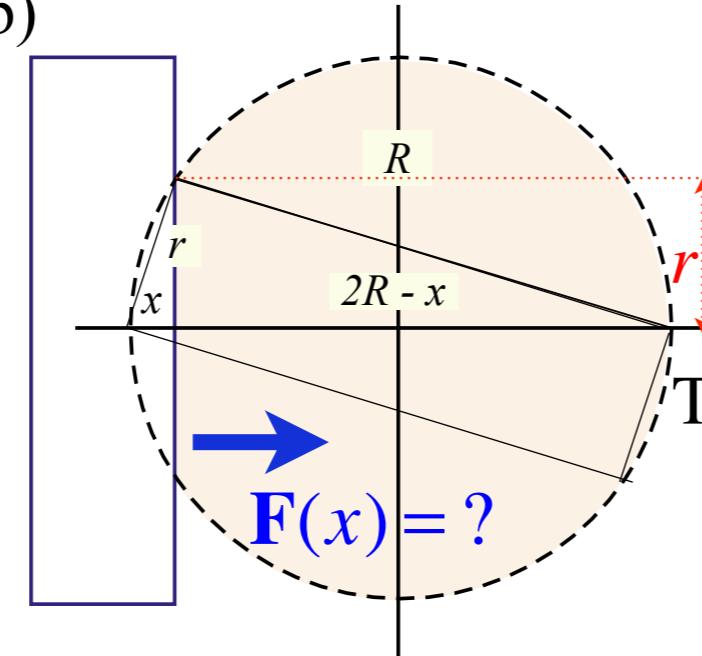
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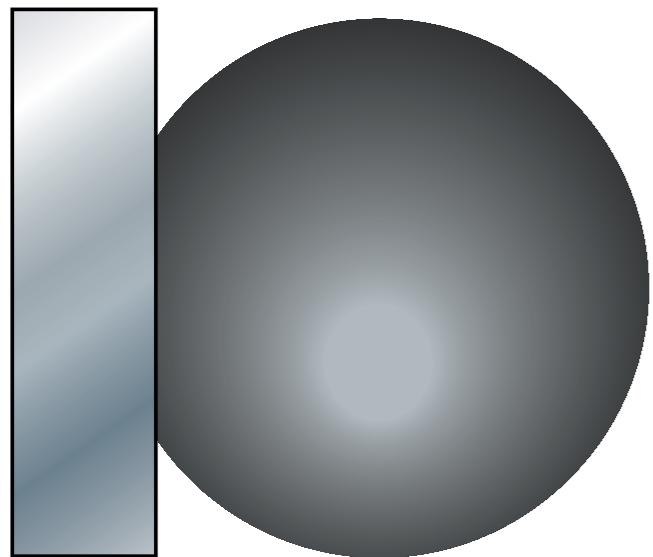
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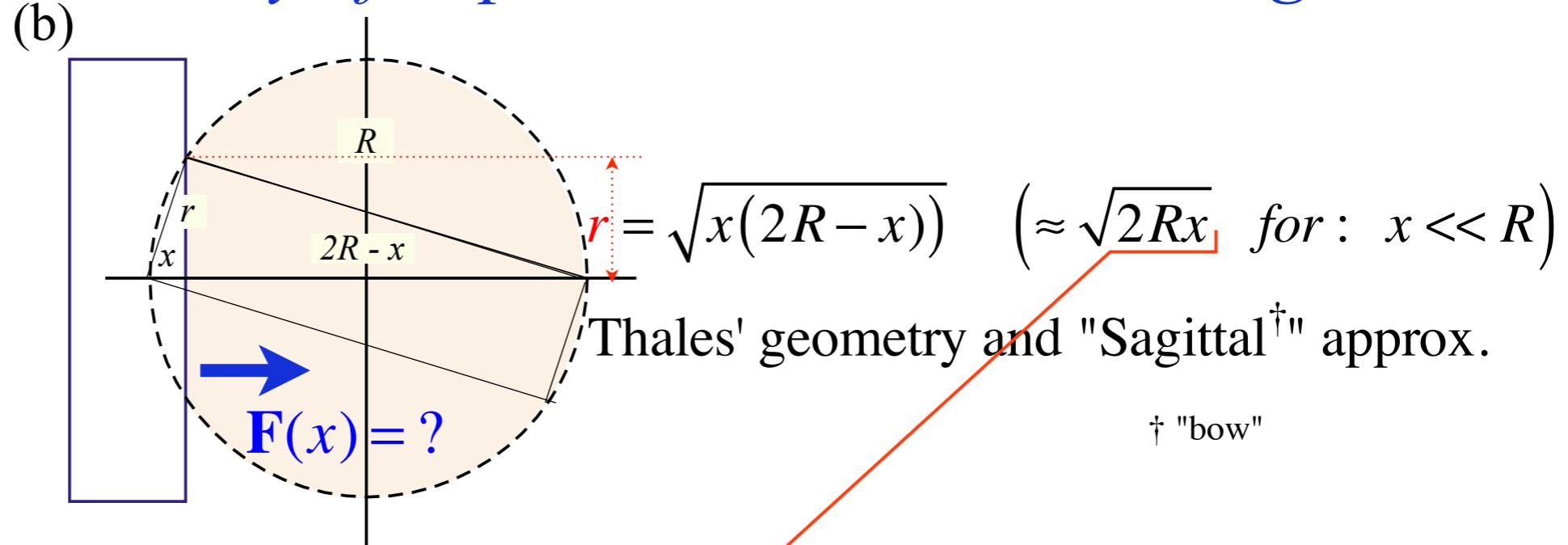
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Instead superball force law depends on bulk *volume* modulus and is non-linear $F \sim x^p? + ?$ (Power Law?)

$$\text{Volume}(X) = \int_0^X \pi r^2 dx = \int_0^X \pi x(2R-x) dx = \int_0^X 2R\pi x dx - \int_0^X \pi x^2 dx = R\pi X^2 - \frac{\pi X^3}{3} \approx \begin{cases} R\pi X^2 & (\text{for } X \ll R) \\ \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 & (\text{for } X = 2R) \end{cases}$$

It also depends on velocity $\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$. Adiabatic differs from Isothermal as shown by “Project-Ball*”

* Am. J. Phys. 39, 656 (1971)

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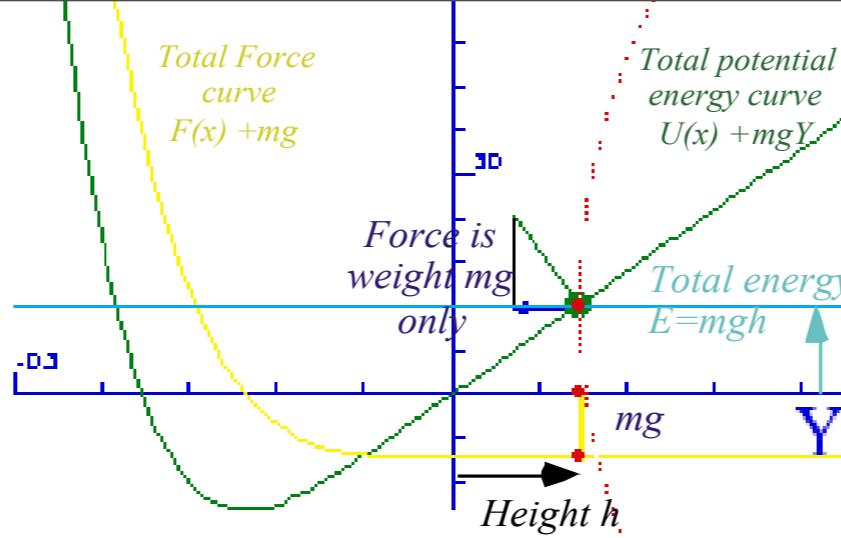
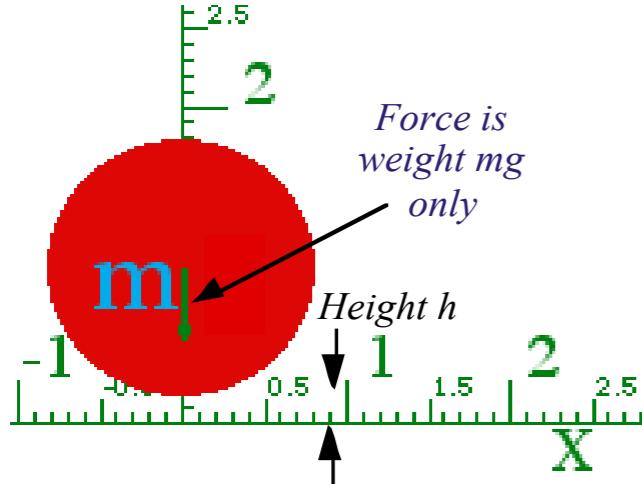
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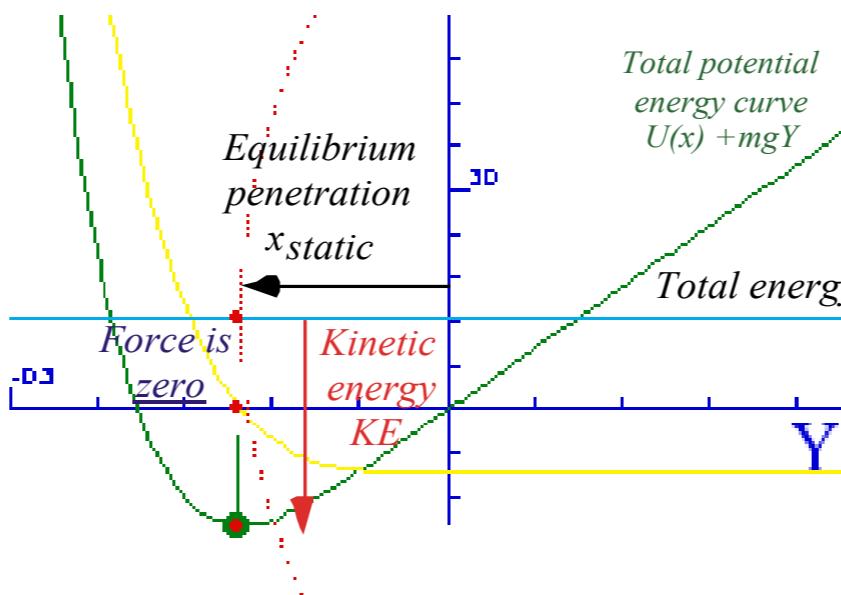
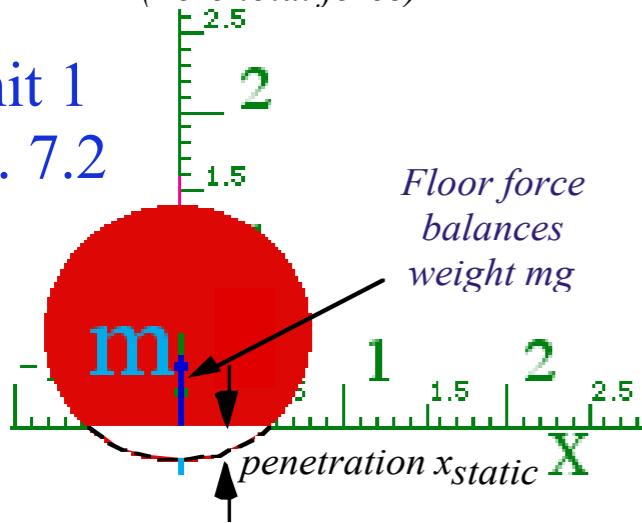
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(a) Drop height
(Zero kinetic energy)

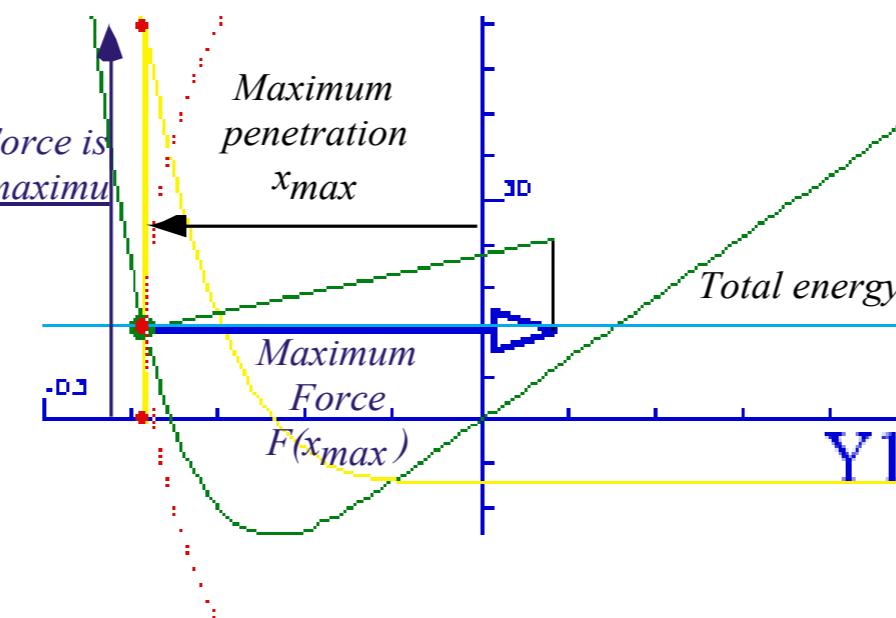
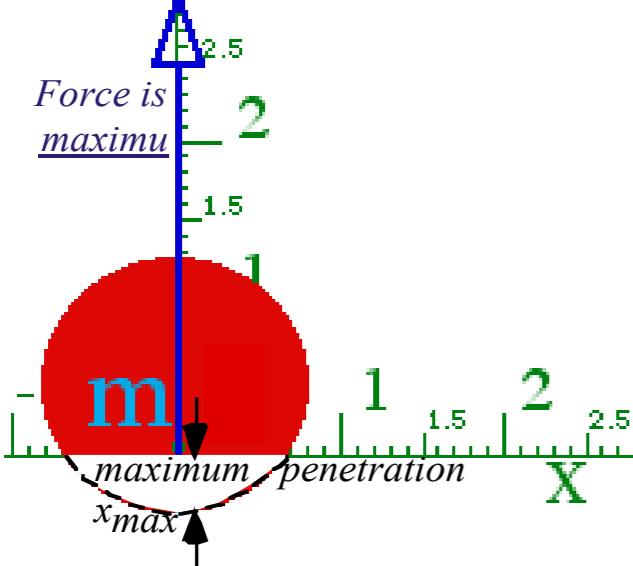


(b) Maximum kinetic energy

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Fig. 7.2



(c) Maximum penetration
(Zero kinetic energy again)



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- Collision friction (Viscosity) $\times 10^0$ {g}
Initial gap between balls $\times 10^{-1}$ {g}
Force power law exponent
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Canvas Aspect Ratio - W/H i.e. 0.75 & 1.0

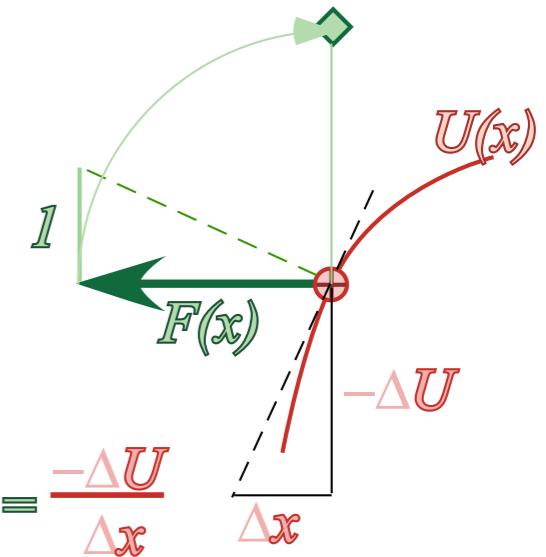
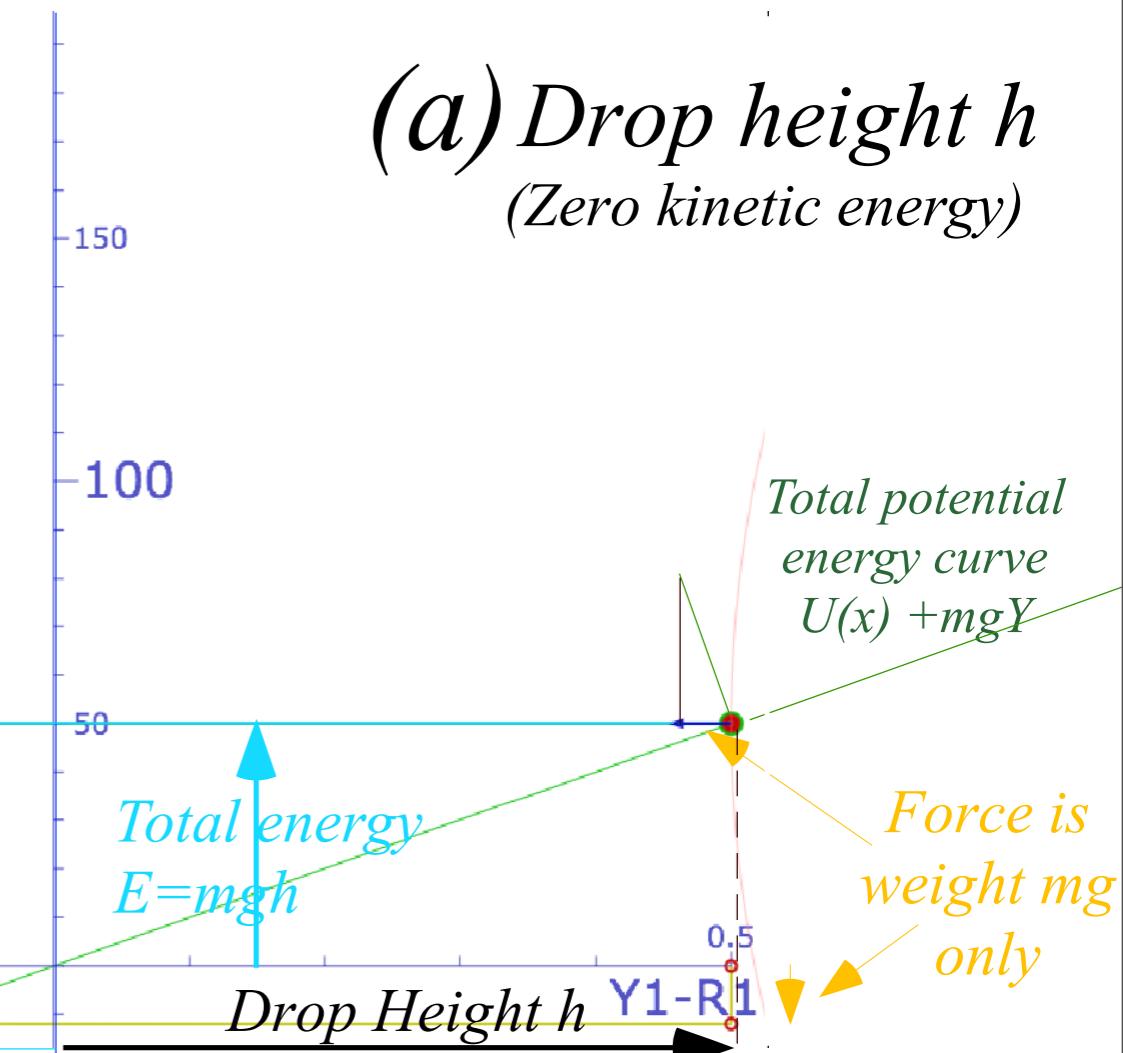
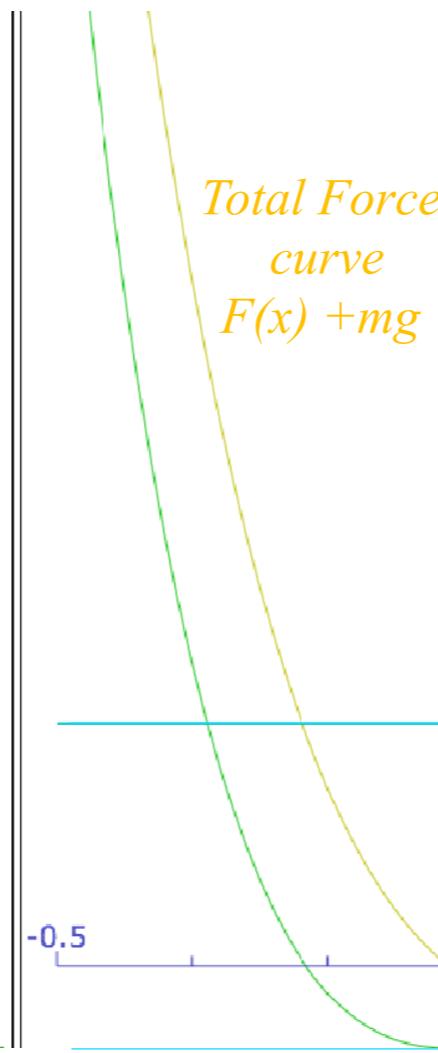
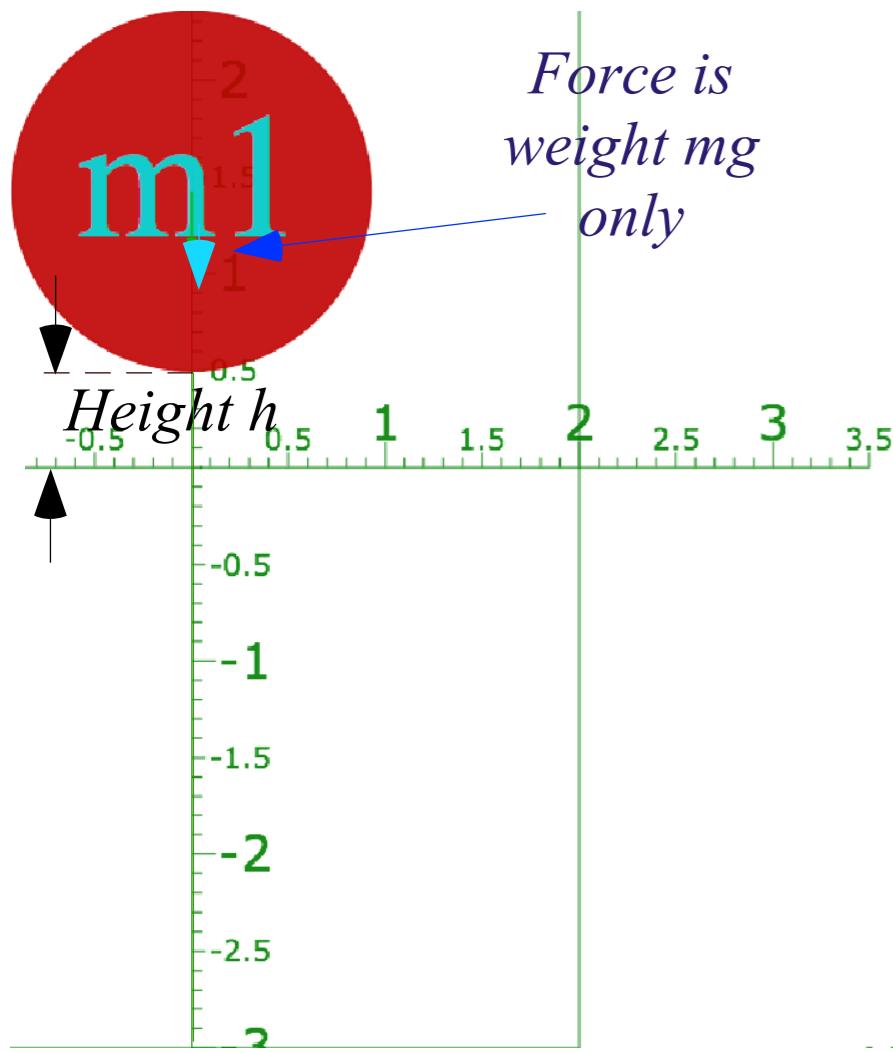
- Initial x1 = y Max =
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$m_1 = \text{ } \times 10^1$ {g} $V_{10} = \text{ } \times 10^0$ {cm/s}

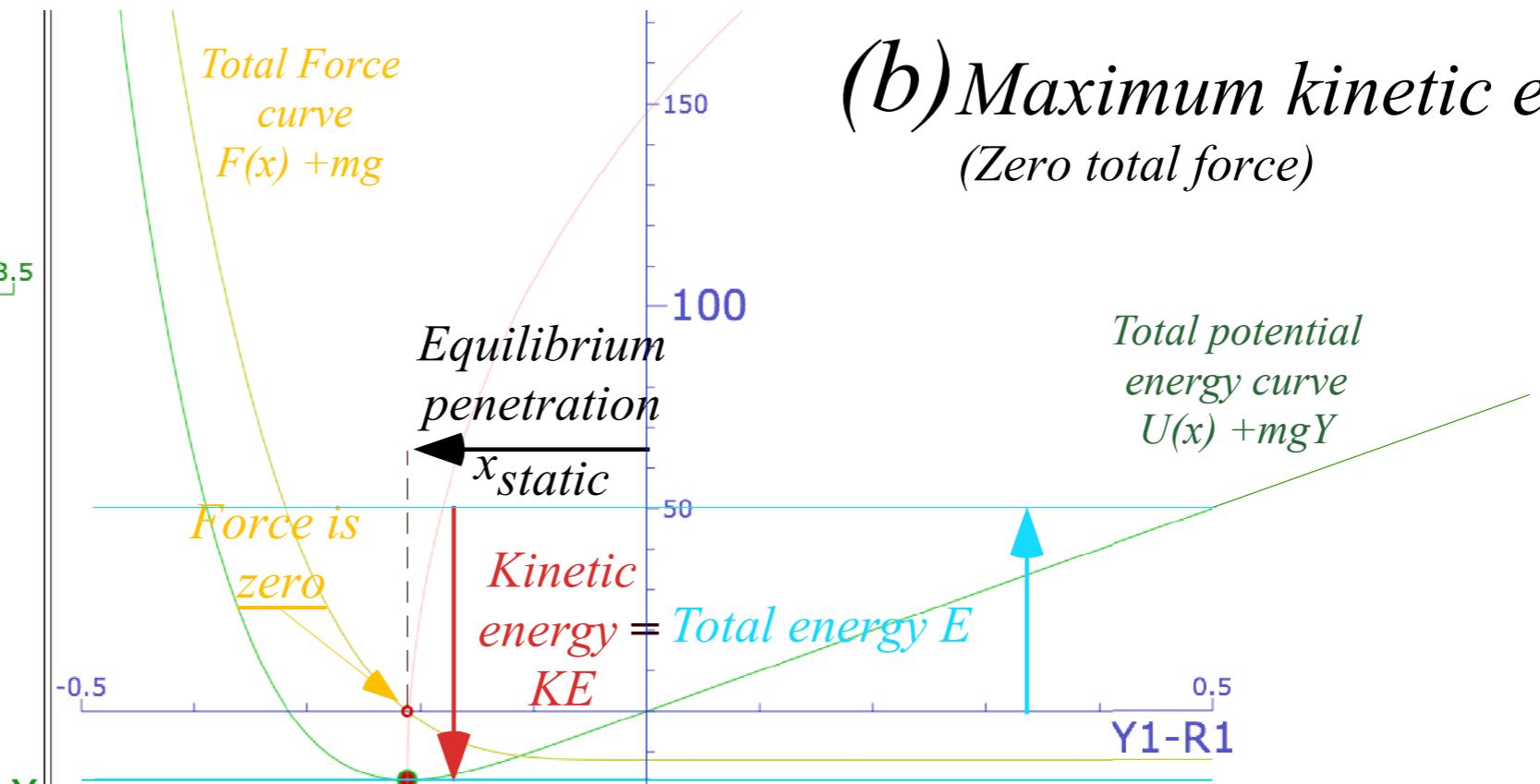
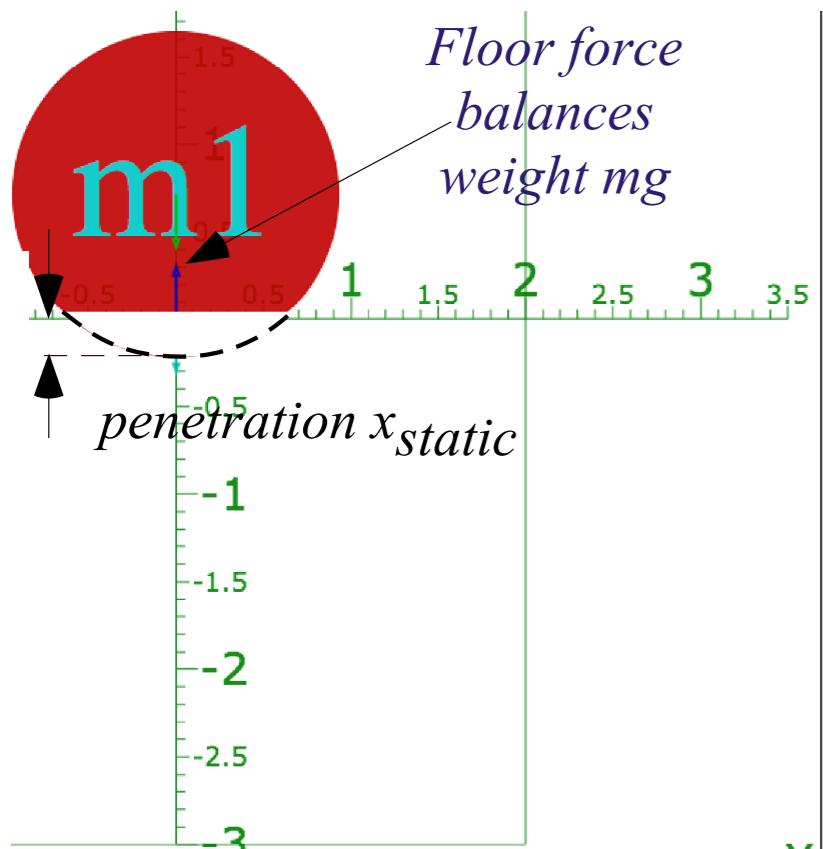
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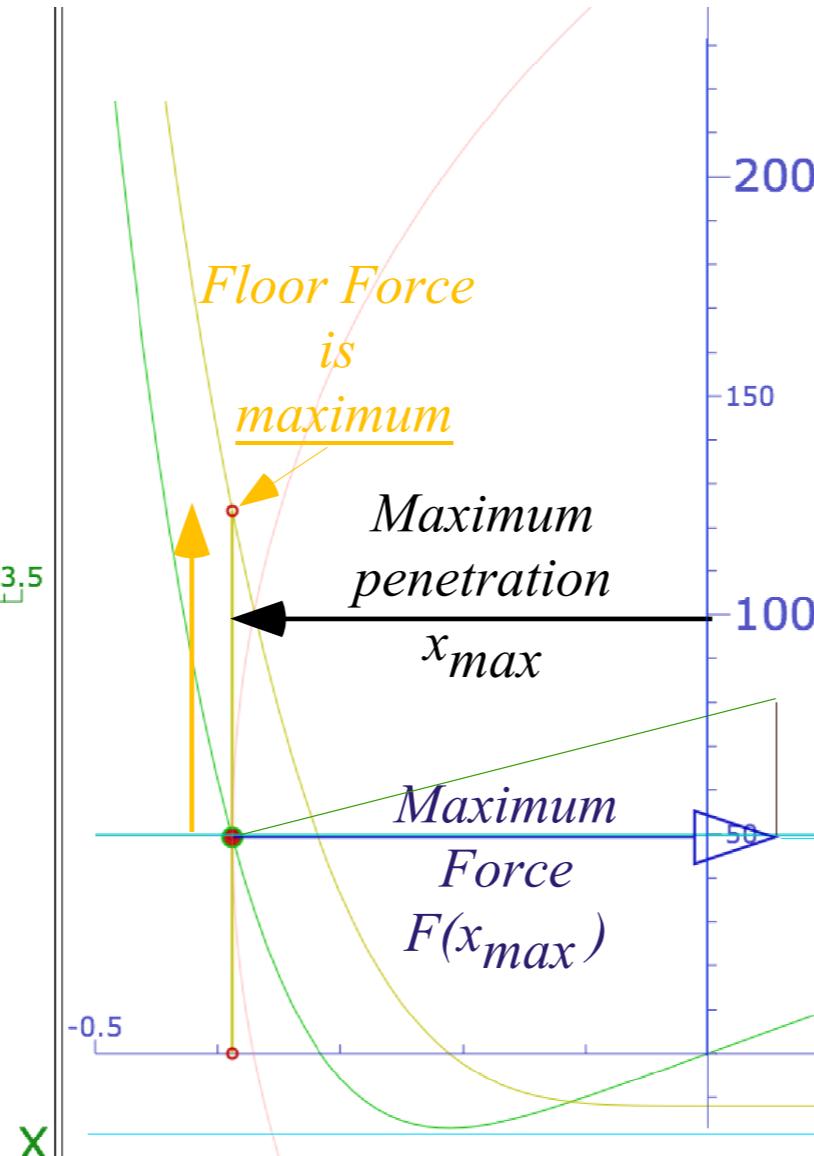
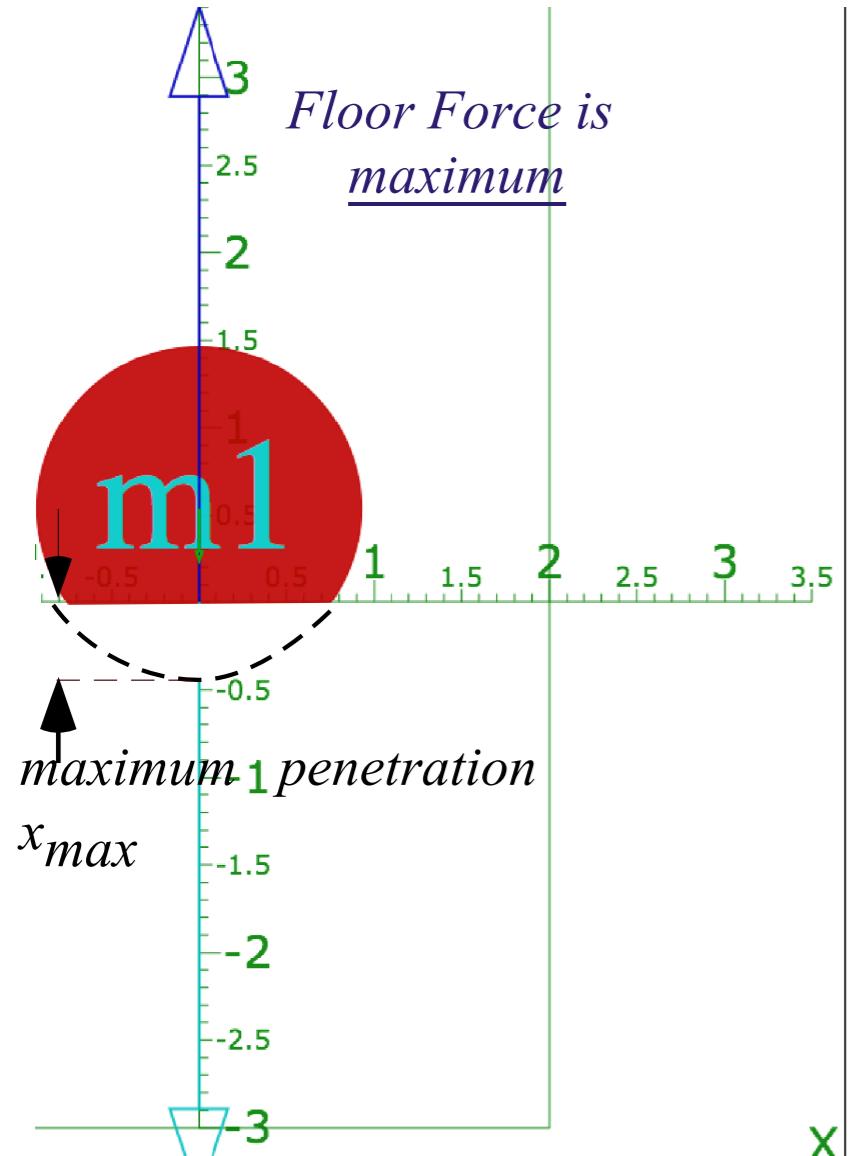
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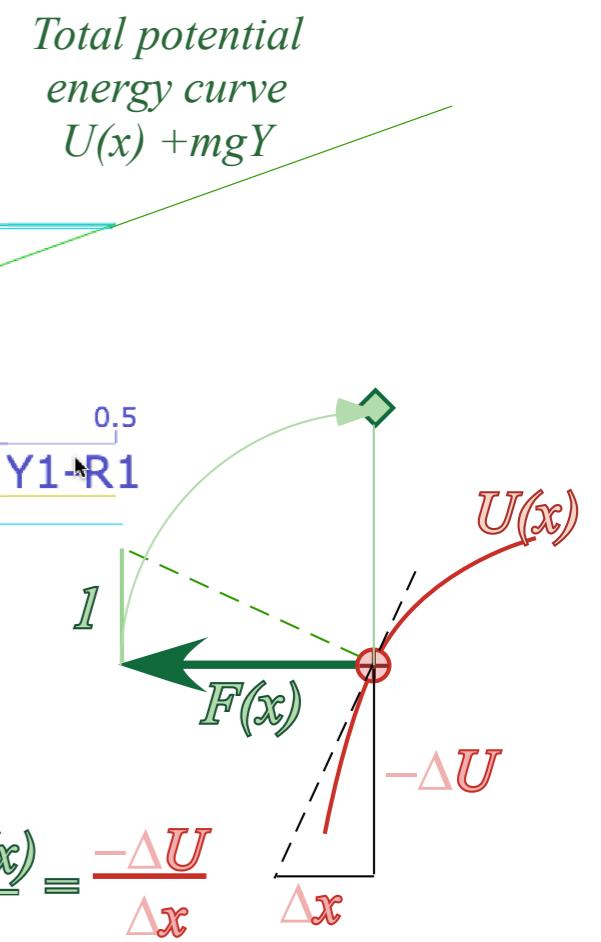


Display of Force vector using similar triangle construction based on the slope of potential curve.

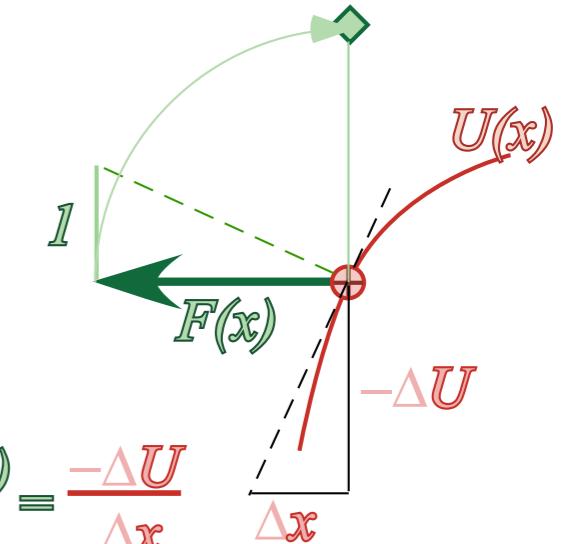
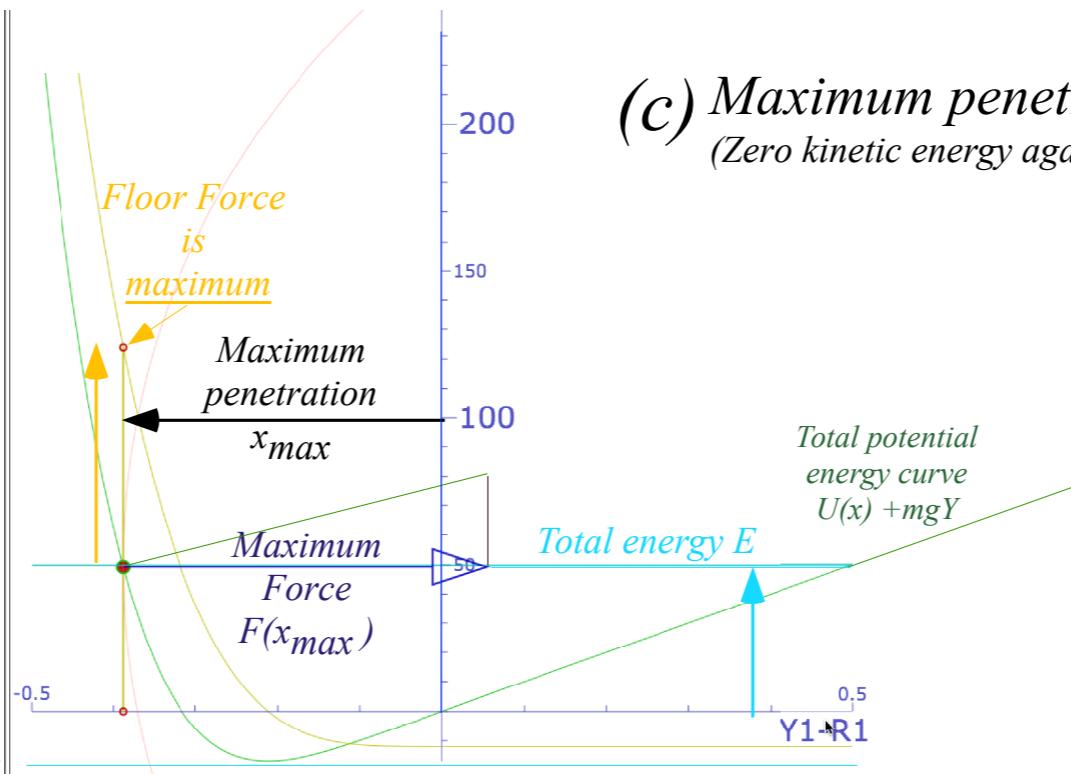
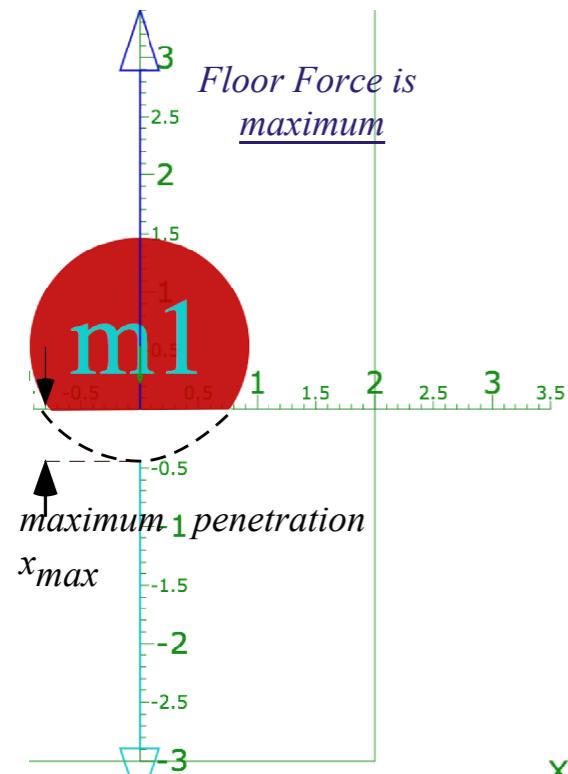
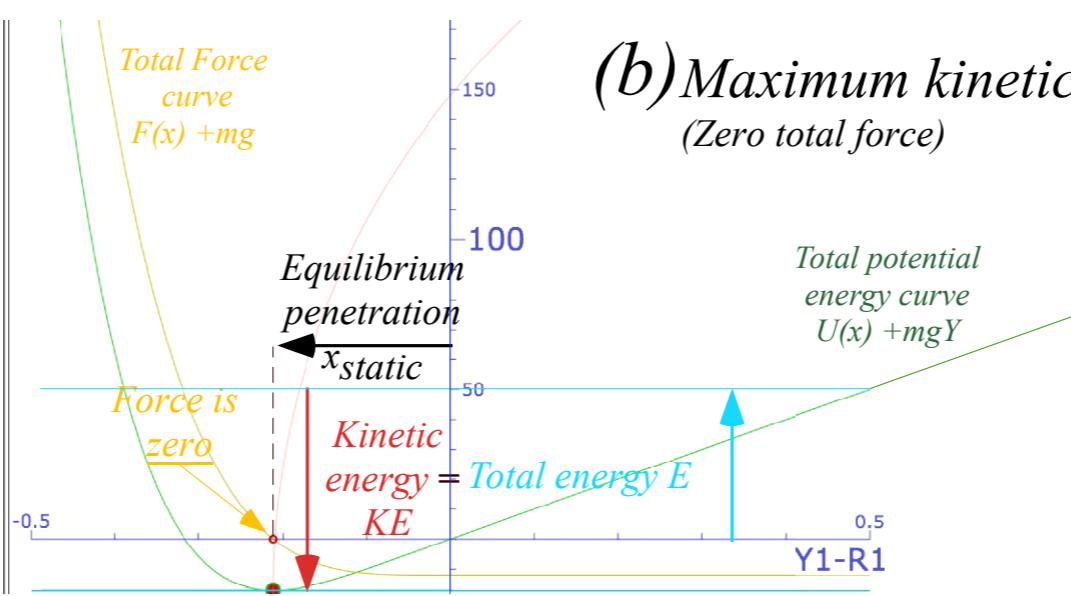
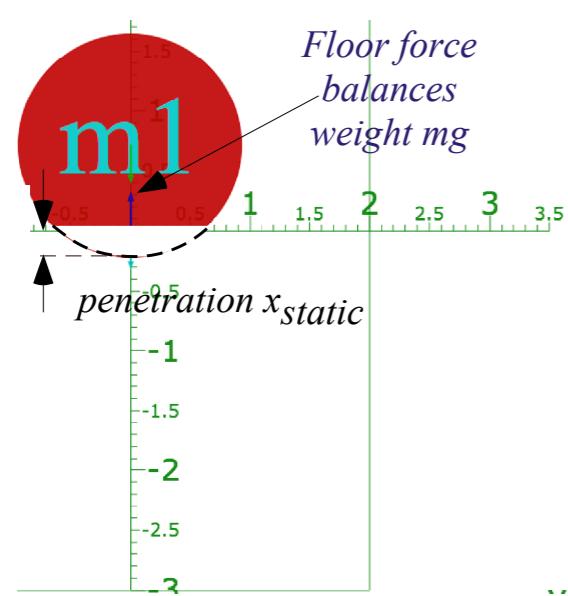
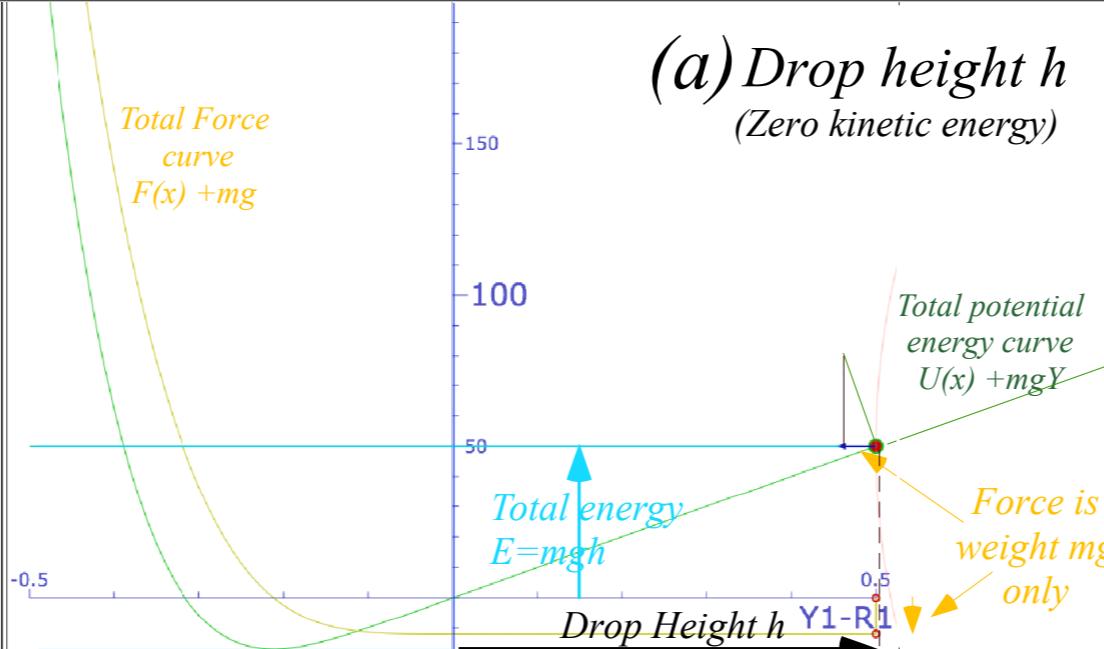
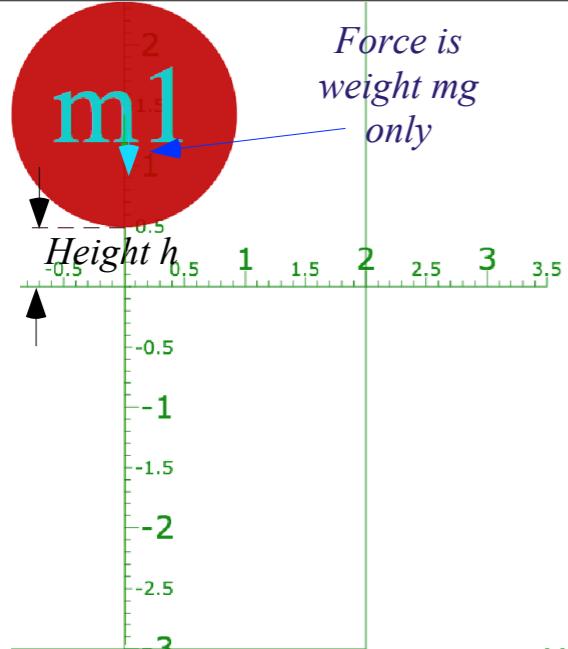




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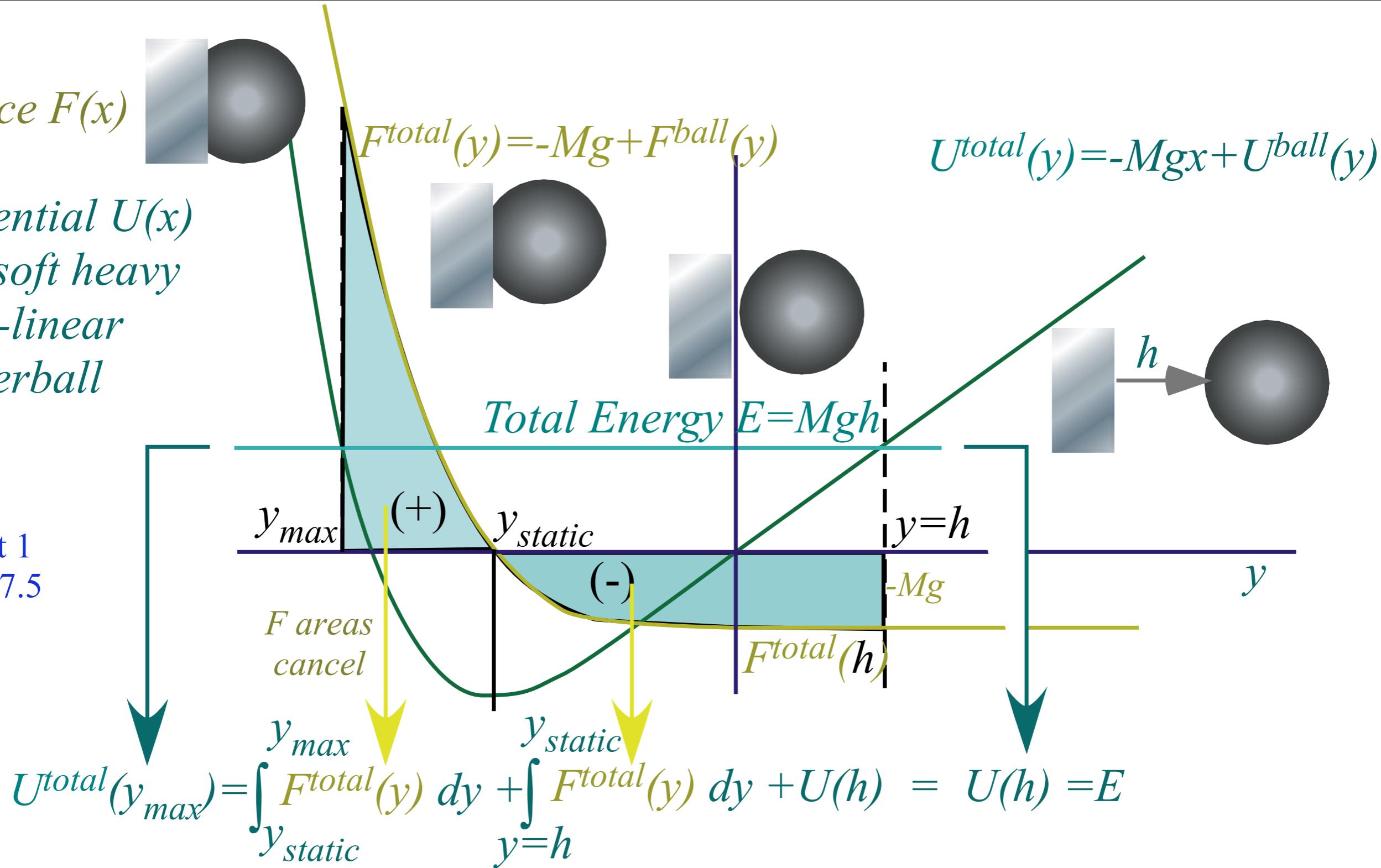


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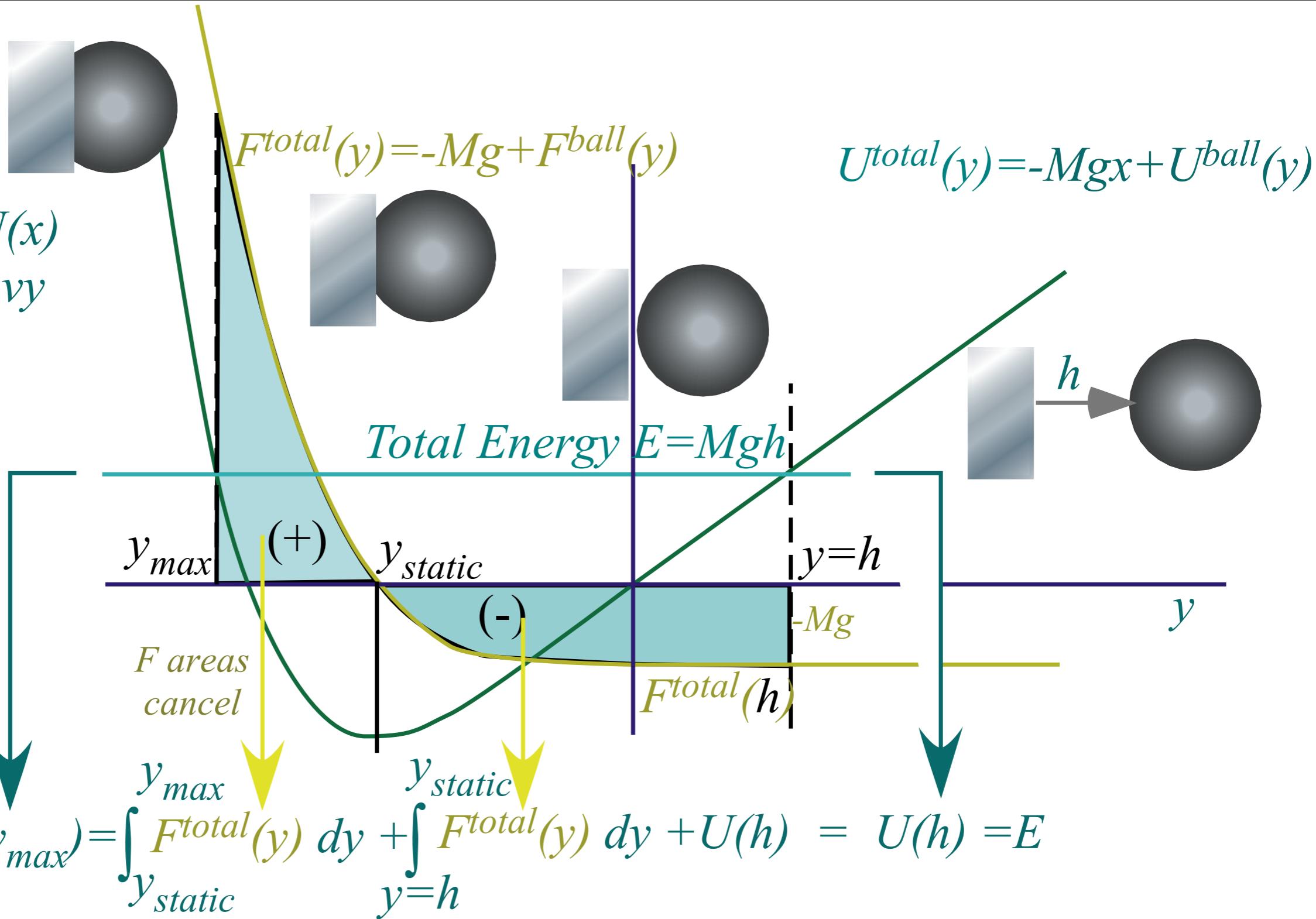
Force $F(x)$ and Potential U for soft head non-linear superball



$$U^{total}(y_{max}) = \int_{y_{static}} F^{total}(y) dy + \int_{y=h} F^{total}(y) dy + U(h) = U(h) = E$$

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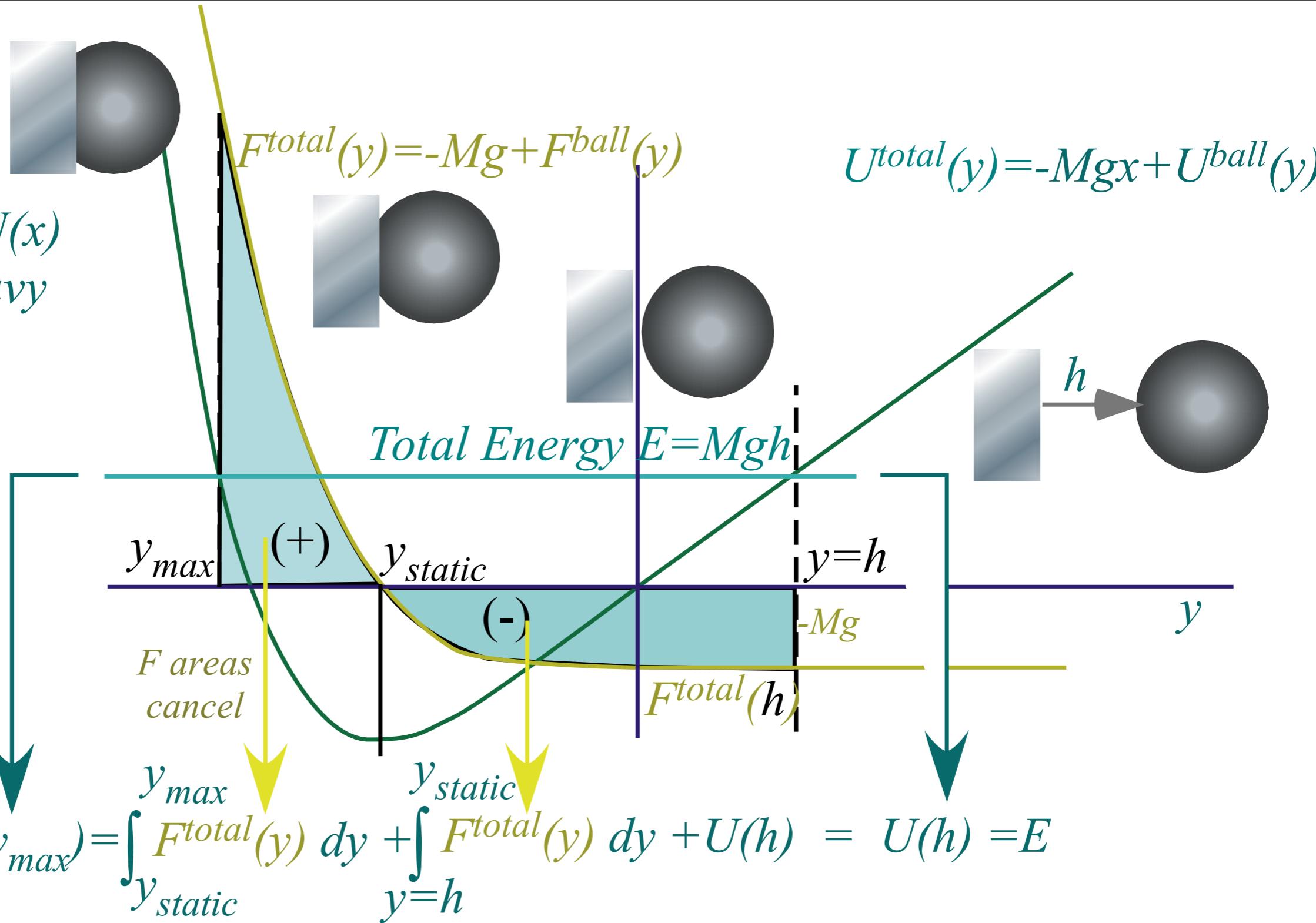


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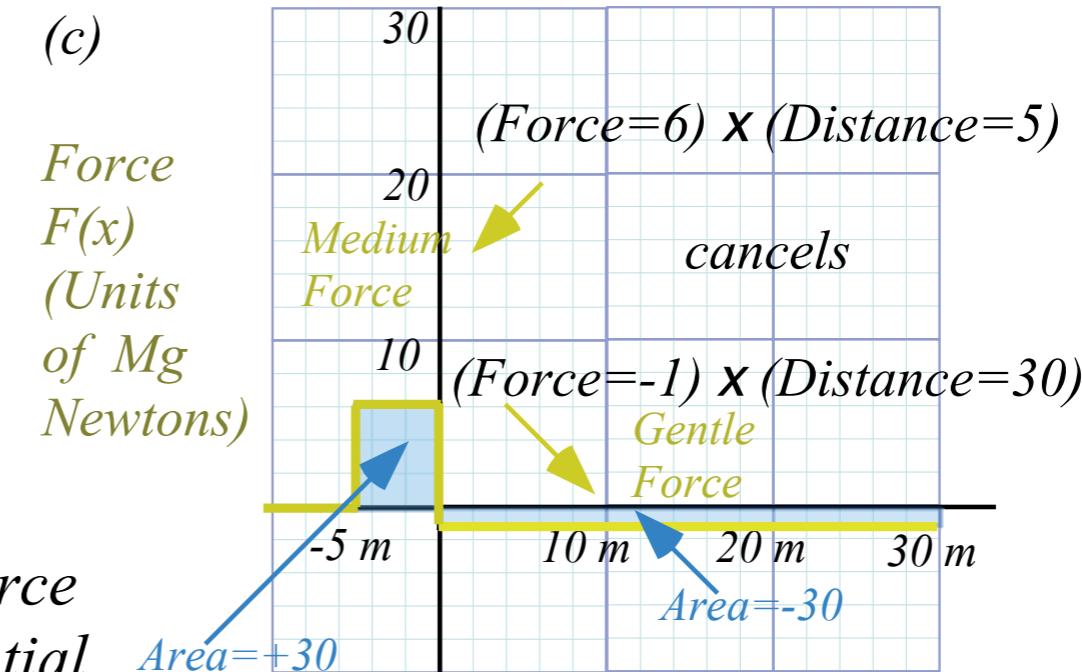
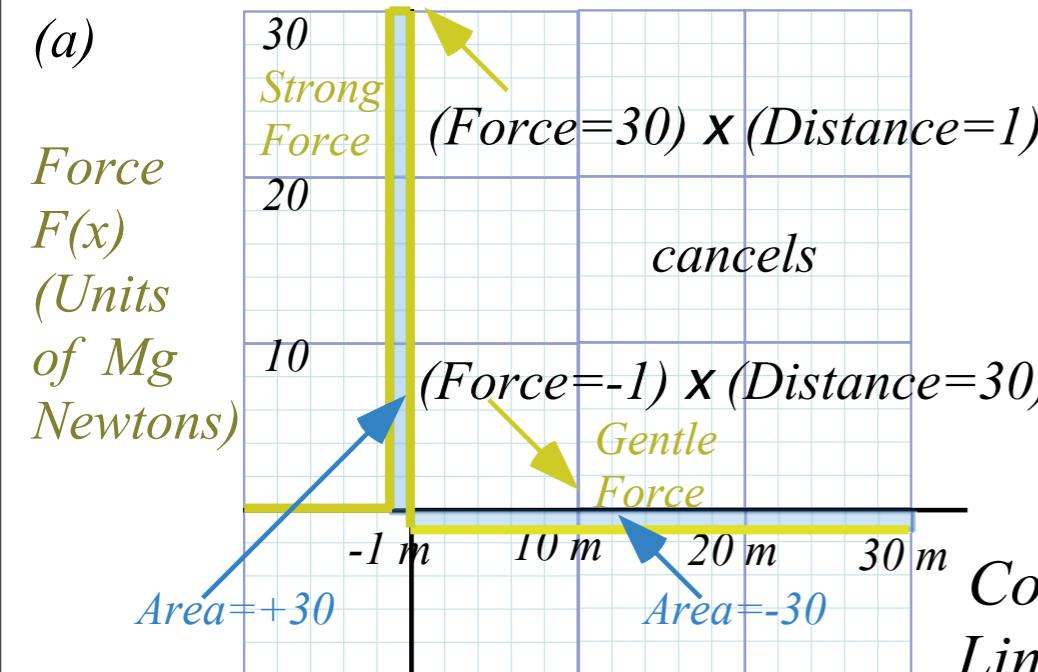
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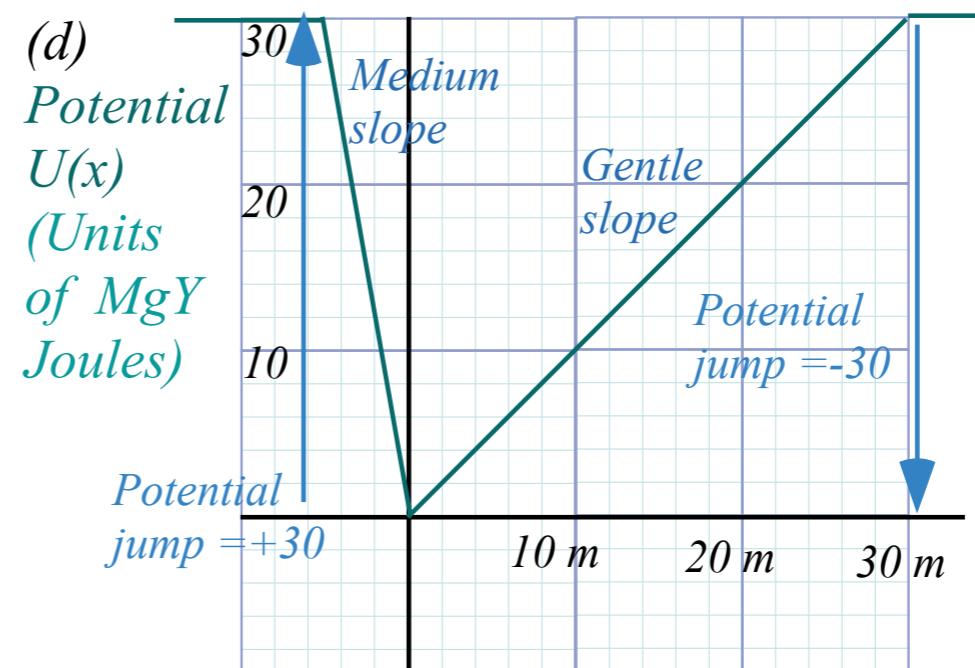
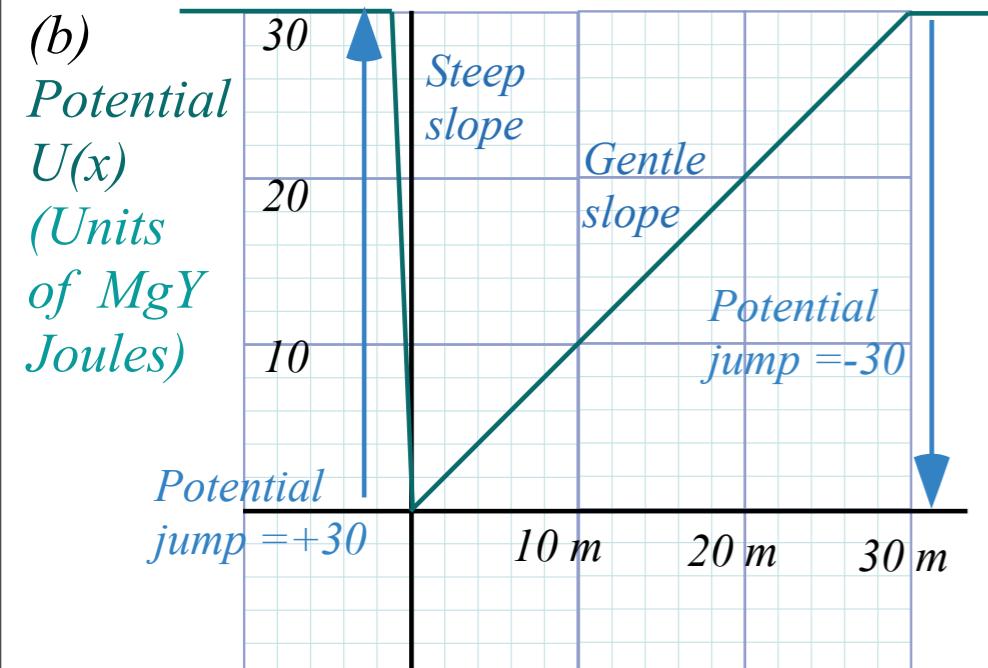
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Fig. 7.3



Constant Force Linear Potential

Models:

$$F(x) = k, \quad U(x) = -kx$$



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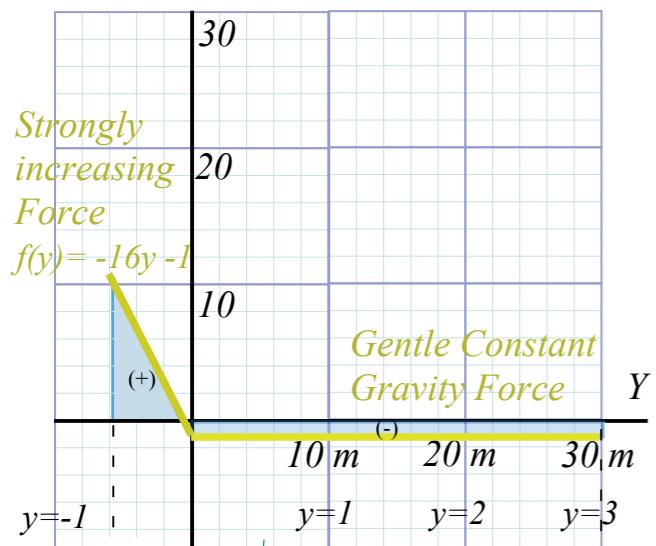
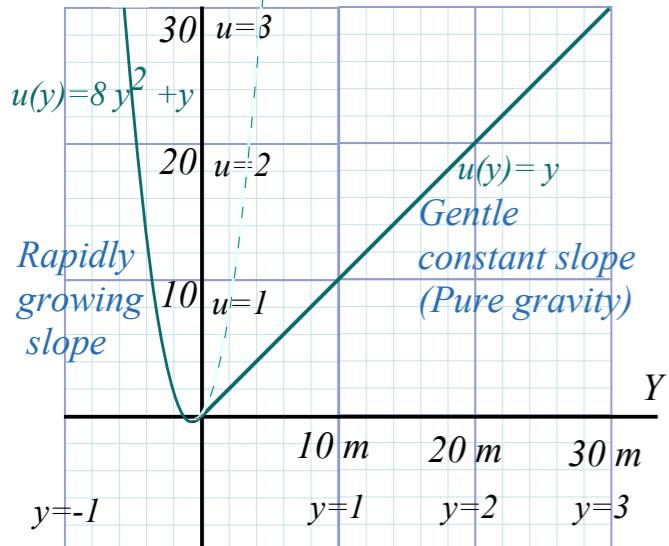
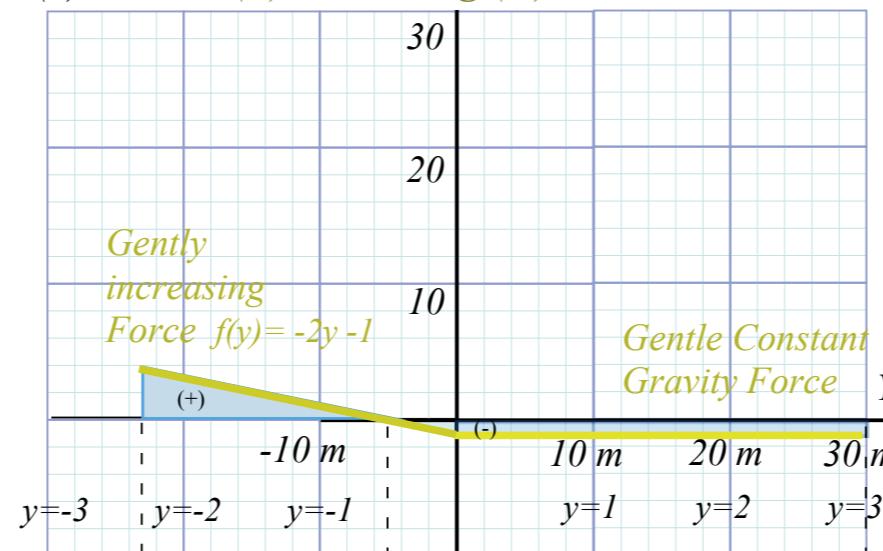
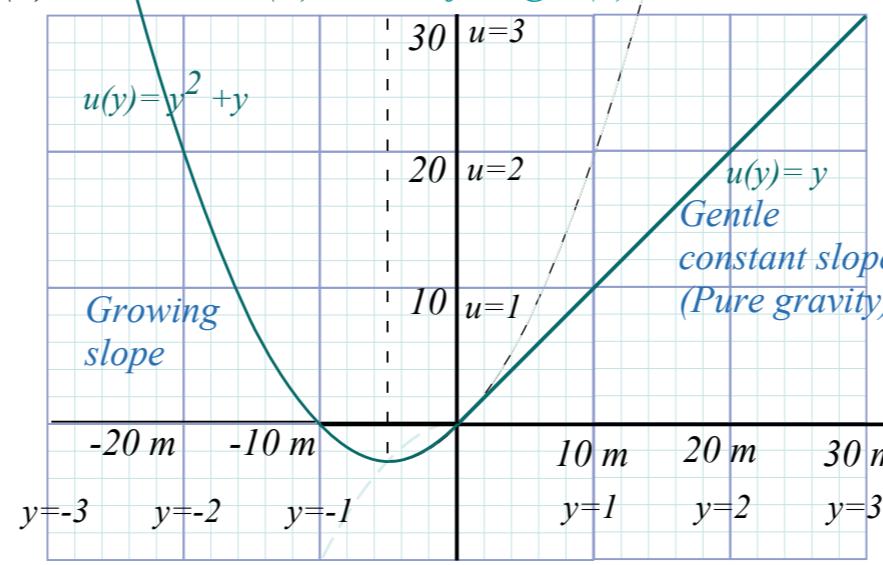
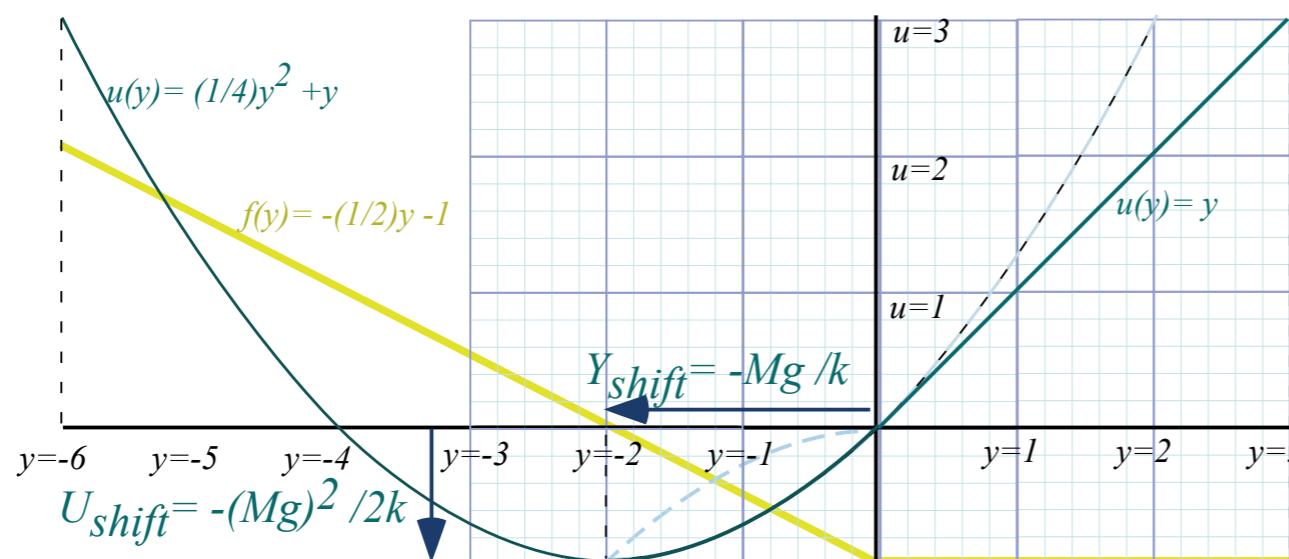
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(a) Force $F(Y)$ Units Mg (N)(b) Potential $U(Y)$ Units of MgY (J)(c) Force $F(Y)$ Units Mg (N)(d) Potential $U(Y)$ Units of MgY (J)(e) Geometry of Linear Force with Constant Mg and Quadratic Potential

$$F^{Total} = F^{grav} + F^{target} = \begin{cases} -Mg & (y \geq 0) \\ -Mg - ky & (y < 0) \end{cases}$$

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Collision friction (Viscosity)

0 x10[^] 0 {g}

Initial gap between balls

5.45 x10[^] -1 {g}

Force power law exponent

1

Force Constant

500

Canvas Aspect Ratio - W/H i.e. 0.75 & 1.0

0.75

Initial x1 = 0.5 y Max = 7

Max x PE plot = 0.5 y Min = 0 T Max = 6

F-Vector scale = 0.003 V2y Max = 3

Error step = 0.000 V2y Min = -2

m1= 1 x10[^] 2 {g} V1₀= 0 x10[^] 0 {cm/s}

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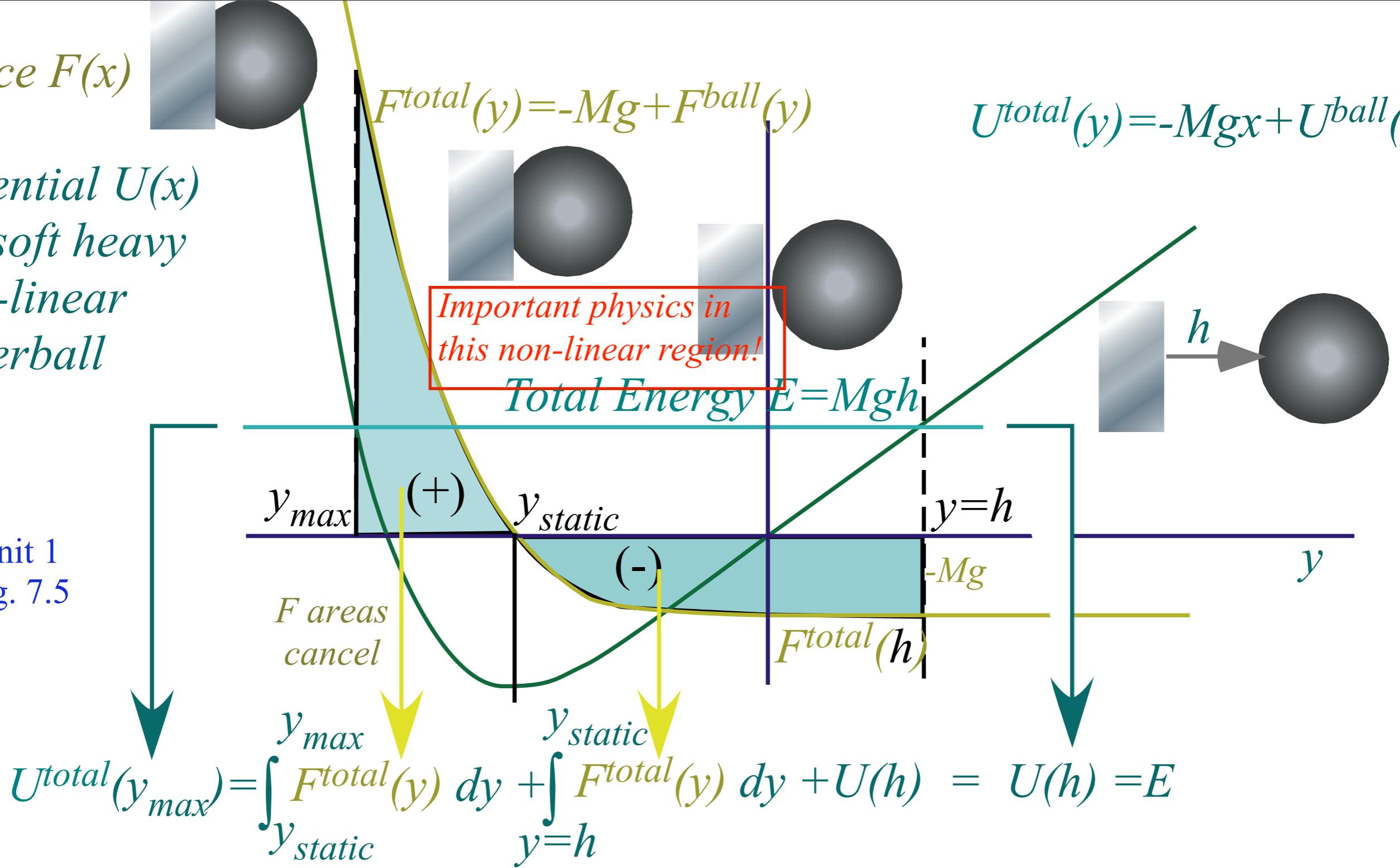
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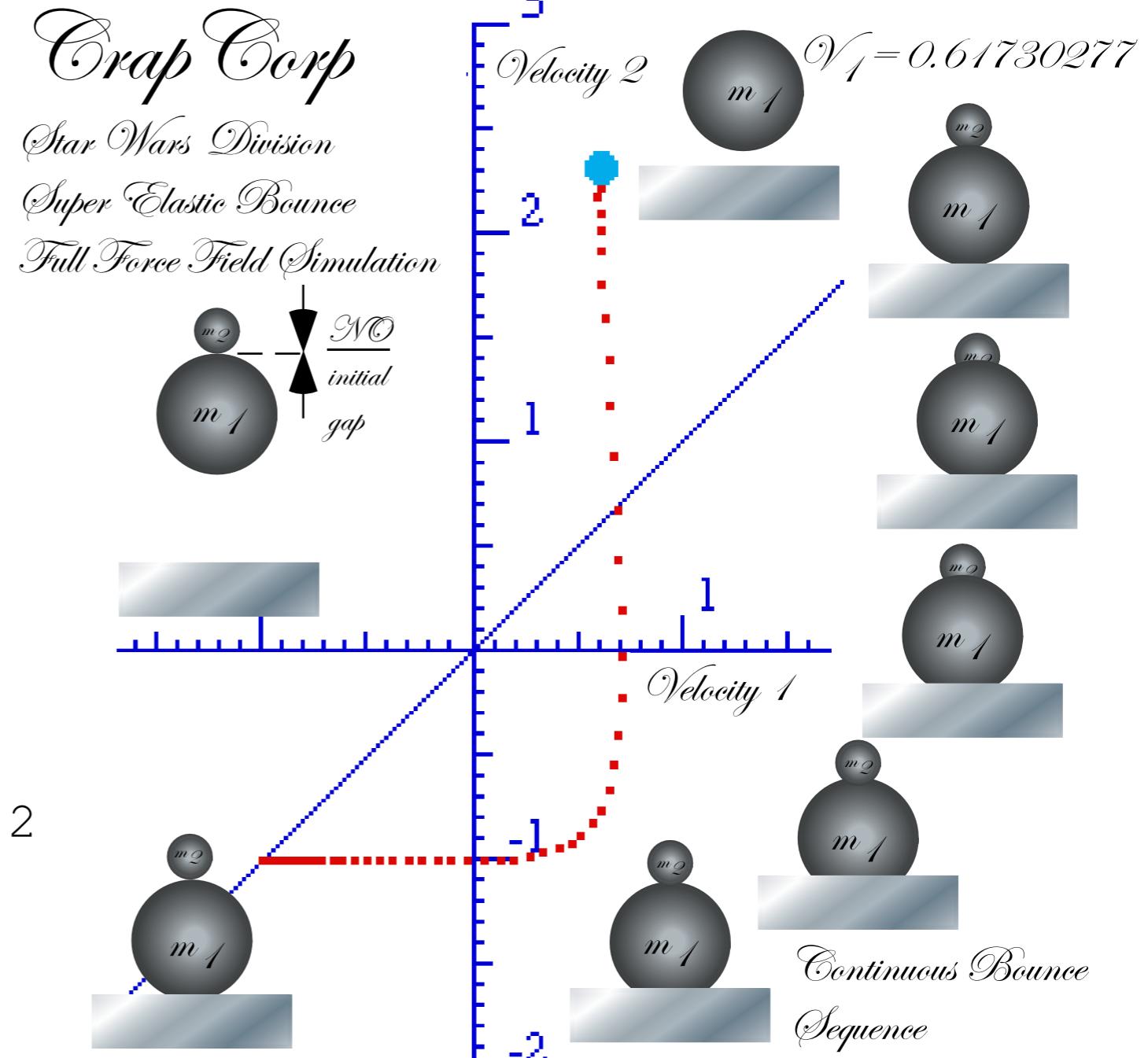
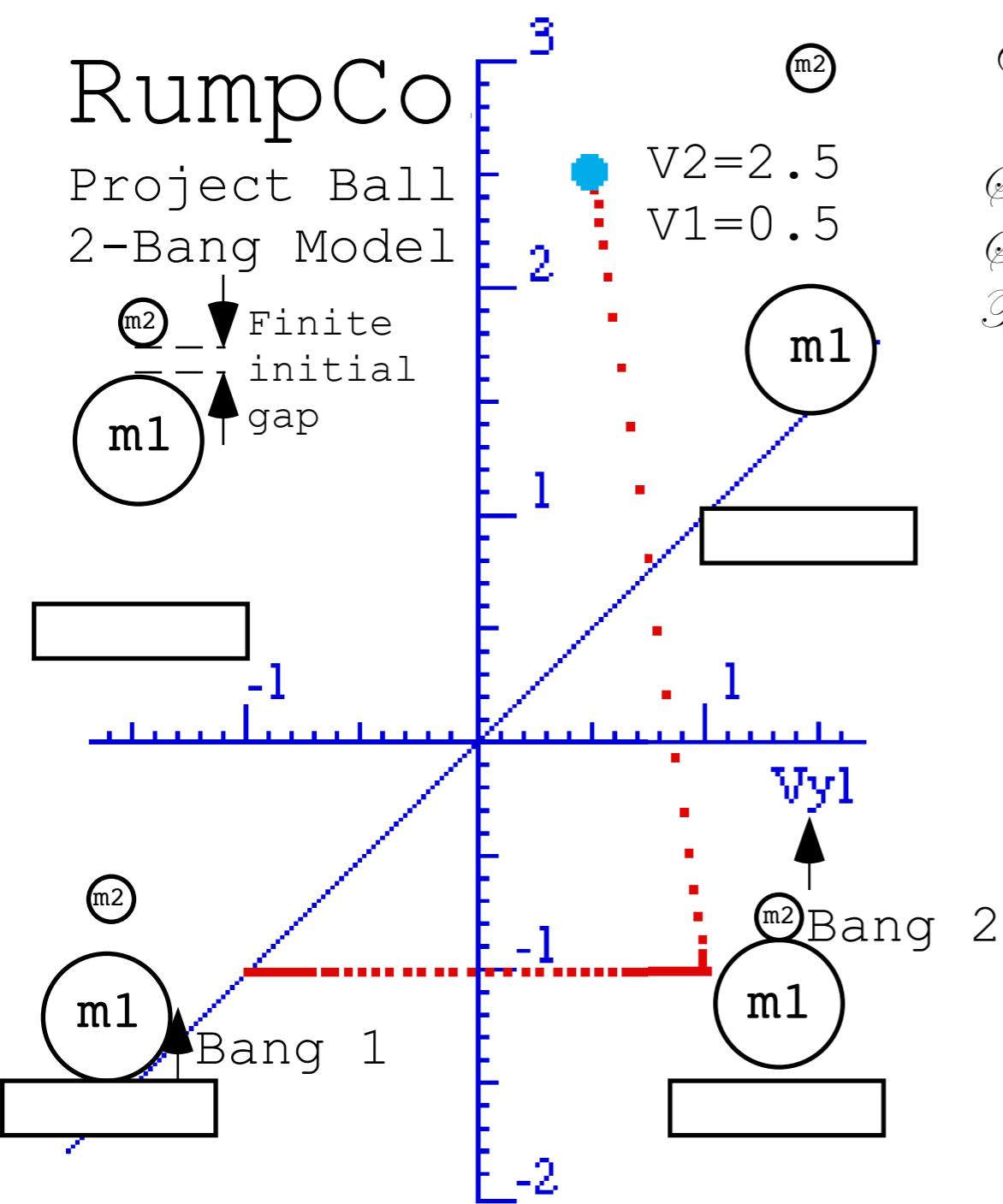
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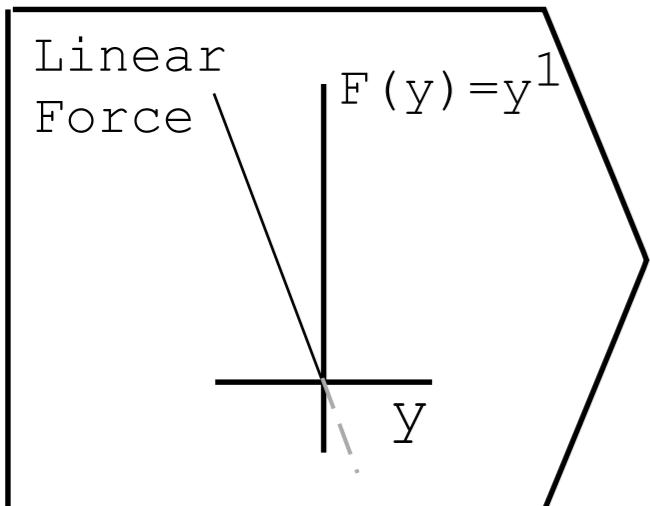
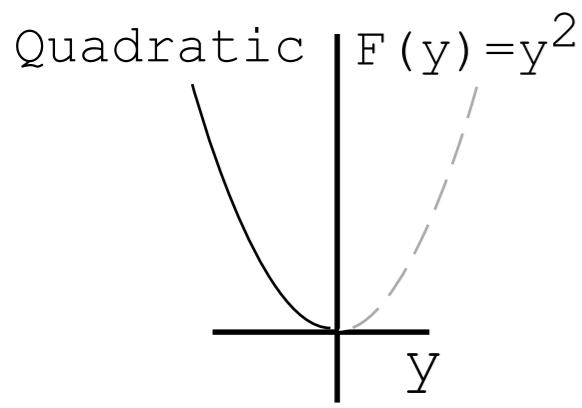
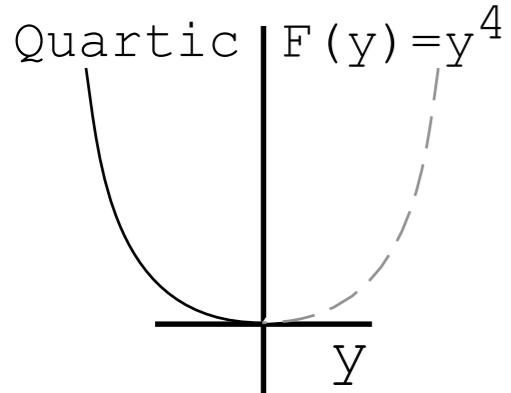
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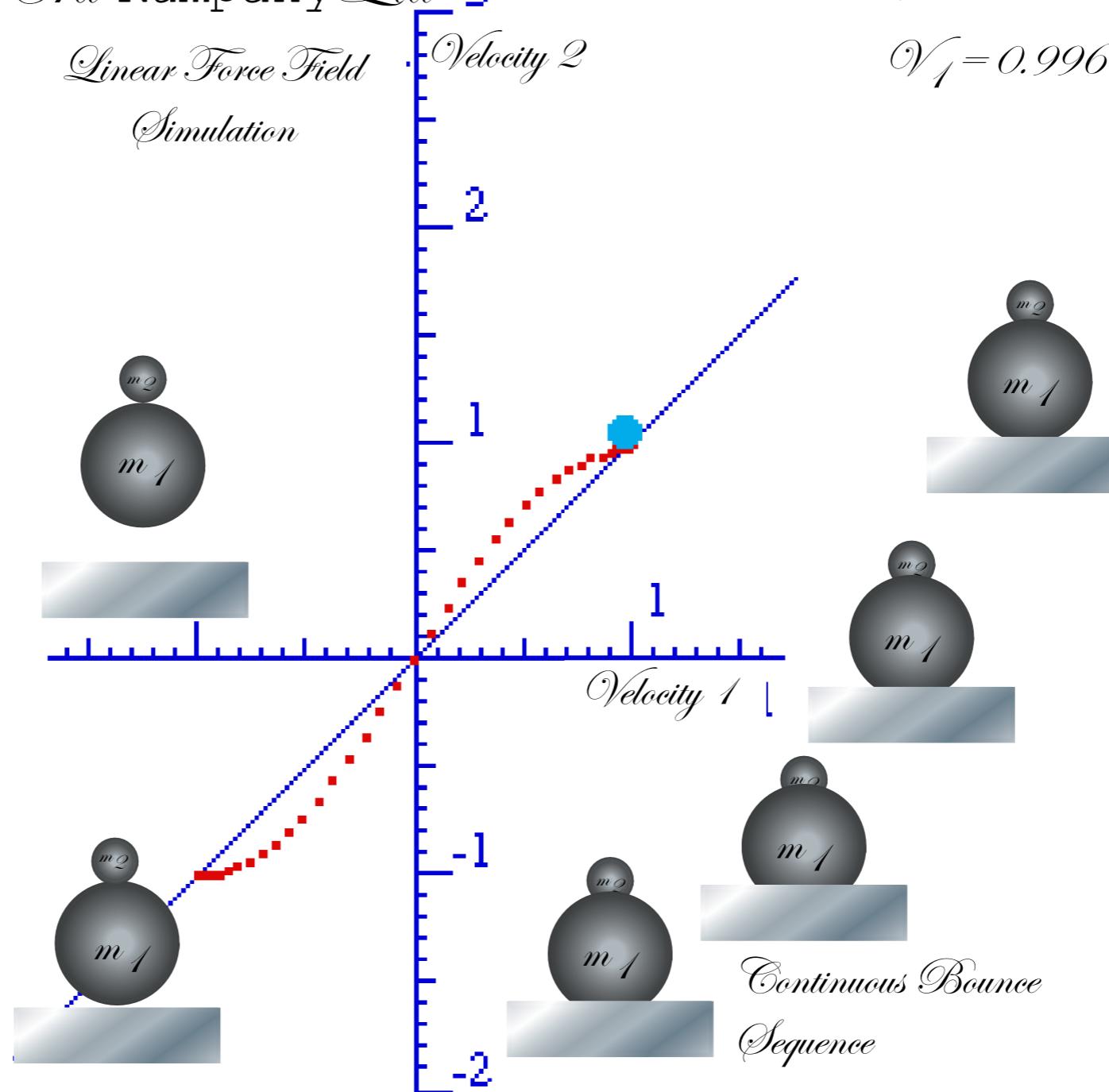


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Linear Force Field
Simulation



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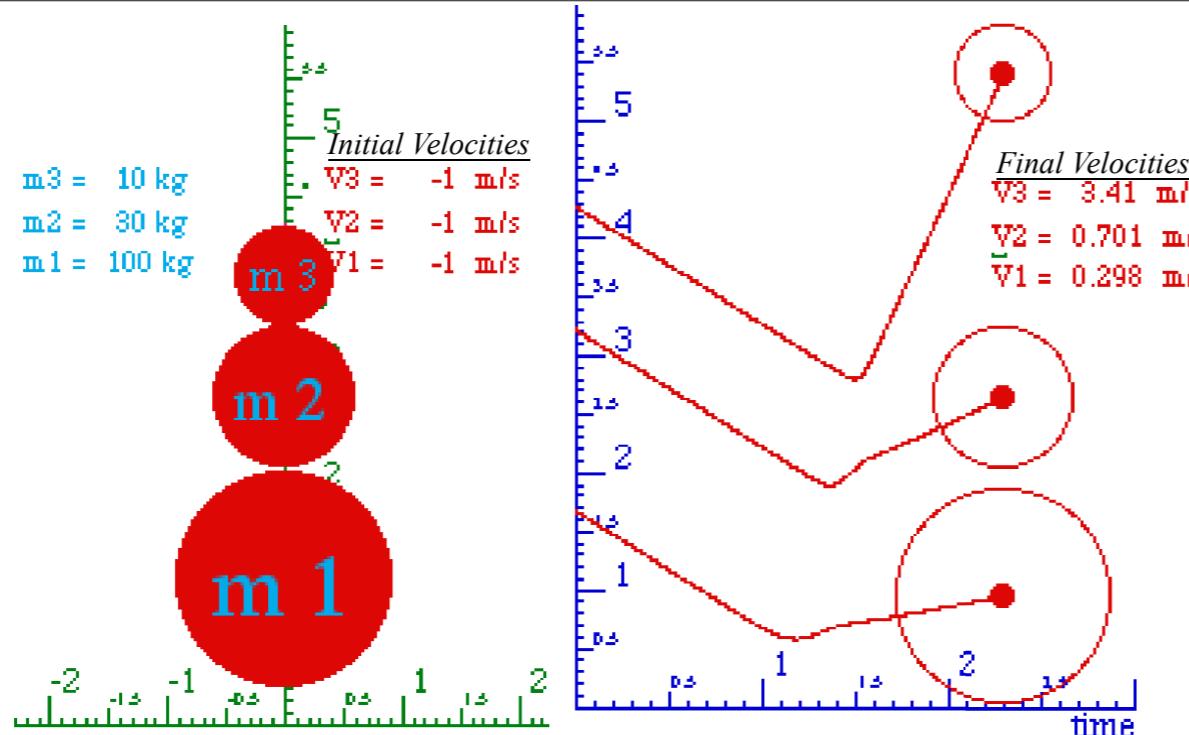
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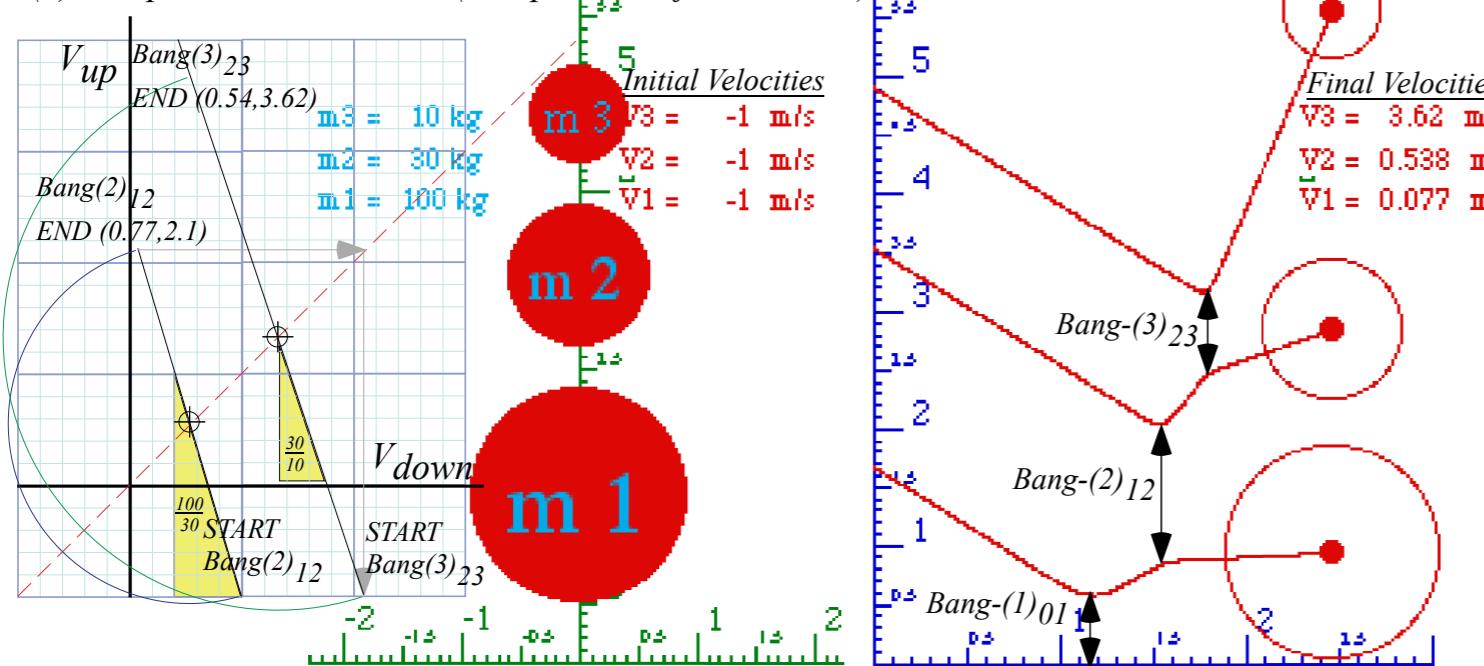
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Independent Bang Model
(IBM)
3-Body Geometry

(a) Quartic Force

$$F(y) = k y^4$$

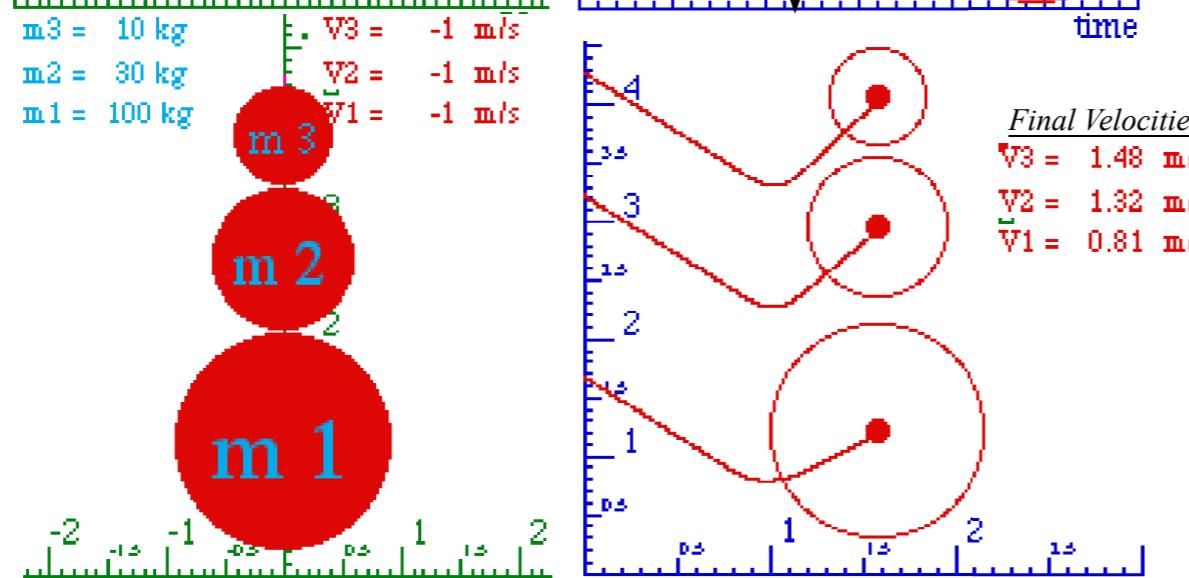


(b) Independent Collisions (Independent of Force Law)



(c) Linear Force

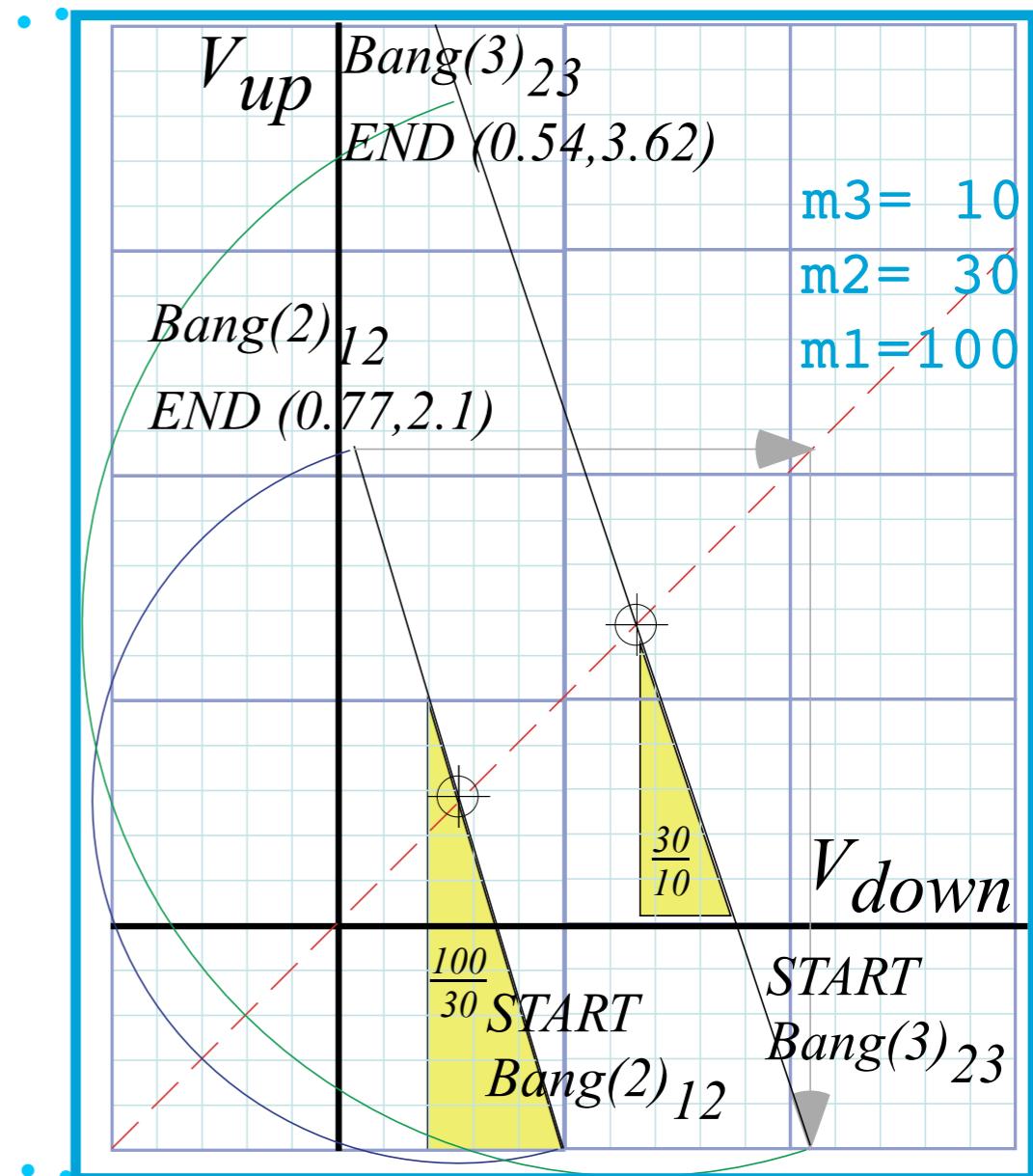
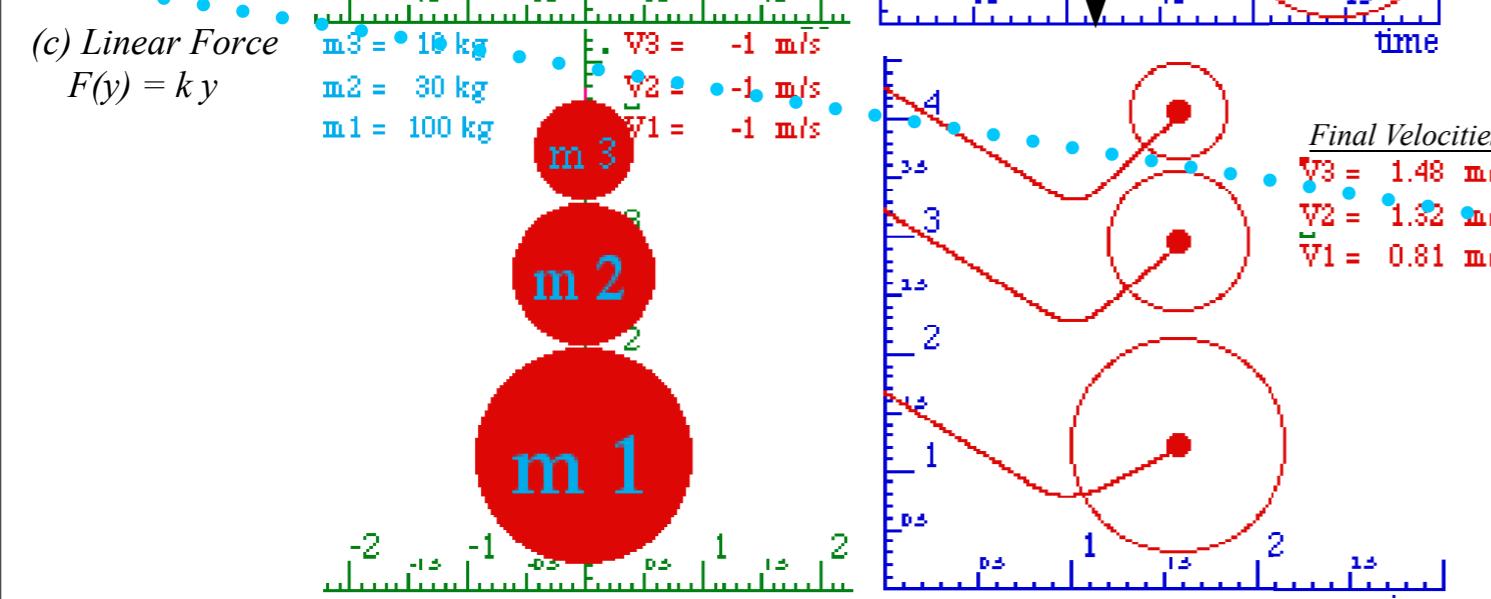
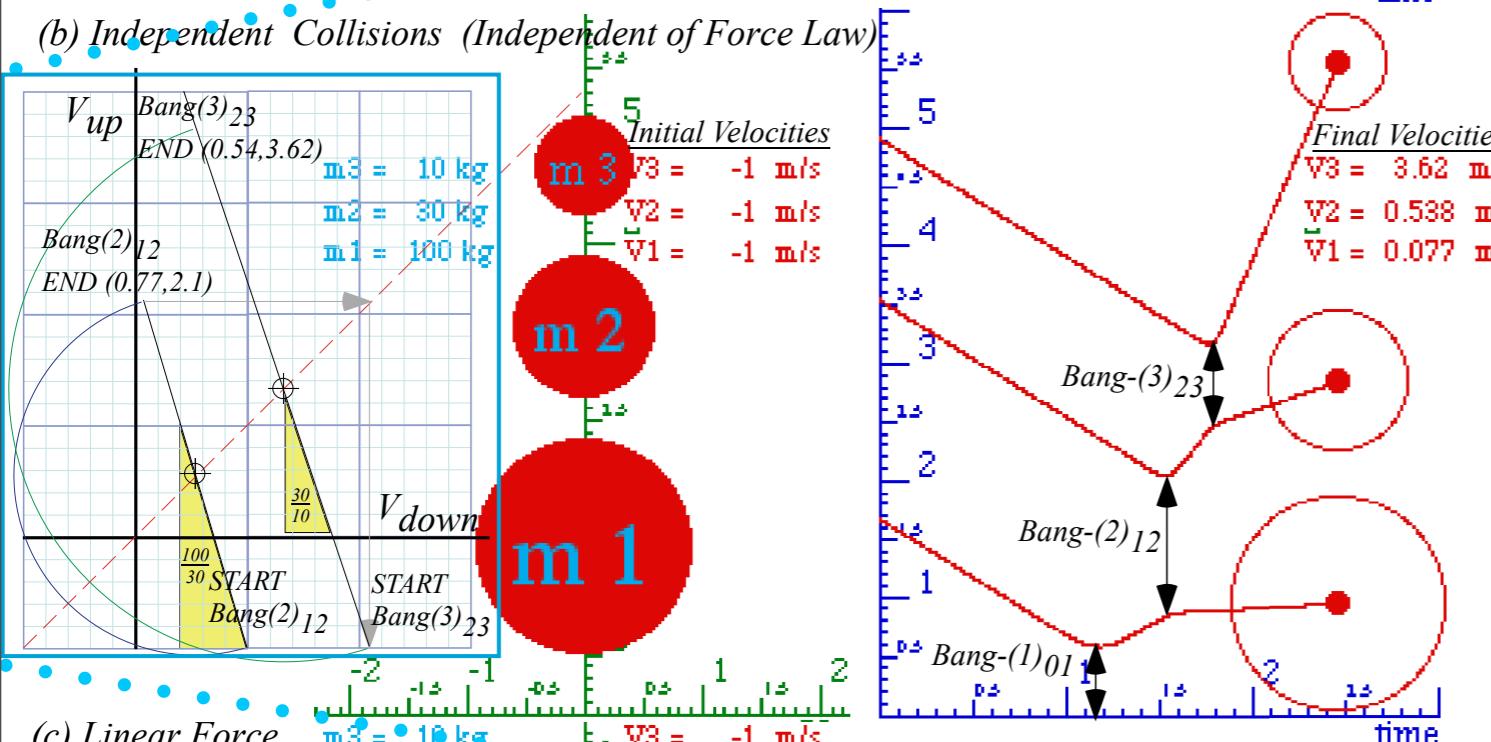
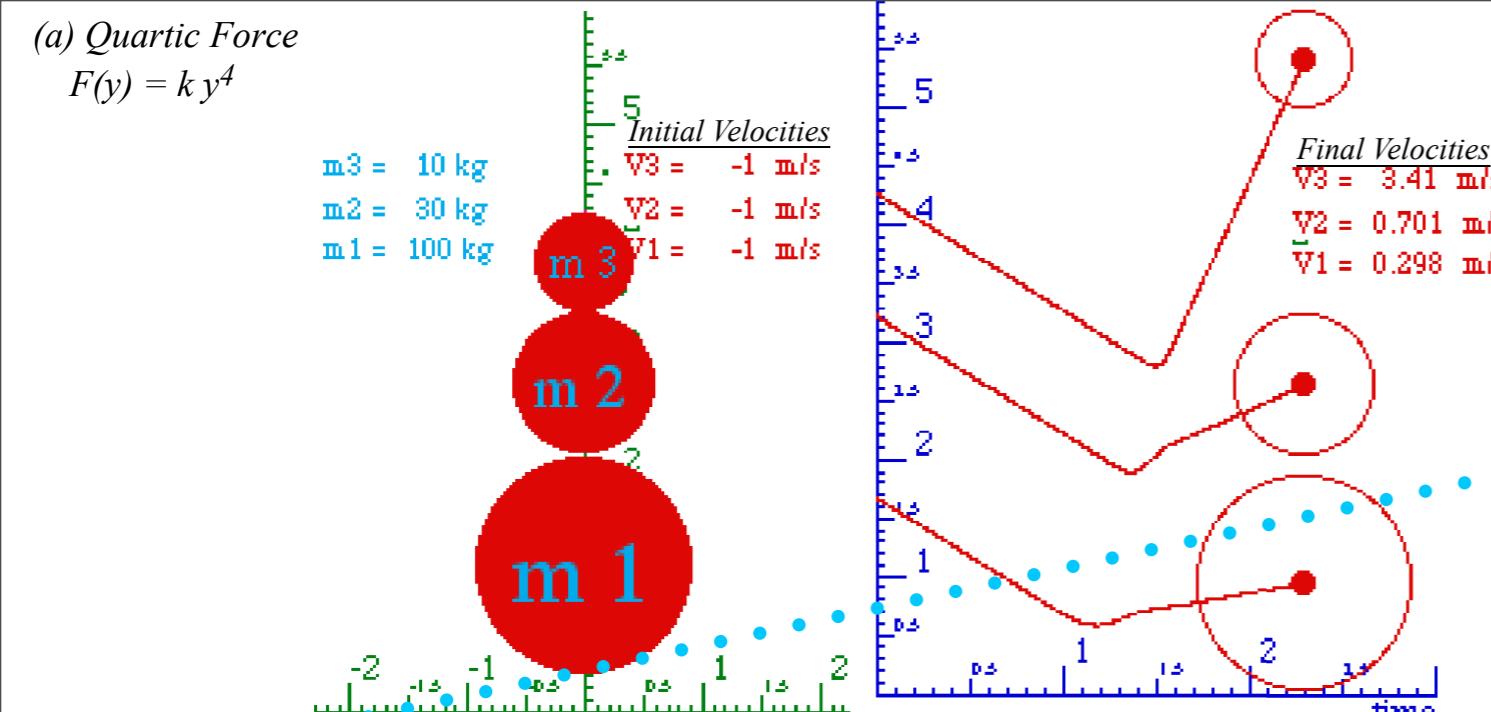
$$F(y) = k y$$



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Fig. 8.1b

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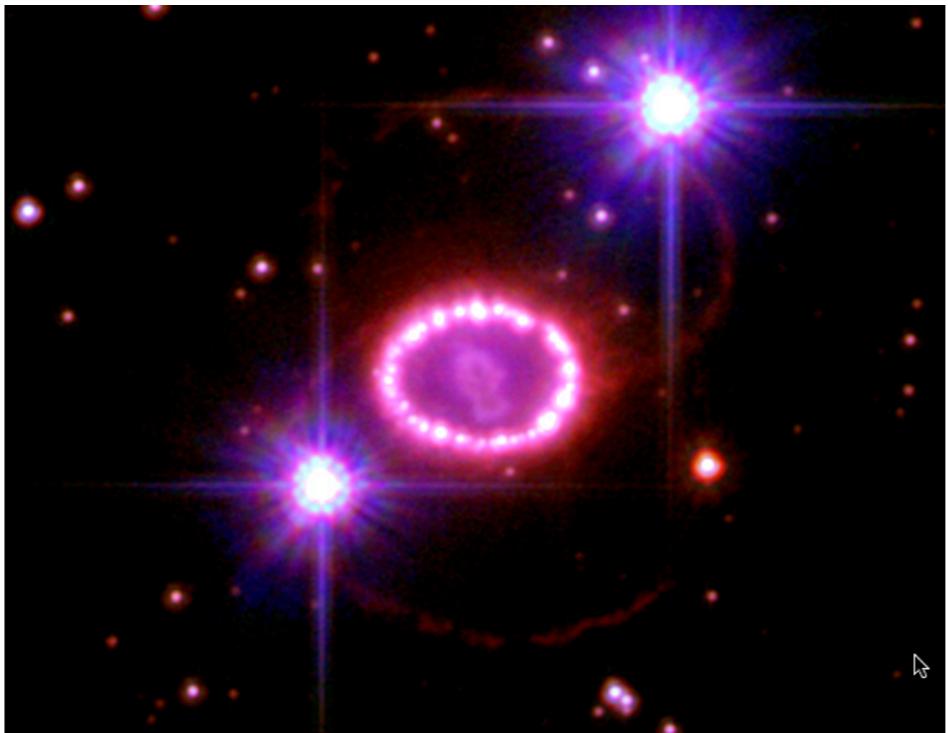
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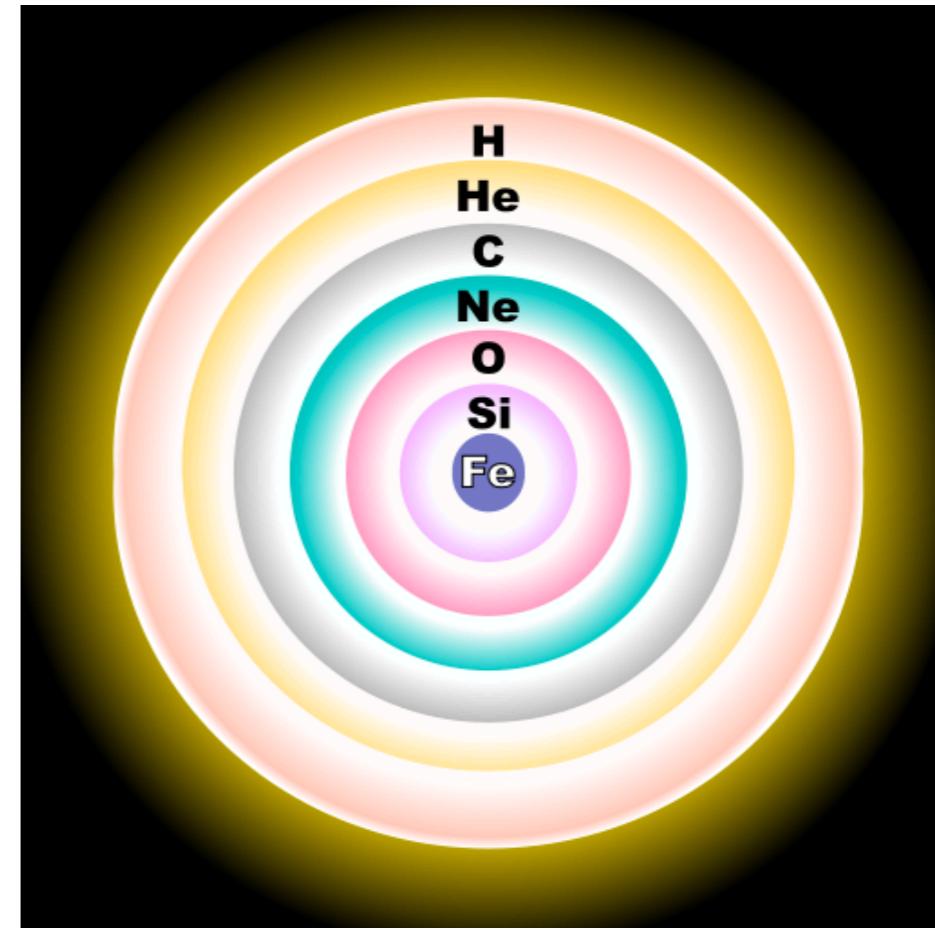


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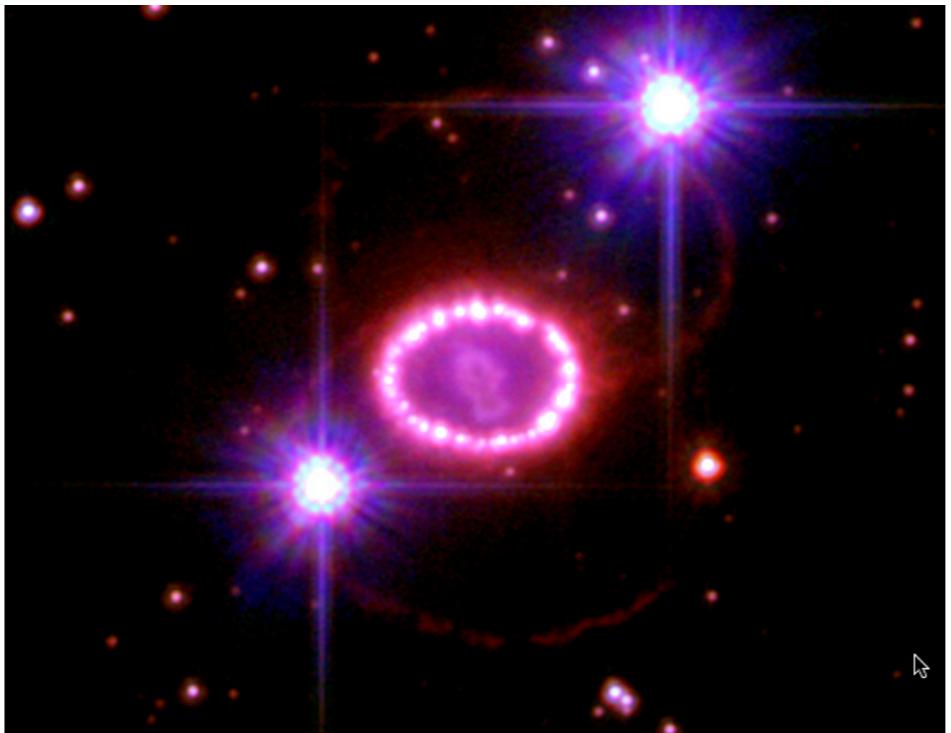
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Process	Main fuel	Main products	25 M _⊙ star ^[6]		
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hydrogen burning	hydrogen	helium	7×10 ⁷	10	10 ⁷ years
triple-alpha process	helium	carbon, oxygen	2×10 ⁸	2000	10 ⁶ years
carbon burning process	carbon	Ne, Na, Mg, Al	8×10 ⁸	10 ⁶	10 ³ years
neon burning process	neon	O, Mg	1.6×10 ⁹	10 ⁷	3 years
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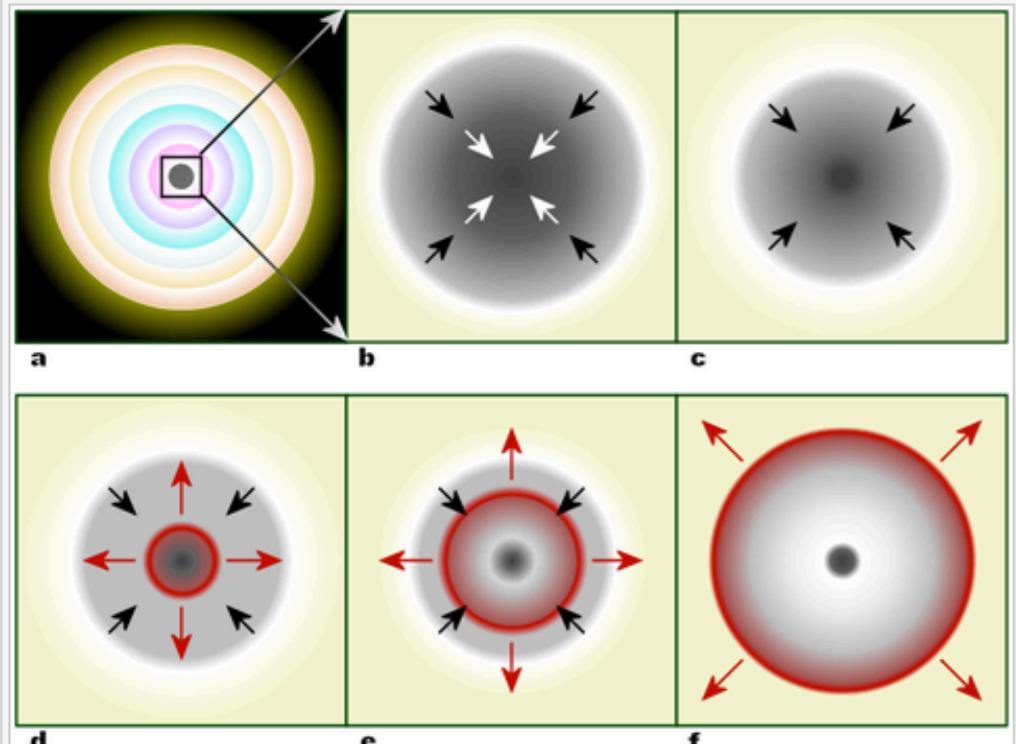


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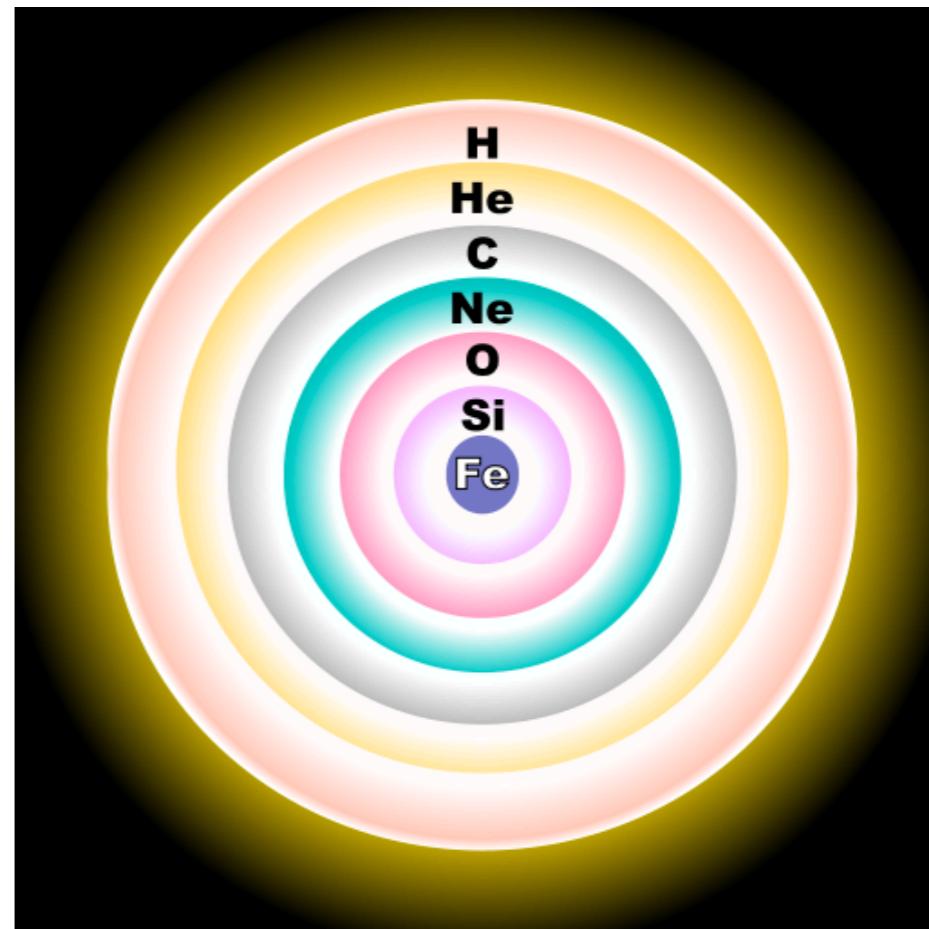
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Within a massive, evolved star (a) the onion-layered shells of elements undergo fusion, forming a nickel-iron core (b) that reaches Chandrasekhar-mass and starts to collapse. The inner part of the core is compressed into neutrons (c), causing infalling material to bounce (d) and form an outward-propagating shock front (red). The shock starts to stall (e), but it is re-invigorated by neutrino interaction. The surrounding material is blasted away (f), leaving only a degenerate remnant.



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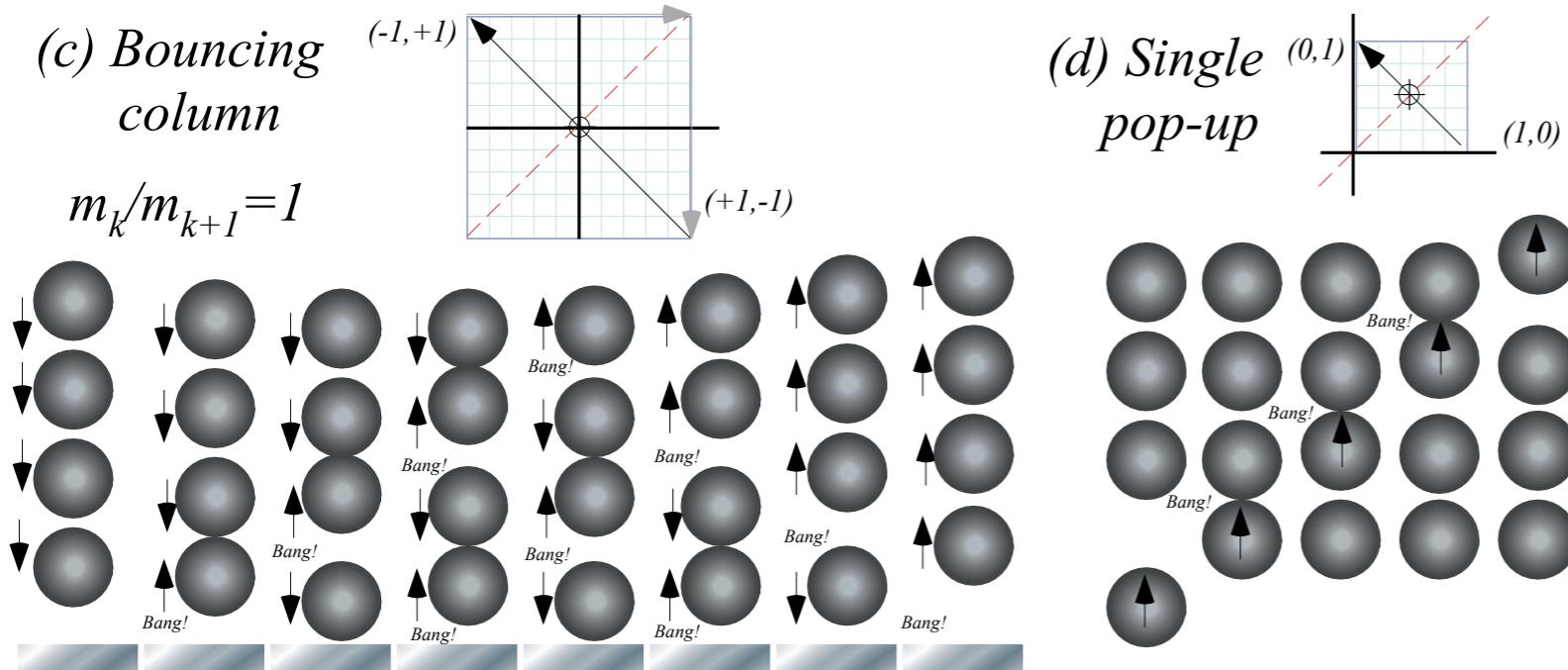
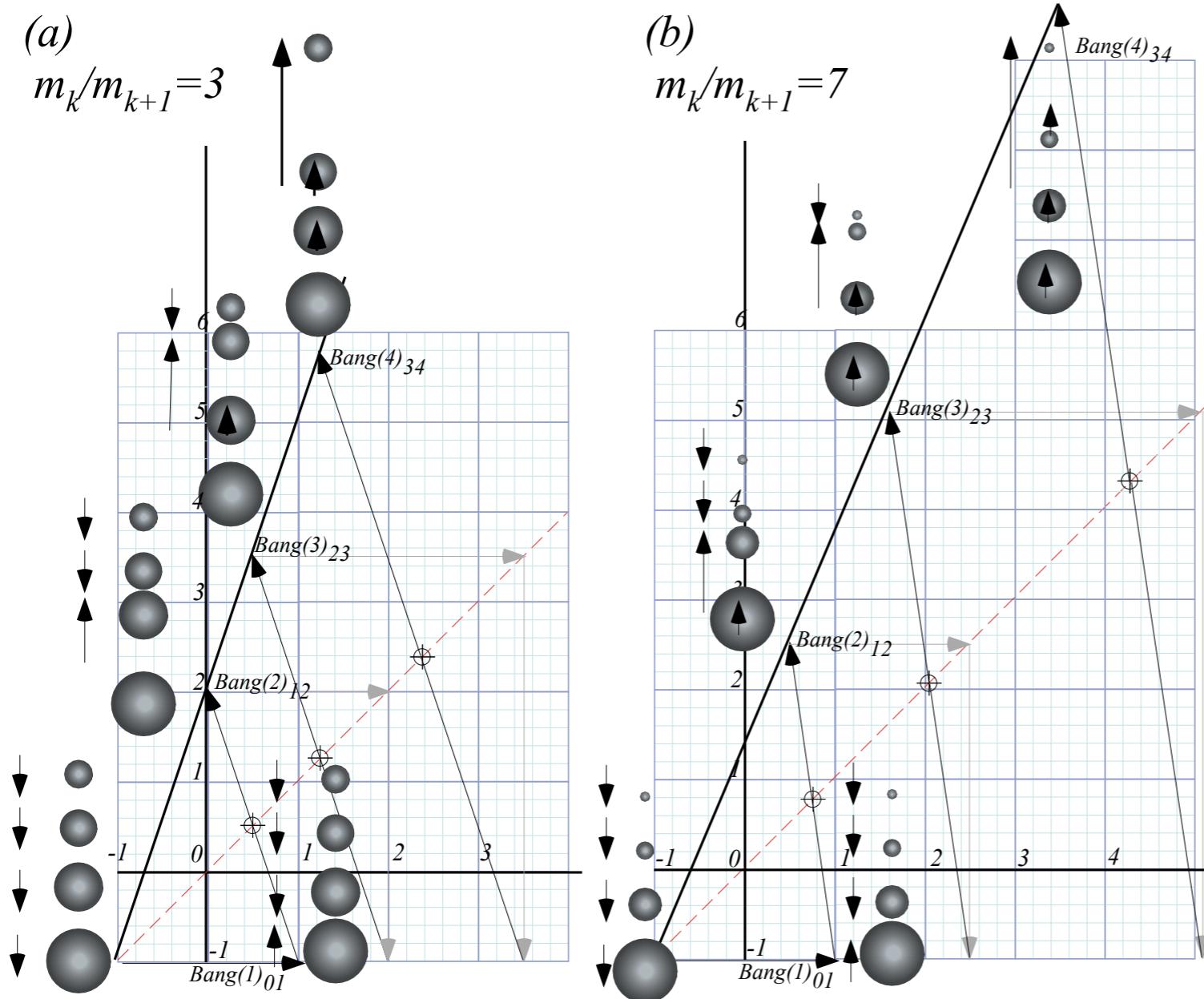
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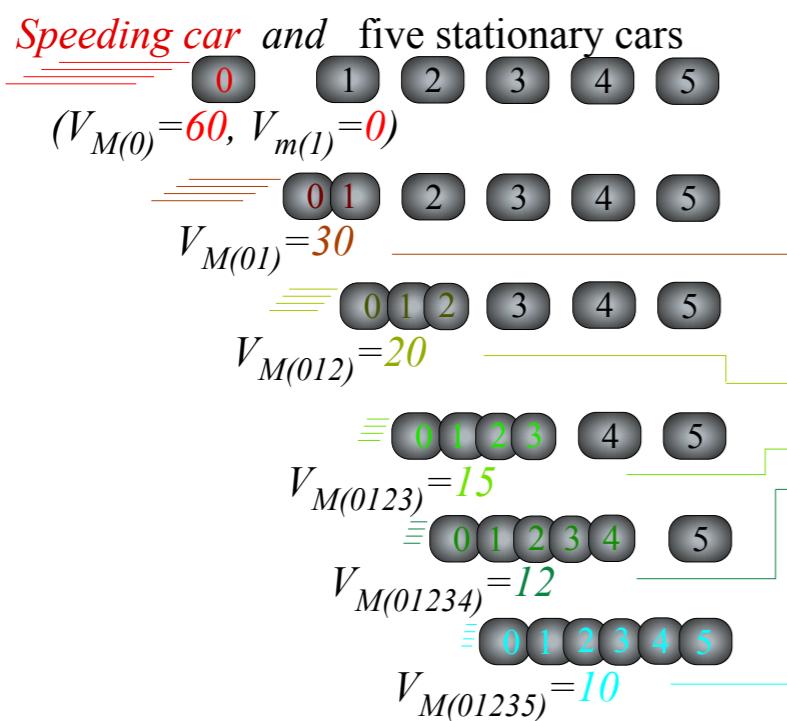
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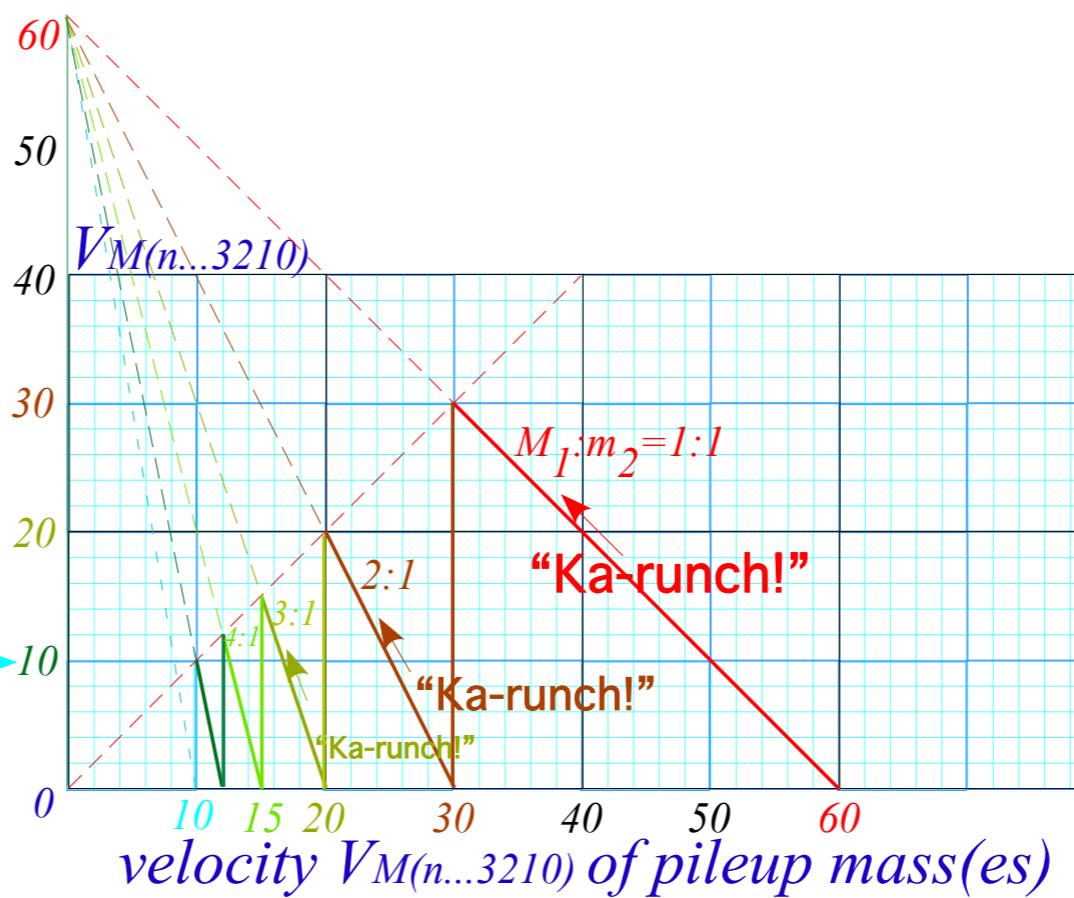
4-Equal-Body
 “Shockwave” or pulse wave
 Dynamics

Opposite of continuous wave dynamics
 introduced in Unit 2

→ *Crunch energy geometry of freeway crashes and related things*
Crunch energy played backwards: This really is “Rocket-Science”

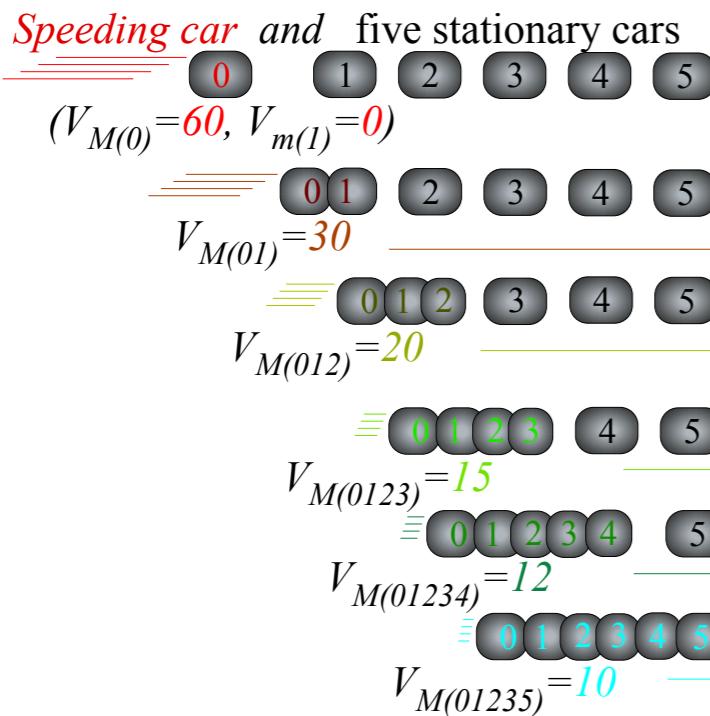


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Pile-up:
One 60mph car
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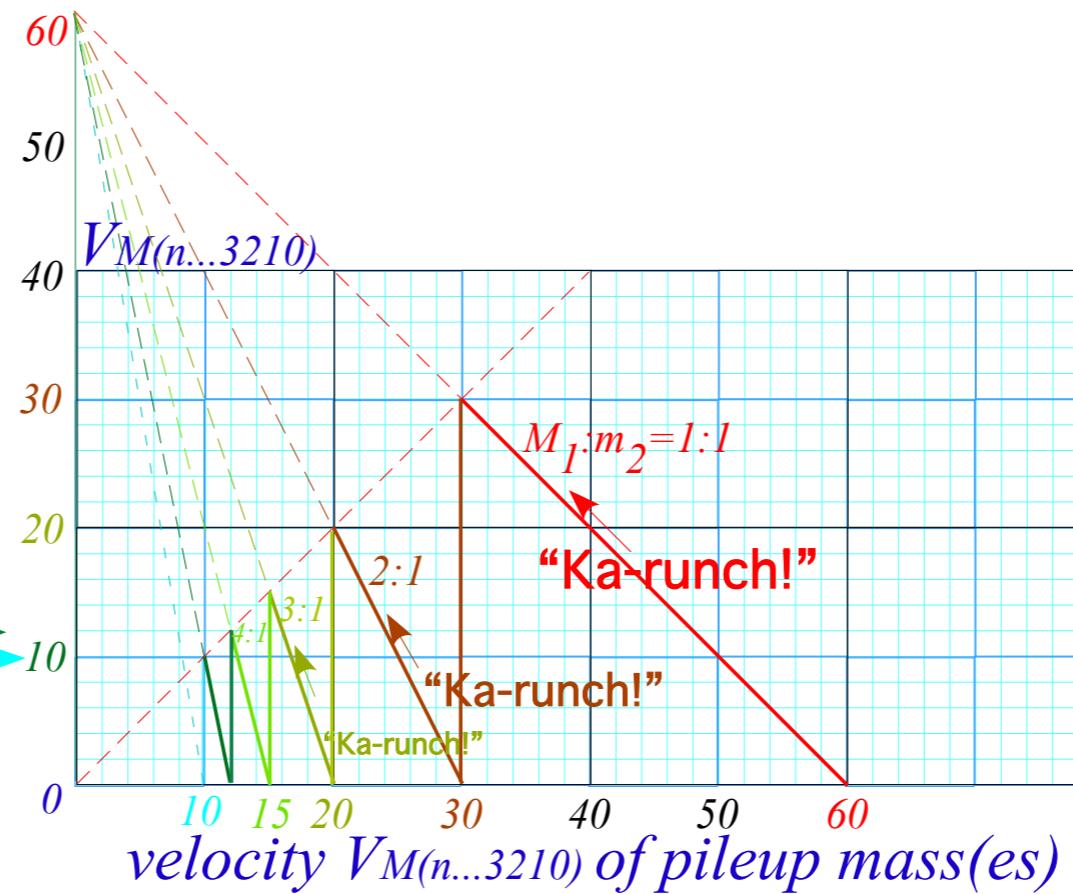
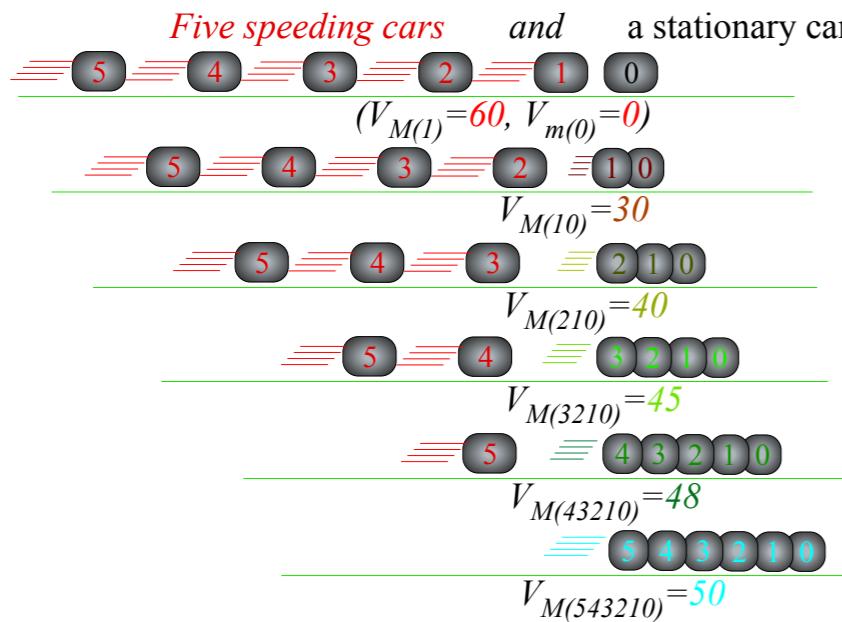


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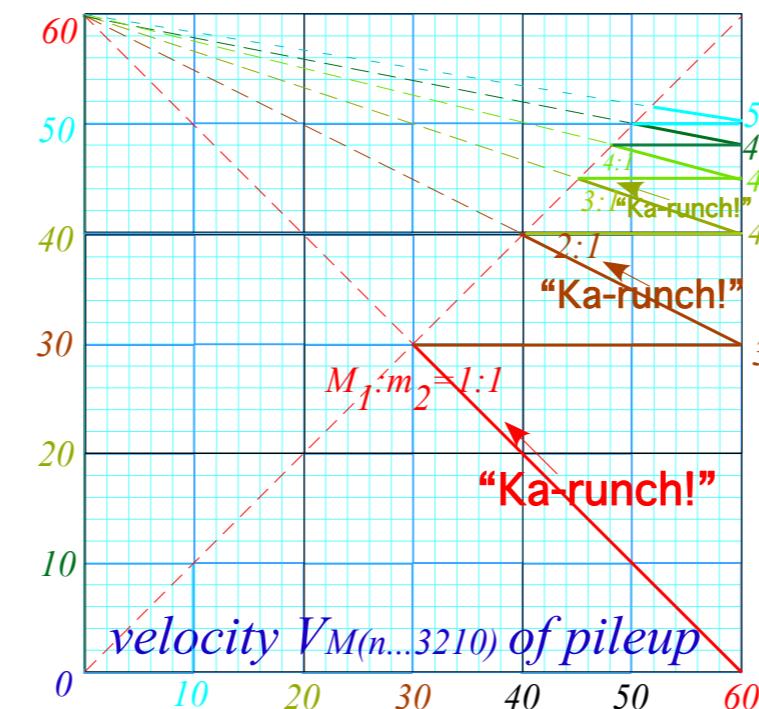
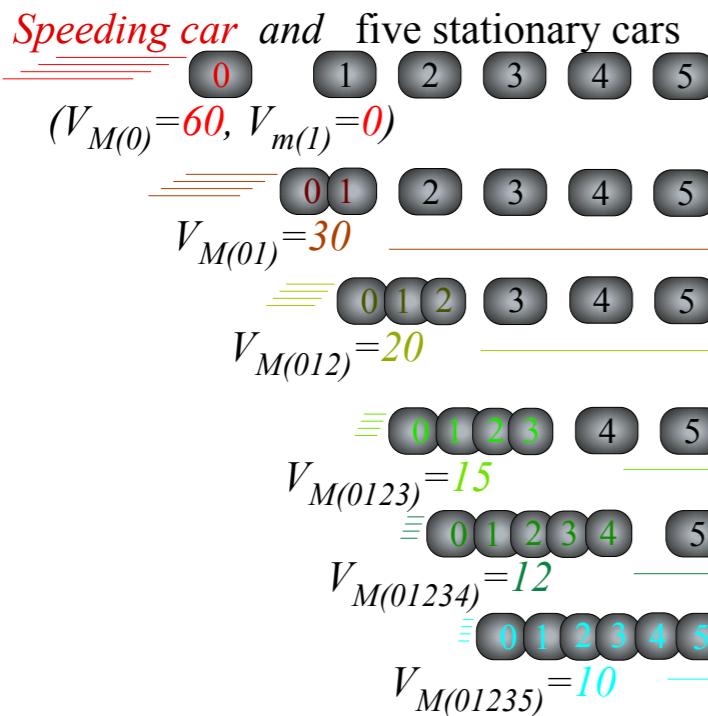
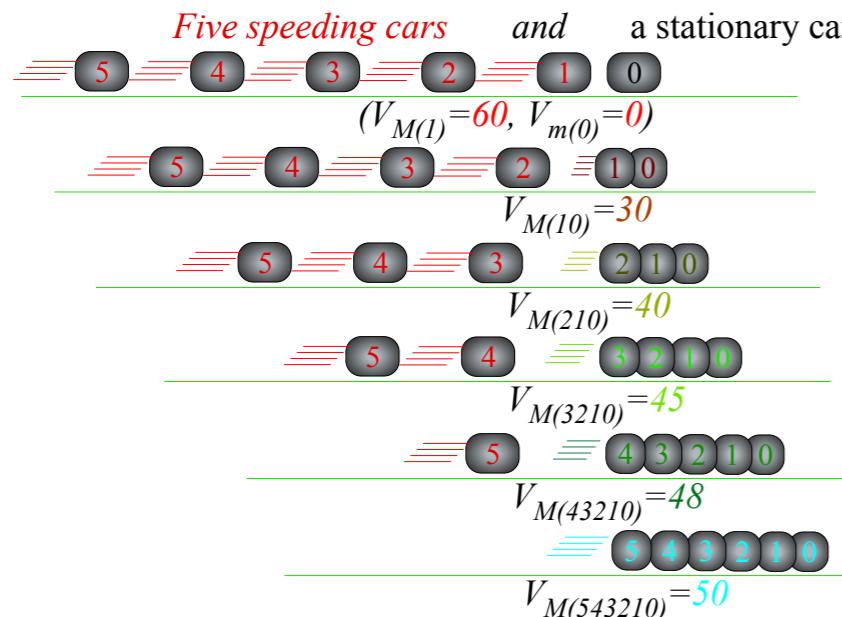


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Five 60mph cars
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Five speeding cars and five stationary cars

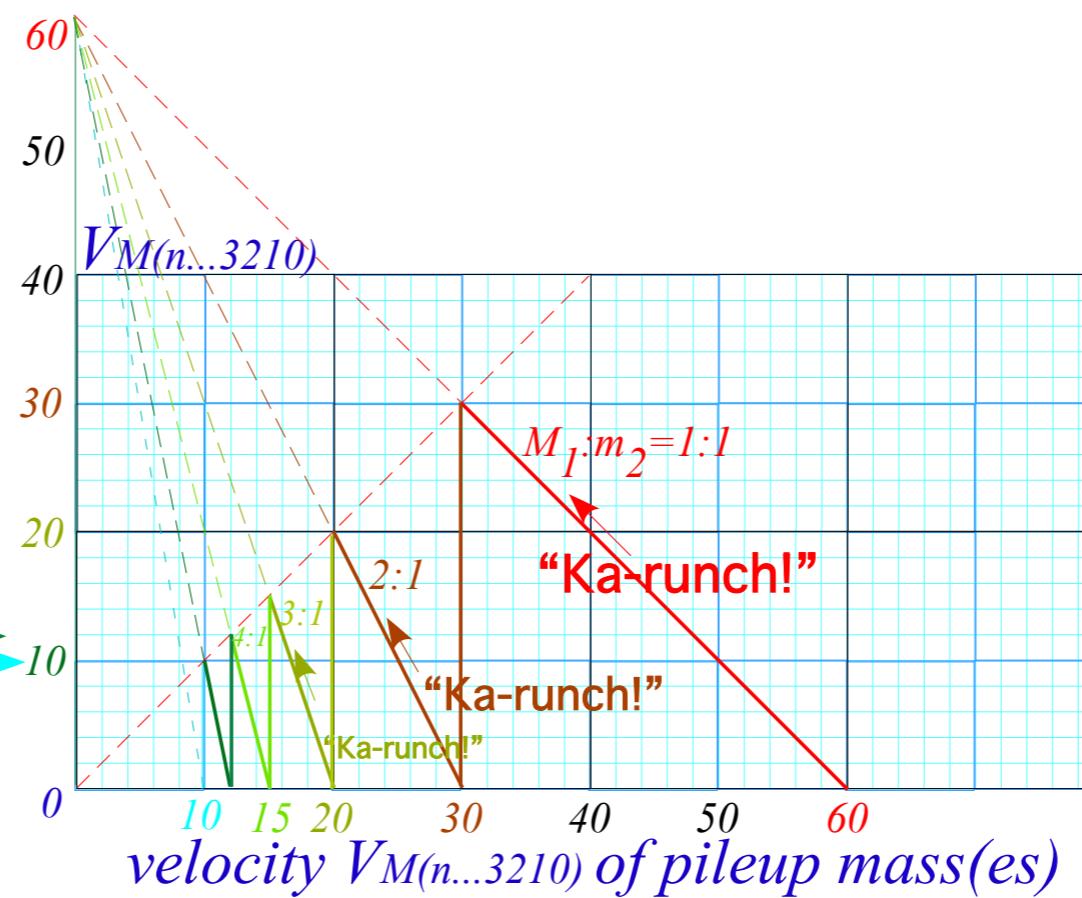


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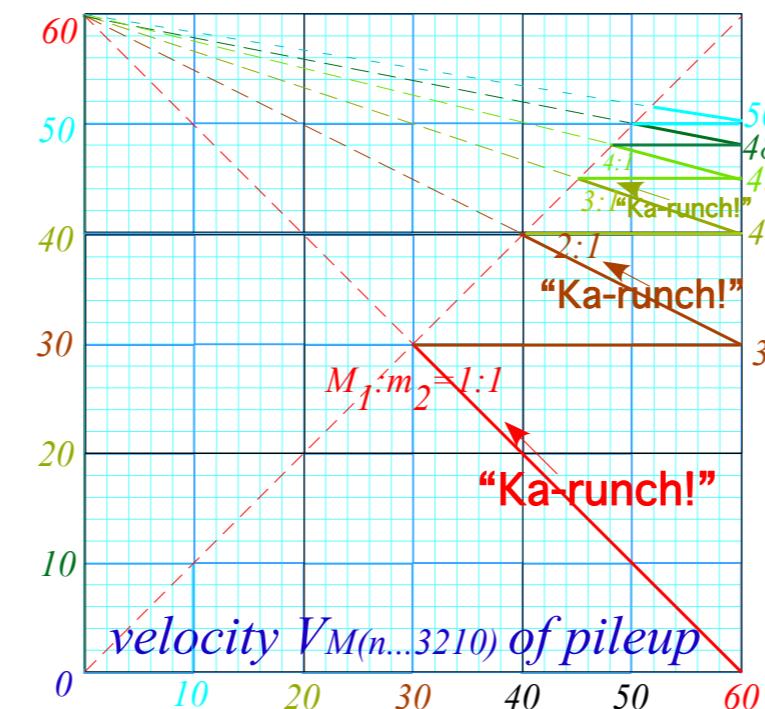


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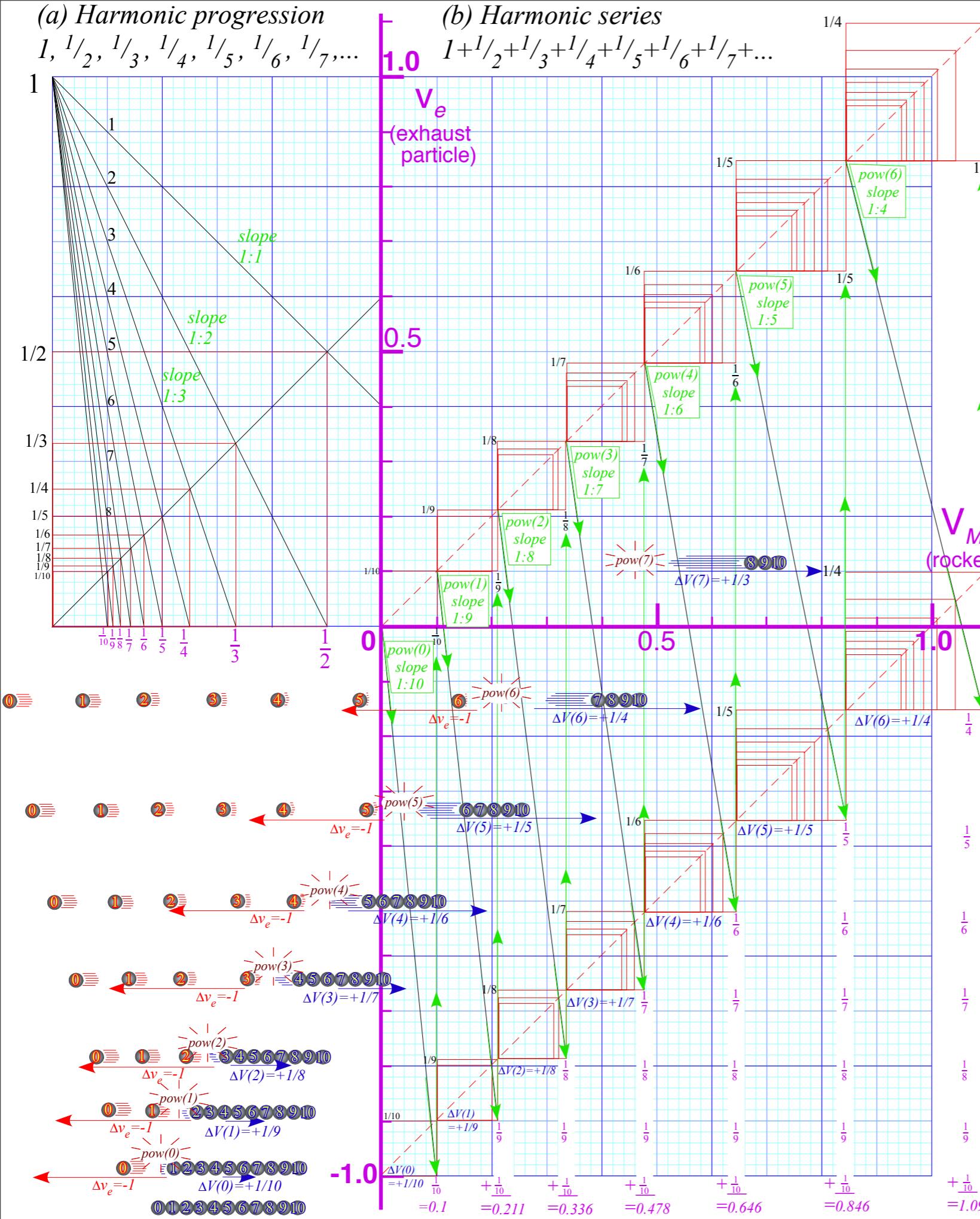
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Fig. 8.8a-b

Rocket Science!



$$m \cdot \Delta v_7 + 3m \cdot \Delta V_M(7) = 0$$

$$m \cdot \Delta v_6 + 4m \cdot \Delta V_M(6) = 0$$

$$m \cdot \Delta v_5 + 5m \cdot \Delta V_M(5) = 0$$

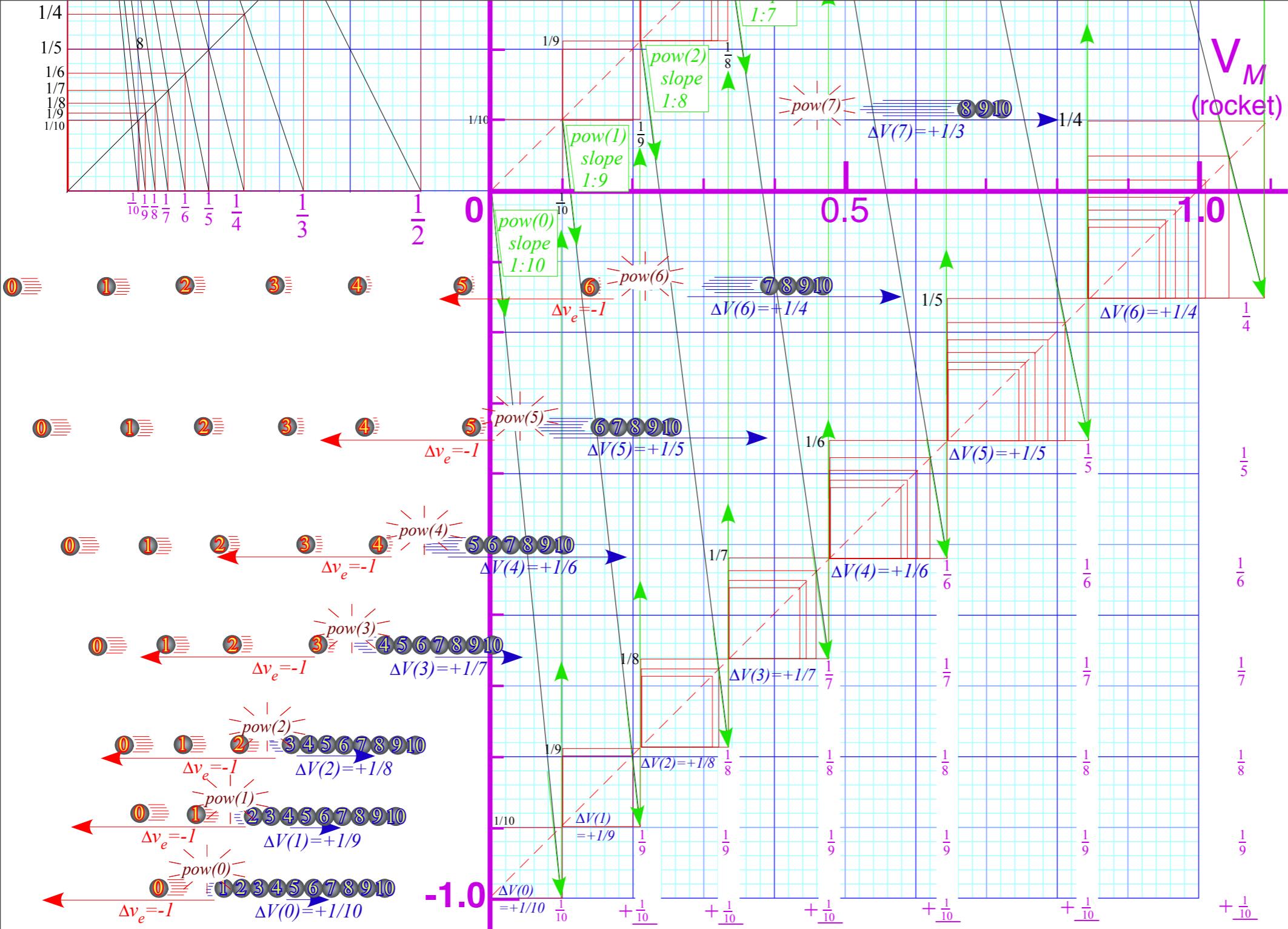
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$$m \cdot \Delta v_3 + 7m \cdot \Delta V_M(3) = 0$$

$$m \cdot \Delta v_2 + 8m \cdot \Delta V_M(2) = 0$$

$$m \cdot \Delta v_1 + 9m \cdot \Delta V_M(1) = 0$$

$$m \cdot \Delta v_0 + 10m \cdot \Delta V_M(0) = 0$$



$$0^{\text{th}}: V(0) = 1/10 = 0.1$$

$$3^{\text{rd}}: V(3) = V(2) + 1/7 = 0.478$$

$$6^{\text{th}}: V(6) = V(5) + 1/4 = 1.096$$

$$1^{\text{st}}: V(1) = 1/10 + 1/9 = 0.211$$

$$4^{\text{th}}: V(4) = V(3) + 1/6 = 0.646$$

$$7^{\text{th}}: V(7) = V(6) + 1/3 = 1.429$$

$$2^{\text{nd}}: V(2) = 1/10 + 1/9 + 1/8 = 0.336$$

$$5^{\text{th}}: V(5) = V(4) + 1/5 = 0.846$$

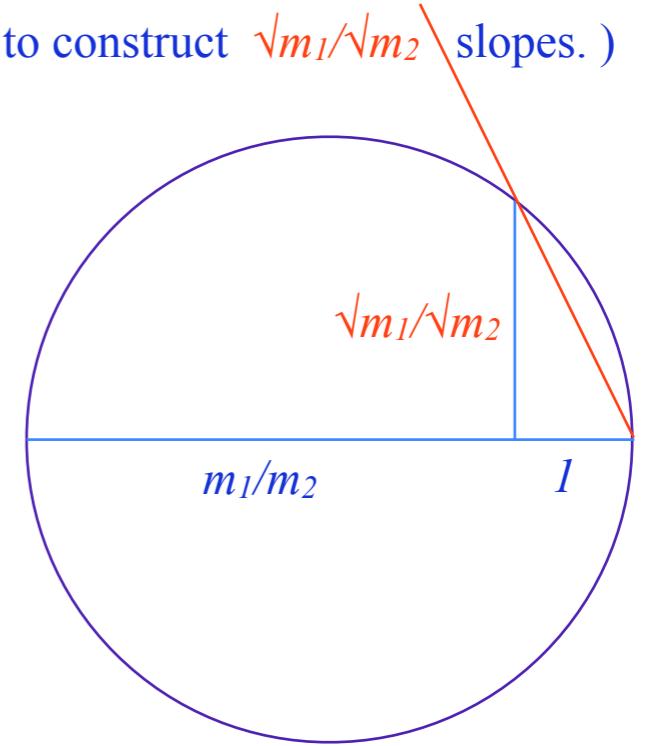
$$8^{\text{th}}: V(8) = V(7) + 1/2 = 1.929$$

By calculus: $M \cdot \Delta V = -v_e \cdot \Delta M$ or: $dV = -v_e \frac{dM}{M}$ Integrate: $\int_{V_{IN}}^{V_{FIN}} dV = -v_e \int_{M_{IN}}^{M_{FIN}} \frac{dM}{M}$

The Rocket Equation: $V_{FIN} - V_{IN} = -v_e \left[\ln M_{FIN} - \ln M_{IN} \right] = v_e \left[\ln \frac{M_{IN}}{M_{FIN}} \right]$

A Thales construction for momentum-energy

(Made obsolete by Estrangian scaling to circular (V_1, V_2) plots. Still, one has to construct $\sqrt{m_1}/\sqrt{m_2}$ slopes.)



Unit 1
Fig. 8.4a-d

This is a construction of the energy ellipse in a Lagrangian (v_1, v_2) plot given the initial (v_1, v_2) .

The ESTRANGIAN (V_1, V_2) plot makes the (v_1, v_2) plot and this construction obsolete.

(Easier to just draw circle through initial (V_1, V_2) .)

