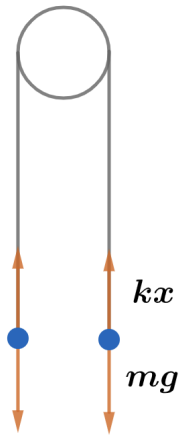


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Without loss of generality, the right mass is at rest so

$$kx = mg$$

where x is the extension of the string. Thus, the total length of the string is

$$l' = l + x = l + \frac{mg}{k}$$

so the answer is B.