

SHOW ALL THE STEPS TO GET FROM

$$\left. \frac{dU(x_1)}{dx_1} \right|_{x_1=x_0} = \frac{d}{dx_1} \left\{ m_1 g x_1 - m_2 g \sqrt{\left(\frac{b-x_1}{2}\right)^2 - d^2} \right\} = 0$$

TO

$$x_0 = b - \frac{4m_1 d}{\sqrt{4m_1^2 - m_2^2}}$$

$$\frac{dU(x_1)}{dx_1} = -m_1 g - m_2 g \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{b-x_1}{2}\right)^2 - d^2 \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[2 \left(\frac{b-x_1}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \right] \right\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 g = m_2 g \left\{ \frac{-(b-x_0)}{4 \sqrt{\left(\frac{b-x_0}{2}\right)^2 - d^2}} \right\} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 \rightarrow x_0 \\ \text{WHEN SET} \\ \text{TO ZERO} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$4m_1 \sqrt{\left(\frac{b-x_0}{2}\right)^2 - d^2} = -m_2 (b-x_0)$$

ISOLATE RADICAL & SQUARE BOTH SIDES

$$\left(\frac{b-x_0}{2}\right)^2 - d^2 = \left(\frac{m_2}{4m_1}\right)^2 (b-x_0)^2$$

FACTOR OUT $(b-x_0)^2$

$$(b-x_0)^2 \left[\frac{1}{4} - \frac{m_2^2}{16m_1^2} \right] = d^2$$

$$(b-x_0)^2 \left(\frac{4m_1^2 - m_2^2}{16m_1^2} \right) = d^2$$

TAKING THE SQUARE ROOT GIVES

$$b-x_0 = \frac{4m_1 d}{\sqrt{4m_1^2 - m_2^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = b - \frac{4m_1 d}{\sqrt{4m_1^2 - m_2^2}}$$

QED!