

Homework Problems

1. Which force, electromagnetic(E), gravitational(G), weak nuclear(WN) or strong nuclear(SN), is primarily responsible for the following: (all correct for credit)

fusion of Deuterium and Tritium. SN

pumping water from a well. E

smoking a cigarette. E

beta decay of Tritium to Helium-3. WN

bleaching a shirt. E

sawing wood. E

cutting a piece of paper. E

toasting a muffin. E

cooking a chicken. E

defrosting in a microwave oven. E

crushing a nut. E

growing of hair. E

2. True or False (all correct for credit)

T F Two force vectors are “equal” only if the magnitude and direction are the same.

T F Two force vectors can “balance” if the magnitude and direction are the same.

T F Two force vectors cannot “balance” and be “equal” at the same time.

T F Two force vectors with “equal” magnitudes can point in opposite directions.

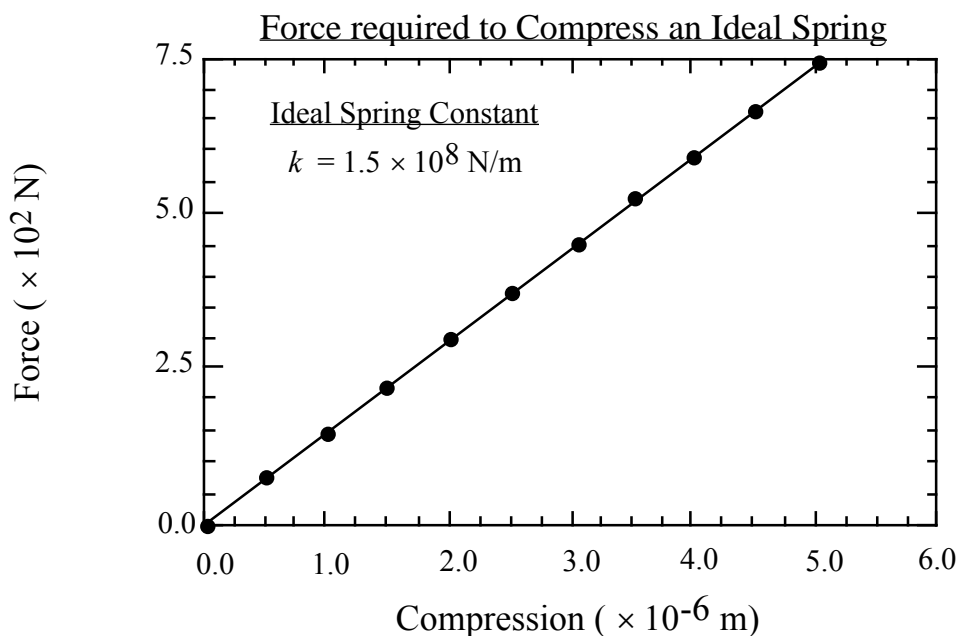
T F Two force vectors cannot stretch an object if they are “equal”.

3. Convert the pressure $1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ to a pressure in lb/in^2 ($1 \text{ in} = 2.54 \text{ cm}$). 14 lb./in.^2

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 &= (1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2)(0.22 \text{ lb/N})[(2.54 \text{ cm/1 in.})(1 \text{ m/100cm})]^2 \\ &= (0.22 \times 10^5 \text{ lb/m}^2)[.0254 \text{ m/in}]^2 = \underline{14 \text{ lb/in}^2} \end{aligned}$$

4. What are the units of a spring constant? Force per unit length (force/unit length)

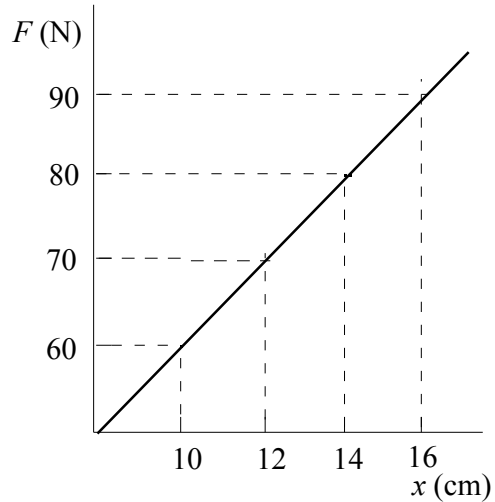
5. On the graph below, plot the applied force vs. compression of a spring, spring constant $k=1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}$, for 11 equally spaced compression values from zero (increasing in 10



steps of $0.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$) to $5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$. It should look similar to text *Fig. 3.5*.

6. A long spring obeys Hooke's law and can be stretched 10 cm by a force of 20 N.
 a) Plot of force vs. stretch of this spring has what slope (w/units)? 2 N/cm
 b) Force applied is 50 N. How far does the spring stretch (w/units)? 25 cm

Plotted on the right, is data for a spring following Hooke's law only after an initial force, F_0 , is applied; $F = kx + F_0$. (Note: the zero of each scale is not shown.)



Graph for problems 7-8

7. What is the spring constant, k (slope of the line), in the region shown? 5 N/cm

$$k = \text{slope} = \frac{(70 - 60) \text{ N}}{(12 - 10) \text{ cm}} = 5 \text{ N/cm}$$

8. Use k , and one point, F and x , on the graph to find F_0 , force applied to the spring when it begins to stretch; $F_0 = \underline{10 \text{ N}}$. (assume spring is linear down to $x = 0$).

$$F = kx + F_0$$

$$F_0 = F - kx = (70 \text{ N}) - (5 \text{ N/cm})(12 \text{ cm}) = 10 \text{ N}$$

9. In lbs, what force is equal to 1 N? about 1/4 lb
 10. A force of 21 N, stretches a spring by 7 cm. What is its spring constant? 3 N/cm.
 11. What force (maximum) do you apply to dental floss in use (in lb. & N)? Do not guess, use logic! For example, tell me how many five pound bags of sugar can you lift with a piece of dental floss. What will the dental floss do to your hand if you tried to lift 20 bags of sugar? maximum force on dental floss = **about 10 lb.**, or **40 N**
 12. An additional 10 N of force increases the stretch of a spring from 5 cm to 7 cm.
 a) What is the spring constant (w/ units) of this spring? 5 N/cm
 b) What additional force (w/ units) stretches this spring another 3 cm? 15 N

$$F = k x = (5 \text{ N/cm})(3 \text{ cm}) = 15 \text{ N}$$

13. A rod has a spring constant $k = 2 \times 10^7 \text{ N/m}$ (note units). How far will it compress (in mm!) under a force of $2 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$? 0.1 mm

$$x = \frac{F}{k} = \frac{2 \times 10^3 \text{ N}}{2 \times 10^7 \text{ N/m}} = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m} (10^3 \text{ mm/m}) = 0.1 \text{ mm}$$

14. The density of lead is 11 g/cm^3 (each cubic centimeter of lead has a mass of 11 g). What is the mass (in kg) of 1 m^3 of lead? (1 m^3 is a cube, 100 cm on a side).

$$\text{density} = (11 \text{ g/cm}^3)(1 \text{ kg}/1000 \text{ g})(100 \text{ cm/m})^3 = 1.1 \times 10^4 \text{ kg/m}^3 \quad m = \underline{1.1 \times 10^4 \text{ kg}}$$

15. One cubic centimeter of water has a mass of 1 gram ($1 \text{ g} = 10^{-3} \text{ kg}$), i.e., the density is 1 g/cm^3 . What is the mass of one cubic meter of water?

$$\text{density} = (1 \text{ g/cm}^3)(1 \text{ kg}/1000 \text{ g})(100 \text{ cm/m})^3 = 1 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3 \quad m = \underline{1 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}}$$