

REPORT

Now let's start with the diagram of question. As k_1 and k_2 springs are joined in parallel with a spring of stiffness k_3 in series and the force is applied at the other end of spring 3. Now as the 1&2 are connected in parallel there for, its equivalent stiffness is $K_p=(K_1+K_2)=700+150u_1$. Now equivalent spring is connected to spring 3 in series there net equivalent stiffness is $K_e=(K_p \times K_3)/(K_p+K_3)$.

Now from balancing the spring force we get,

$$f_1(u_1, u_2) = 700 + 150u_1 - F;$$

$$f_2(u_1, u_2) = (700 + 150u_1) \times (200 + 100u_2) \times u_2 / (900 + 150u_1 + 100u_2) - F;$$

Analytical solution:

$$F = 700 + 150u_1$$

$$u_1 = (F - 700) / 150$$

$$u_1 = 350 - 700 / 150$$

$$= -350 / 150$$

$$= -2.33 \text{ units}$$

Now,

$$(700 + 150 \times (-2.33)) \times (200 + 100u_2) \times u_2 = 350(900 + 150 \times (-2.33) + 100u_2)$$

$$35050u_2^2 + 66600u_2 - 667 = 0$$

$$u_2 = 9.96 \times 10^{-3} \text{ units}$$