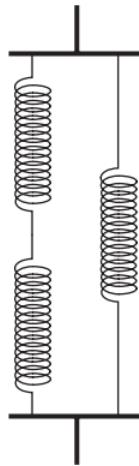


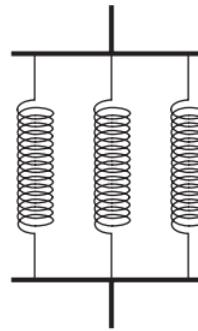
- 18 Three identical springs, each with the same spring constant, are connected together in four different arrangements, as shown.

Which arrangement has the largest combined spring constant?

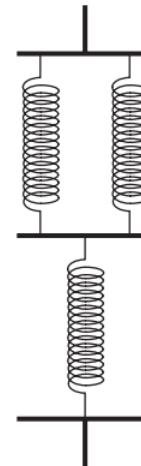
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