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(a)

The spring constant k of a spring may be determined by using the extension of the spring and load applied, using the apparatus shown in Fig. 1.1.

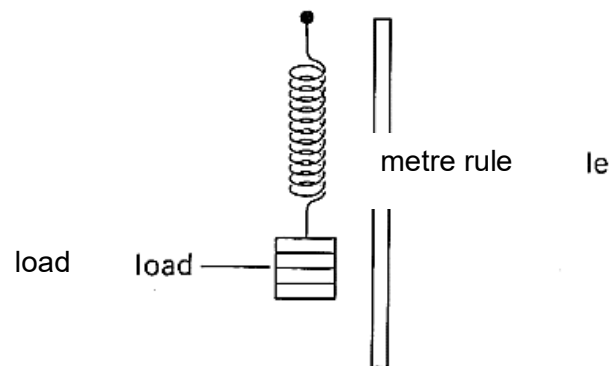


Fig. 1.1

Give one example each of a systematic error and one example of a random error which could occur in this experiment.

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(b)

The work done by a force on a mass is to be calculated using the following formula.

$$W = F \cos \theta$$

The following measurements with their uncertainties are made.

force applied F : (0.60 ± 0.01) N

displacement s : (0.750 ± 0.001) m

angle of force to horizontal θ : $(30 \pm 1)^\circ$

Determine the percentage uncertainty of the work done by the force.

percentage uncertainty =

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