

- 2 A spring of length 5.0 cm is extended by a force. The variation with extension x of the force F is shown in Fig. 2.1.

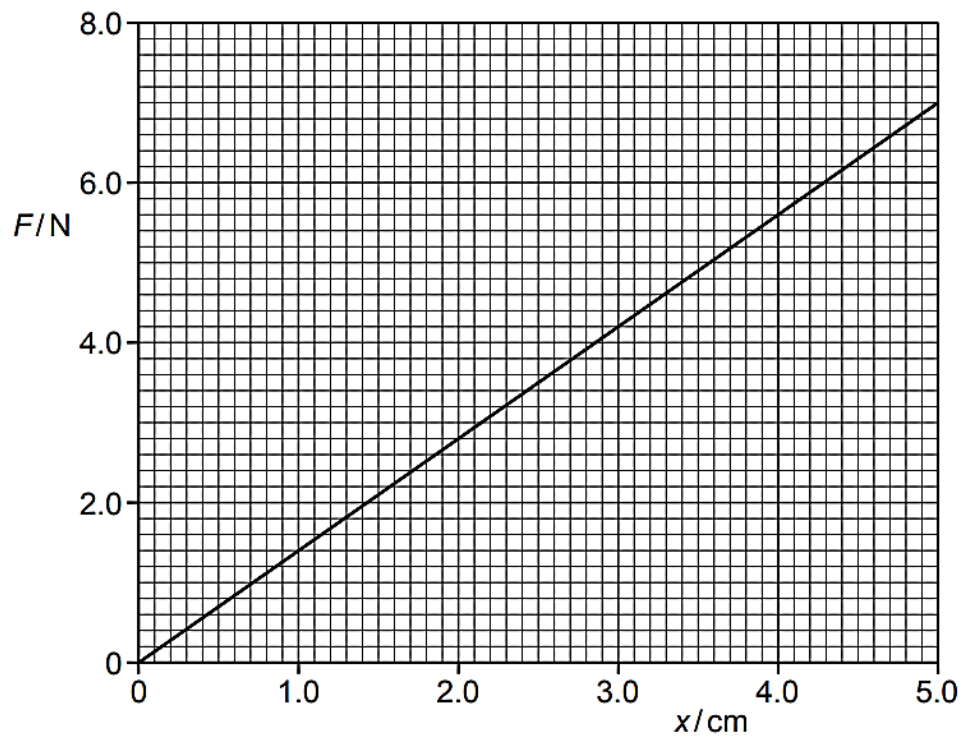


Fig. 2.1

- (a) Describe how the graph in Fig. 2.1 shows that the spring obeys Hooke's law.

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- (b) Determine:

- (i) the spring constant of the spring.

spring constant = N m^{-1} [1]

- (ii) the elastic potential energy in the spring when $x = 4.0$ cm.

elastic potential energy = J [1]

- (c) One end of the spring is attached to a fixed point. A cylinder that is submerged in a liquid is now suspended from the other end of the spring, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

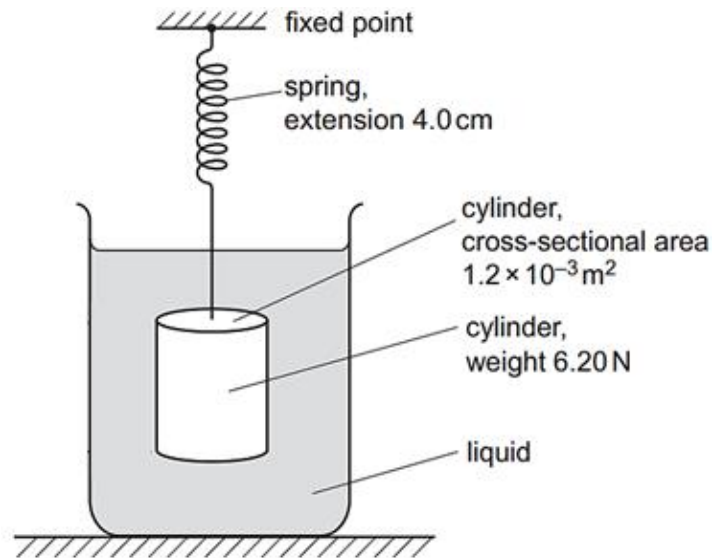


Fig. 2.2

The cylinder has a cross-sectional area $1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$ and weight 6.2 N. The cylinder is in equilibrium when the extension of the spring is 4.0 cm.

- (i) Determine the upthrust acting on the cylinder.

upthrust = N [1]

- (ii) Calculate the difference in pressure between the bottom face and the top face of the cylinder.

difference in pressure = Pa [2]

- (d) State and explain the effect, if any, on the extension of the spring if the liquid in (c) is replaced by another liquid of greater density with the cylinder still fully submerged.

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 [2]

- (e) The weight of the cylinder is given by

$$W = \pi r^2 h \rho g$$

where W is the weight of the cylinder, r is the radius of the cylinder, h is the height of the cylinder, ρ is the density of cylinder and g is the acceleration of free fall.

Data for the cylinder is shown in Table 2.3.

Table 2.3

quantity	magnitude	uncertainty
W/N	6.2	± 0.4
r/m	1.95×10^{-2}	$\pm 0.03 \times 10^{-2}$
$\rho/\text{kg m}^{-3}$	7800	± 300

The value of h can be determined using the data given above.

Determine the percentage uncertainty associated to h .

percentage uncertainty = % [2]

[Total: 10]