

MATLAB: Hookian Springs

For a *Hookian spring*, an applied force F (N) results in a displacement x (m) according to the equation:

$$F = kx$$

where k is the spring constant (N/m). The spring's potential energy U (J) is given by:

$$U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

A load was applied to six different springs and the resulting displacements were measured:

Spring	1	2	3	4	5	6
F (N)	15	17	19	13	20	18
x (m)	0.34	0.45	0.35	0.28	0.26	0.31

- Store the tabulated data in two vectors: F and x
- Compute each spring's k and U .
- Use the `min()` and `max()` functions to compute and determine the springs with the minimum and maximum U .
- Use the `fprintf()` function to print statements to the Command Window *similar* to the following:

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"Spring W has the minimum potential energy: U = X.X J"
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"Spring Y has the maximum potential energy: U = Z.Z J"
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