

Answer on Question #54023-Physics-Other

What's the spring constant if the mass is $m = 1\text{ kg}$ suspended from a spring of negligible is found to stretch the spring by $x = 10\text{ cm}$.

Solution

For the equilibrium we need to have

$$\text{Weight} = \text{Spring force}$$

$$mg = kx$$

The spring constant is

$$k = \frac{mg}{x} = \frac{1\text{ kg} \cdot 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}}{0.1\text{ m}} = 98 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}.$$

Answer: $98 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$.

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