

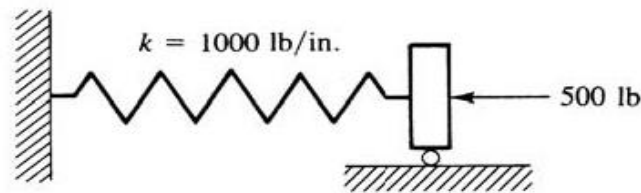
Finite Element Method

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Homework #3

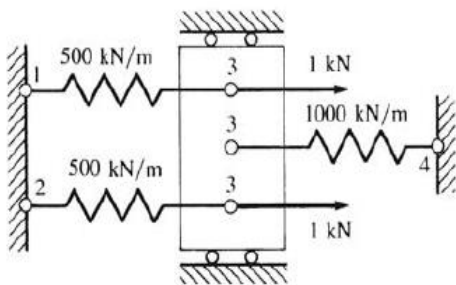
Energy and Work Methods

1- The nonlinear spring in Figure below has the force/deformation relationship $f = k\delta^2$. Express the total potential energy of the spring, and use this potential energy to obtain the equilibrium value of displacement.

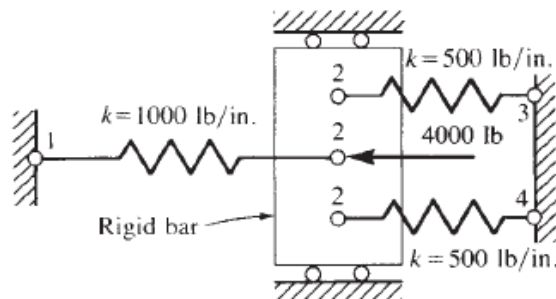


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2- For the spring assemblages shown in figures a and b determine the nodal displacements, the forces in each element, and the reactions. Solve problem by the potential energy approach.



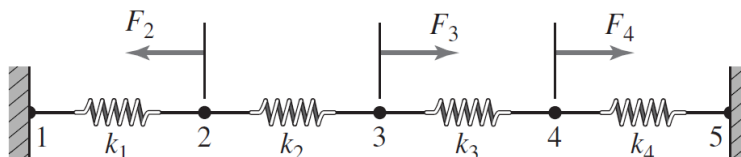
(A)



(B)

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3-Use Castigliano's first theorem to obtain the matrix equilibrium equations for the system of springs shown in the figure.



(Fundamentals of finite element analysis, D.V. Hutton)