

Problem 15.9

A 7.00- kg object hung in the vertical has a period of 2.60 seconds. What is its *spring constant*.

This is really simple:

$$\begin{aligned} T &= 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \\ \Rightarrow k &= \frac{4\pi^2 m}{T^2} \\ &= \frac{4\pi^2 (7.00 \text{ kg})}{(2.60 \text{ s})^2} \\ &= 40.9 \text{ N/m} \end{aligned}$$