

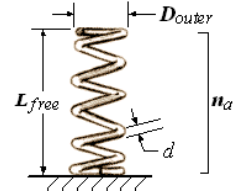
## Chapter 13: Springs



with several figures from:  
**MACHINE DESIGN - An Integrated Approach**, 2ed by Robert L. Norton,  
 Prentice-Hall 2000

## Outline

- ❖ Spring Functions & Types
- ❖ Helical Springs
  - Compression
  - Extension
  - Torsional



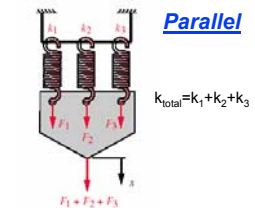
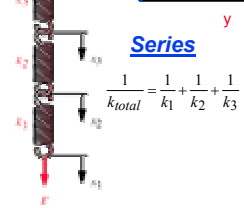
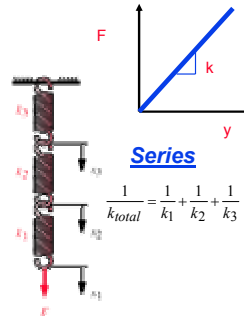
## The Function(s) of Springs

**Most fundamentally: to STORE ENERGY**



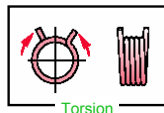
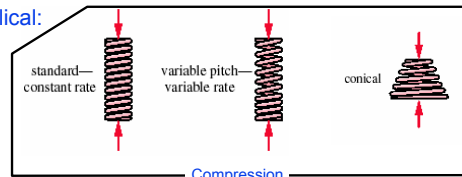
Many springs can also: *push*  
*pull*  
*twist*

## Some Review



## Types of Springs

Helical:



## More Springs

Washer Springs:



Beams:

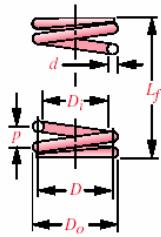


Power springs:



# Helical Compression Springs

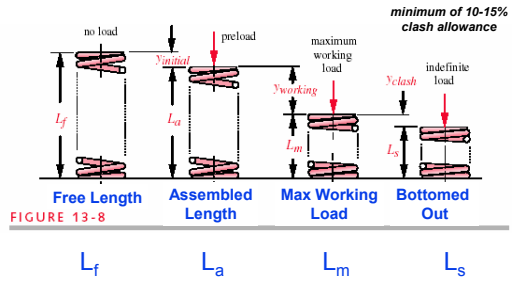
number of coils =  $N_t$



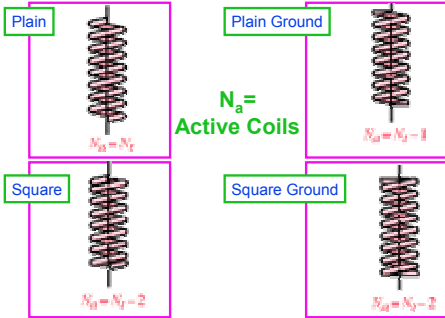
$d$  diameter of wire  
 $D$  mean coil diameter  
 $L_f$  free length  
 $p$  pitch  
 $N_t$  Total coils

may also need:  
 $D_o$  and  $D_i$

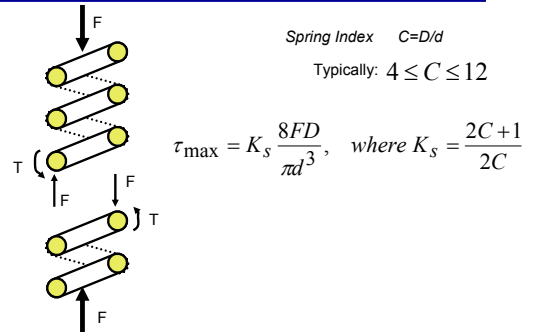
# Length Terminology



# End Conditions



# Stresses in Helical Springs



# Curvature Stress

Inner part of spring is a stress concentration

(see Chapter 4)

$K_w$  includes both the direct shear factor and the stress concentration factor

$$\tau_{\max} = K_w \frac{8FD}{\pi d^3}, \text{ where } K_w = \frac{4C-1}{4C-4} + \frac{0.615}{C}$$

- under static loading, local yielding eliminates stress concentration, so use  $K_s$
- under dynamic loading, failure happens below  $S_y$ : use  $K_s$  for mean,  $K_w$  for alternating

# Spring Deflection

$$y \approx \frac{8FD^3 N_a}{d^4 G}$$

## Spring Rate

$$y \approx \frac{8FD^3 N_a}{d^4 G}$$

$k = F/y$

$$k \approx \frac{d^4 G}{8D^3 N_a}$$

## Helical Springs

- ❖ Compression
  - Nomenclature
  - Stress
  - Deflection and Spring Constant
  - **Static Design**
  - **Fatigue Design**
- ❖ Extension
- ❖ Torsion

## Static Spring Design

- ❖ Inherently iterative
  - Some values must be set to calculate stresses, deflections, etc.
- ❖ Truly Design
  - there is not one "correct" answer
  - must synthesize (a little bit) in addition to analyze

## Material Properties

- ❖  $S_{ut}$  *ultimate tensile strength*
    - Figure 13-3
    - Table 13-4 with  $S_{ut} = Ad^b$
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- ❖  $S_{ys}$  *torsional yield strength*
    - Table 13-6 – a function of  $S_{ut}$  and set

## Spring/Material Treatments

- ❖ Setting
  - overstress material in same direction as applied load
    - » increase static load capacity 45-65%
    - » increase energy storage by 100%
  - use  $K_s$ , not  $K_w$  (stress concentration relieved)
- ❖ **Load Reversal with Springs**
- ❖ Shot Peening
  - What type of failure would this be most effective against?

## What are You Designing?

### Given

$F, y$   
 $k, y$

### Find

$k, C, D', L_f', N_a', \text{clash allowance } (\alpha), \text{ material}''$

↓  
*design variables*

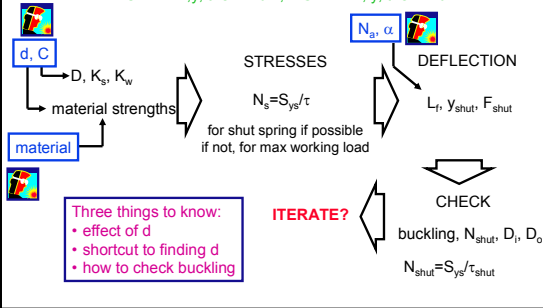
### Such that:

Safety factor is  $> 1$   
Spring will not buckle  
Spring will fit in hole, over pin, within vertical space

- \* - often can calculate from given
- \*\* - often given/defined

## Static Spring Flow Chart

if GIVEN  $F, y$ , then find  $k$ ; if GIVEN  $k, y$ , then find  $F$



## Static Design: Wire Diameter

$$\tau_{\max} = K_s \frac{8FD}{\pi d^3} \quad y \approx \frac{8FD^3 N_d}{d^4 G}$$

Based on  $N_s = S_y / \tau$  and above equation for  $\tau$ :

$$d = \left\{ \frac{8N_s (C + 0.5) [F_{\text{work}} (1 + \alpha) - F_{\text{initial}} (\alpha)]}{\pi K_m A} \right\}^{1/(2+b)}$$

Three things to know:

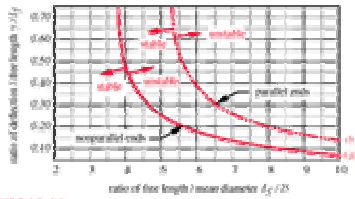
- effect of  $d$
- shortcut to finding  $d$
- how to check buckling

use Table 13-2 to select standard  $d$  near calculated  $d$   
 $K_m = S_y / S_{ut}$   
 \*maintain units (in. or mm) for  $A, b$

## Buckling

$$S.R. = \frac{L_f}{D}$$

$$y' = \frac{y_{\text{init}} + y_{\text{working}}}{L_f}$$



Three things to know:

- effect of  $d$
- shortcut to finding  $d$
- how to check buckling

In general;  $S.R. = \frac{L_f}{D} < 4$  for safe design

## Helical Springs

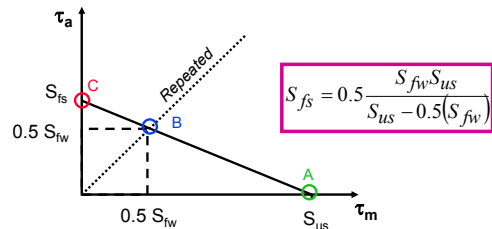
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## Material Properties

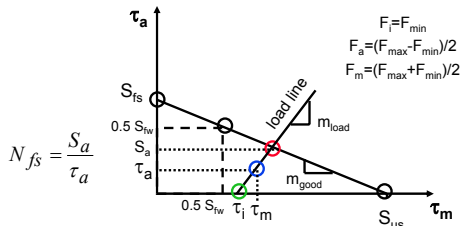
- ❖  $S_{us}$  **ultimate shear strength**
  - $S_{us} \approx 0.67 S_{ut}$
- ❖  $S_{fw}'$  **torsional fatigue strength**
  - Table 13-7 -- function of  $S_{ut}$ , # of cycles
  - repeated, room temp, 50% reliability, no corrosion
- ❖  $S_{ew}'$  **torsional endurance limit**
  - for steel,  $d < 10\text{mm}$
  - see page 816 (=45 ksi (310 MPa) if unpeened, =67.5 ksi (465 MPa) if peened)
  - repeated, room temp., 50% reliability, no corrosion

## Modified Goodman for Springs

- ❖  $S_{fw}, S_{ew}$  are for torsional strengths, so von Mises not used



## Fatigue Safety Factor



$$N_{fs} = \frac{S_{fs}(S_{us} - \tau_i)}{S_{fs}(\tau_m - \tau_i) + S_{us}\tau_a}$$

...on page 628

## What are you Designing?

### Given

$F_{\max}, F_{\min}, \Delta y$   
 $k, \Delta y$

### Find

$d, C, D^*, L_i^*, N_a^*, \text{clash}$   
 $\text{allowance } (\alpha)^*, \text{material}^*$

design variables



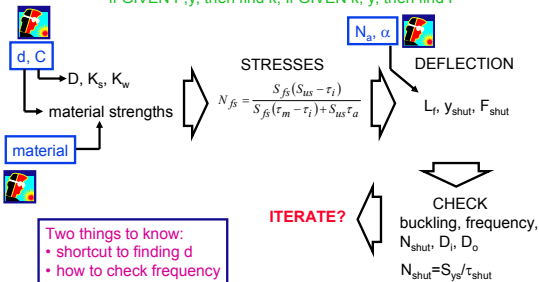
### Such that:

- Fatigue Safety Factor is  $> 1$
- Shut Static Safety Factor is  $> 1$
- Spring will not buckle
- Spring is well below natural frequency
- Spring will fit in hole, over pin, within vertical space

- \* - often can calculate from Given
- \*\* - often given/defined

## Fatigue Spring Design Strategy

if GIVEN  $F, y$ , then find  $k$ ; if GIVEN  $k, y$ , then find  $F$



## Fatigue Design: Wire Diameter

as before, you can iterate to find  $d$ , or you can use an equation derived from relationships that we already know:

$$d = \left\{ \frac{8CN_{fs}}{0.67\pi A} \left[ K_s F_m - \frac{N_{fs} - 1}{N_{fs}} K_s F_{\min} + \left( 1.34 \frac{A d^b}{S_{fw}} - 1 \right) K_w F_a \right] \right\}^{1/(2+b)}$$



use Table 13-2 to select standard  $d$  near calculated  $d$

**Two things to know:**  
 • shortcut to finding  $d$   
 • how to check frequency

\*maintain units (in. or mm) for  $A, b$

## Natural Frequency: Surge

Surge == longitudinal resonance

for fixed/fixed end conditions:

$$f_n = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{kg}{W_a}} \quad (\text{Hz})$$

ideally,  $f_n$  will be at least 13x more than  $f_{\text{forcing}}$ ... it should definitely be multiple times bigger

**Two things to know:**  
 • shortcut to finding  $d$   
 • how to check frequency

...see pages 814-815 for more

## Review of Design Strategy

### ITERATIVE

Find Loading  
Select  $C, d$

Find stresses  
Determine material properties  
Find safety factor

### USING d EQUATION

Find Loading  
Select  $C, \text{safety factor}$

Solve for  $d$ , pick standard  $d$   
Find stresses  
Determine material properties  
Check safety factor



## Strategy Review Continued

- Find spring constant,  $N_s, N_t$
- Find  $F_{SHUT}$  (must find lengths and  $y$ 's to do this)  
Find static shut shear stress and safety factor
- Check Buckling
- Check Surge
- Check  $D_i, D_o$  if pin to fit over, hole to fit in

## Consider the Following:

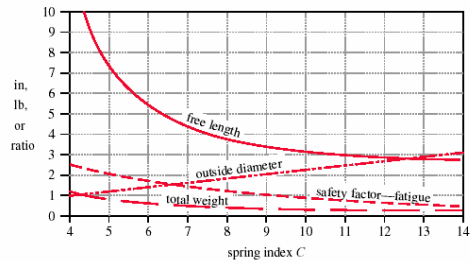
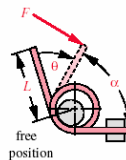


FIGURE 13-18

## Helical Springs

- ❖ Compression
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- ❖ Torsion

## Torsion Springs



### Deflection & Spring Rate

$$\theta_{rev} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{ML_w}{EI}, \quad \text{where, } L_w = \text{length of wire} = \pi DN_a$$

$$I = \frac{\pi d^4}{64}$$

$$\theta_{rev, roundwire} = 10.2 \frac{MDN_a}{d^4 E}$$

$$\theta_{rev, roundwire} = 10.9 \frac{MDN_a}{d^4 E} \quad (\text{if we account for Friction})$$

$$k = \frac{M}{\theta_{rev}}$$

## Stresses

(1) **Static** - Compressive is Max - ( $K_i > K_o$ ) - Inside of Coil

$$\sigma_{i_{max}} = K_{b_i} \frac{M_{max} c}{I} = K_{b_i} \frac{32 M_{max}}{\pi d^3}$$

$$K_{b_i} = \frac{4C^2 - C - 1}{4C(C - 1)}$$

(2) **Fatigue** - (since fatigue is a tensile stress phenomenon) - Outside of Coil

$$\sigma_{o_{max}} = K_{b_o} \frac{32 M_{max}}{\pi d^3} \quad \sigma_{o_{min}} = K_{b_o} \frac{32 M_{min}}{\pi d^3}$$

$$K_{b_o} = \frac{4C^2 + C - 1}{4C(C + 1)}$$

## Materials

see Tables 13-13 and 13-14, page 850

follow book on  $S_{ewb} = S_{ew} / 0.577 \dots$  for now

## Strategy

### Select C, d



- fit over pin (if there is one)
- don't exceed stresses

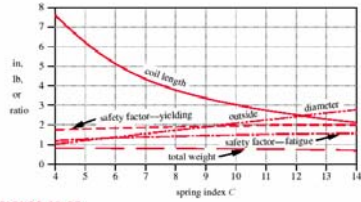


FIGURE 13-27

## Helical Springs

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