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A load of 50 N is suspended from a wire that has an area of cross-section of 1 mm².

The stress in the wire, in Pa, is between

$1 \text{ mm}^2 = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$

[1 mark]

A 10⁰ and 10³

B 10³ and 10⁶

C 10⁶ and 10⁹

D 10⁹ and 10¹²

$\therefore \frac{50}{1 \times 10^{-6}} = 5 \times 10^7$

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Which combination of properties would produce the smallest extension of a wire when the same tensile force is applied to the wire?

[1 mark]

| | Cross-sectional area (A) | Length (L) | Young modulus of material (E) |
|----------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| A | X | 3L | E |
| B | 2X | L | E |
| C | X | 3L | 4E |
| D | 2X | L | 4E |

$\times 3$
 $\frac{1}{2}$
 $\frac{3}{4}$
 $\frac{1}{2 \times 4}$

$E = \frac{FL}{Ae}$
 $e = \frac{FL}{AE}$
 $e \propto \frac{L}{AE}$

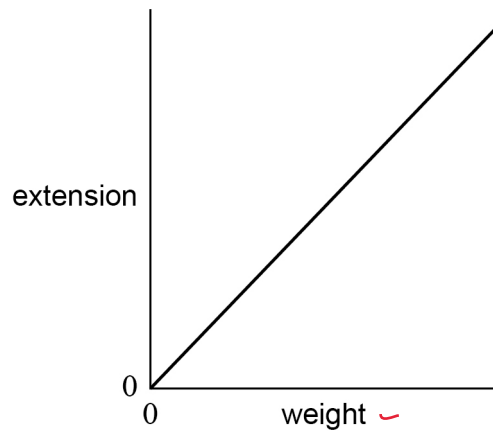
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An experiment is carried out to determine the Young modulus E of steel using a vertical wire of initial length L and cross-sectional area A . Various weights are suspended from the wire. A graph of extension against weight is plotted.



weight F in stress

$$E = \frac{FL}{AE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{E}{F} = \frac{L}{AE}$$

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gradient

What does the gradient of the graph represent?

[1 mark]

A E

B $\frac{1}{E}$

C $\frac{EA}{L}$

D $\frac{L}{EA}$

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Two wires **X** and **Y** have the same extension for the same load. **X** has a diameter d and is made of a metal of density ρ and Young modulus E . **Y** has the same mass and length as **X** but its diameter is $2d$.

What are the density and the Young modulus of the metal from which **Y** is made?

[1 mark]

| | Density | Young modulus | |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| A | $\frac{\rho}{2}$ | $\frac{E}{4}$ ✓ | <input type="radio"/> |
| B | $\frac{\rho}{2}$ | $4E$ | <input type="radio"/> |
| C | $\frac{\rho}{4}$ ✓ | $\frac{E}{4}$ ✓ | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| D | $\frac{\rho}{4}$ | $4E$ | <input type="radio"/> |

This is easy physics but the algebra needs careful handling

| X | Y |
|--------|------|
| e | e |
| d | $2d$ |
| ρ | ? |
| E | ? |
| M | m |
| L | L |

$$E_x = \frac{FL}{A_x e} \quad E_y = \frac{FL}{A_y e}$$

$$E_x A_e = E_y A_y$$

$$E_y = \frac{E_x A_e}{A_y} \quad \therefore E_y = \frac{E}{4}$$

$$\rho_x = \frac{M}{V_x} \quad \rho_y = \frac{m}{V_y} \Rightarrow \frac{\rho_x V_x}{V_y} = \rho_y \quad V_x = L \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{Ld^2}{4}$$

$$V_y = L \left(\frac{2d}{2}\right)^2 = Ld^2$$

$$\rho_y = \rho_x \frac{\left(\frac{Ld^2}{4}\right)}{Ld^2} = \rho \frac{1}{4}$$

