

## Chapter 1 Problem 30 †

### Given

$$5.1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm} = 5.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$6.8 \times 10^3 \mu\text{m} = 6.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 68 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$1.8 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$$

### Solution

Add the two lengths together and multiply by the force.

$$(5.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m} + 68 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m})(1.8 \times 10^4 \text{ N}) = 1.32 \times 10^2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

If applying the concept of proper number of significant digits, then the result of the addition is only good to two significant digits (the  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  place). Also, the multiplication is only good to two significant digits. Therefore, the answer is

$$1.3 \times 10^2 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

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