

**PHY 113 A General Physics I**  
**9-9:50 AM MWF Olin 101**

**Plan for Lecture 21:**

**Chapter 15 – Simple harmonic motion**

**1. Object attached to a spring**

- Displacement as a function of time
- Kinetic and potential energy

**2. Pendulum motion**

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**iclicker exercise:**

Why did your textbook develop a whole chapter on oscillatory motion?

- A. Because the authors like to torture students.
- B. Because it is different from Newton's laws and needs many pages to explain.
- C. Because it is an example of Newton's laws and needs many pages to explain.

**iclicker exercise:**

Simple harmonic motion has a characteristic time period  $T$ . What determines  $T$ ?

- A. The characteristics of the physical system.
- B. The initial displacements or velocities.
- C. It is not possible to know  $T$ .

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**Hooke's law**  
 $F_s = -k(x - x_0)$

Senape, Physics for Scientists and Engineers, 5th  
 Figure 13.1

(a)  $F_s$   
 $x = 0$   
 $x$

(b)  $F_s = 0$   
 $x = 0$   
 $x$

(c)  $F_s$   
 $x_0 = 0$   
 $x$

**Behavior of materials:**

**Young's modulus**  
 $E = \frac{F_{\text{applied}} / A}{\Delta L / L}$   
 $F_{\text{material}} = -F_{\text{applied}}$   
 $\Rightarrow F_{\text{material}} = -\left(\frac{EA}{L}\right)\Delta L$

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**Microscopic picture of material with springs representing bonds between atoms**

**Measurement of elastic response:**

Ultimate strength  
 Yield strength  
 Range of permanent deformation  
 Linear (elastic) range  
 Rupture

Stress ( $F/A$ )

Strain ( $\Delta L/L$ )

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**Form of Hooke's law for ideal system:**

$F_s = -kx$

**Potential energy associated with Hooke's law:**

$U_s = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$

**General potential energy curve:**

$U_s = \frac{1}{2} k (x-1)^2$

$U(x)$

$k = \frac{d^2U}{dx^2} (x=1)$

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In addition to the spring-mass system, Hooke's law approximates many physical systems near equilibrium.



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Motion associated with Hooke's law forces

Newton's second law:

$$F = -kx = m a$$

$$F = -kx = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} x \rightarrow \text{"second-order" linear differential equation}$$

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How to solve a second order linear differential equation:

Earlier example – constant force  $F_0 \rightarrow$  acceleration  $a_0$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = \frac{F_0}{m} \equiv a_0$$

$$x(t) = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a_0 t^2$$

2 constants (initial values)

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Hooke's law motion:

$$F = -kx = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} x$$

Forms of solution:

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$$

where:  $\omega \equiv \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

2 constants (initial values)

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Verification:

Differential relations:

$$\frac{d \sin(\omega t + \phi)}{dt} = \omega \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\frac{d \cos(\omega t + \phi)}{dt} = -\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

Therefore:

$$\frac{d^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi)}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{satisfies}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} x \quad \text{provided that} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

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Recap: Newton's law for mass - spring system :

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} x$$

Guess that solution for  $x(t)$  has the form :

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{where } A \text{ and } \phi \text{ and } \omega \text{ are unknown constants}$$

Condition that guess satisfies the equation :

$$\frac{d^2 [A \cos(\omega t + \phi)]}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 [A \cos(\omega t + \phi)] = -\frac{k}{m} [A \cos(\omega t + \phi)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} \quad (\text{determines } \omega)$$

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**iclicker exercise:**

Which of the following other possible guesses would provide a solution to Newton's law for the mass-spring system:

- A.  $A \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$
- B.  $A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$
- C.  $v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} g t^2$
- D.  $\exp(\omega t + \varphi)$
- E. More than one of the above.

Note that :  $A \sin(\omega t + \varphi) = A \cos(\varphi) \sin(\omega t) + A \sin(\varphi) \cos(\omega t)$

$A \cos(\omega t + \varphi) = A \cos(\varphi) \cos(\omega t) - A \sin(\varphi) \sin(\omega t)$

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Complete solution for Newton's law for mass - spring system :

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} x$$

We now know that the solution for  $x(t)$  has the form :

$$x(t) = A \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t + \varphi\right) \quad \text{where } A \text{ and } \varphi \text{ are unknown constants}$$

Finding  $A$  and  $\varphi$  from initial conditions :

Suppose we know that

$$x(t=0) = x_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(t=0) = 0$$

$$x(t=0) = x_0 = A \cos(\varphi) \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(t=0) = 0 = -A \sin(\varphi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A = x_0 \quad \Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right)$$

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Finding  $A$  and  $\varphi$  from initial conditions :

Suppose we know that

$$x(t=0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(t=0) = v_0$$

$$x(t=0) = 0 = A \cos(\varphi) \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(t=0) = v_0 = -A \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \sin(\varphi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad A = -\frac{v_0}{\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}} \quad \Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}} \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right)$$

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“Simple harmonic motion” in practice

A block with a mass of 0.2 kg is connected to a light spring for which the force constant is 5 N/m and is free to oscillate on a horizontal, frictionless surface. The block is displaced 0.05 m from equilibrium and released from rest. Find its subsequent motion.

$$\omega = \sqrt{k/m} = \sqrt{5/0.2} \text{ rad/s} = 5 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad x(0) = A \cos(\phi) = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

$$v(t) = -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi) \quad v(0) = -A\omega \sin(\phi) = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\rightarrow \phi = 0 \text{ and } A = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

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**iclicker exercise:**

A certain mass  $m$  on a spring oscillates with a characteristic frequency of 2 cycles per second. Which of the following changes to the mass would increase the frequency to 4 cycles per second?

- (a)  $2m$     (b)  $4m$     (c)  $m/2$     (d)  $m/4$

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**Summary --**

Simple harmonic motion:

$$F = -kx = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} x$$

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi); \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Note that:

$$v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

Conveniently  
evaluated in  
radians

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**Energy associated with simple harmonic motion**

Form of displacement :

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \quad \text{where } \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad \text{and } A \text{ and } \varphi \text{ are constants}$$

Energy :

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = -A \omega \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2 (\sin(\omega t + \varphi))^2 + \frac{1}{2} k A^2 (\cos(\omega t + \varphi))^2$$

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**Energy associated with simple harmonic motion**

Energy :

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2 (\sin(\omega t + \varphi))^2 + \frac{1}{2} k A^2 (\cos(\omega t + \varphi))^2$$

$$\text{But } \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2} k A^2 [(\sin(\omega t + \varphi))^2 + (\cos(\omega t + \varphi))^2] = \frac{1}{2} k A^2$$

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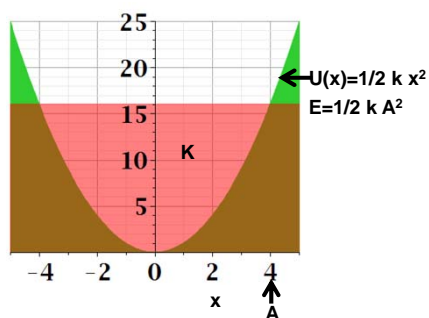
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**Energy diagram:**

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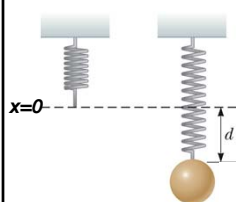
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## Effects of gravity on spring motion

At equilibrium:  $kd - mg = 0$ 

$$d = \frac{mg}{k}$$

$$F = -kx - mg = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m}x - g$$

Rewriting:

$$\frac{d^2 (x+d)}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} \left( x + \frac{mg}{k} \right) = -\frac{k}{m} (x+d)$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = -d + A \cos \left( \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t + \phi \right)$$

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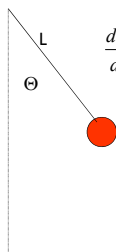
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Simple harmonic motion for a pendulum:



$$\tau = mgL \sin \Theta = -I\alpha = -I \frac{d^2 \Theta}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \Theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{mgL}{I} \sin \Theta = -\frac{g}{L} \sin \Theta \quad (\text{since } I = mL^2)$$

Approximation for small  $\Theta$ :

$$\sin \Theta \approx \Theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 \Theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{L} \Theta$$

Solution:

$$\Theta(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi); \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

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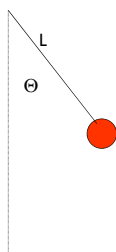
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Pendulum example:

Suppose  $L=2\text{m}$ , what is the period of the pendulum?

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} = \sqrt{\frac{9.8\text{m/s}^2}{2\text{m}}} = 2.2135 \text{ rad/s} = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2.84 \text{ s}$$

$$\Theta(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi); \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

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