

Let $x = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A\omega \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

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

Substitute into differential eqn —

$$-A\omega^2 \sin(\omega t + \phi) + \frac{k}{m} A \sin(\omega t + \phi) = 0$$

True if $\omega^2 = k/m$!

So our little differential eqn has solns

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

Does it make sense?

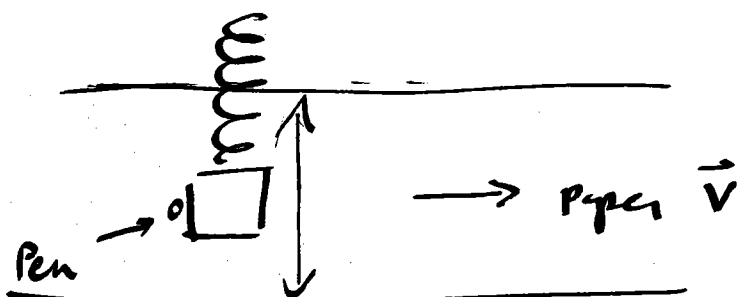


Harmonic

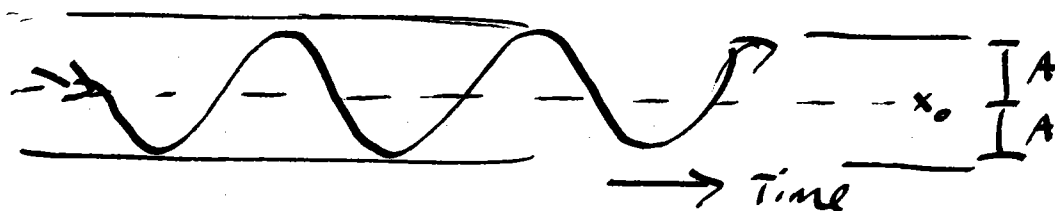
Functions

⇒ why we call it

Simple Harmonic Motion!



let mass on spring oscillate on frictionless horizontal plane
View from above



$$F = -kx \quad x_0 \equiv 0$$

$$ma = -kx$$

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

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$$

2nd order ordinary differential equation

differential equation
equation of Motion for
a Simple Harmonic
Oscillator

Solve this for $x(t) \rightarrow$ tells where spring is
as a fn of time

This is what you need usually

$$\text{Let } x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

Amplitude $\uparrow$ Frequency $\uparrow$ initial phase

all just constants
for now

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

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

general soln... constants
set by "initial" and
"boundary" conditions
specific to problem

Substitute into differential eqn

$$-A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \phi) + \frac{k}{m} A \cos(\omega t + \phi) = 0$$

$$\text{True if } \omega^2 = k/m \text{ or } \omega = \pm \sqrt{k/m}$$

The motion is Periodic

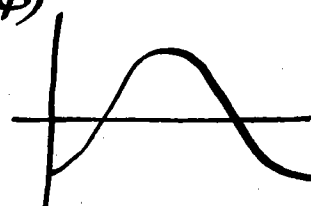
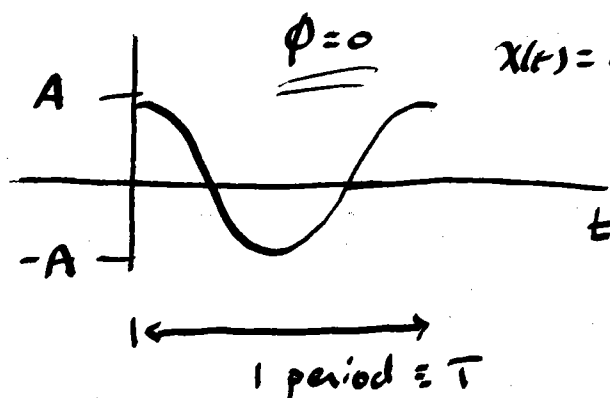
repeats in Time T , called the Period

Frequency $\equiv \frac{1}{T}$ units of $\frac{1}{s}$ or Hertz, Hz

$X(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ initial phase angle

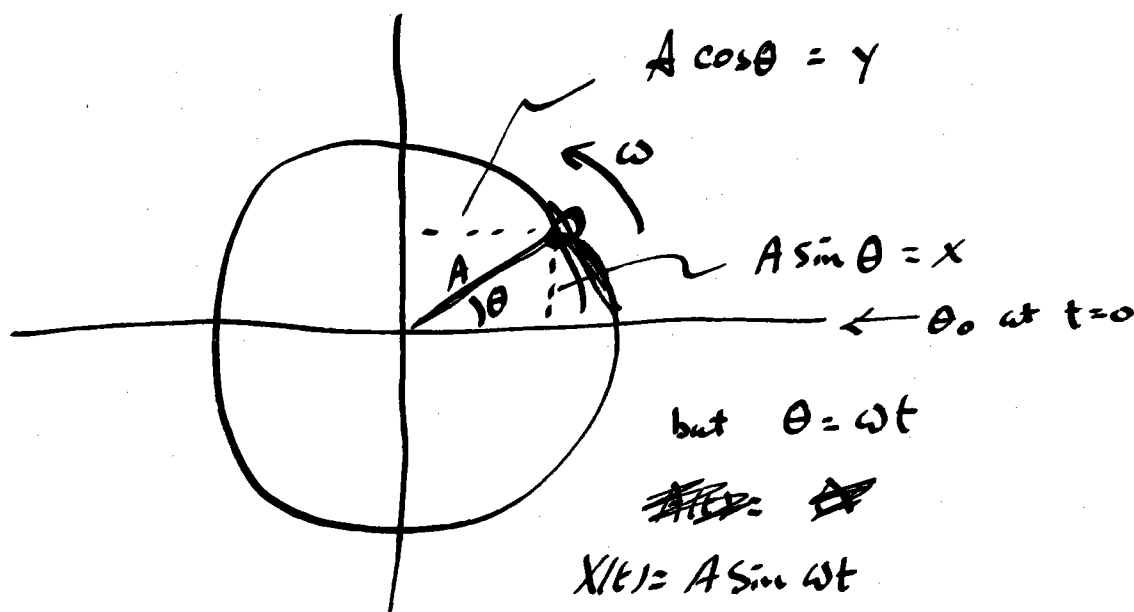
↑ Amplitude of motion ↑ frequency $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

in radians



curve if $\phi = \pi$

Circular motion can be thought of as a Superposition of linear SHM in 2 dimensions



if $\theta = 0$... phase angle into argument

Spring

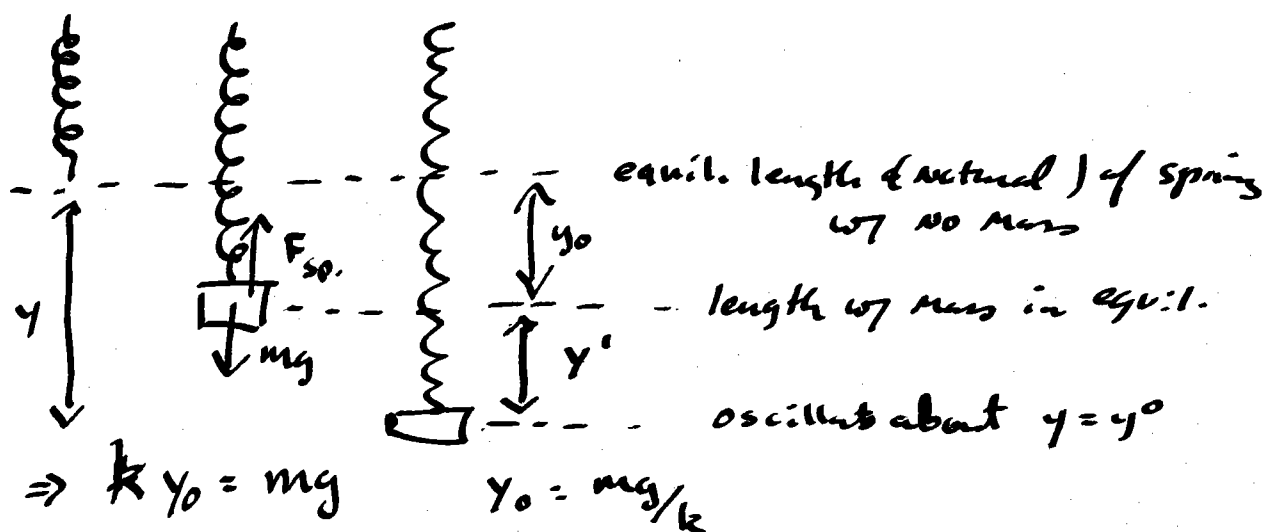
AT maximum Amplitude ... know all E is PE

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k x^2 = \frac{1}{2} k A^2$$

$\therefore$ Total Energy in a SHO is $\frac{1}{2} k A^2$

Example

Show a mass oscillating on a vertical spring executes simple harmonic motion



$$\Sigma F_y = 0 \Rightarrow k y_0 = mg$$

$$y_0 = mg/k$$

$$\Sigma F_y = -k y + mg = ma = m \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$$

~~$$y = y_0 + y'$$~~

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$$\text{Let } y \rightarrow y' + \frac{mg}{k}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy'}{dt} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2 y'}{dt^2}$$

so

$$\Sigma F_y \text{ becomes } \boxed{-k y' = m \frac{d^2 y'}{dt^2}}$$

This is eqn of motion for SHO we know how to solve!

Tells us ~~spring~~ mass oscillates w/ SHM about y_0

$$F = -ky'$$

$$\text{where } y' = y - \frac{mg}{k}$$

$$y'(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \theta_0)$$

wt

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

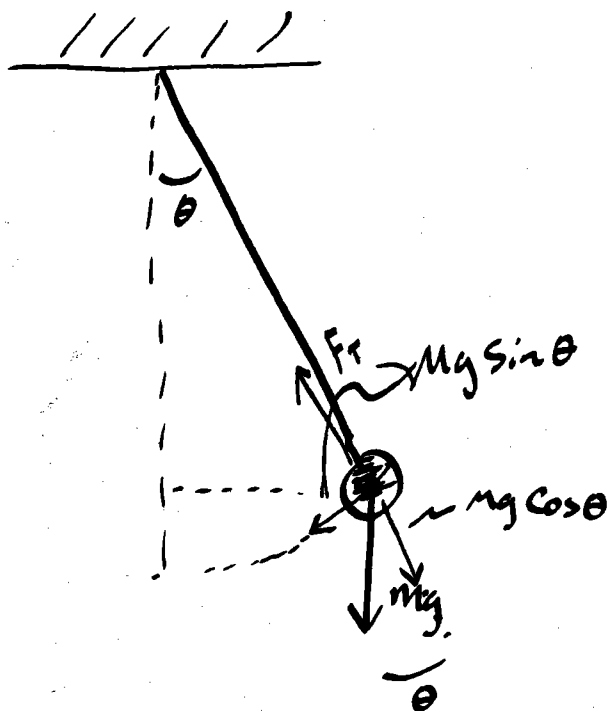
Doesn't Δ frequency

gravity shifts the equilibrium point of motion
from $y=0$ to $y'=0$

All other results are the same as for SHM in variable y' !

Example

Simple Pendulum

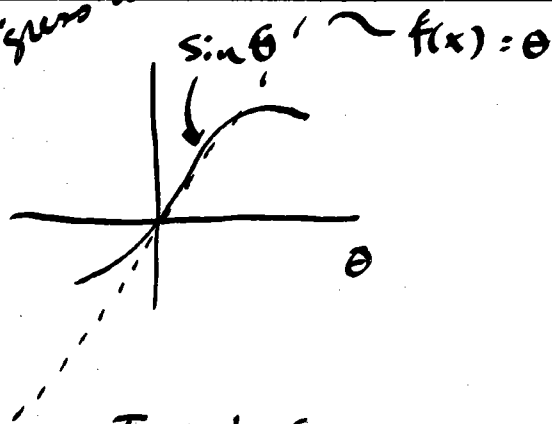


restoring force $F = mg \sin \theta$

But $\sin \theta \approx \theta$ for small θ

→ Whoa! Where did I get this magic?!

Draw a little



look at small θ

$$\sin \theta \approx \theta$$

Taylor's Series expansion about $x=a$

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)(x-a)^2}{2!} + \dots +$$

$$\frac{f^{(n-1)}(a)(x-a)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} + \dots$$

look at

$$f(x) = \sin \theta \quad \text{about } \theta = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta = & \sin(0) + \cos(0)(\theta-0) + \frac{[-\sin(0)](\theta-0)^2}{2!} \\ & + \frac{[-\cos(0)](\theta-0)^3}{3!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin \theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots$$

for small θ

$$\sin \theta \approx \theta$$

Error in our Approximation

θ_{deg}	θ_{rad}	$\sin \theta$	$\frac{\theta}{\sin \theta}$
1.0	0.017453	0.017452	.006%
10	0.1745	0.1736	0.51%
30			4.7%

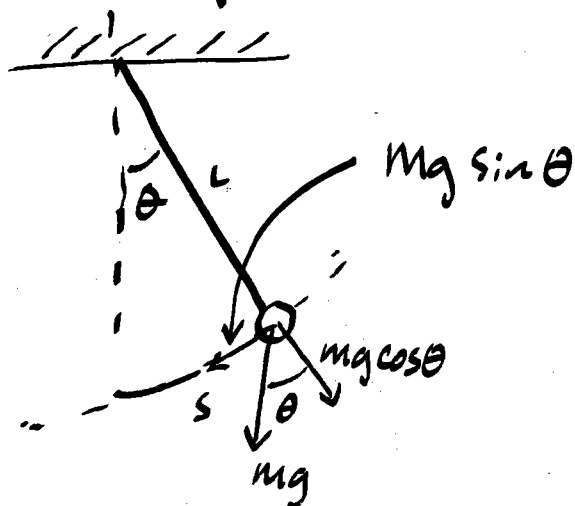
Taylor Series expansion of $\cos x$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$\cos x \approx 1 \text{ for } x \text{ small}$$

This is a Very useful Tool in Physics !!

back To simple Pendulum



$$s = L\theta$$

$$m \frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = -mg \sin \theta \approx -mg \theta = -mg \frac{s}{L}$$

~~$$m \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = -mg \sin \theta$$~~

~~$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{L} \theta$$~~

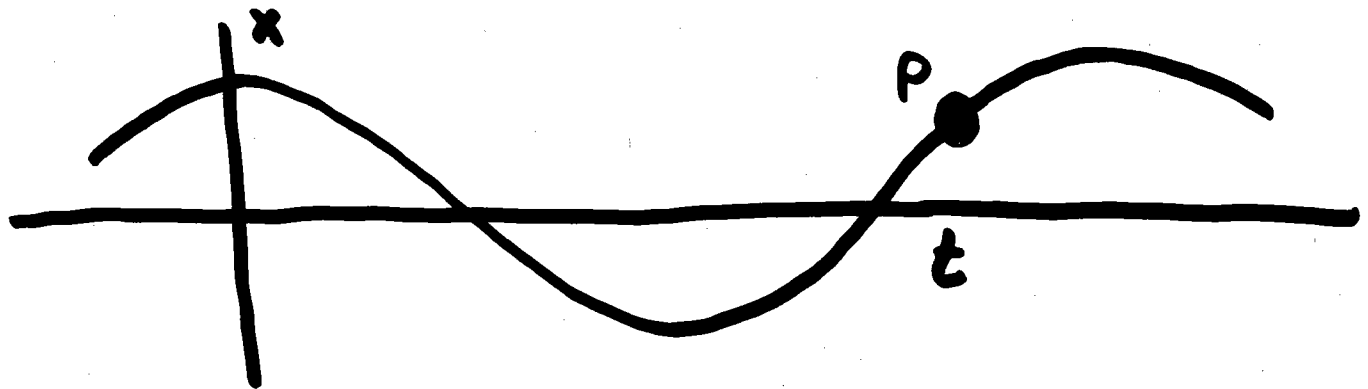
$$\boxed{\frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{L} s = 0}$$

Same form as SHO differential eqn

$$s(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{where}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

Mass attached to spring oscillates
Back + forth as shown in position-Time
graph below



AT Point P the mass has

- ① Positive Velocity, positive Acceleration
- ② Positive velocity, Negative Accel.
- ③ Negative velocity, Positive Accel.
- ④ Negative velocity, Negative Accel.
- ⑤ zero velocity but Acceleration
- ⑥ Some velocity but zero Accel.
- ⑦ zero velocity, zero accel.

A simple pendulum has a period T on Earth. How does this compare to the period of the same pendulum if taken to the moon?

① $T_{\text{Earth}} > T_{\text{Moon}}$

② $T_{\text{Earth}} < T_{\text{Moon}}$

③ $T_{\text{Earth}} = T_{\text{Moon}}$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

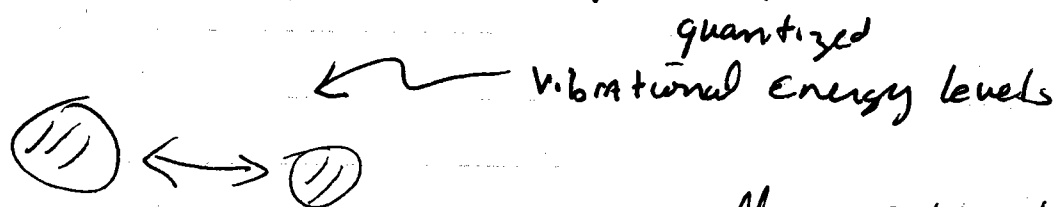
$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

$$g_{\text{Moon}} < g_{\text{Earth}}$$

$$\therefore T_{\text{Moon}} > T_{\text{Earth}} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Theoretical Chemistry Example



usually emit/absorb in IR

Diatomic Molecule
or
Atomic Bond

$$\text{Given } F = -\frac{C}{r^2} + \frac{D}{r^3}$$

What is Frequency and period of vibration?

What is equilibrium position $= r_0$

$$\text{at } r_0 = r \quad F = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{C}{r_0^2} = \frac{D}{r_0^3} \Rightarrow r_0 = D/C$$

Consider small oscillations about r_0

$$r = r_0 + x$$

$$F = -\frac{C}{(r_0 + x)^2} + \frac{D}{(r_0 + x)^3}$$

recall from Calculus $\rightarrow$ Taylor's series expansions

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)(x-a)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n-1)}(a)(x-a)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

Thus

$$(1+x)^{-2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 + \dots$$

$$(1+x)^{-3} = 1 - 3x + 6x^2 + \dots$$

$$F = -\frac{C}{(r_0+x)^2} + \frac{D}{(r_0+x)^3} = -\frac{C}{r_0^2 \left(1 + \frac{x}{r_0}\right)^2} + \frac{D}{r_0^3 \left(1 + \frac{x}{r_0}\right)^3}$$

$$F = -\frac{C}{r_0^2} \left(1 + \frac{x}{r_0}\right)^{-2} + \frac{D}{r_0^3} \left(1 + \frac{x}{r_0}\right)^{-3}$$

$\swarrow$ $\searrow$
 $\equiv x$ $\equiv x$

x is small

sub in Taylor's Series expansion, Drop terms $O\left(\frac{x}{r_0}\right)^2$ or smaller

$$F = -\frac{C}{r_0^2} \left(1 - 2\frac{x}{r_0}\right) + \frac{D}{r_0^3} \left(1 - 3\frac{x}{r_0}\right)$$

$$F = \underbrace{-\frac{C}{r_0^2} + \frac{D}{r_0^3}}_{=0} + C \frac{2x}{r_0} - \frac{D}{r_0} x$$

0 by def of equilibrium position r_0 as shown earlier

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{1}{r_0} (3D + 2C)\right) x$$

$\equiv$ CONSTANT $\equiv K$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{K}{m} x = 0 \quad \text{SHM w/ } \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}$$

$$\text{Period} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$