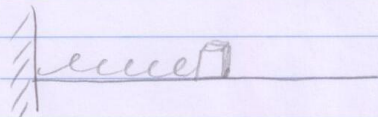


# Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

SHM is the motion of an object subject to a force that is proportional to the object's displacement.

So far we've study sound waves now springs.

Analyze a spring/mass system



Force  
Acceleration  
Velocity  
Energy

Force  $\Rightarrow$  Hooke's Law

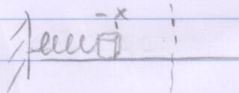
$$F = -kx$$

F = Force

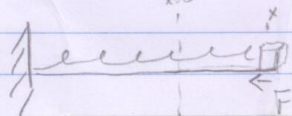
k = Spring constant

x = displacement from equilibrium

- Shows it is a restoring force - always opposing displacement (x)



F  $\rightarrow$

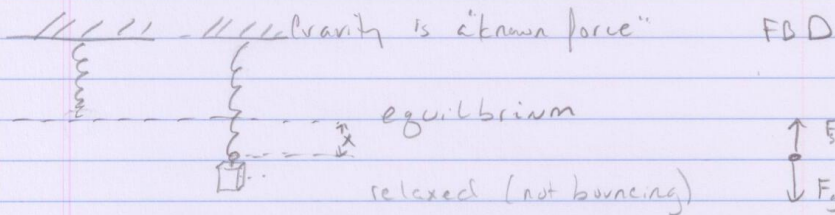


Back to our definition of SHM & see this fits

Force  $\propto$  displacement

Spring Constant ( $k$ ) = stiffness of the spring  
 wimpy vs. strong  
 per vs. shocks

To measure  $k$  typically a known force is applied and the displacement ( $x$ ) is measured.

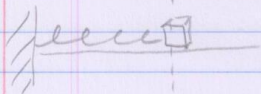


Let's hang 0.55 kg from above spring  
 measure  $x$  to be 4.0 cm

$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_y &= F_s - F_g = 0 \\ &= -kx - mg = 0 \\ &= kx = mg \\ k &= \frac{mg}{x}\end{aligned}$$

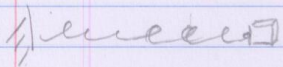
$$k = \frac{mg}{x} = \frac{0.55 \text{ kg} \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}{0.04 \text{ m}} = 135 \text{ N/m}$$

Now use the same spring horizontally on frictionless surface  
 $x=0$   $m=350 \text{ g}$   $k=135 \text{ N/m}$



$x=10 \text{ cm}$

- Pull spring 10 cm from equilibrium & let it go.  
 Find Force & acceleration at  
 a)  $x = 10 \text{ cm}$  & b)  $x = 0 \text{ cm}$



$$\begin{aligned}\text{a) } F &= -kx = -135 \text{ N/m} \cdot 0.1 \text{ m} = \underline{-13.5 \text{ N}} \\ F &= ma \quad -13.5 \text{ N} = 0.35 \text{ kg} \cdot a \\ a &= \underline{-38.6 \text{ m/s}^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } F = -kx = 0 \text{ N} \quad a = 0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a = -\frac{k}{m}x$$

What is the Amplitude of the oscillation for the spring-mass set up we just analyzed?  $A = 10 \text{ cm}$

$x$  ranges from  $-\frac{k}{m}A$  to  $\frac{k}{m}A$

Equations of motion

General form:

$$x = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} t\right)$$

$$v = \frac{2\pi}{T} A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} t\right)$$

$$a = -\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} t\right)$$

When is  $\cos \theta$  largest? when  $\theta = 0$

$$\text{so } a_{\text{max}} = -\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 A$$

$$\text{just found } a_{\text{max}} = \frac{k}{m}A$$

$$\frac{k}{m}A = \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 A$$

$$\text{so } T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

$$\text{and } f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{k/m}$$

if we have Period & Amplitude we can write our equations of motion for springs:

$$x = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{2\pi\sqrt{m/k}} t\right)$$

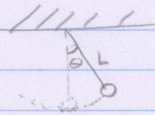
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## Motion of a pendulum



$$F_{\text{tan}} = -mg \sin \theta$$

FBD

Hooke's law is  $F = -kx$

Not SHM because  $\propto \sin \theta$ !



$F_g \sin \theta$  in direction of motion

But if  $\theta < 15^\circ$   $\sin \theta \approx \theta$

$$F_{\text{tan}} = -mg \theta$$

we can turn  $\theta$  into a displacement  $s = \text{arc length} = \theta L$

$$F_{\text{tan}} = -mg \frac{s}{L} = -\frac{mg}{L} s \quad \text{compared to } -kx$$
$$\frac{mg}{L} = k$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{m/k} \quad \text{Spring}$$
$$= 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{mg/L}}$$

lab this week

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{L/g} \quad \text{pendulum} \quad \text{if } \theta < 15^\circ$$

Note: Does not depend on mass or Amplitude!

How tall is a tower if a pendulum hanging from the top has a period of 12s?



$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{L/g}$$

$$\left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^2 g = L$$

$$\left(\frac{12\text{s}}{2\pi}\right)^2 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = \underline{35.8\text{m}}$$