

# Physics

## Semester 1 2017

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## 1 Simple Harmonic Motion

Simple harmonic motion is the motion of an object whose restoring force is directly proportional to its displacement.

Angular Frequency  $\omega = 2\pi f$

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

### 1.1 Horizontal Spring Mass System

$$F_x = -kx$$

$$F = ma$$

$$ma = -kx$$

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

### 1.2 Energy in Simple Harmonic Motion

We know that the object has both kinetic energy and potential energy from the spring.

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2}mv_x^2 \text{ and } P.E. = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

Since energy is conserved, we combine the two equations.

$$T.E. = \frac{1}{2}mv_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

Solving for  $v_x$ ,

$$v_x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \sqrt{A^2 - x^2} = \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

Maximum velocity occurs at  $x = 0$ ,

$$v_{max} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} A$$

### 1.3 Vertical Oscillations

When a mass is hung on an unstretched vertical spring with spring constant  $k$ , the string extends by  $\Delta L$ .

$$k\Delta L = mg$$

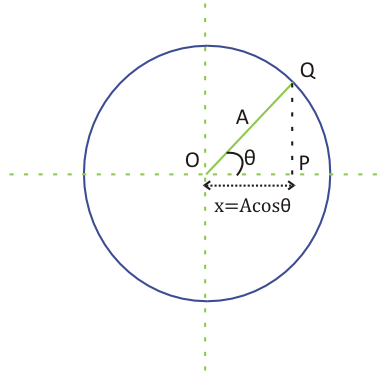
For springs in parallel,

$$k_T = k_1 + k_2$$

For springs in series,

$$k_T = \left( \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \right)^{-1}$$

## 1.4 Circle of Reference



Point Q moves in a counter clockwise direction. The constant angular velocity of Q is equal to the angular frequency of P's SHM.

$$\omega = \Delta\phi / \Delta t$$

From the figure, we can see that  $x = A \cos \theta$ . Note that  $\phi = \theta$ . If Q is at the extreme right end of the diameter at  $t = 0$ , then  $\phi = 0$ .

$$\phi = \omega t$$

$$x = A \cos \omega t$$

The velocity of Q is obtained by taking the derivative of  $x = A \cos \omega t$  with respect to  $t$ .

$$v_x = -\omega A \sin \omega t$$

$$a_Q = \omega^2 A$$

$$a_x = -\omega^2 A \cos \omega t$$

Combining the above and  $x = A \cos \omega t$ ,

$$a_x = -\omega^2 x$$

We are now able to express the frequency of an object with respect to  $k$  and  $m$ .

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

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

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

We are hence able to simplify some equations.

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

$$v_x = \pm \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

**IMPORTANT** When  $x_0 \neq A$ ,  $x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$ , where  $\phi_0$  is the phase constant, found by setting  $t = 0$ .

## 1.5 The simple pendulum

The restoring force of a pendulum is the component of force tangent to the circular path at that point.

$$F = -mg \sin \theta$$

With small angle approximation however,  $\sin \theta$  is almost equals to  $\theta$  in radians.

$$F = -mg\theta = -mg \frac{x}{L}$$

The constant  $mg/L$  thus represents the force constant  $k$ .

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

## 1.6 Damped and forced oscillations

Damping causes a decrease in amplitude. An additional force acting on the object that varies with time in a period way is a driving force.

## 2 Waves

There are two types, transverse and longitudinal waves and can be represented by snapshot graphs and history graphs.

Snapshot graphs follows all particles at one single time,  $\Delta y, x$ .

History graphs follows only one particle but at all times,  $\Delta y, t$ .

### 2.1 Periodic mechanical waves

The very important formula,

$$v = \lambda f$$

Each wave advances by one wavelength  $\lambda$  during each period  $T$ . Particles one wavelength apart move in phase with each other.

### 2.2 Wave speeds

The speed of a transverse wave in a rope under tension is proportional to the square root of the tension, divided by the mass per unit length.

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}}$$

### 2.3 Mathematical description of a wave

Suppose that the displacement of a particle at the left end at  $x = 0$ .

$$y = A \sin \omega t$$

The wave travels from  $x = 0$  to some point  $x$  to the right of the origin in an amount of time given by  $x/v$ , where  $v$  is the wave speed. So the motion of point  $x$  at time  $t$  is the same as the motion of point  $x = 0$  at the earlier time  $(t - x/c)$ .

$$y(x, t) = A \sin \omega \left( t - \frac{x}{v} \right)$$

$$y(x, t) = A \sin \omega \left( \frac{t}{T} - \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)$$

Thus at  $x = 0$ ,

$$y = A \sin 2\pi \frac{t}{T}$$

Wave number  $k$ .

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

Phase difference  $\phi_0$  in waves.

$$\frac{\Delta\phi}{2\pi} = \frac{\Delta x}{\lambda}$$

When the particle is moving in the positive  $x$  direction,  $kx - \omega t$  and in negative  $x$  direction,  $kx + \omega t$ .

$$y(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi_0)$$

## 2.4 Reflections and superposition

### 2.4.1 Wave reflection

Waves reflecting on a fixed end. When the pulse arrives, the rope exerts an upward force on the wall and the wall exerts a downward force on the rope. The pulse thus inverts as it reflects.

Waves reflecting on a free end. When the pulse arrives, no force acts on the wave, thus, it reflects without inverting.

### 2.4.2 Wave overlap

When pulses overlap, the displacement of the string at any point is the vector sum of the displacements due to the individual pulses.

## 2.5 Standing waves and normal modes

### 2.5.1 Standing waves

Nodes, points on the wave that do not move. Anti-nodes, points midway between nodes, with the greatest amplitude. Because it does not seem to move along the string, it is called a standing wave.

Open ends of a pipe is always a displacement anti-node. Closed end of a pipe is always a displacement node.

### 2.5.2 Normal modes

Wavelengths for standing waves in strings/Closed-Closed tubes/Open-Open tubes. Largest wavelength is when  $m_{mode} = 1$  and only has one anti-node.

$$NN = \frac{\lambda_m}{2} = \frac{L}{m}$$

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{2L}$$

$$f_m = m \frac{v}{2L}$$

$m = 1$  Fundamental frequency

$m = 2$  Second Harmonic, First overtone

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For Open-Close tubes however, the fundamental mode has only one quarter of a wavelength in a tube of length  $L$ , hence the  $m = 1$  wavelength is  $\lambda_1 = 4L$ .

$$AN = \frac{\lambda_m}{4} = \frac{L}{m}$$

$$f_m = m \frac{v}{4L} = m f_1$$

Where  $m = 1, 3, 5, 7 \dots$

Fundamental frequency on a vibrating string.

$$f_1 = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}}$$

## 2.6 Beats

If two waves at first are in phase, they will interfere constructively and a large amplitude resultant wave occurs. When the two waves move, they become progressively out of phase until they interfere destructively and a low amplitude resultant wave occurs.

## 2.7 The Doppler effect

When a source of sound is moving away from the receiver, it has a lower apparent frequency. When a source of sound is moving towards the receiver, it has a high apparent frequency.

## 2.8 Power and Intensity of wave

If a wave has power  $P$ ,

$$I = \frac{P}{Area}$$

If a source of spherical waves radiates uniformly in all directions,

$$I = \frac{P_{source}}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$\frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2}$$

## 3 Lens

Image is always virtual when outgoing rays don't actually come from the image.

- When object on same side as reflecting surface, distance is positive.
- When image is on same side as reflecting surface, the distance is positive.

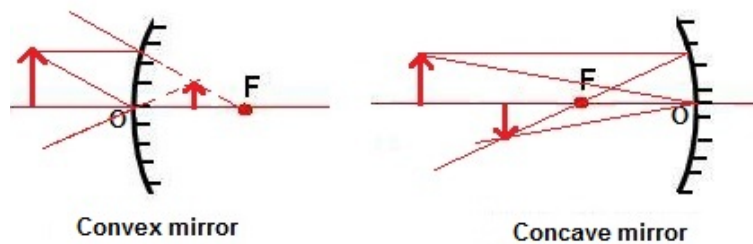
### 3.1 Plane mirrors

Object and image will have the same size and orientation when using plane mirrors.

$$s = -s'$$

Image formed is always upright but reversed.

### 3.2 Reflections at a spherical surface



$F$  is the focal point. Center of curvature  $C$  is between  $F$  and  $2F$ .  $R$  is the distance between  $C$  and the surface.  $f$  is the distance between  $F$  and the surface.

### 3.2.1 Focal length

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{2}{R} = \frac{1}{f}$$

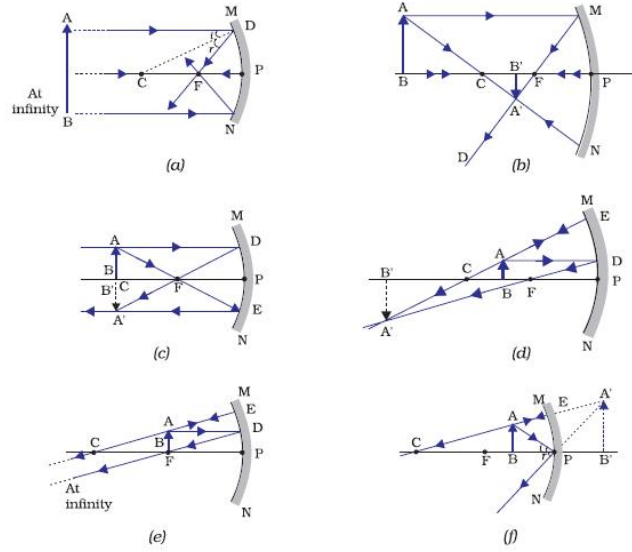
When  $C$  is on the same side as the outgoing ray,  $R$  is positive.

### 3.2.2 Lateral magnification

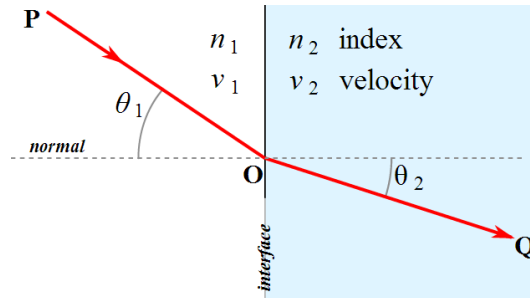
$$m = \frac{y'}{y} = -\frac{s'}{s}$$

**IMPORTANT** Both equations can be used for both concave and convex mirrors and lens.

### 3.2.3 Drawing ray diagrams



## 3.3 Refraction



$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

Total internal reflection occurs when the angle of incidence is more than or equals to critical angle. To find critical angle, we use Snell's law.

$$\theta_c = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{n_2}{n_1} \right)$$

### 3.3.1 Refraction at a spherical surface

$$\frac{n_a}{s} + \frac{n_b}{s'} = \frac{n_b - n_a}{R}$$

$$m = \frac{n_a s'}{n_b s}$$

At a plane surface where  $R = \infty$ .

$$\frac{n_a}{s} + \frac{n_b}{s'} = 0$$

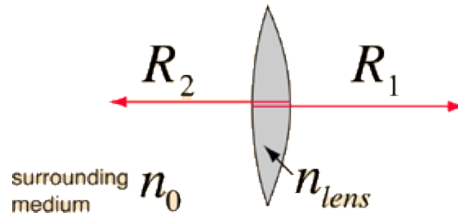
### 3.4 Thin lens

Equation for focal length and lateral magnification can be applied.

**IMPORTANT** When half the lens is covered, the image is blurred.

#### 3.4.1 Lens-maker equation

$$\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s'} = \frac{2}{R} = \frac{1}{f} = (n - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$



Sign conventions for  $R$ :

- $+/-$  for both sides convex
- $+/+$  for left side convex, right side concave
- $-/+$  for both sides concave
- $-/-$  for left side concave, right side convex

### 3.5 Multiple lens

When two lens are placed right next to each other, in contact.

$$\frac{1}{F} = \frac{1}{f_1} + \frac{1}{f_2}$$

#### 3.5.1 Microscope

A microscope consists of two lens, the eyepiece with the angular magnification  $M_2$  and the objective with lateral magnification  $m_1$ .

$$M = m_1 M_2 = \frac{(25cm)(D_{objective})}{f_1 f_2}$$

#### 3.5.2 Telescope

The telescope works in a similar way like the microscope.

$$M = -\frac{f_1}{f_2}$$

Where  $f_1$  is eyepiece and  $f_2$  is objective.

This thus concludes the summary for Year 4 Physics Semester 1 2017.