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Last time ...

 Simple harmonic motion

$$F_{sp} = -k(x - x_e)$$

$$F_{NET} = F_{sp} = ma_x$$

$$ma_x = -k(x - x_e)$$

x_e : equilibrium position

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

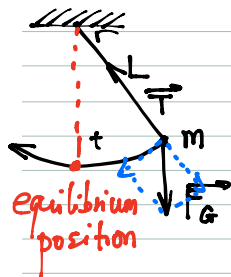
$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m}(x - x_e)$$

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

$$x(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi_0)$$

amplitude \downarrow angular frequency \downarrow phase constant \rightarrow

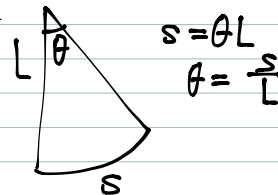
Today Pendulum



$$(F_{net})_r = T - (F_g)_r = 0$$

$$(F_{net})_t = -(F_g)_t = -mg \sin \theta$$

$$(F_{net})_t = ma \leftarrow \text{acceleration along the circle}$$



$$a = \frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}(\theta L) = L \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2}$$

$$(F_{net})_t = mL \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = -mg \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = \frac{-mg}{mL} \sin \theta = -\frac{g}{L} \sin \theta$$

$\approx -\omega^2 \theta$

Compare with $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m}(x-x_e)$ for the object spring system.

For small angles, $\sin\theta \approx \theta$

$\theta(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$ satisfies

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\omega^2\theta, \text{ where } \omega(\text{"omega"}) = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} = \text{angular frequency}$$

energy = $\frac{1}{2}mv_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \dots$ object on spring

$$x = A \cos(\omega t) \text{ or } x = A \sin(\omega t)$$

$$v_x = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t) \text{ or } v_x = \frac{dx}{dt} = \omega A \cos(\omega t)$$

} E_{TOTAL} is constant