

# PHAS1040 WAVES

## Part 1: Vibrations and non-electromagnetic waves (strings, water waves, sound waves)

**WEEKS 7-11 Semester 1**

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## Part 2: Optics

**WEEKS 1-5? Semester 2**

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Tuesday 1pm	WORKSHOP	Roger Stevens LT 02/Chem Eng LT B
Tuesday 4pm	LECTURE	Roger Stevens LT 02
Thursday 3pm	LECTURE	Roger Stevens LT 22

### Recommended text:

Physics for scientists and engineers, Tipler & Mosca	
Vibrations	- Chapter 14
Waves	- Chapter 15
Sound	- Chapters 15, 16

### Further Reading:

Vibrations and Waves in Physics	I G Main
Vibrations and Waves	A P French
Vibrations and Waves	Gough, Richards & Williams

## Week

1	Simple Harmonic Motion	Damped SHM
2	Driven Oscillations	Resonance
3	Travelling Waves, Harmonic waves	Energy and Power of a wave
4	Reflection, Transmission and impedance of waves	Superposition/ Interference
5	Longitudinal waves, sound + seismic waves	The Doppler Effect, shock waves



Driven and damped simple harmonic motion

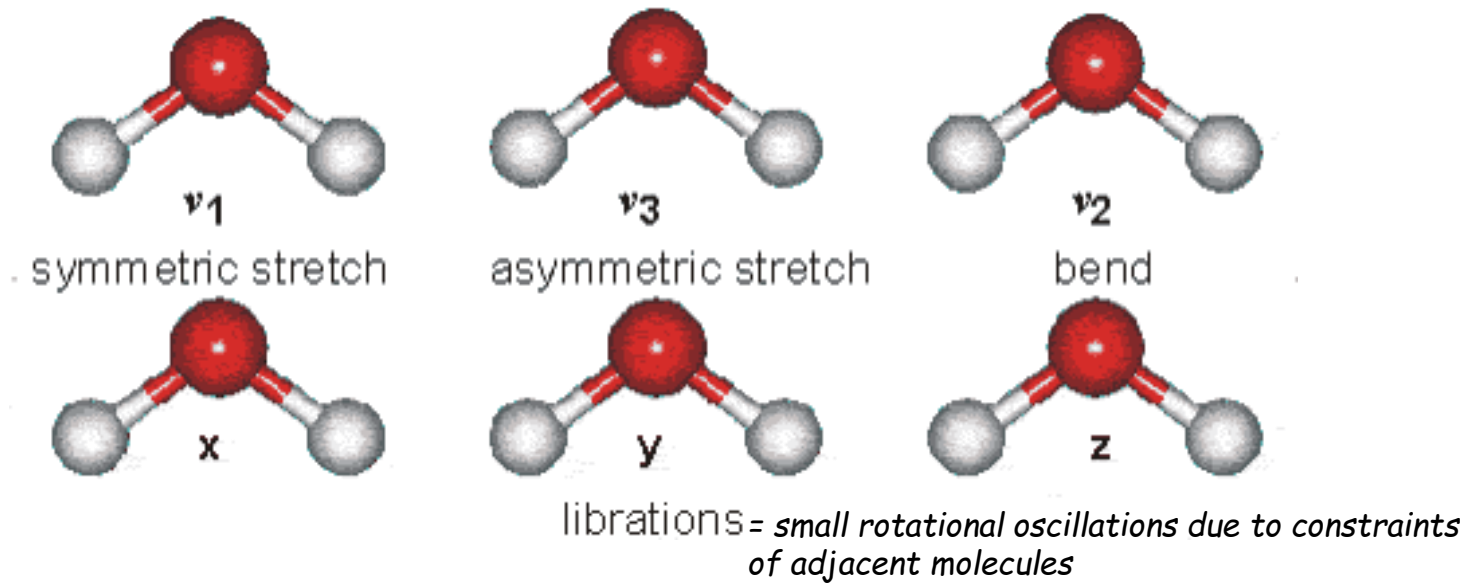


Harmonic 1D standing wave



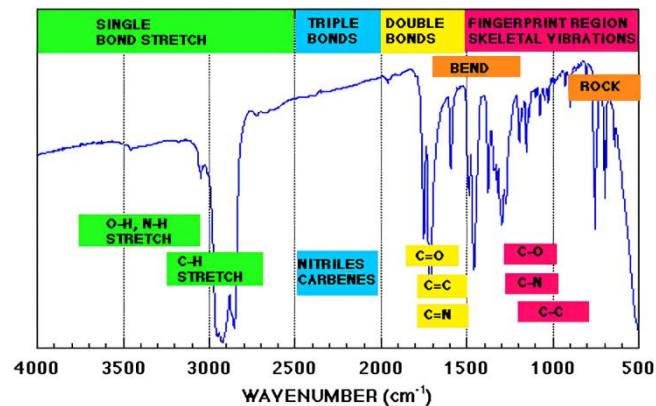
Harmonic 2D standing wave

$\frac{1}{2} k_B T$  per mode



**Vibrating bonds in molecules, Simple Harmonic Motion.** Example here is water, and the multiple vibrational modes add to the other degrees of freedom (3 x translational and 3 x rotational), resulting in very high heat capacity – see Voice Thermo lectures.

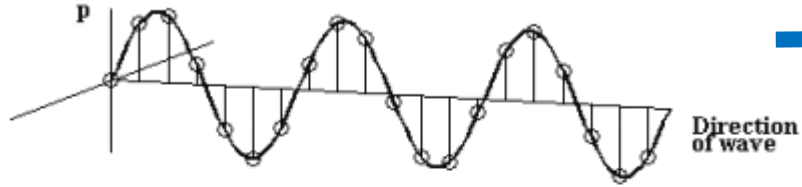
These vibrational modes are high frequency, visible using Infra-Red Spectroscopy





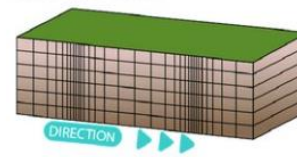
# Travelling waves

Mechanical wave

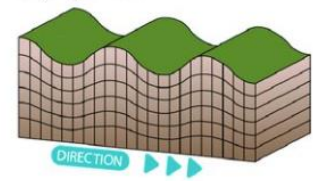


Seismic waves

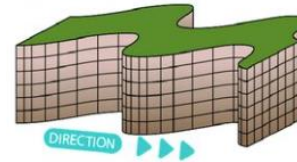
Primary P-wave



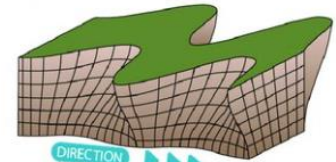
Rayleigh wave



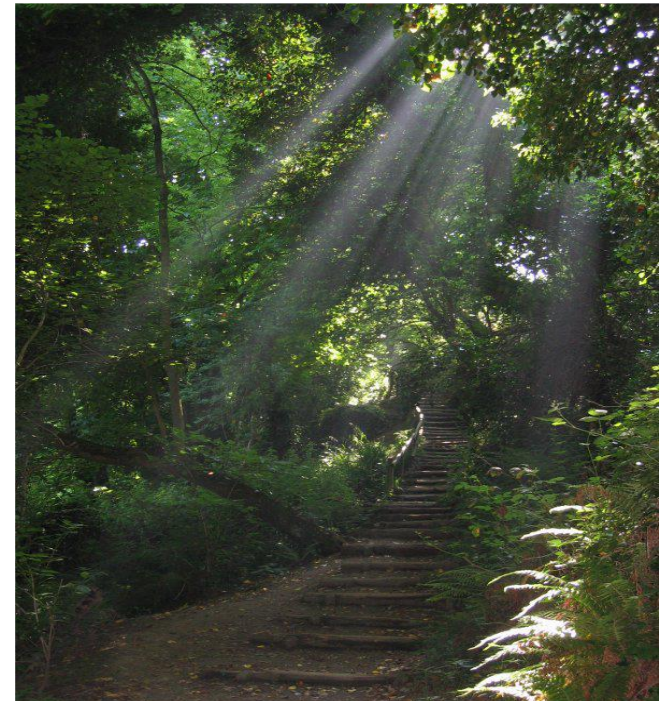
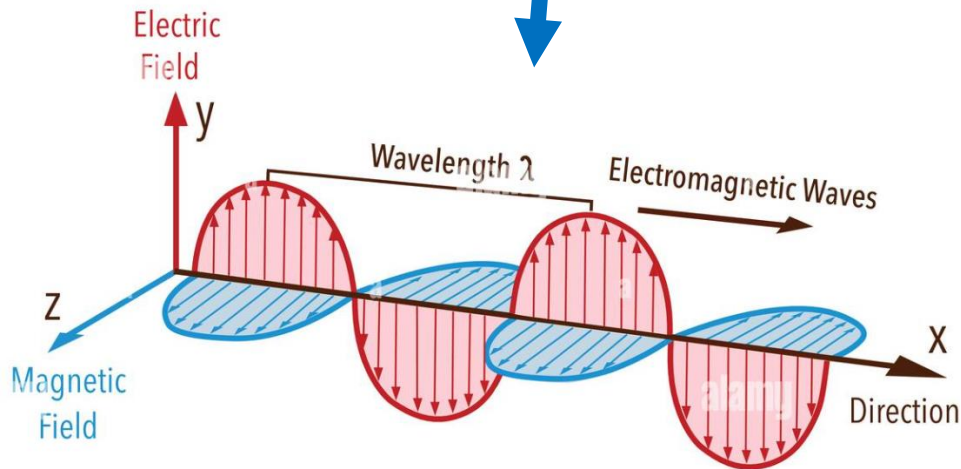
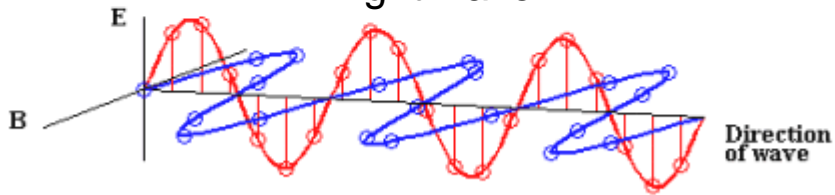
Secondary S-wave



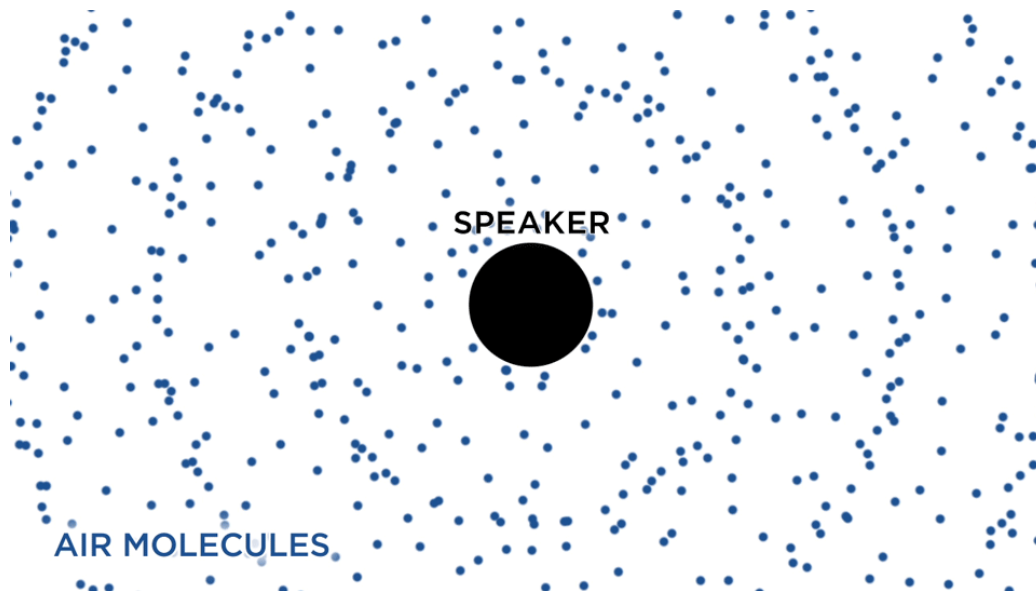
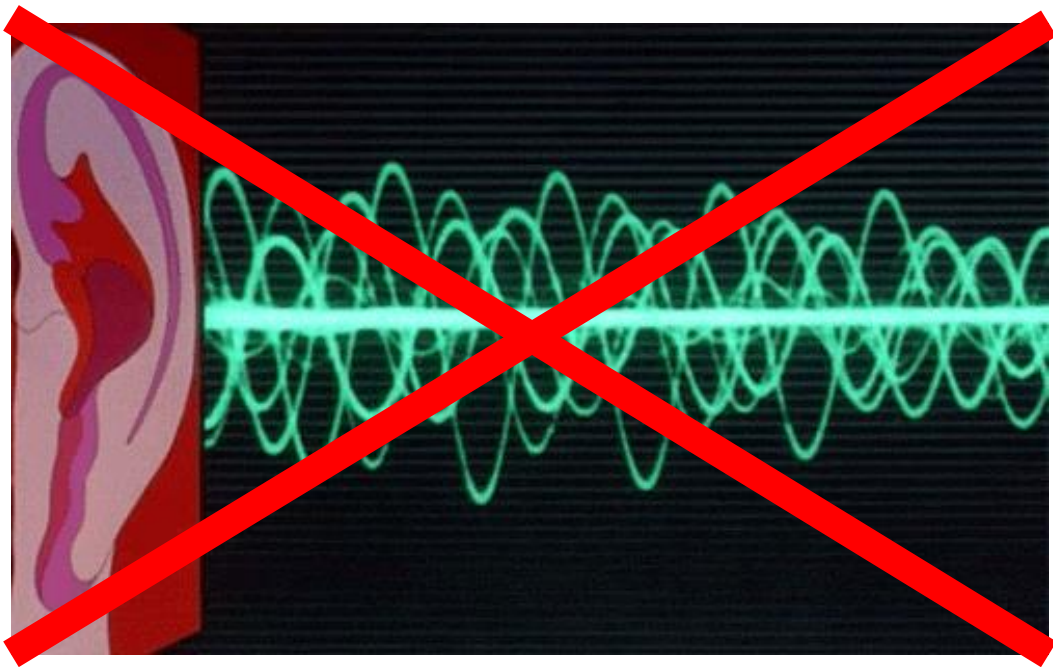
Love wave



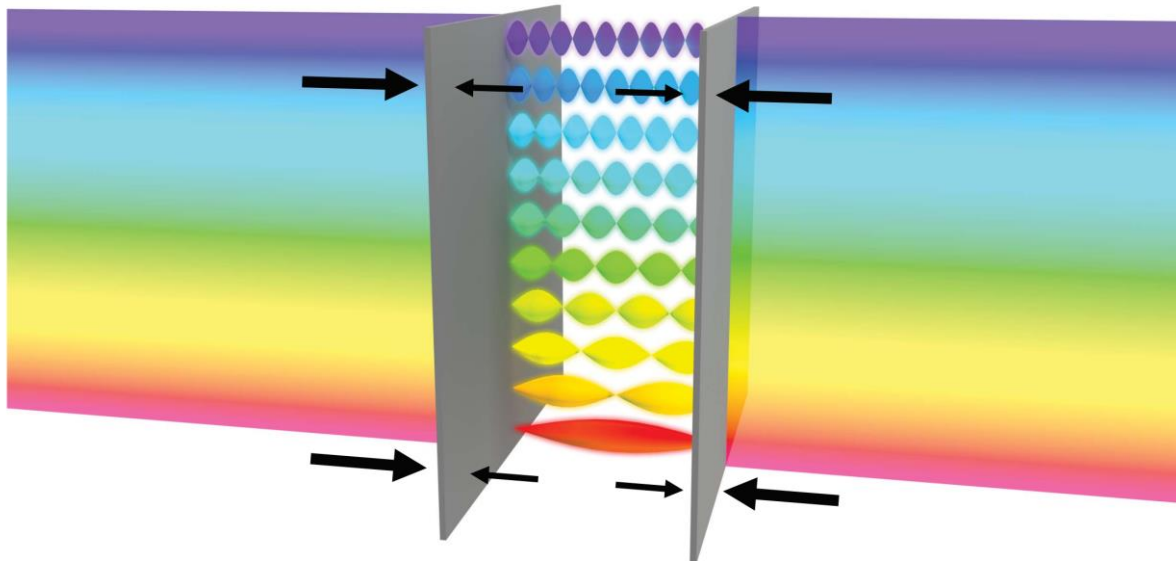
Light wave



# Sound Waves



Sound waves  
are longitudinal  
compression  
travelling waves



Casimir effect (1948)  
Standing wave of  
vacuum fluctuations



Shock wave



Transverse travelling wave

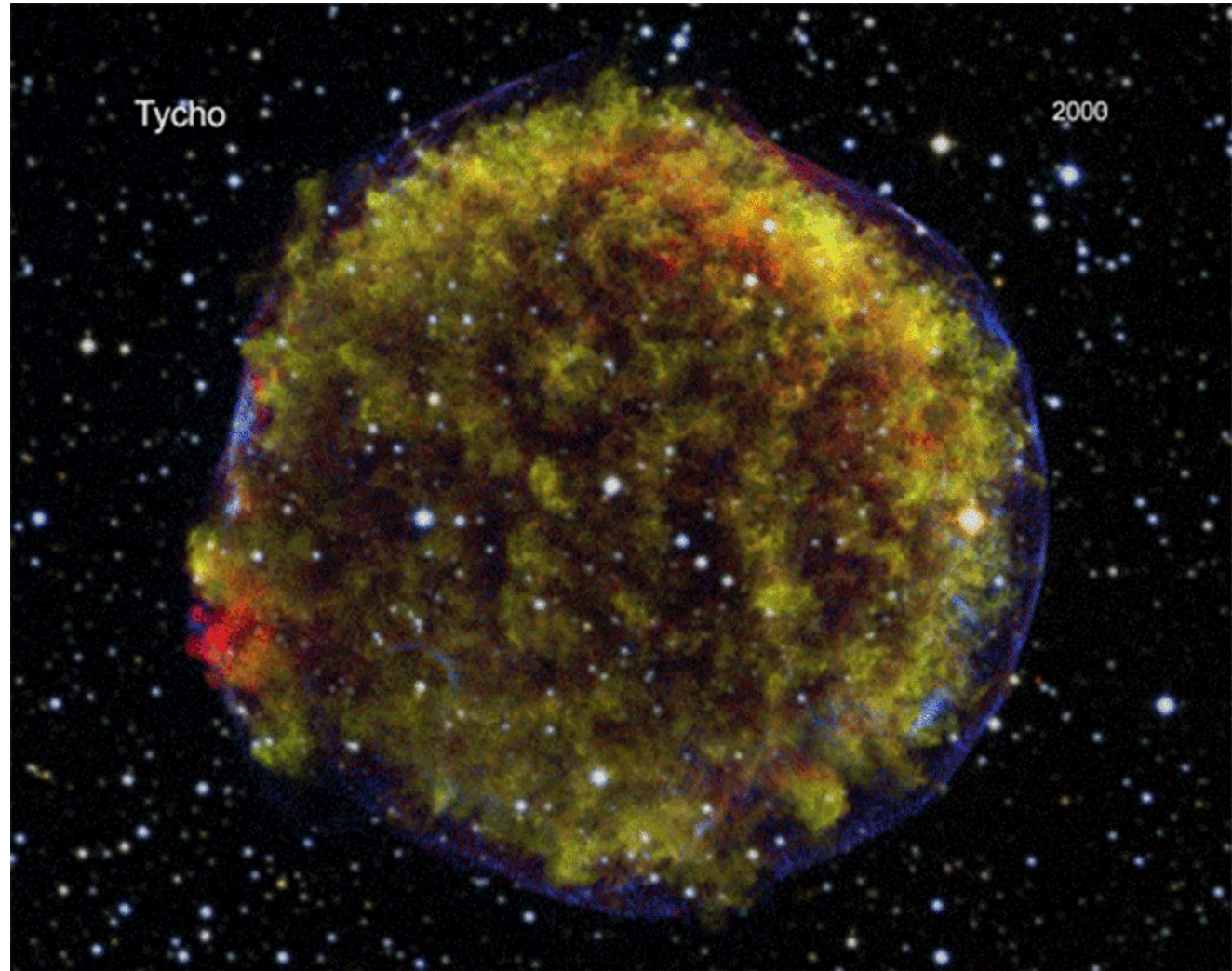
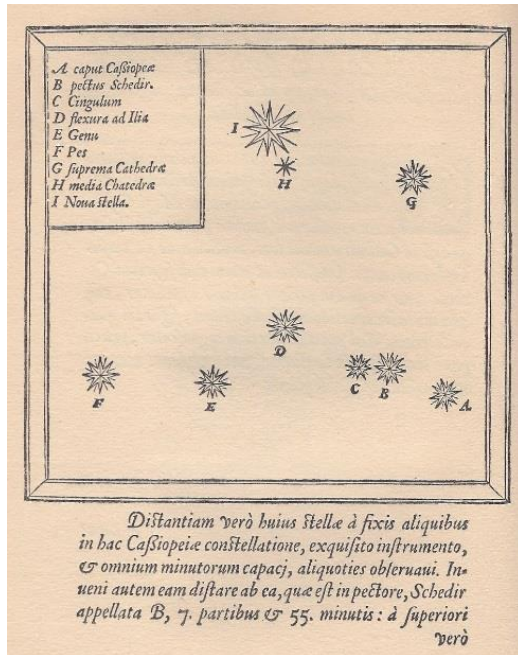


# Shock wave of the Tycho Type 1a supernova

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1572.

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> brighter than Venus

Remnant rediscovered in x-ray at Jodrell Bank 1952



Time lapse taken by Chandra x-ray observatory in orbit

# Oscillatory Motion

If the net force on an object acts always **towards** the equilibrium position (a **restoring** force), a back and forth motion results: **periodic** or **oscillatory** motion, or **vibration**.

## Familiar examples of periodic motion

Pendulum

Guitar string

Molecules in a solid

Air molecules in sound wave

Chemical bonds in molecules

Twanging ruler

**A special type of oscillation** occurs if

restoring force  $\propto$  displacement of object :

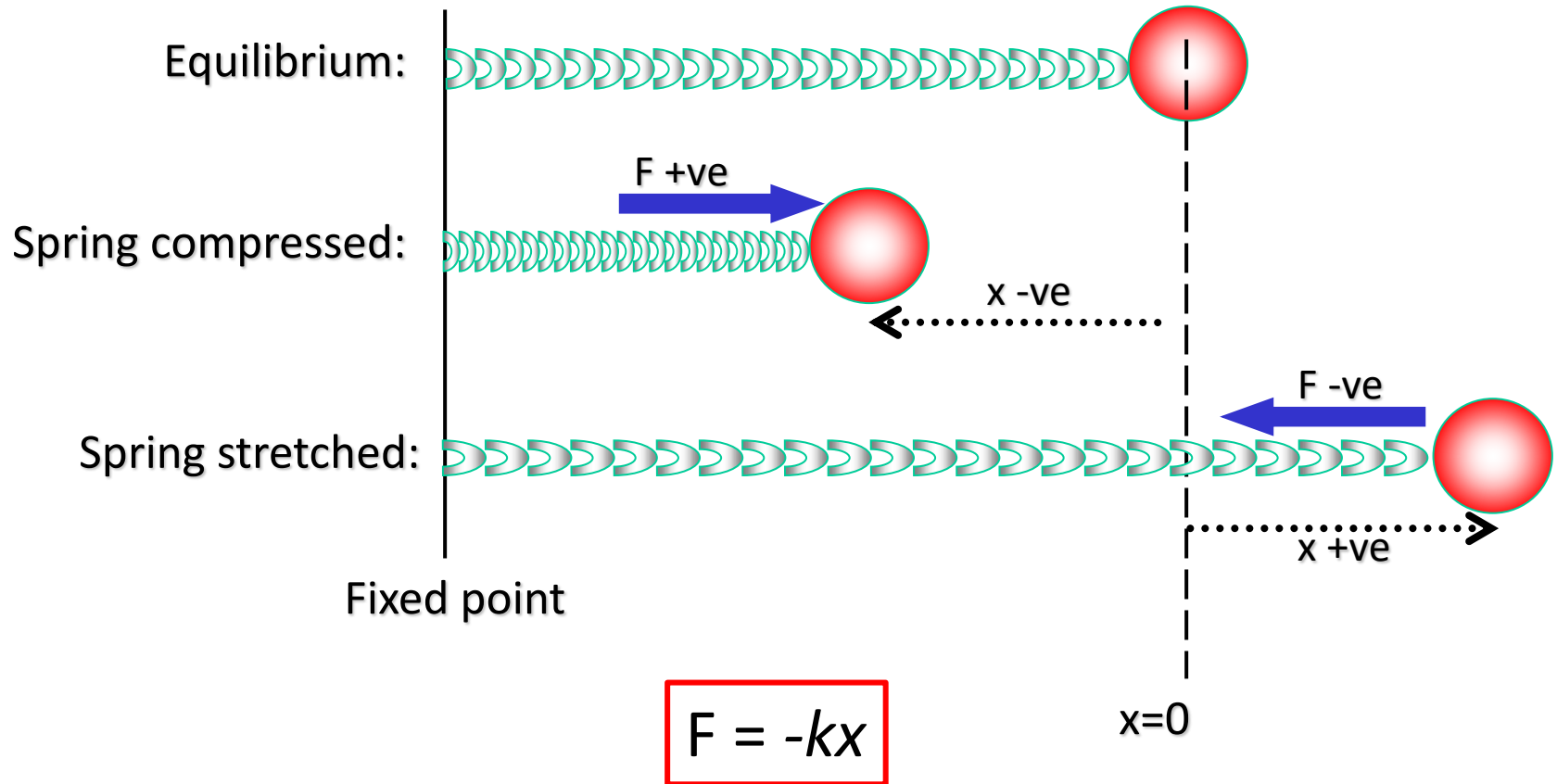
**simple harmonic motion (SHM).**

An object moves with simple harmonic motion (SHM) when the acceleration of the object is proportional to its displacement and in the opposite direction.

# Simple Harmonic Motion

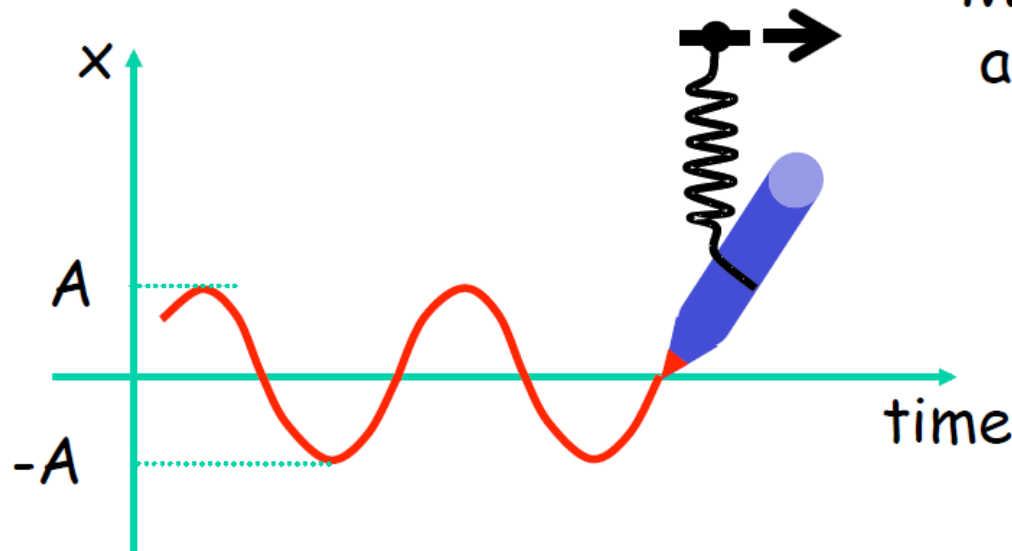
Example: Mass on a spring  
(without gravity)

Displacement =  $x$   
Force on mass =  $F$

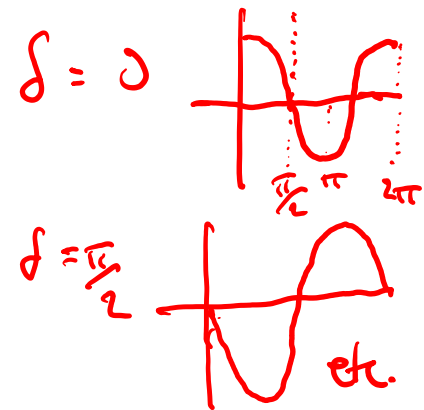


Derive an expression for the motion of the mass!  $x = ?$

Consider an oscillating pen:



Moving steadily  
along time axis



The general equation for the curve traced out by the pen  
is

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

$(\omega t + \delta)$  is the **phase** of the motion

$\omega$  is the **angular frequency**

$\delta$  is the **phase constant**

$\delta$  offsets the  
oscillation along  
the time axis.

n.b. cos is used "by convention", but actually due to the maths of Fourier transform and Euler identity,  
which can be used to represent oscillations in complex notation, cos is real part, sin imaginary.

$$e^{j\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + j \sin(\omega t)$$



$$F = -k \cdot x$$

Hooke's law

$$F = m \cdot a = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

Equation of motion

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

What function is proportional to its second derivative with opposite sign?

Try:

*↪ = differential equation, i.e.  $-\frac{k}{m}x = \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$ , a function of its own derivative, how to solve?*

$$x = A \cos \omega t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = -A \omega \sin \omega t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -A \omega^2 \cos \omega t$$

$$-A \omega^2 \cos \omega t + \frac{k}{m} A \cos \omega t = 0 \quad \text{if}$$

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

$x = A \cos \omega t$ ,  $x = A \sin \omega t$ ,  $x = A \cos(\omega t + \delta)$  are all solutions

An object moves with simple harmonic motion (SHM) when the acceleration of the object is proportional to its displacement and in the opposite direction.

The displacement  $x$  is given by:  $x = A \cos(\omega t + \delta)$

$\omega$  is the **angular frequency** and has units of  $\text{rad.s}^{-1}$

$(\omega t + \delta)$  is the **phase** of the motion

$\delta$  is the **phase constant**

Time taken for one complete oscillation is the **period**  $T$ .

The **frequency** of oscillation,  $f = 1/T$  in  $\text{s}^{-1}$  or Hertz.

The distance from equilibrium to maximum displacement is the **amplitude** of oscillation,  $A$ .

The period  $T$  is defined by  $x(t) = x(t+T)$  — displacement of  $x$  is repeated every cycle  $\therefore$  every  $T$

$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \delta) = A \cos(\omega(t + T) + \delta)$$

So  $\omega T = 2\pi$ .

$$= A \cos(\omega t + \omega T + \delta)$$

only true if  $\omega T = 2\pi$

Relationship between  $\omega$ ,  $f$  and the parameters  $k$  and  $m$ :

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f \quad \text{for SHM}$$

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

&  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$  for mass on spring

**IMPORTANT RESULTS:**      **Period of SHM does not depend on the amplitude!**

Amplitude  $A$  and phase constant  $\delta$  are fixed by the initial position  $x_0$  and initial velocity  $v_0$

Aside, where does this come from?

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

for mass on spring

Comes from Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law

Same as slide 13,  
only more clear

$$F = ma$$

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

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

$$-kA \cos(\omega t) = -m\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t)$$

$$k = m\omega^2$$

and rearrange

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