

# Solving Differential Equations representing Simple Harmonic Motion

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Consider  $m$  be the mass of object,  $k$  be spring constant,  $x$  be a displacement from equilibrium state of a spring and  $t$  is time.

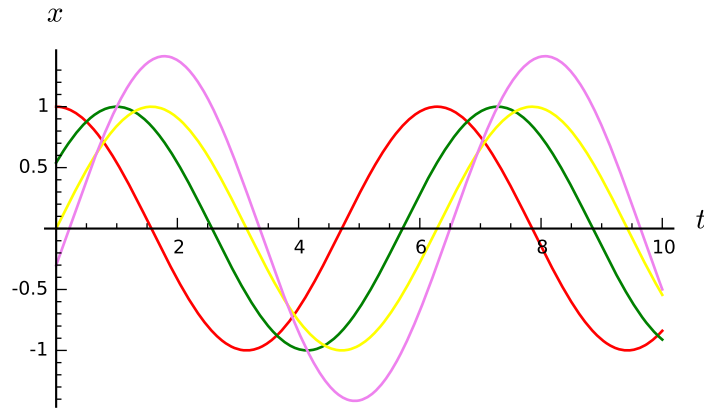
Therefore, the given differential equation of Simple Harmonic Motion is

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{kx(t)}{m} = 0.$$

Solving the above differential equation, we get,

$$x = K_2 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{k}t}{\sqrt{m}}\right) + K_1 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{k}t}{\sqrt{m}}\right)$$

When  $m = 1$ ,  $k = 1$ , then the graph is



where red, green, yellow and violet curves are drawn when the initial or boundary conditions are  $[0,1,0]$ ,  $[1,1,0]$ ,  $[0,0,1]$  and  $[1,1,1]$  respectively.

The initial or boundary conditions means for a second-order equation, specify the initial  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $\frac{dx}{dt}$ , i.e. write  $[t, x(t), \frac{dx}{dt}]$