

Chapter 12 Oscillations



§ 1 The Causes of Oscillation

► Existence of a **restoring** force

No matter what the direction of the displacement, the force always acts in a direction to restore the system to its equilibrium position.

For a block-spring system

$$F = -kx$$

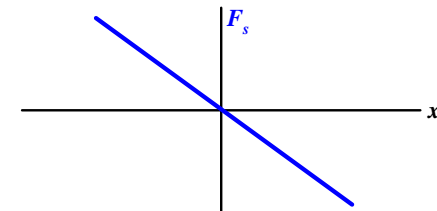
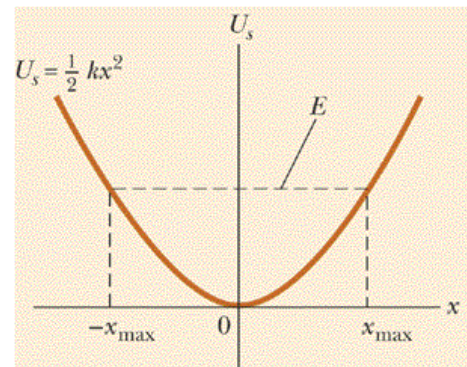
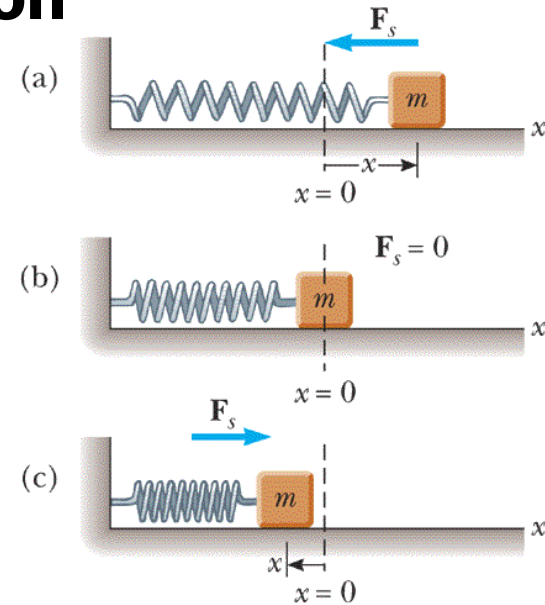
► Existence of a point of **stable** equilibrium

The systems tends to return to equilibrium when slightly displaced.

For a block-spring system

$$U(x) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

$$U(x) = -\int_0^x F_c dx = -\int_0^x (-kx) dx = \frac{1}{2} kx^2, \quad F_c = -\frac{dU}{dx} = -kx$$



§ 2 Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)



The block-spring system (P299)

Newton's second law for block-spring system

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

Dynamics' equation

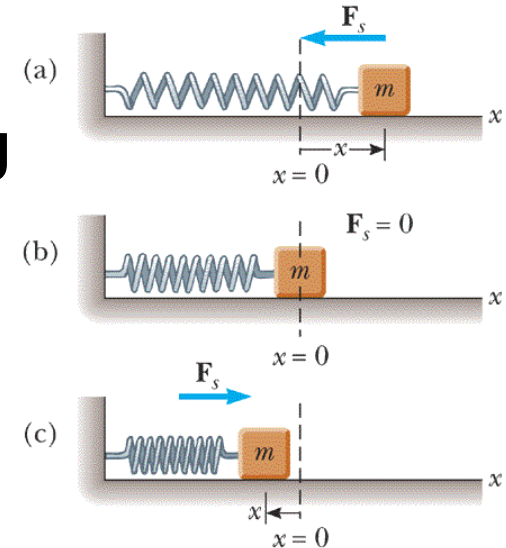
Denote the ratio k/m with symbol ω^2

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

Take a tentative solution,

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

A and ϕ arise from the integral constants.



Dynamics' equation for SHM

Kinematics' equation for SHM

The block-spring system



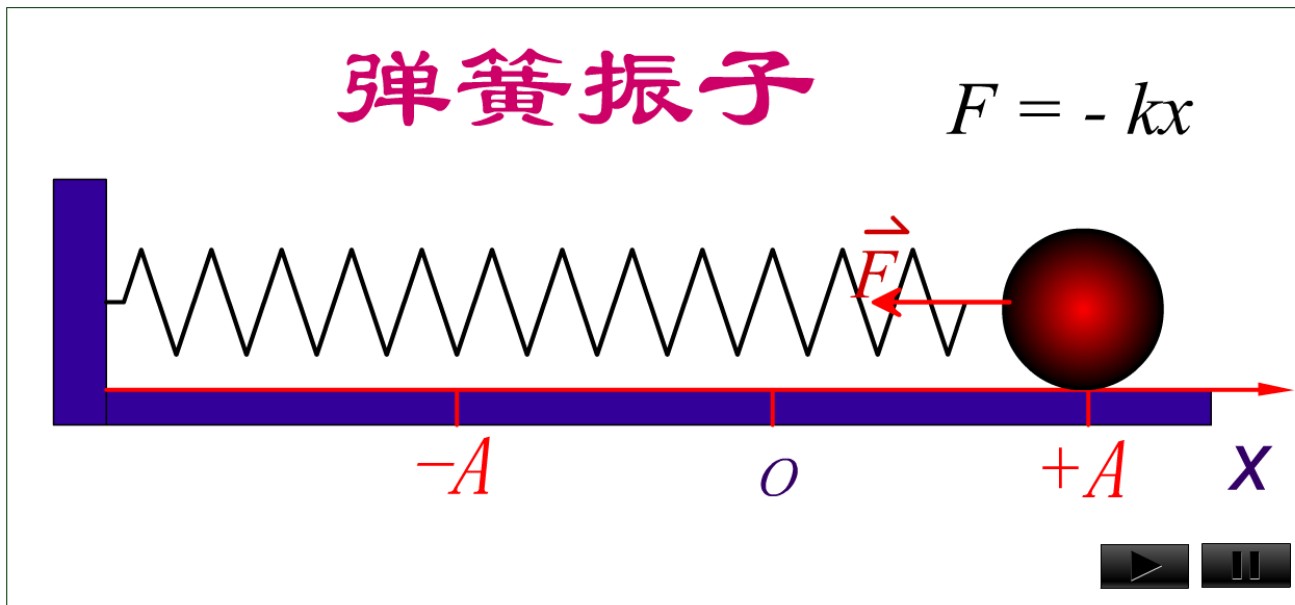
- The simple harmonic motion

- ➔ The motion action is governed by

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

- ➔ Be described in terms of **sine** and **cosine** function

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



§ 3 The Characteristic Quantities for SHM

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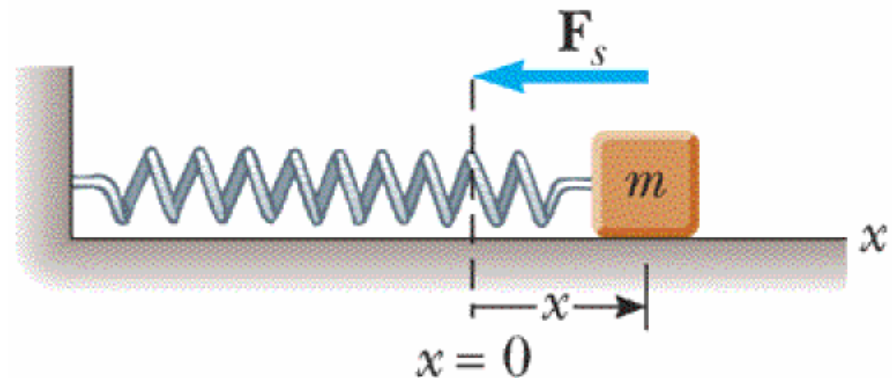


$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

■ The amplitude A

- ➡ Maximum magnitude of displacement from equilibrium

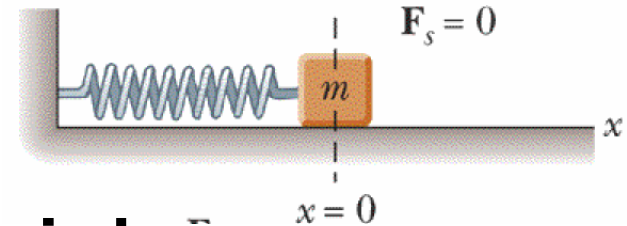
$$A = |x_{\max}|$$



The Characteristic Quantities for SHM



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



■ Angular Frequency, Frequency, and Period

- ➔ The period, T , is the time for oscillator to go through one full cycle of motion.

$$[\omega(t + T) + \phi] - (\omega t + \phi) = 2\pi, \quad T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

- ➔ The frequency, f , is the number of cycles in a unit of time. (SI unit: Hz)

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

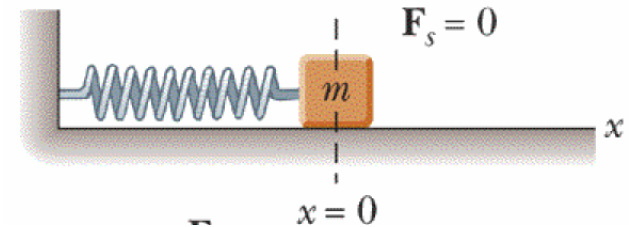
- ➔ The angular frequency, ω , is 2π times the frequency. (SI unit: rad/s)

$$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

The Characteristic Quantities for SHM



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



➤ T , f , ω relate to the essential nature of an oscillator, which is often called natural (**intrinsic**) period, natural frequency, and natural angular frequency.

- For a block-spring oscillator:

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

- For a pendulum:

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

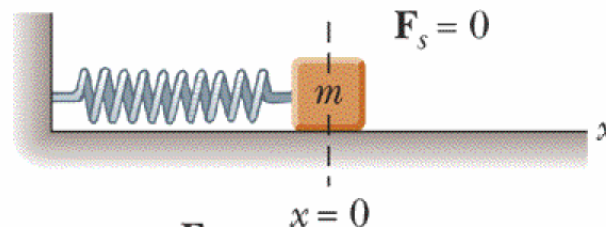
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{mgh}{I}}$$

All determined by the **essential** natures of different oscillators.

The Characteristic Quantities for SHM



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



The phase

- ➔ The phase ($\omega t + \phi$) can reflect entirely the **motion state** of an oscillator.

$$\text{Phase} \text{ — } \omega t + \phi \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{matrix} x \\ v \end{matrix} \right\} \text{ — State of motion}$$

$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi), \quad v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

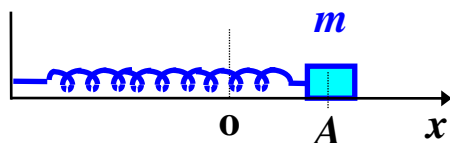
- ➔ When $t = 0$, ϕ reflect the **initial** motion state of the oscillator.

The relationship between motion state and phase

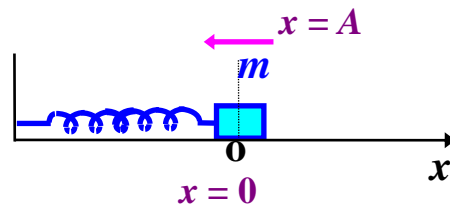


$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi), \quad v = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

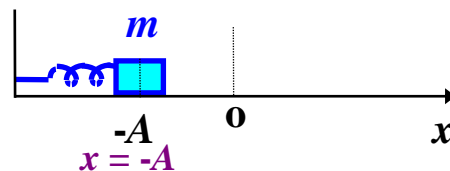
Motion state (x, v) \longleftrightarrow Phase $(\omega t + \phi)$



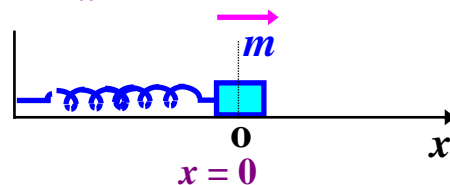
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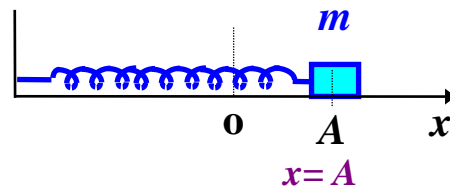
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The Characteristic Quantities for SHM

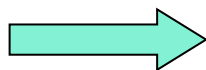


$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

- ➡ ω relate to the essential nature of an oscillator, which often called natural (**intrinsic**) natural angular frequency.
- ➡ A and ϕ are determined by initial conditions (How the motion starts)

When $t=0$, $x=x_0$, $v=v_0$

$$\begin{cases} x_0 = A \cos \phi \\ v_0 = -\omega A \sin \phi \end{cases}$$



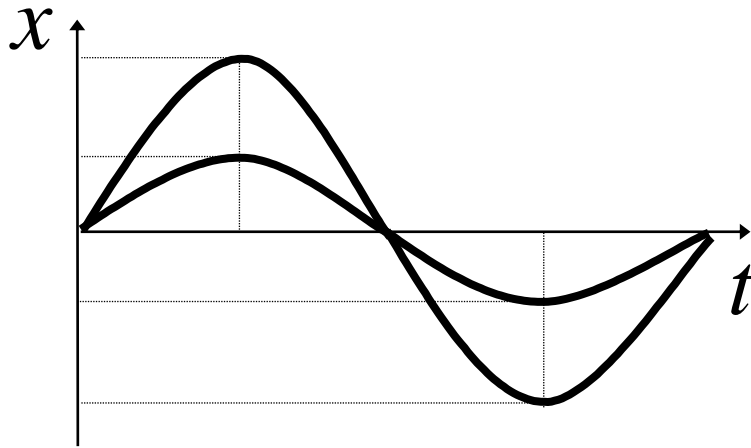
$$\begin{cases} A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{v_0^2}{\omega^2}} \\ \phi = \arctan\left(-\frac{v_0}{\omega x_0}\right) \end{cases}$$

Phase difference



- Phase difference play a an important role for oscillator

➔ **Two** oscillators with phases: $\theta_1 = \omega t + \phi_1$, $\theta_2 = \omega t + \phi_2$



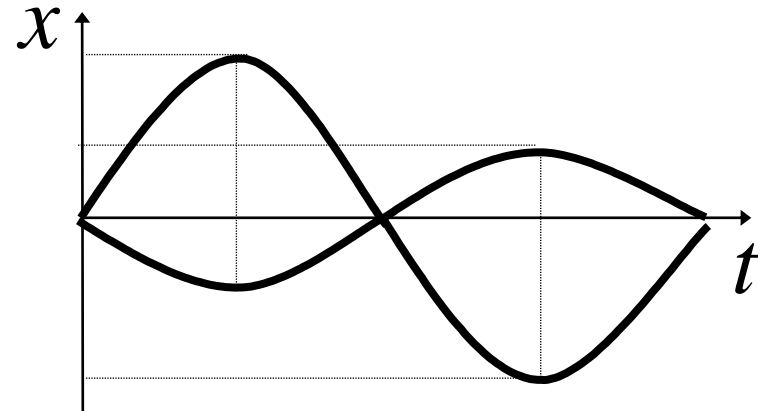
$$\Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1 = 2k\pi$$

$$k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \dots$$

In phase

$$\pi > \Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1 > 0,$$

Ahead in phase



$$\Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1 = (2k + 1)\pi$$

$$k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \dots$$

Out of phase

$$-\pi < \Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1 < 0$$

Lag in phase

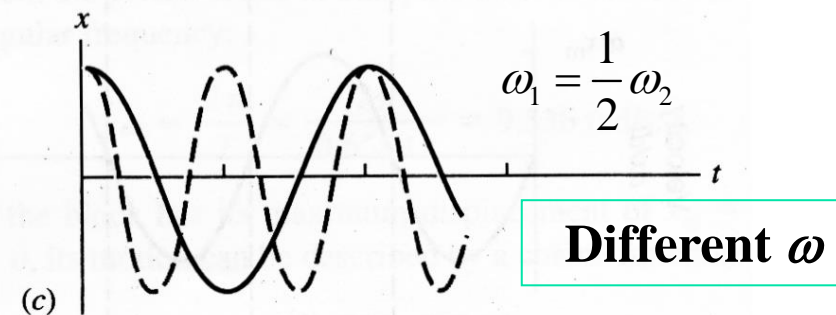
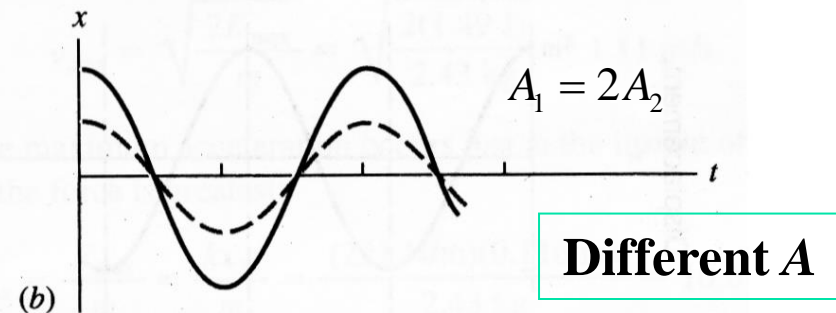
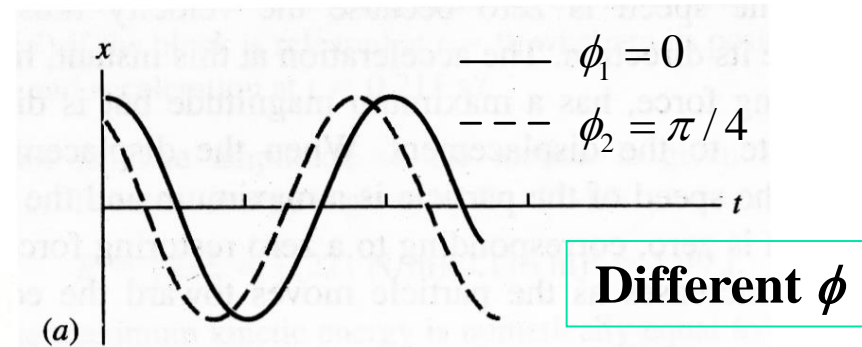
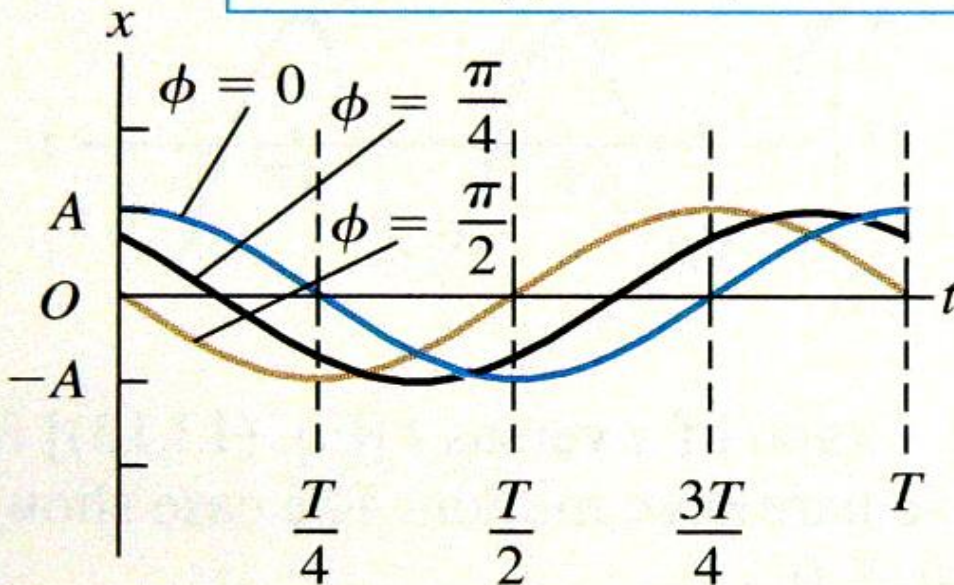
The Roles Characteristic Quantities



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

Several SHM with different characteristic quantities

Different ϕ ; same A , k and m



The relations among the position, **velocity**, and **acceleration**



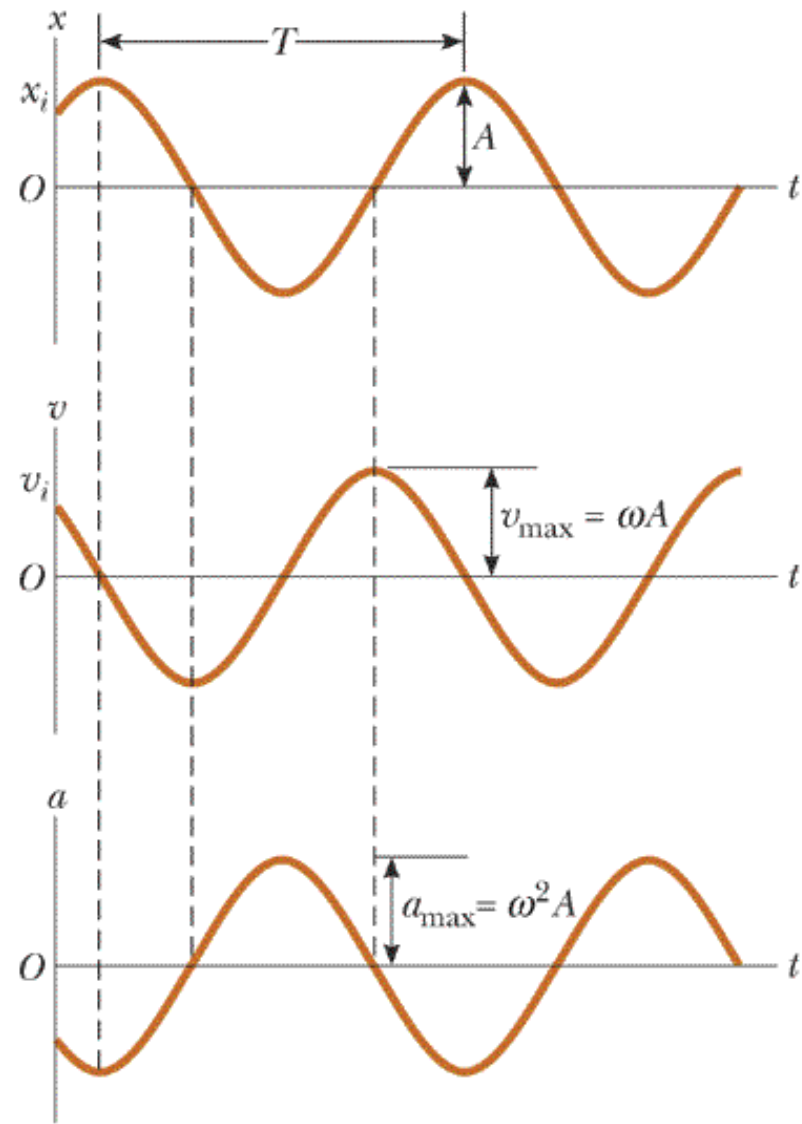
$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$= \omega A \cos(\omega t + \phi + \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$
$$= \omega^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi + \pi)$$

- ➔ The velocity is $\pi/2$ ahead in phase of the position.
- ➔ The acceleration is π out of phase with the position.



Example



An object of mass **4 kg** is attached to a spring of **$k = 100 \text{ N/m}$** . The object is given an initial velocity of **$v_0 = -5 \text{ m/s}$** and an initial displacement of **$x_0 = 1 \text{ m}$** . Find the **kinematics equation**.

Solution:

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

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{100}{4}} = 5 \text{ s}^{-1}, \quad A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \left(\frac{v_0}{\omega}\right)^2} = \sqrt{2} \text{ m}$$

$$t = 0, \quad 1 = \sqrt{2} \cos \phi, \quad \phi = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{with } v_0 = -\omega A \sin \phi < 0, \quad \sin \phi > 0, \quad \therefore \phi = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore x = \sqrt{2} \cos\left(5t + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \text{ m}$$

Example



A particle undergoes SHM with $A = 4 \text{ cm}$, $f = 0.5 \text{ Hz}$. The displacement $x = -2 \text{ cm}$ when $t = 1 \text{ s}$, and is moving in the **positive** x -axis. Write the **kinematics equation**.

Solution: $A = 0.04 \text{ m}$, $f = 0.5 \text{ Hz}$, $\omega = 2\pi f = \pi \text{ rad/s}$,

$$x = 0.04 \cos(\pi t + \phi) \text{ m}, \quad \phi = ?$$

$$\text{When } t = 1 \text{ s}, \quad -0.02 = 0.04 \cos(\pi + \phi) = -0.04 \cos \phi$$

$$\cos \phi = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \phi = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ or } -\frac{\pi}{3}$$

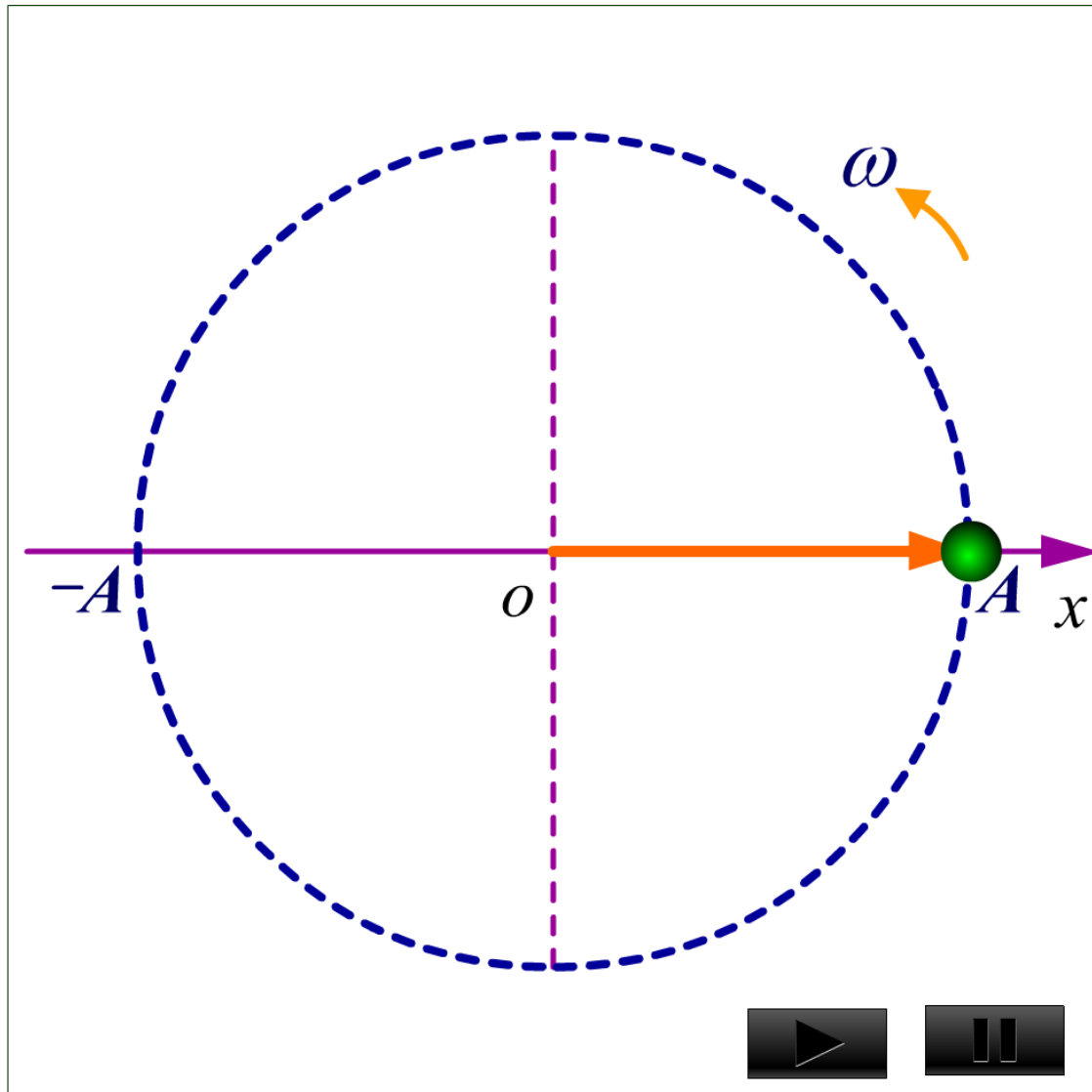
$$v = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$= -0.04\pi \sin(\pi + \phi) = 0.04\pi \sin \phi > 0, \quad \phi = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$x = 0.04 \cos\left(\pi t + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \text{ m}$$

Too complicated !

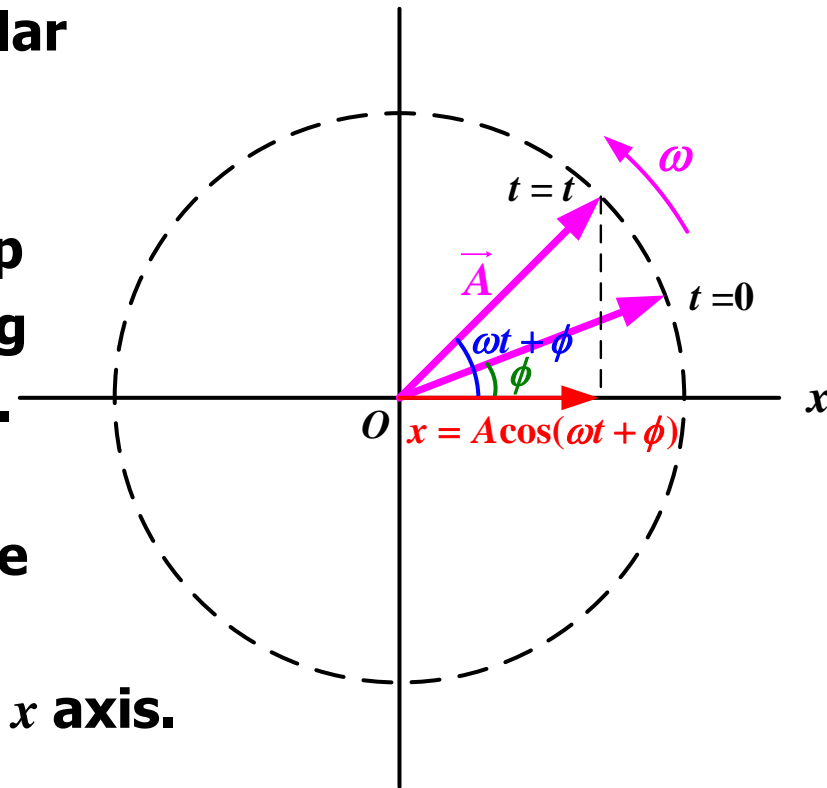
§ 4 The Circle of Reference (P306)



Circle of Reference or Phasor



- The corresponding relation between SHM and uniform circular motion — **Circle of Reference** (参考圆) or **Phasor** (旋转矢量)
- ➔ SHM is the projection of uniform circular motion of phasor \vec{A} onto x axis.
- ➔ The circle in which the phasor moves so that the projection of phasor's tip matches the motion of the oscillating body is called the circle of reference.
- ➔ The phasor \vec{A} rotates with constant angular speed ω , and makes an angle $\omega t + \phi$ with the x axis. When $t=0$, the phasor \vec{A} makes an angle ϕ with the x axis.

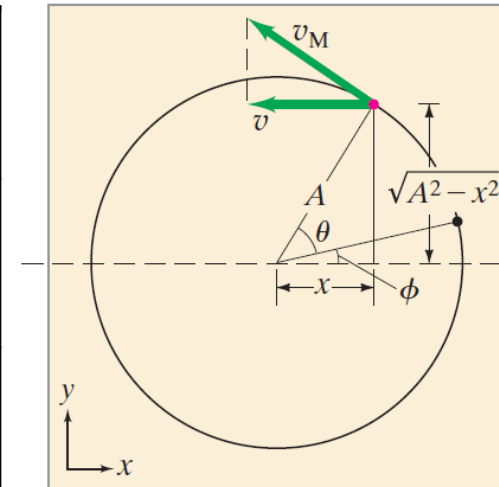


Corresponding Relation Between SHM and UCM

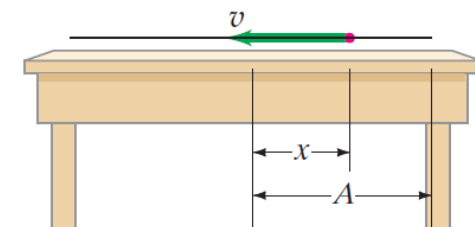


	For Simple Harmonic Motion	For Uniform Circular Motion
A	Amplitude	Radius
x	Displacement	Projection
ω	Angular Frequency	Angular Velocity
$\theta = \omega t + \phi$	Phase	Angle between Phasor and x axis

The simple harmonic motion is the side view of circular motion.

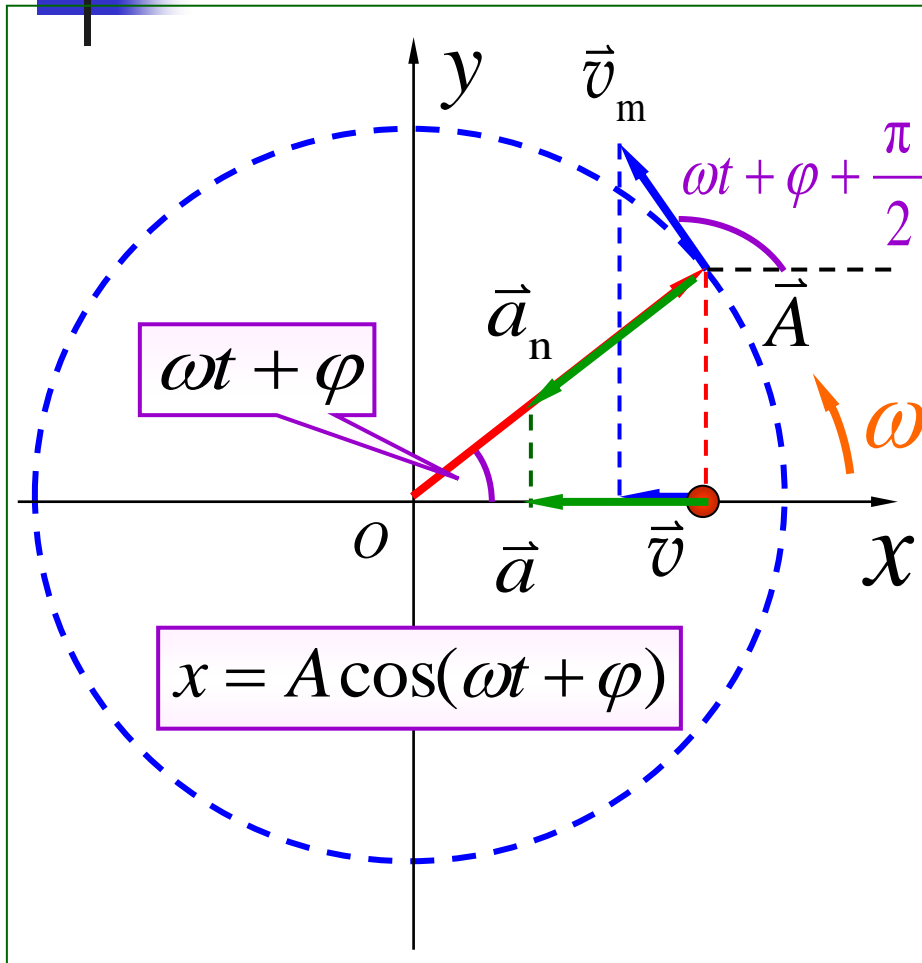


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(b)

Corresponding Relation Between SHM and UCM



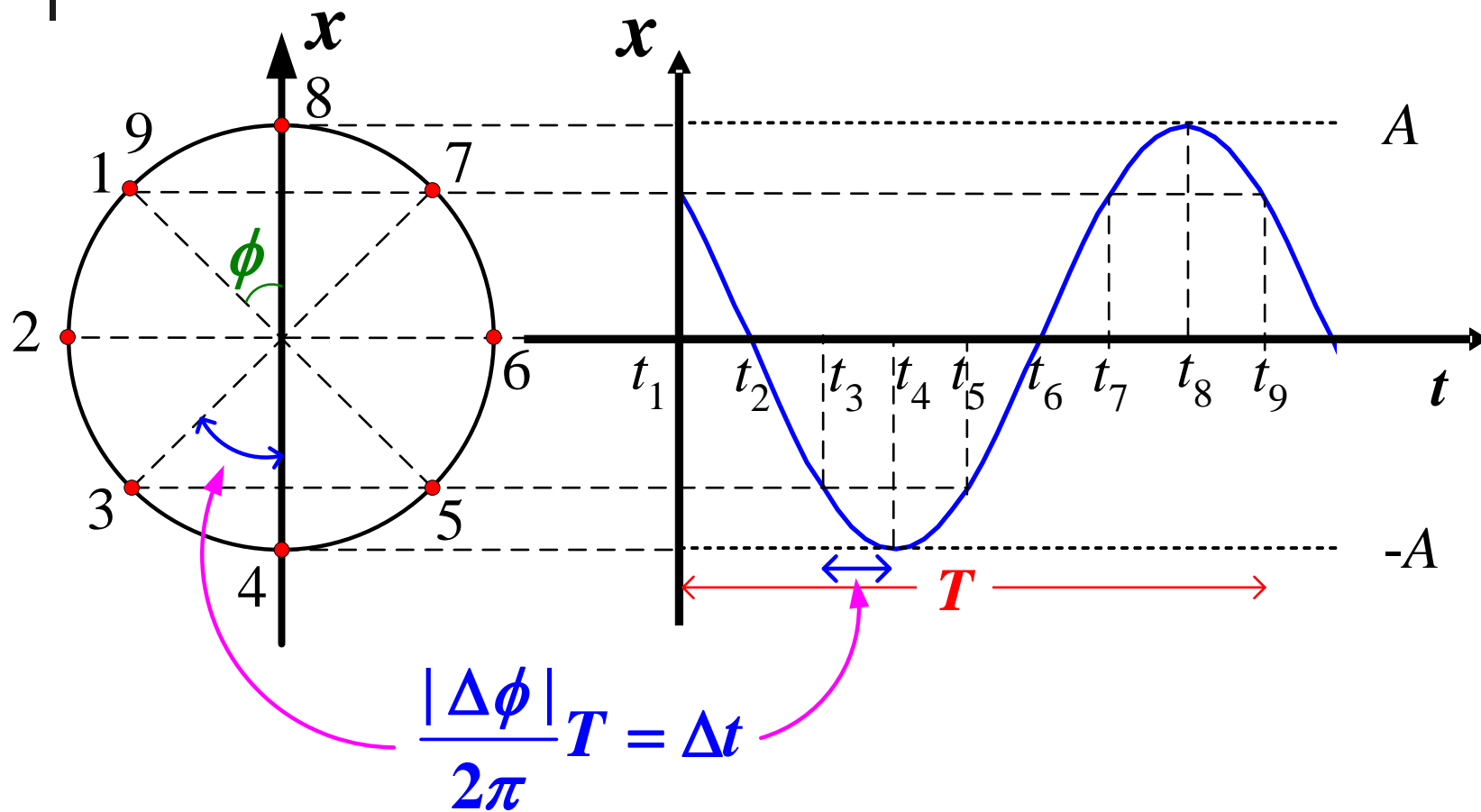
$$v_m = A\omega$$

$$v = -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

$$a_n = A\omega^2$$

$$a = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$

Draw $x-t$ Graph Using Circle of Reference



Example



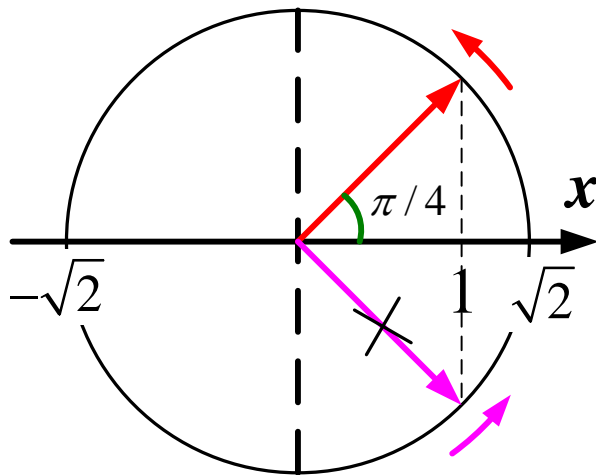
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Using the phasor $x_0 = 1, v_0 < 0$



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Example

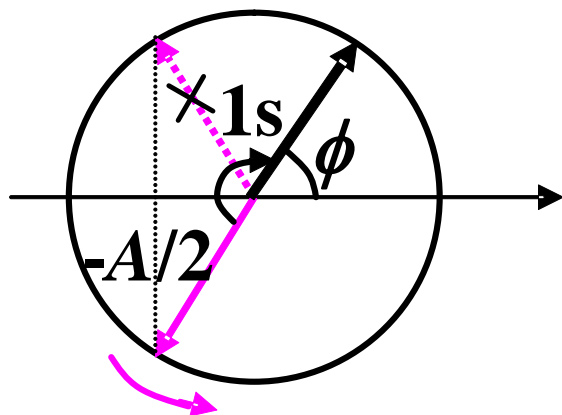
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Using the phasor:

$\Delta t=1\text{ s}$ corresponds to half a revolution.



$$\begin{aligned} v > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta\phi + \phi &= \omega\Delta t + \phi \\ &= \pi + \phi = 4\pi / 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \phi = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Example

SHM: From given x - t graph, find θ_a , θ_b , ϕ , and the angular frequency ω .

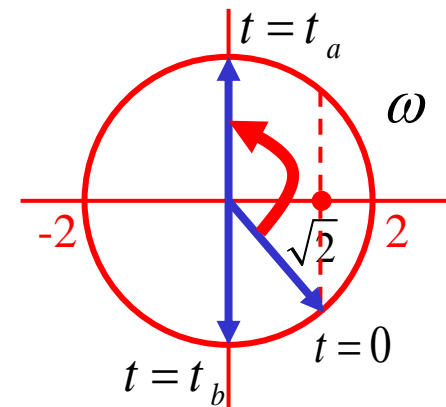
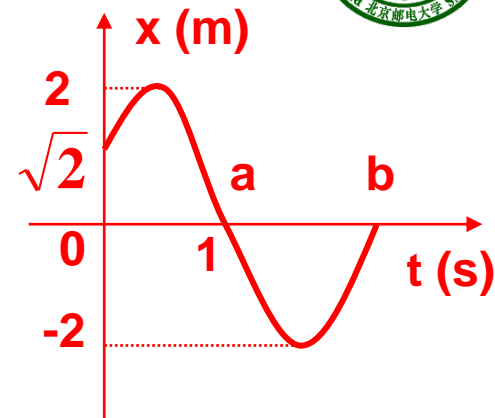
Solution:

From circle of reference

$$\theta_a = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \theta_b = \frac{3\pi}{2}, \quad \phi = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \omega = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \frac{\theta_a - \phi}{\Delta t} = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} - \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{1} = \frac{3\pi}{4} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$x = 2 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \text{ m}$$



The simple pendulum (P307)



➔ Newton's second law for the simple pendulum

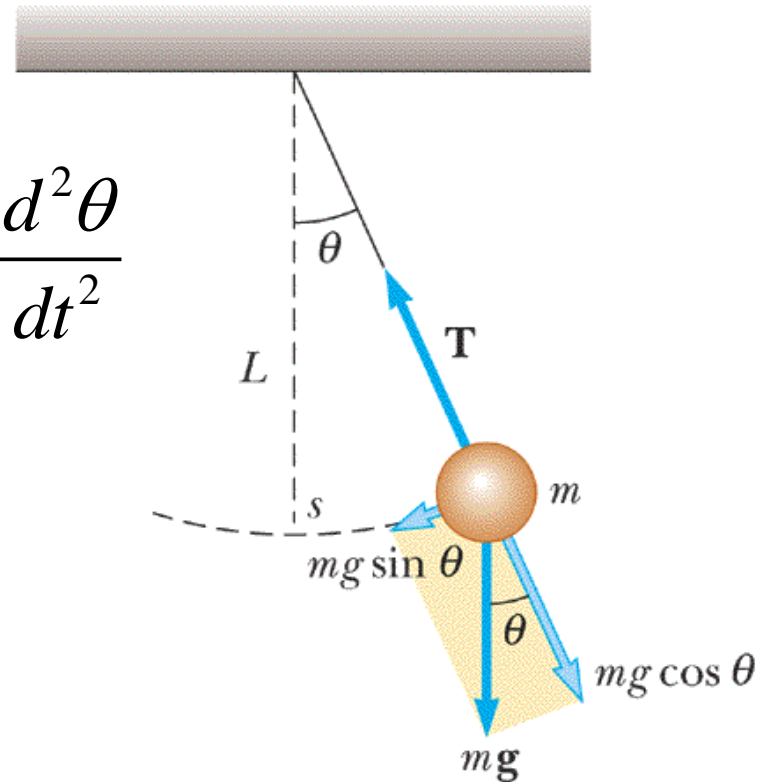
$$\tau_{\text{net-axis}} = I\alpha, \quad -mg(L \sin \theta) = (mL^2) \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{L} \sin \theta$$

Let $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$,

and for **small** angles $\sin \theta \approx \theta$

➤ We get also a equation of motion of SHM

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \omega^2 \theta = 0, \quad \theta = \theta_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$



The Physical Pendulum (复摆) (P308)



➔ **Newton's second law for rigid body:**

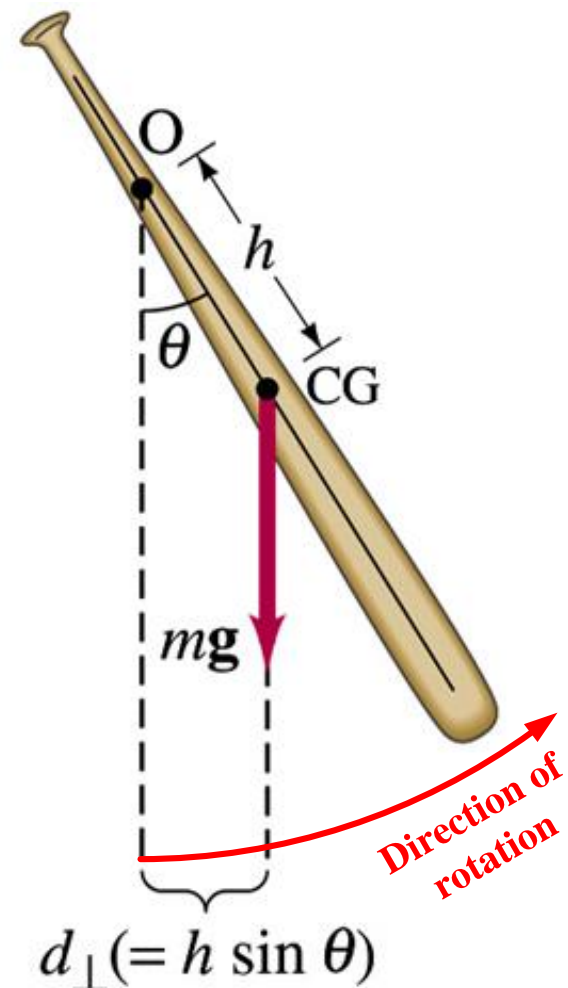
$$\tau_{\text{net-axis}} = I\alpha, \quad -mgh \sin \theta = I \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2}$$

It follows that:

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \frac{mgh}{I} \sin \theta = 0, \quad \sin \theta \approx \theta$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{mgh}{I} \right) \theta = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\theta = \theta_{\max} \cos(\omega t + \phi), \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{mgh}{I}}.$$



The Torsion Pendulum (扭摆) (P309)



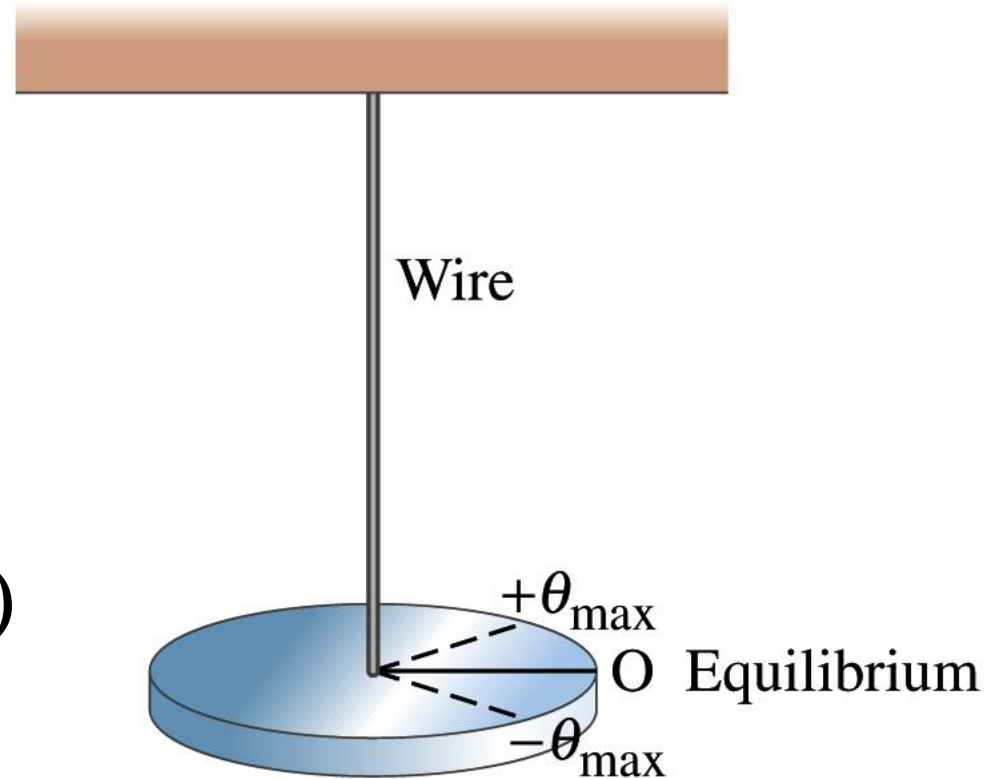
→ The restoring torque: $\tau = -K\theta$

$$-K\theta = I\alpha = I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{K}{I}\right)\theta = 0$$

$$\theta = \theta_{\max} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

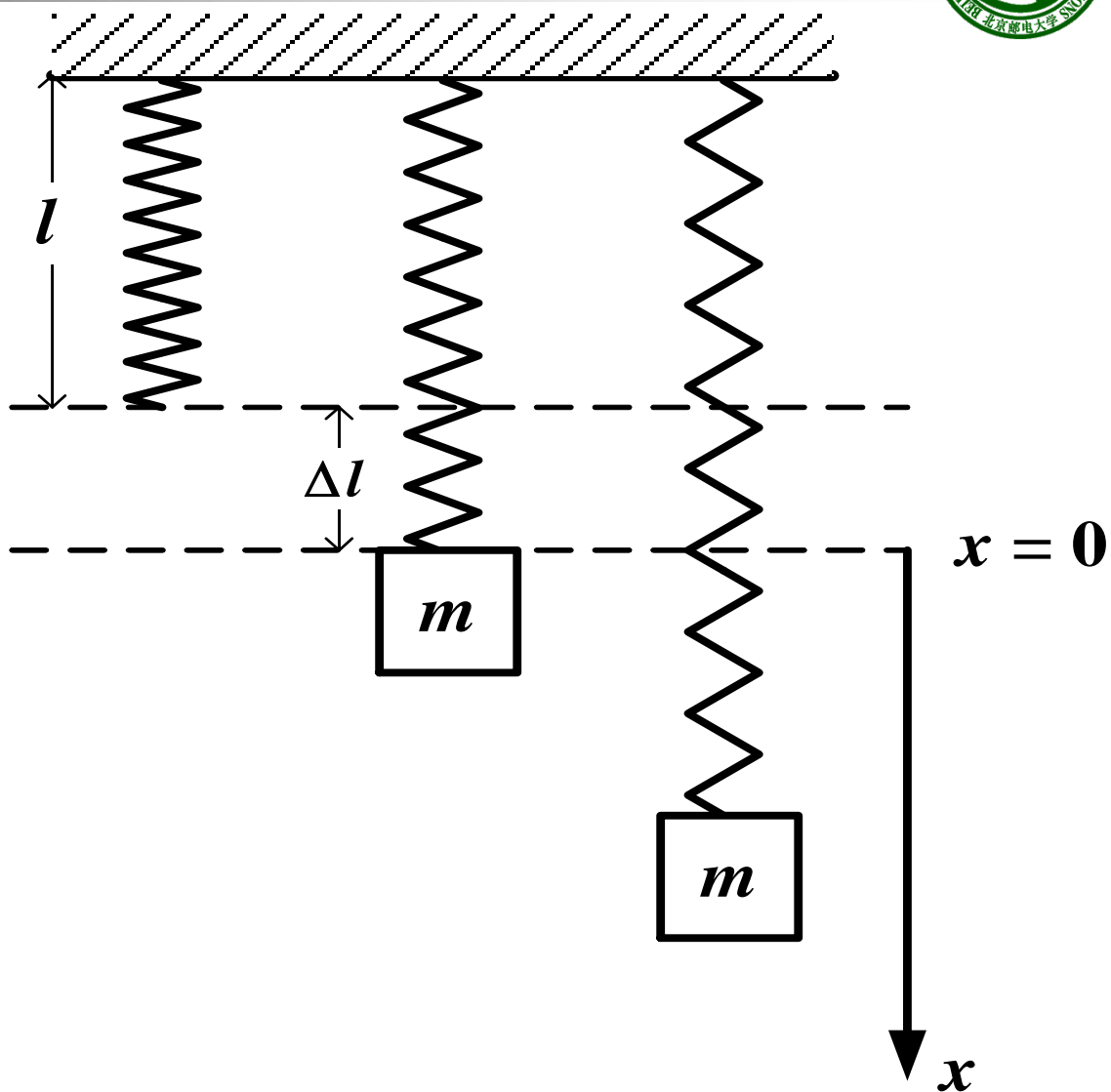
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{K}{I}}$$



Example

Vertical SHM:

Suppose we hang a spring with force constant k and suspend from it a body with mass m . Oscillation will now be vertical. Will it still be SHM?



Example



Solution I: by Newton' second law

When the body hangs at rest, in equilibrium

$$k\Delta l = mg$$

Take $x = 0$ to be the **equilibrium position**, and take the positive x -direction to be downward.

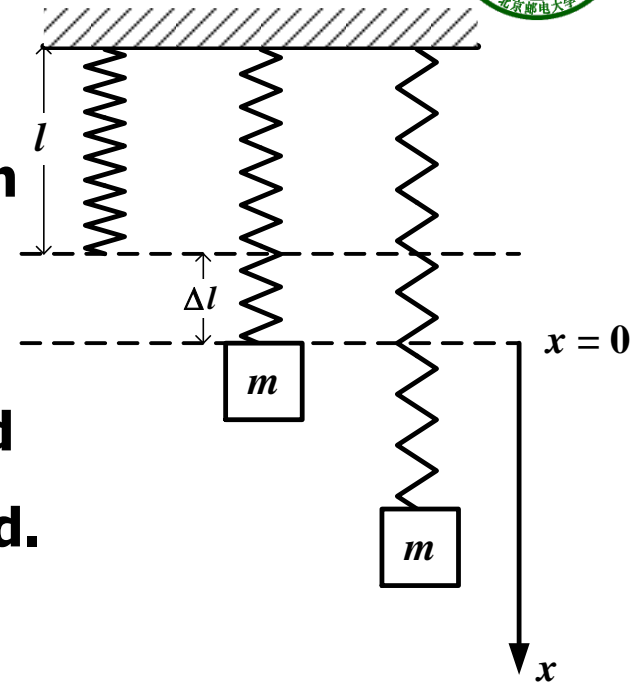
$$F_{net} = -k(x + \Delta l) + mg = -kx - k\Delta l + mg$$

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

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

The body's motion is still SHM with the angular frequency:

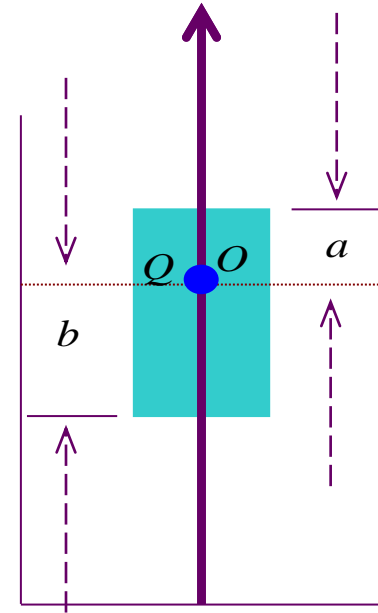
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$



Example



A wooden block floats in water.
We press it until its upper surface just under water,
and release. Will the motion
of the wooden block be **SHM**?



Example



Solution: Take the point O at the surface of water to be the **origin** of x -axis. When the block is in equilibrium, the point Q of block coincides with origin point O .

When block is in equilibrium

$$Sl\rho_{block}g = Sb\rho_{water}g$$

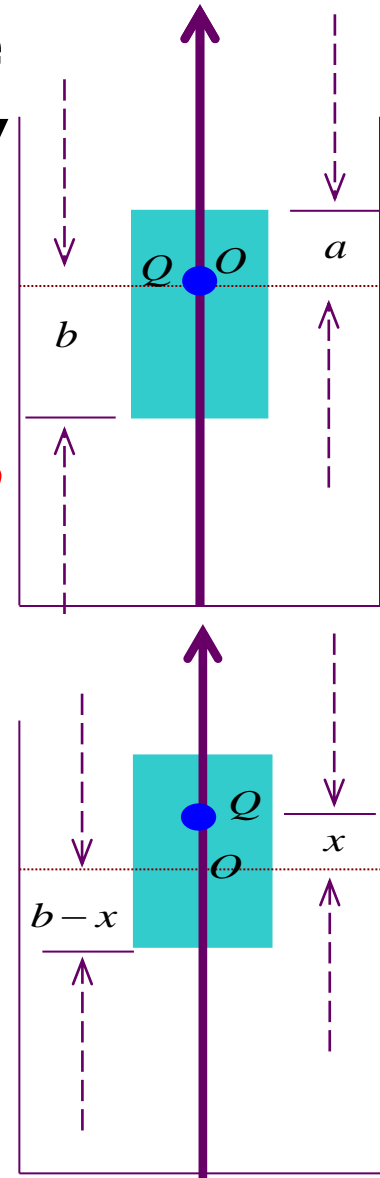
where S is the area of block's cross section, and $l=a+b$

The net force:
$$\begin{aligned}\sum F &= S(b-x)\rho_{water}g - Sl\rho_{block}g \\ &= S(b-x)\rho_{water}g - Sb\rho_{water}g\end{aligned}$$

$$= -Sx\rho_{water}g$$

$$(Sl\rho_{block})\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -S\rho_{water}gx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{b}x = 0, \quad x = A\cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{g}{b}}t + \phi\right)$$



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§ 5 Energy in Simple Harmonic Motion (P304)

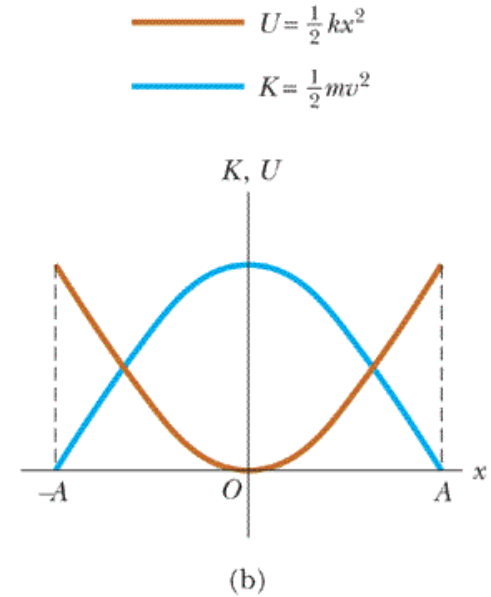
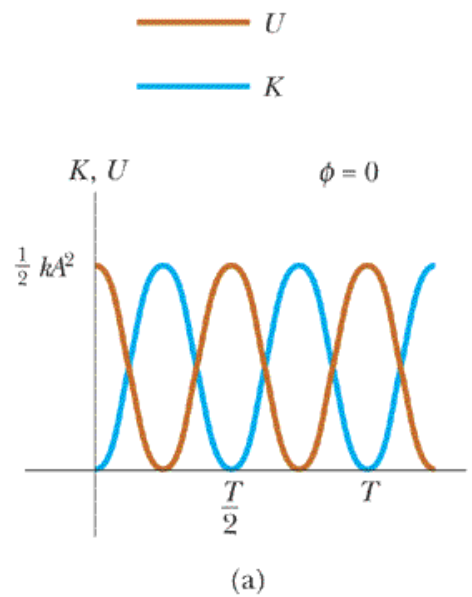
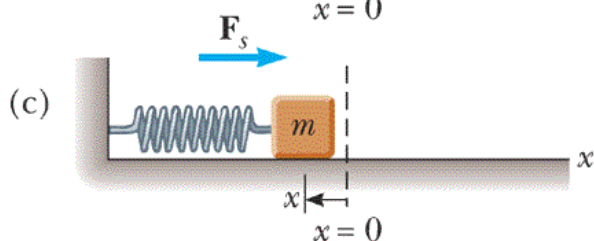
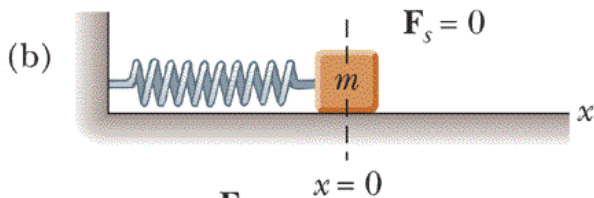
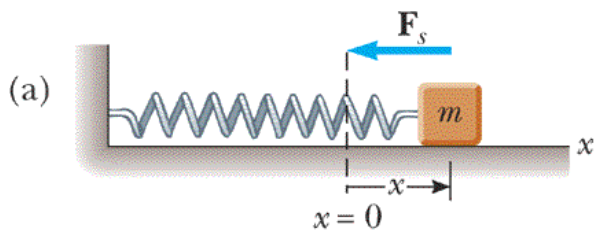


- The total mechanical energy for an isolated simple harmonic oscillator

➔ **Kinetic energy:** $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi), \quad \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$

➔ **Potential energy:** $U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)$

➔ **Total mechanical energy:** $E_{\text{mech}} = K + U = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \text{constant}$

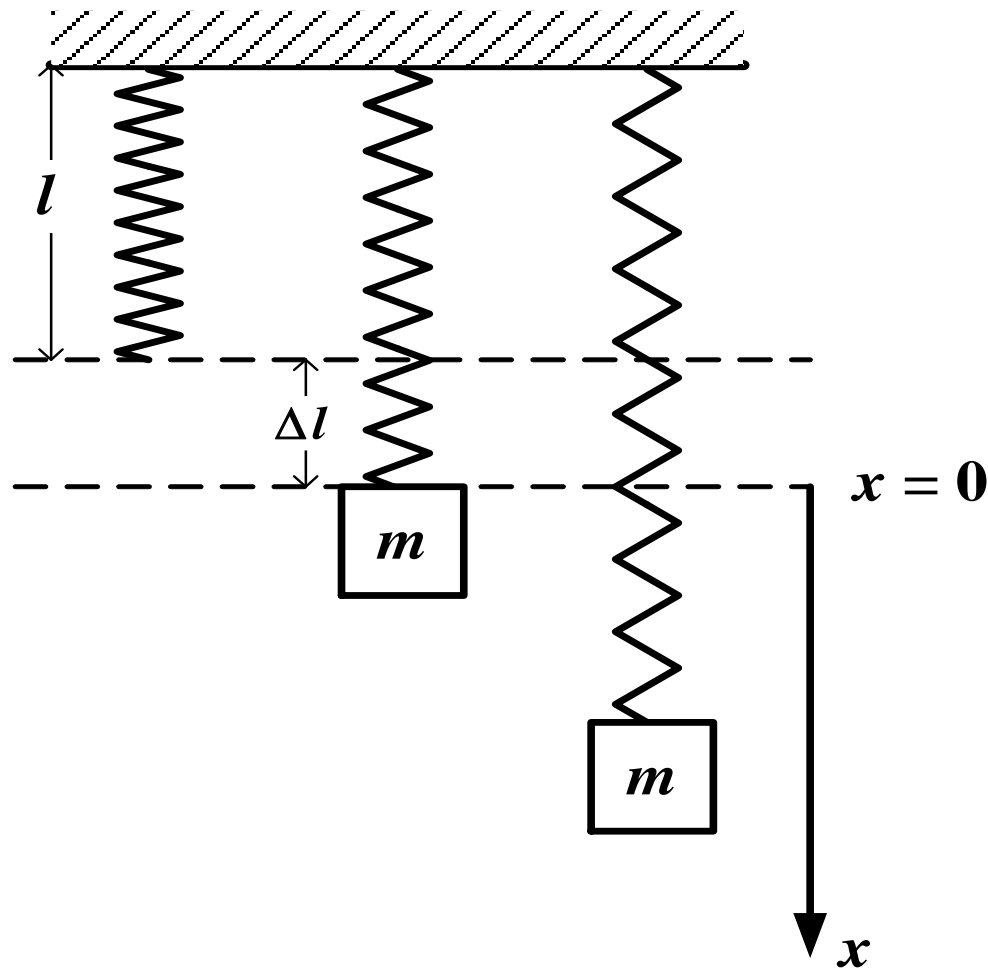


Example



Vertical SHM:

Suppose we hang a spring with force constant k and suspend from it a body with mass m . Oscillation will now be vertical. Will it still be SHM?



Example cont'd



Solution II: By energy analysis

When the body is at the position x , the total mechanical energy is

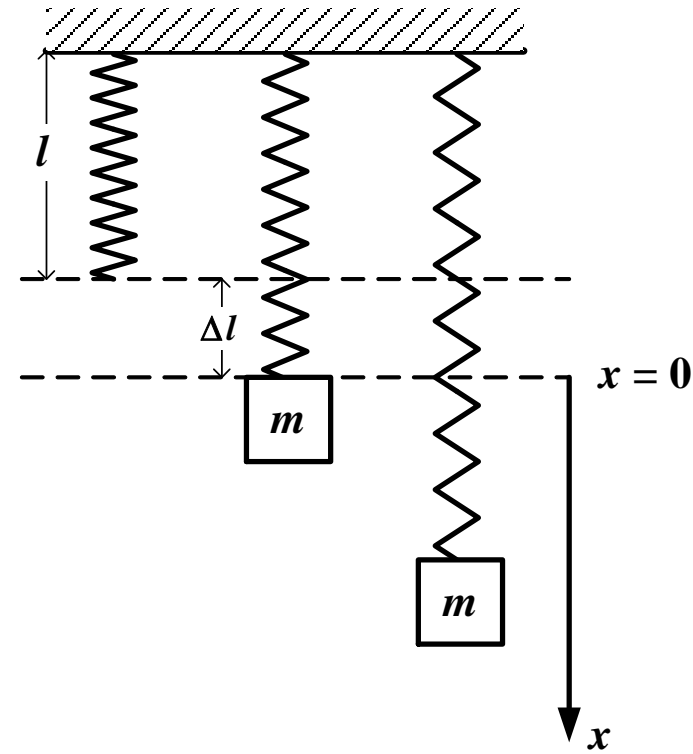
$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(x + \Delta l)^2 - mgx = \text{constant}$$

by **derivative** on both sides

$$mv \frac{dv}{dt} + k(x + \Delta l) \frac{dx}{dt} - mg \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = v$$

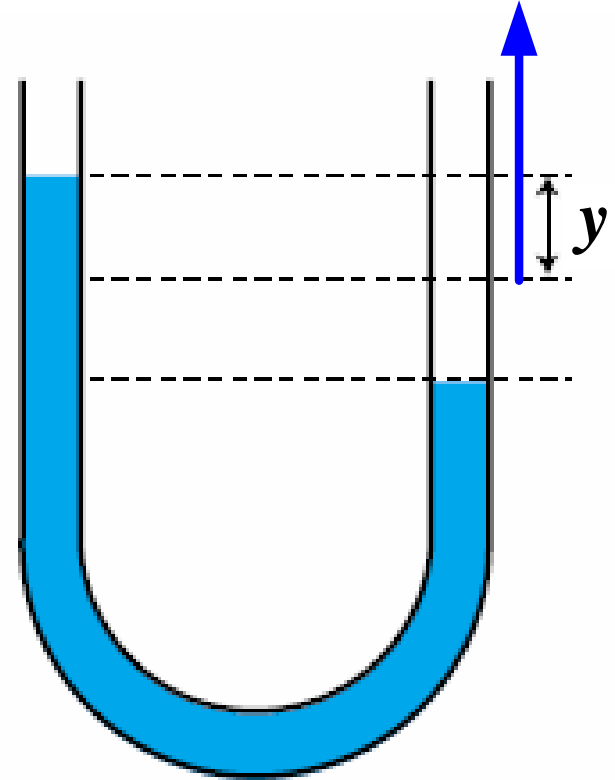
$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + kx + (k\Delta l - mg) = 0, \quad \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$



Example



Liquid in a U-tube: A liquid of density ρ is poured into a U-shaped tube with a cross-section of S . The total mass of the liquid is m . The liquid in the U-tube can undergo vibration about equilibrium. Find the vibration **period** of the liquid.



Example



Solution: The potential energy

$$U = (\rho S y g) y = \rho S g y^2$$

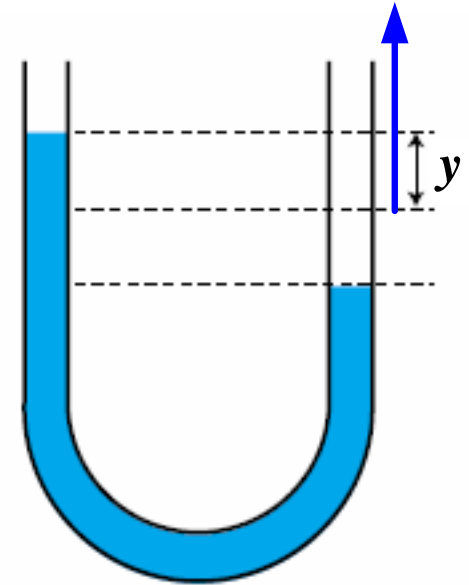
The kinetic energy:

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2$$

$$K + U = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 + \rho S g y^2 = \text{constant}$$

$$m \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \right) + 2 \rho S g y \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) = 0, \quad \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{2 \rho S g}{m} y = 0,$$

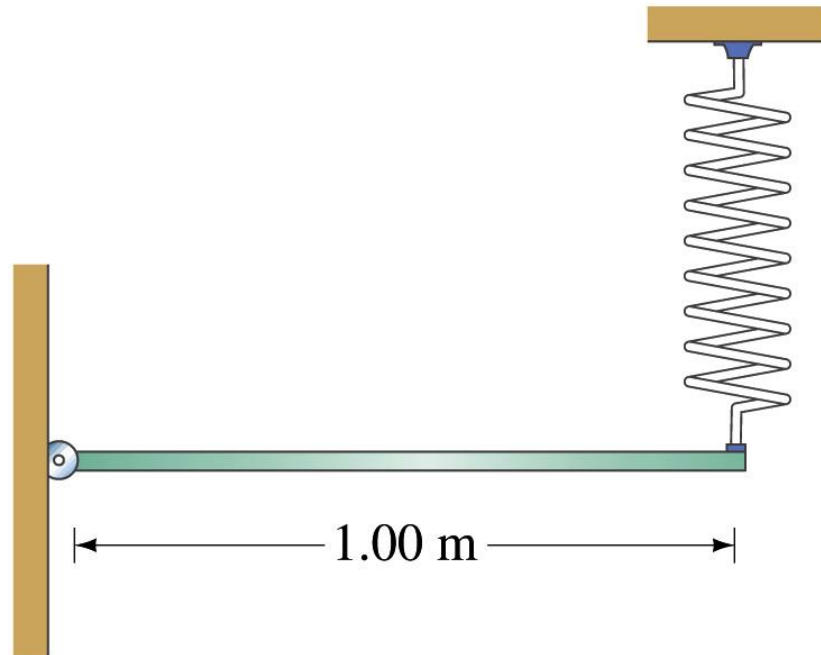
$$m = \rho(SL), \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\rho S g}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{2g}}$$



Example



A uniform **meter** stick of mass M is pivoted on a hinge at one end and held horizontal by a spring with spring constant k attached at the other end. The stick is displaced by a small angle from its horizontal equilibrium position and released. Find the **angular frequency** with which the stick moves with simple harmonic motion. (**Using energy conservation.**)



Example



Solution (II):

The total mechanical energy is

$$\frac{1}{2} I(\dot{\theta})^2 + \frac{1}{2} k(x_0 + l\theta)^2 - Mg \frac{l\theta}{2} = \text{constant}$$

By derivative on both sides,

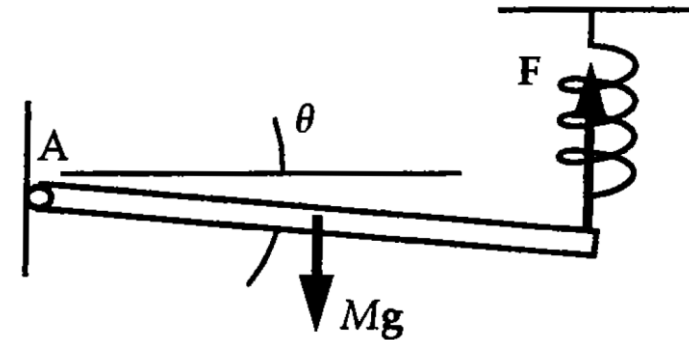
$$I\dot{\theta}(\ddot{\theta}) + k(x_0 + l\theta)l\dot{\theta} - \frac{1}{2}Mgl\dot{\theta} = 0$$

$$I\ddot{\theta} + k(x_0 + l\theta)l - \frac{1}{2}Mgl = 0$$

$$kx_0 = \frac{1}{2}Mg \Rightarrow I\ddot{\theta} + kl^2\theta = 0$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{kl^2}{I}\theta = 0,$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{kl^2}{I}} = \sqrt{\frac{kl^2}{\frac{1}{3}Ml^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3k}{M}}$$



§ 6 Superposition of SHM



- An object experiences two SHMs **simultaneously**.

➡ Two SHMs

$$x_1 = A_1 \cos(\omega t + \phi_1)$$

$$x_2 = A_2 \cos(\omega t + \phi_2)$$

➡ Resultant motion which is superposed by the two SHMs is also a **SHM**

$$x = x_1 + x_2 = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

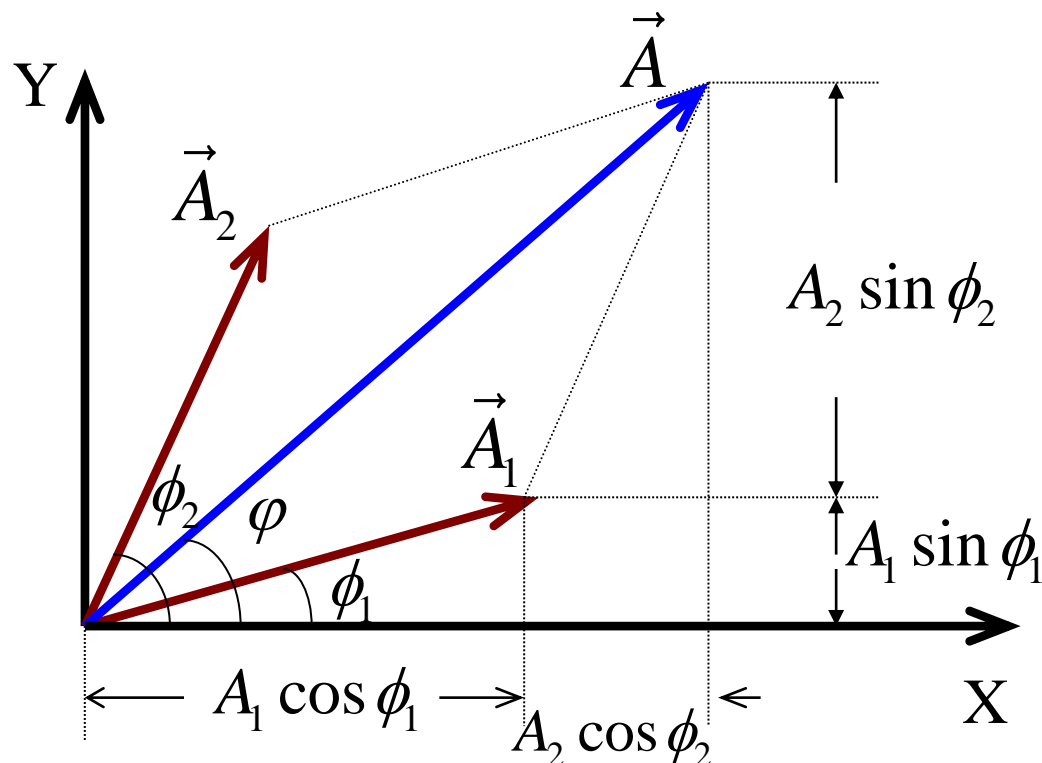
**Resultant
Amplitude ?**

**Resultant
Phase angle ?**

Superposition of SHMs using phasor diagram



Using phasors,



$$A = \sqrt{A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2 \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1)}$$

$$\phi = \arctan \frac{A_1 \sin \phi_1 + A_2 \sin \phi_2}{A_1 \cos \phi_1 + A_2 \cos \phi_2}$$

Superposition of SHMs under different phase differences

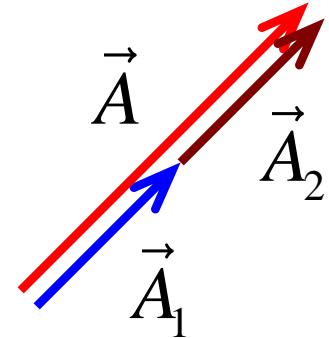


$$A = \sqrt{A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2 \cos \Delta\phi}$$

- The phase difference $\Delta\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1$.

- ➔ When $\Delta\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1 = 2k\pi$, $k=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

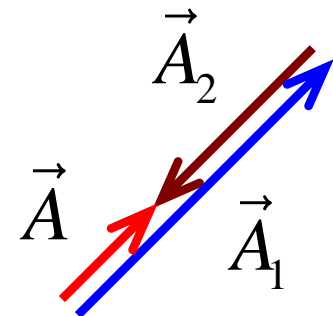
The two SHMs are **in phase**, the resultant amplitude take its **maximum**.



$$A = A_1 + A_2$$

- ➔ When $\Delta\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1 = (2k+1)\pi$, $k=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

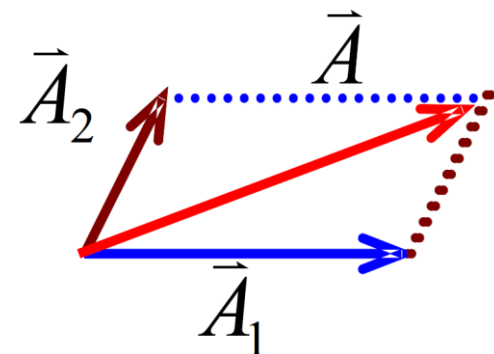
The two SHMs are **out of phase**, the resultant amplitude take its **minimum**.



$$A = |A_1 - A_2|$$

- ➔ Generally, $\Delta\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1 \neq k\pi$

$$|A_1 - A_2| < A < A_1 + A_2$$



Example



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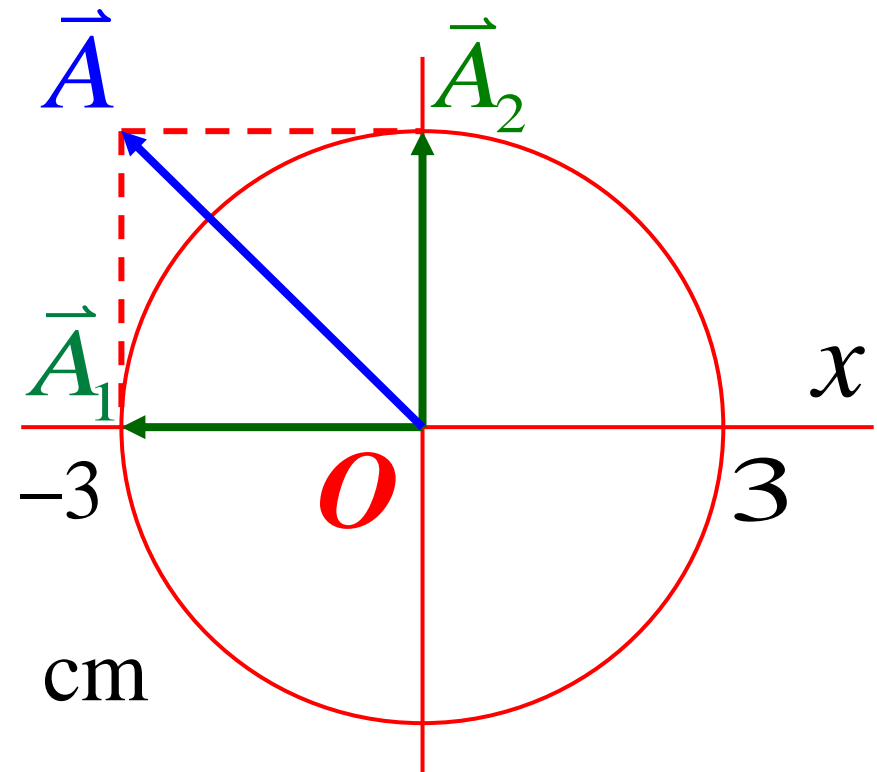
Solution (I):

Draw a circle of reference,

$$x = x_1 + x_2$$

$$= A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$= 3\sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi t + \frac{3\pi}{4})$$



Example



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Solution (II):

$$A = \sqrt{A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2 \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1)}$$
$$= \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + 2 \times 3 \times 3 \cos \frac{\pi}{2}} = 3\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{A_1 \sin \phi_1 + A_2 \sin \phi_2}{A_1 \cos \phi_1 + A_2 \cos \phi_2} = \frac{3 \sin \pi + 3 \sin \frac{\pi}{2}}{3 \cos \pi + 3 \cos \frac{\pi}{2}} = -1, \quad \phi = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

Solution (III):

$$x_1 + x_2 = 3 \left[\cos(2\pi t + \pi) + \cos\left(2\pi t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right] = 3 \left[2 \cos\left(2\pi t + \frac{3}{4}\pi\right) \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$$
$$= 3\sqrt{2} \cos\left(2\pi t + \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) \text{ cm}$$



Problem



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