

# Chapter 12 Oscillations



## § 1 The Causes of Oscillation

- The system tends to return to equilibrium when slightly displaced

- ➡ Existence of a point of stable equilibrium

For a block-spring system

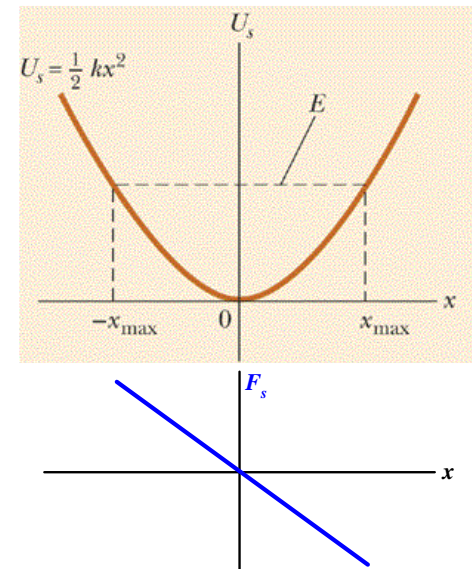
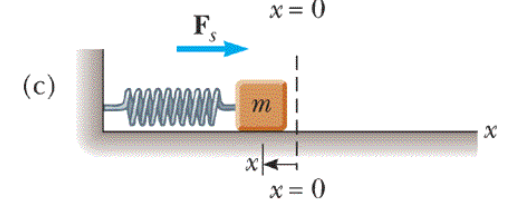
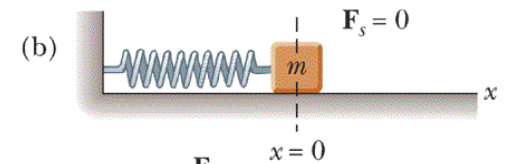
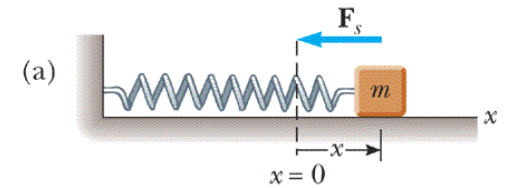
$$U(x) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

- ➡ 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

$$F_s = -\frac{dU}{dx} = -kx$$



## § 2 Simple Harmonic Motion

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### ■ The block-spring system

- ➡ 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  $\omega^2$

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

(1)

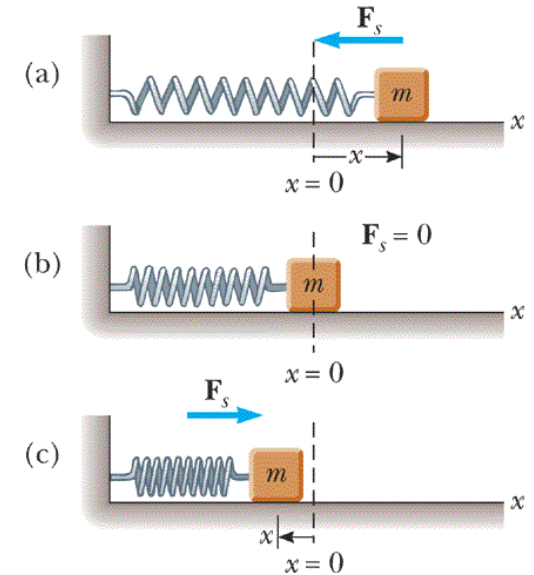
Dynamics' equation for SHM

Take a tentative solution to Eq.(1)

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

Kinematics' equation for SHM

$A$  and  $\phi$  arise from the integral constants



# Simple Harmonic Motion



## ■ The simple harmonic motion

- ➔ The motion action is governed by Eq. (1)

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

- ➔ Can be described in terms of sine and cosine function

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

## ■ The simple pendulum – Another example of simple harmonic motion

- ➔ Newton's second law for the simple pendulum

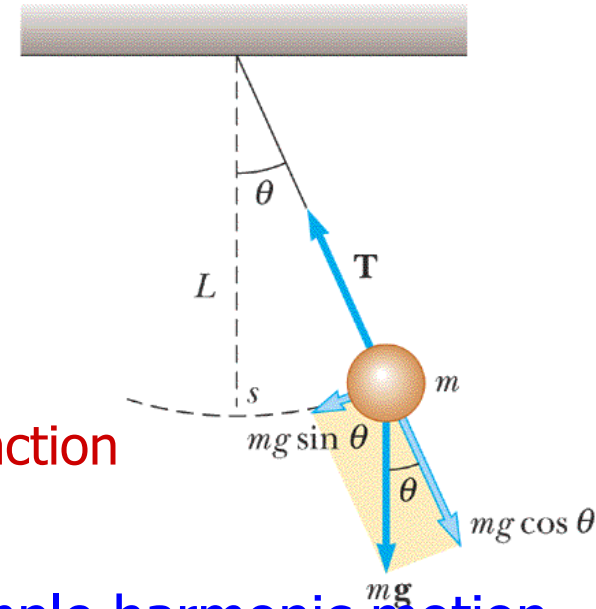
$$-mg \sin \theta = m \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} \quad s = L\theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{L} \sin \theta$$

Let  $\omega^2 = \frac{g}{L}$ , and for small angles  $\sin \theta \approx \theta$

- ➔ We get also a equation of motion of SHM

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

$$\theta = \theta_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$



# The Physical Pendulum



## ■ The Physical Pendulum (复摆)

➡ Newton's second law for rigid body:

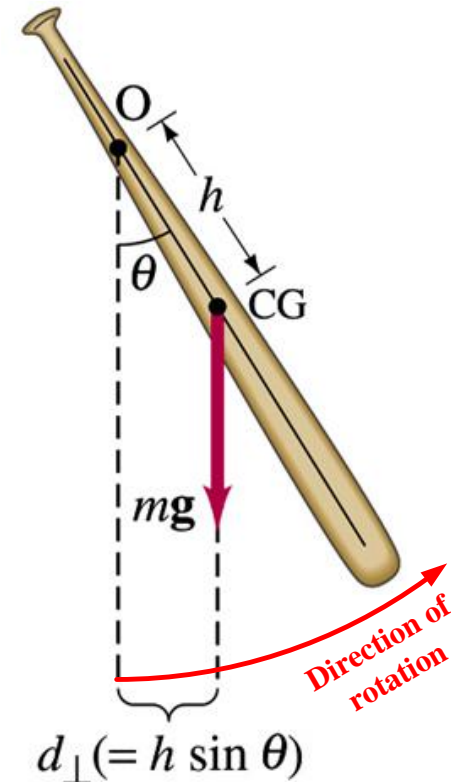
$$\tau_{\text{net-axis}} = I\alpha$$

$$-mgh \sin \theta = I \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2}$$

➡ It follows that:

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

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \left( \frac{mgh}{I} \right) \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \theta_{\max} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$



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

# § 3 The Characteristic Quantities for SHM

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## ■ Angular Frequency, Frequency, and Period

- ➡ The period,  $T$ , is the time for oscillator to go through one circle of motion
- ➡ The frequency,  $f$ , is the number of circles in a unit of time. (SI unit: Hz)

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

- ➡ The angular frequency,  $\omega$ , is  $2\pi$  times the frequency. (SI unit: rad/s)

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

- $T, f, \omega$  relate to the essential nature of an oscillator, which often called **natural (intrinsic) period**, **natural frequency**, and **natural angular frequency**.

- For a block-spring oscillator:

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

- For a simple pendulum:

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

All determined by the essential natures of two different oscillators

# The Characteristic Quantities for SHM



## ■ The amplitude $A$

- ➡ Maximum magnitude of displacement from equilibrium

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

## ■ The phase ( $\omega t + \phi$ ), phase constant (or phase angle) $\phi$

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

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

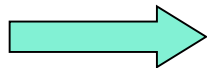
$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi), \quad v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

- ➡ When  $t=0$ ,  $\phi$  reflect the initial motion state of the oscillator
- ➡  $A$  and  $\phi$  are determined by initial conditions (How the motion starts?)

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

$$x_0 = A \cos \phi$$

$$v_0 = -\omega A \sin \phi$$

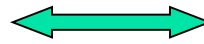


$$A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{v_0^2}{\omega^2}}, \quad \phi = \arctan \left( -\frac{v_0}{\omega x_0} \right)$$

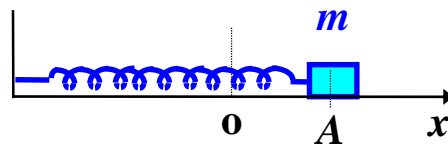
# The relationship between motion state and phase

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

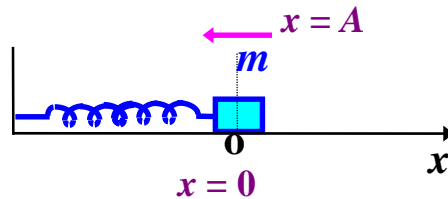
**Motion state**



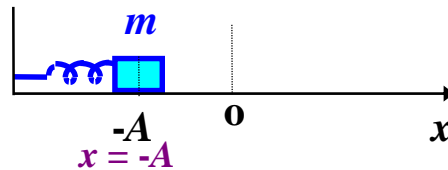
**Phase**



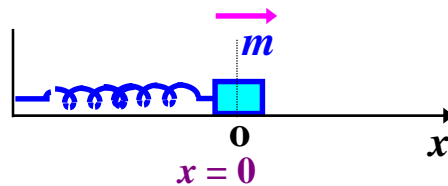
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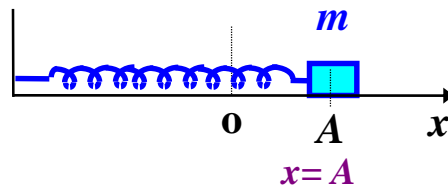
$\pi/2$



$\pi$



$3\pi/2$ 或 $-\pi/2$



$2\pi$

# Phase difference



- Phase difference play a an important role for oscillator

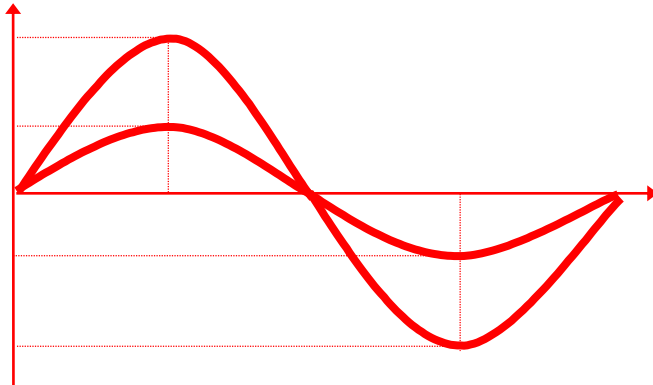
➔ Two oscillators with phases:  $\theta_1 = \omega t + \phi_1$ ,  $\theta_2 = \omega t + \phi_2$

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

Ahead in phase

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

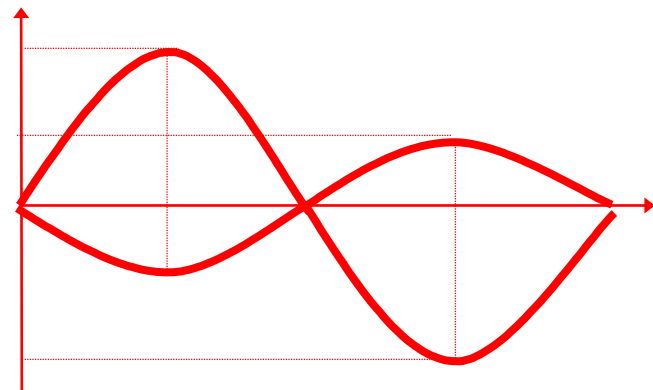
Lag in phase



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

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

In phase



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

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

Out of phase

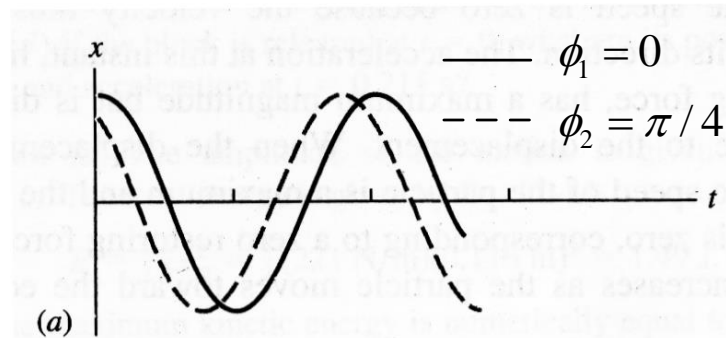
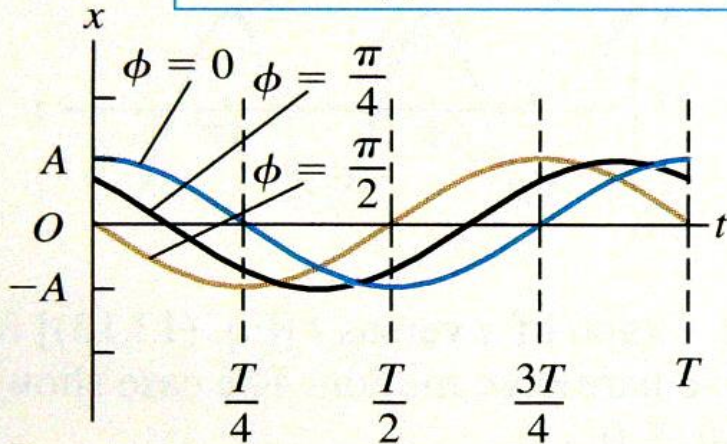


# The Roles Characteristic Quantities

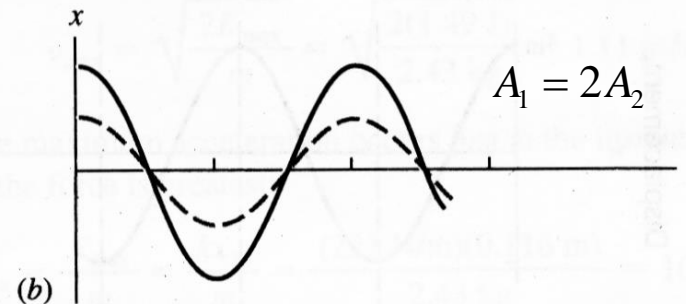


Several simple harmonic motion with different characteristic quantities

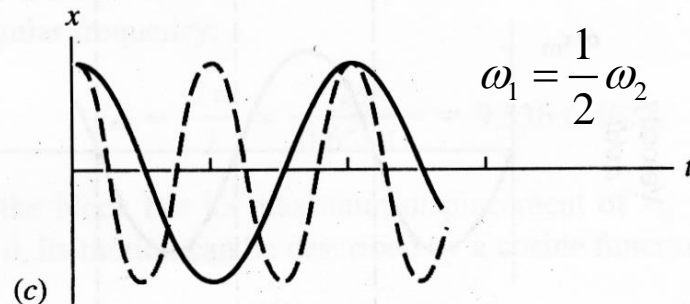
Different  $\phi$ ; same  $A$ ,  $k$  and  $m$



Different  $\phi$



Different  $A$



Different  $\omega$

# The relations among the position, velocity, and acceleration

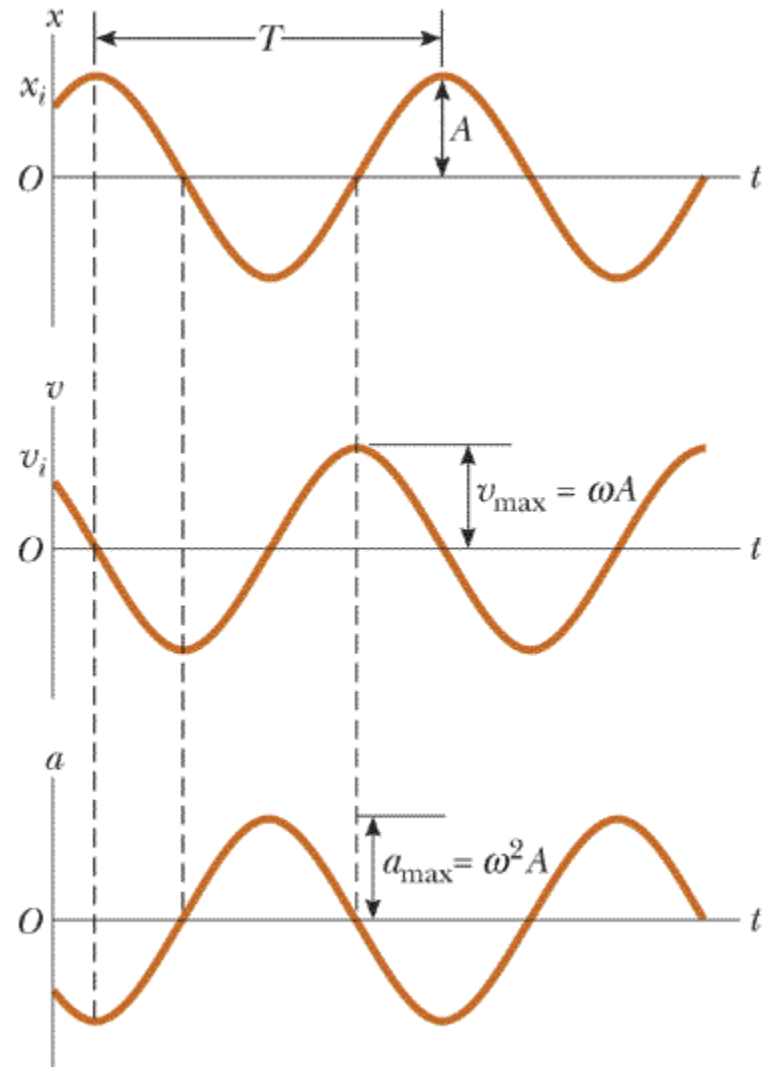


- The relations among the position, velocity, and acceleration
  - ➡ The velocity is  $\pi/2$  ahead in phase of the position.
  - ➡ The acceleration is  $\pi$  out of phase with the position.

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

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi) = \omega A \cos(\omega t + \phi + \frac{\pi}{2})$$

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

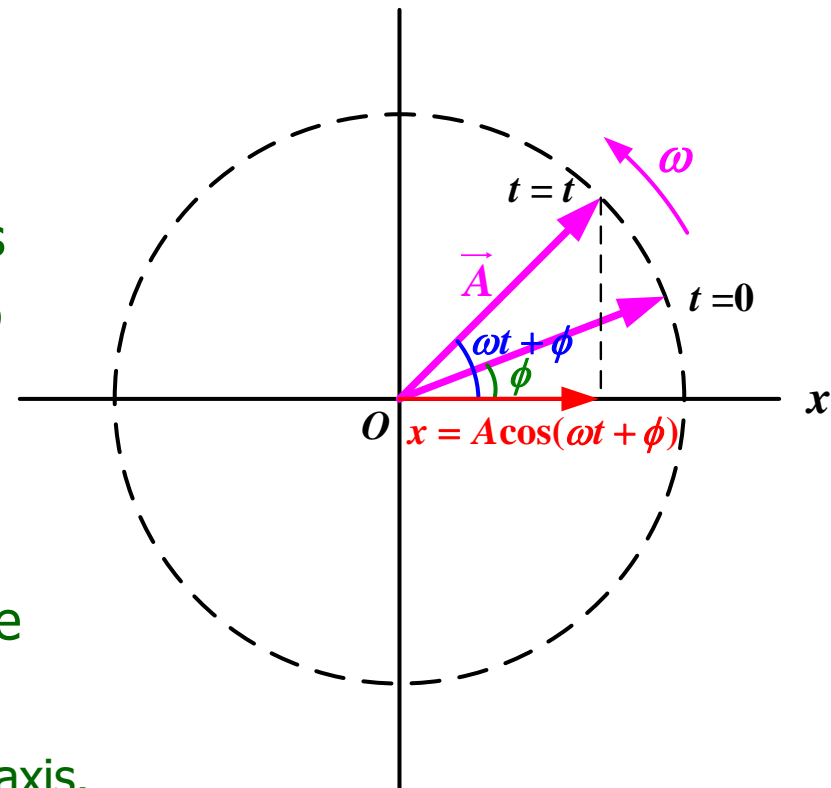


## § 4 The Circle of Reference

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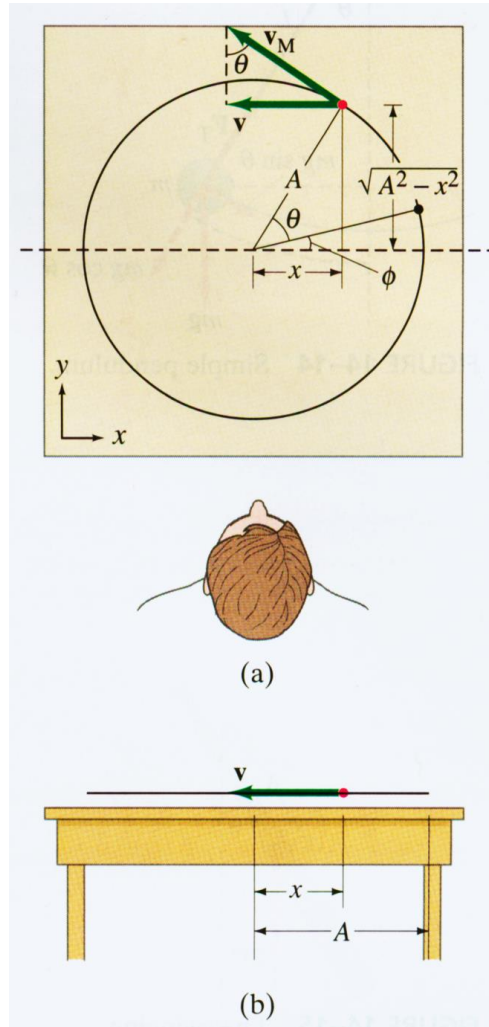
- The corresponding relation between SHM and uniform circular motion — Circle of Reference (参考圆) or Phasor (旋转矢量)
  - ➡ Simple Harmonic Motion is the projection of uniform circular motion of phasor  $\vec{A}$  onto x axis.
  - ➡ The circle in which the phasor moves so that the projection of phasor's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



# Corresponding Relation Between SHM and UCM

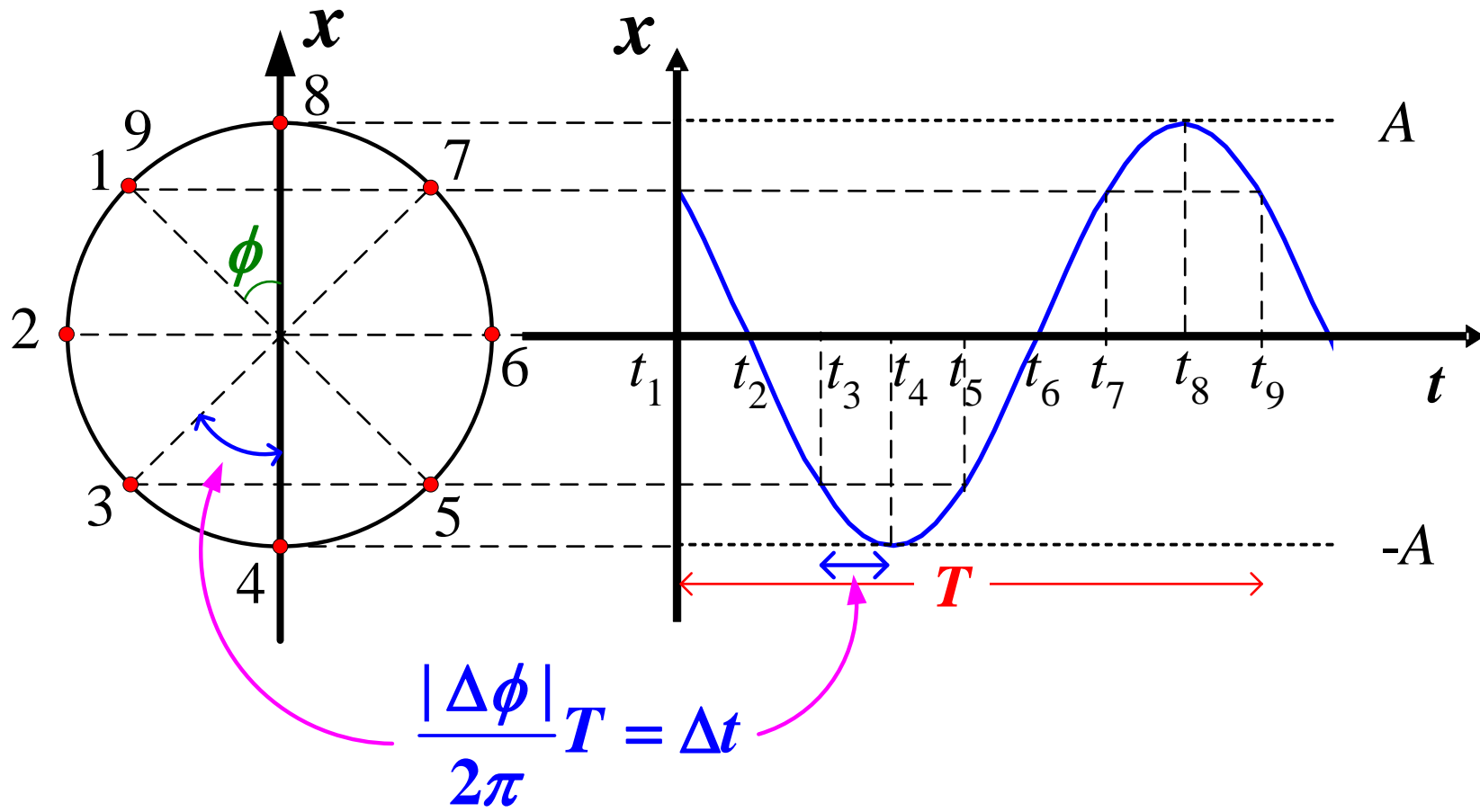


	For Simple Harmonic Motion	For Uniform Circular Motion
$A$	Amplitude	Radius
$x$	Displacement	Projection
$\omega$	Angular Frequency	Angular Velocity
$\theta = \omega t + \phi$	Phase	Angle between Phasor and x axis



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

# Draw x-t Diagram Using Circle of Reference



## Example



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

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

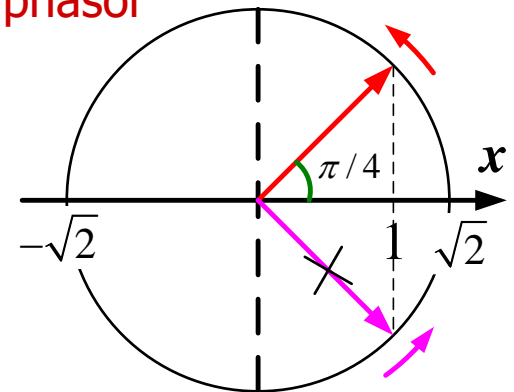
$$\therefore \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{100}{4}} = 5 \text{ rad/s}, \quad \therefore A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{v_0^2}{\omega^2}} = \sqrt{2} = 1.4 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \tan \phi = -\frac{v_0}{\omega x_0} = 1 \quad \phi \text{ locates in I or III quadrant} \quad \phi = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ or } \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

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

$$\therefore x = 1.4 \cos(5t + \frac{\pi}{4})$$

Using the phasor



## Example

**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:** changed initial conditions:  $x = x'_0$ ,  $v = v'_0$ , when  $t = t'_0$ .

$$A = 4\text{cm}, f = 0.5\text{Hz} \quad T = 1/f = 2\text{s}$$

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

When  $t=1\text{s}$

$$-0.02 = 0.04 \cos(\pi + \phi) = -0.04 \cos \phi$$

$$\cos \phi = 1/2 \Rightarrow \phi = \pm \pi/3$$

locates in I or IV quadrant

$$v = -0.04 \sin(\pi + \phi) = 0.04 \sin \phi > 0$$

$$\phi \text{ locates in I quadrant.} \quad \phi = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Too complicated !

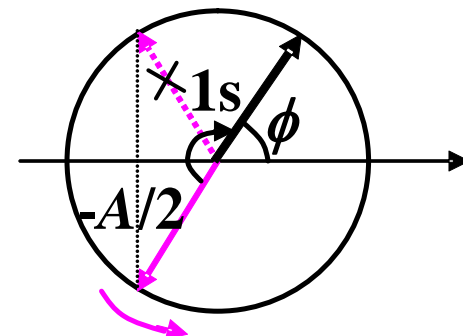
Using the phasor:

One revolution corresponds to one period  $T=2\text{s}$ , and half a revolution corresponds to  $\Delta t = 1\text{s}$   $v > 0$

$$\omega \Delta t + \phi = \pi + \phi = 4\pi/3$$



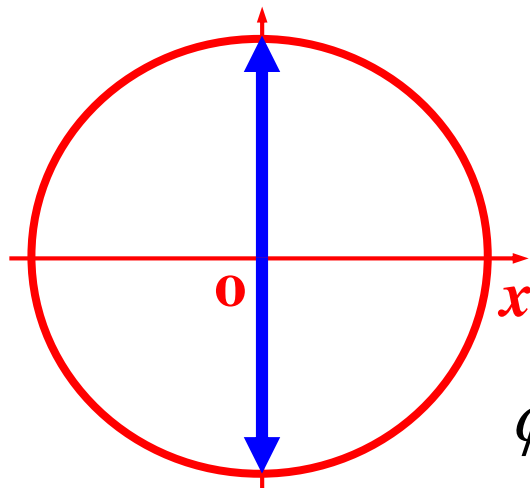
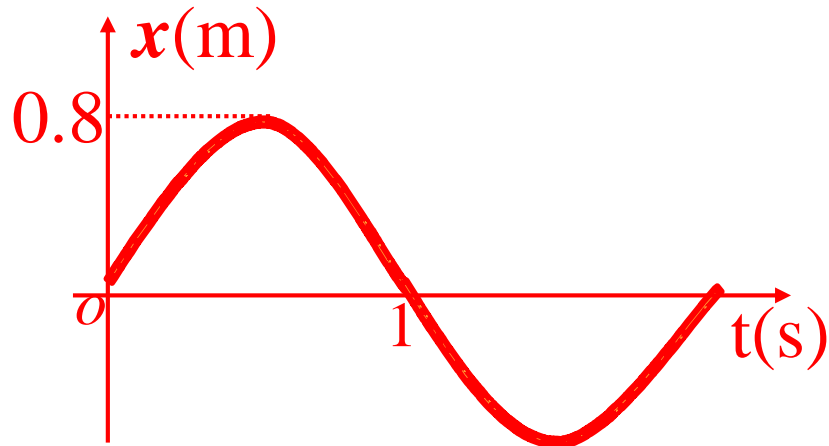
$$\phi = \frac{\pi}{3}$$



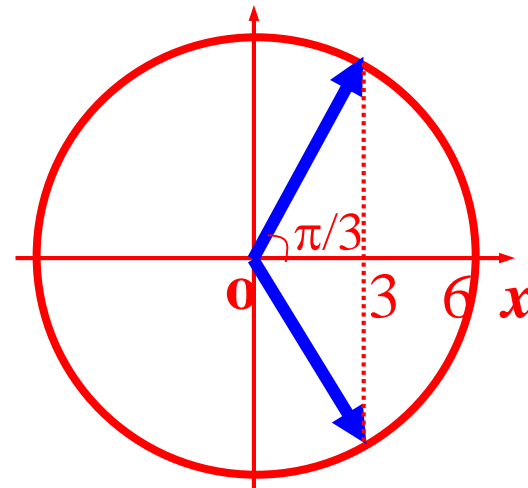
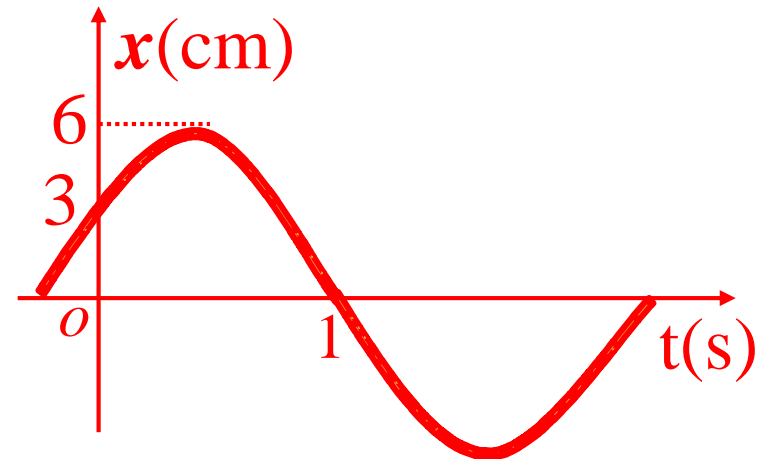
## Example



**Example:** Find the initial phase of the two oscillations



$$\phi = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$



$$\phi = -\frac{\pi}{3}$$



## Example

Example: SHM: From given x-t graph, find  $\phi$ ,  $\theta_a$ ,  $\theta_b$ , and the angular frequency  $\omega$ .

### Solution:

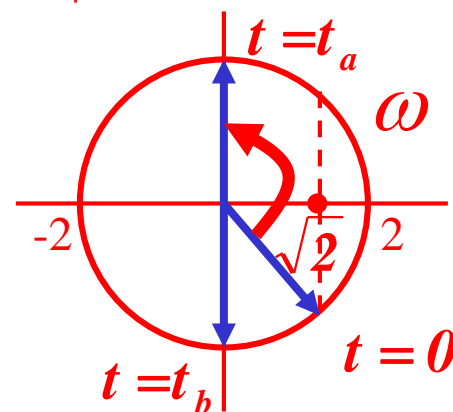
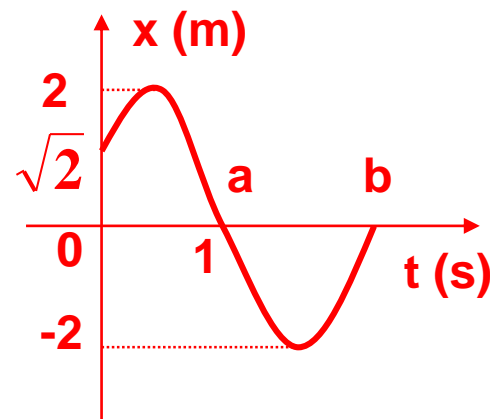
From circle of reference

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

$$\text{for } \theta = \omega t + \phi$$

$$\Delta\theta = \omega \Delta t$$

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



## Example

**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?

**Solution:** Take the point O at the surface of water 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.

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

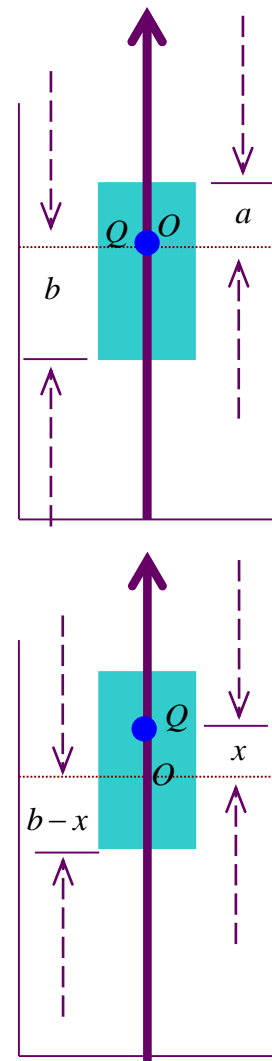
where S is the area of block's cross section, and  $l=a+b$

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

$$= -S\rho_{water}gx$$

$$-S\rho_{water}gx = (Sl\rho_{block})\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{b}x = 0$$

$$x = a \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{g}{b}}t + \pi\right) = a \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{g}{l-a}}t + \pi\right)$$



## § 5 Energy in Simple Harmonic Motion

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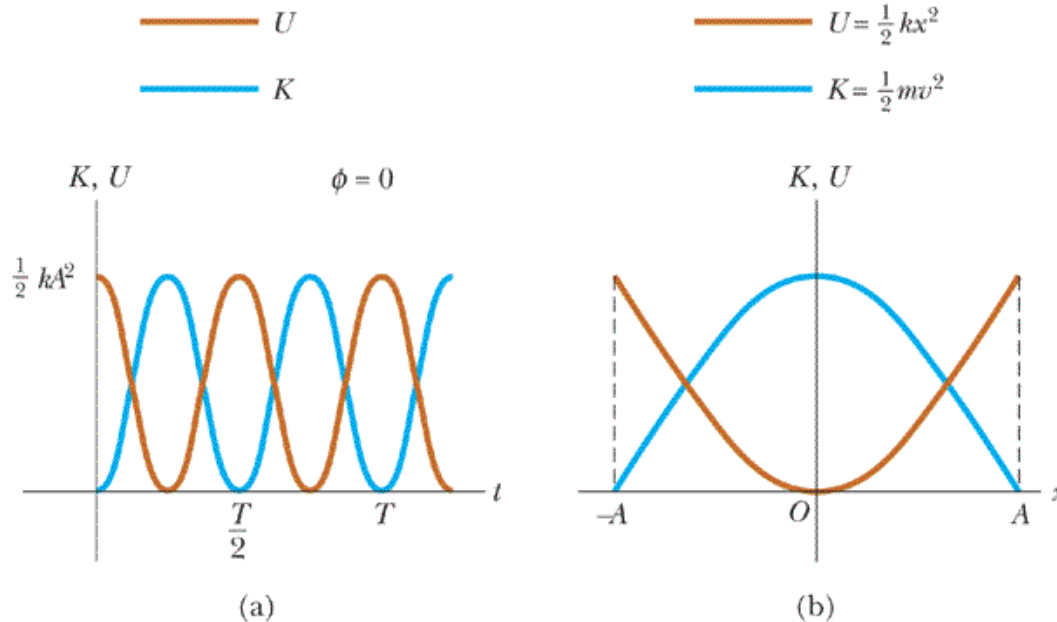
■ The total mechanical energy for an isolated simple harmonic oscillator

➡ Kinetic energy:  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$

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

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

➡ Total mechanical energy:  $E = K + U = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \text{constant}$



## Example



**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?

**Solution I: by Newton' second law**

When the body hangs at rest, in equilibrium

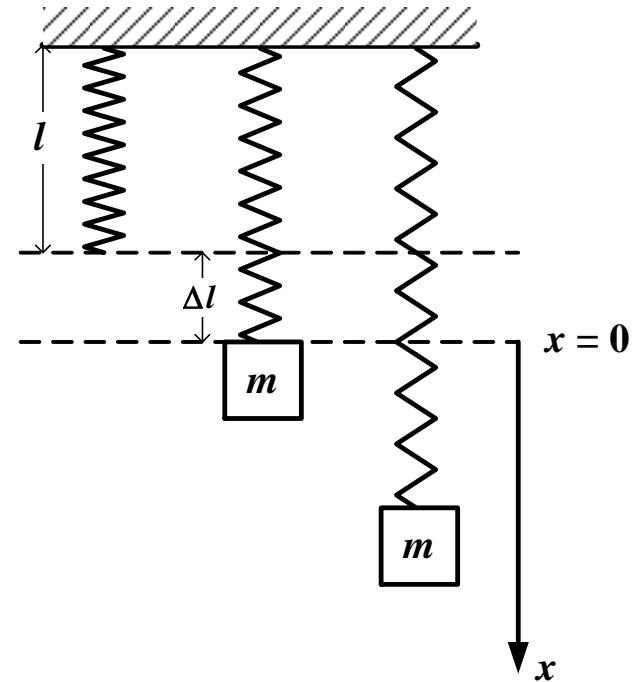
$$k\Delta l = mg$$

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

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

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

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



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

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

## Example cont'd



### Solution II: by energy analysis

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

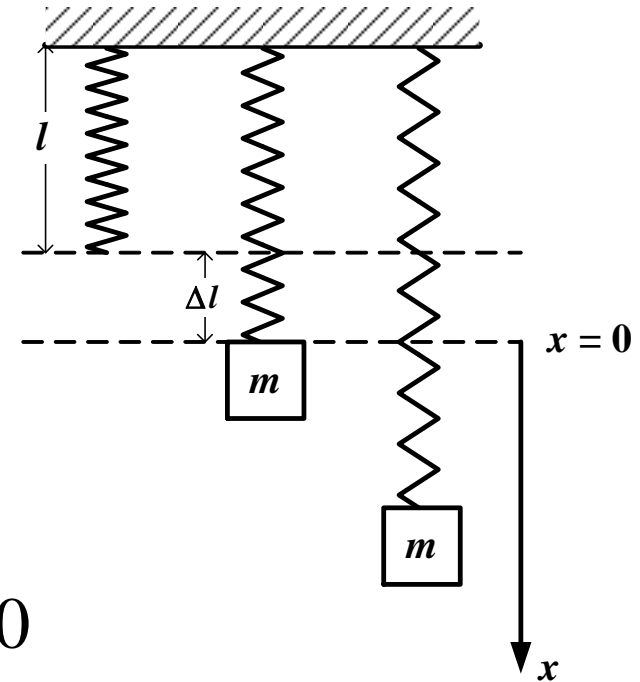
$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(x + \Delta l)^2 - mgx = \text{constant}$$

by derivative on both sides

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

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

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



## § 8 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

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

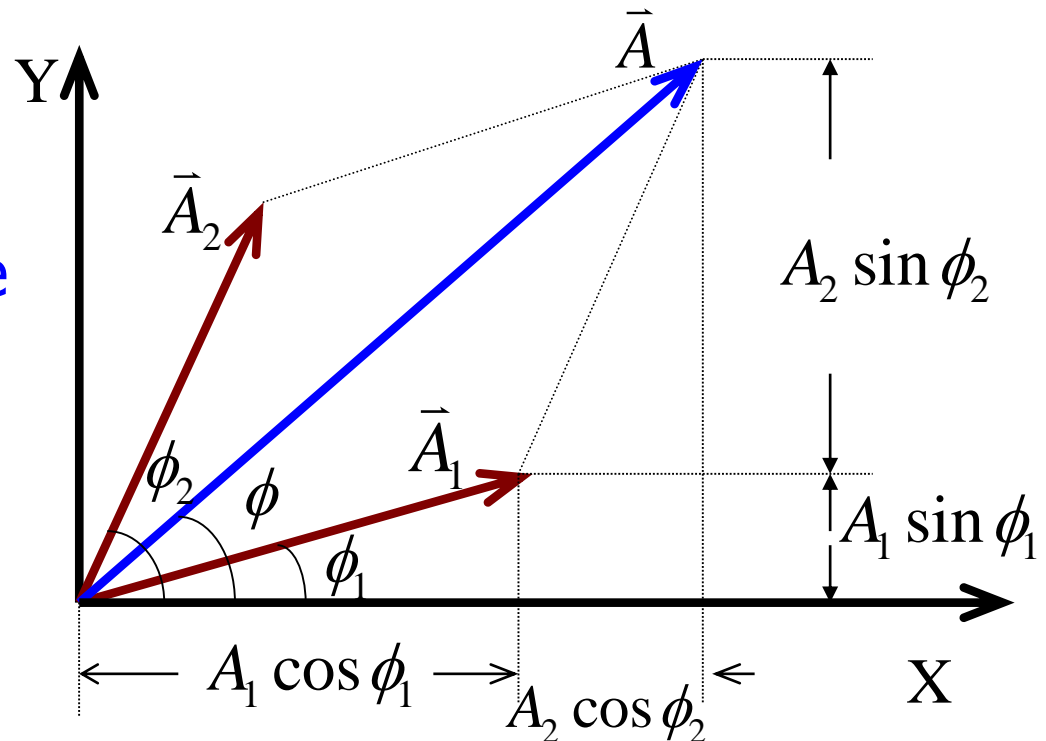
Resultant  
Amplitude ?

Resultant  
Phase  
angle ?

## Superposition of SHMs using phasor diagram



Using Circle of Reference



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

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

# Superposition of SHMs under different phase differences

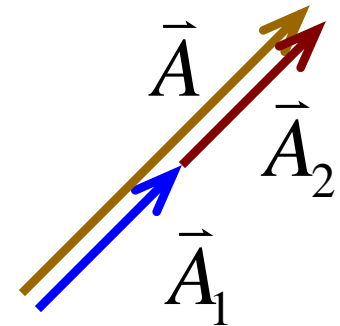


- The phase difference  $\Delta\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1$ .

- ➡ 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.

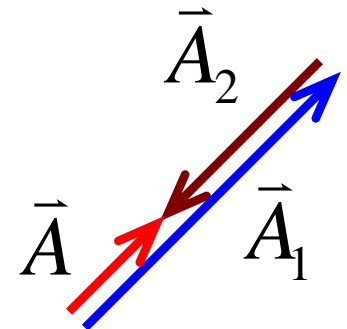
$$A = A_1 + A_2$$



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

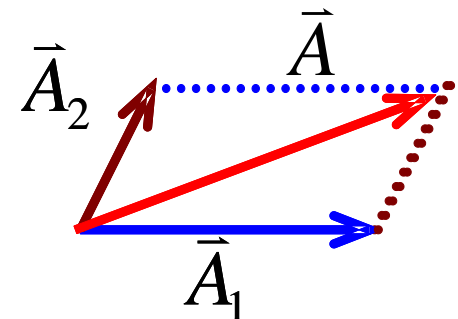
The two SHMs are out of phase, the resultant amplitude take its minimum.

$$A = |A_1 - A_2|$$



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

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





## Example

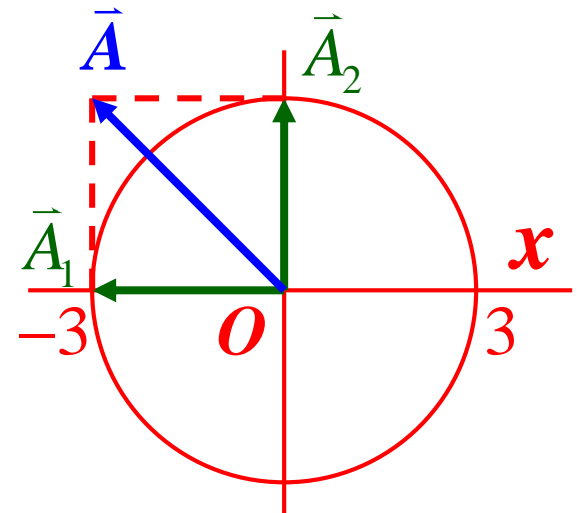


Example:  $x_1=3\cos(2\pi t+\pi)\text{cm}$ ,  $x_2=3\cos(2\pi t+\pi/2)\text{cm}$ ,  
find the superposition displacement of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

**Solution:**

**Draw a circle of reference,**

$$\begin{aligned}x &= x_1 + x_2 = A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \\ &= 3\sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi t + \frac{3\pi}{4}) \quad \text{cm}\end{aligned}$$

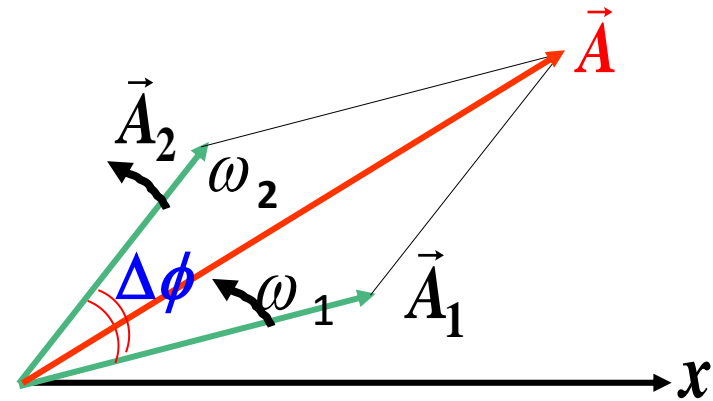


## 2. Superposition of Two SHM in Same Direction With Different frequencies

a. Vibration equation

$$x_1 = A_0 \cos \omega_1 t$$

$$x_2 = A_0 \cos \omega_2 t$$

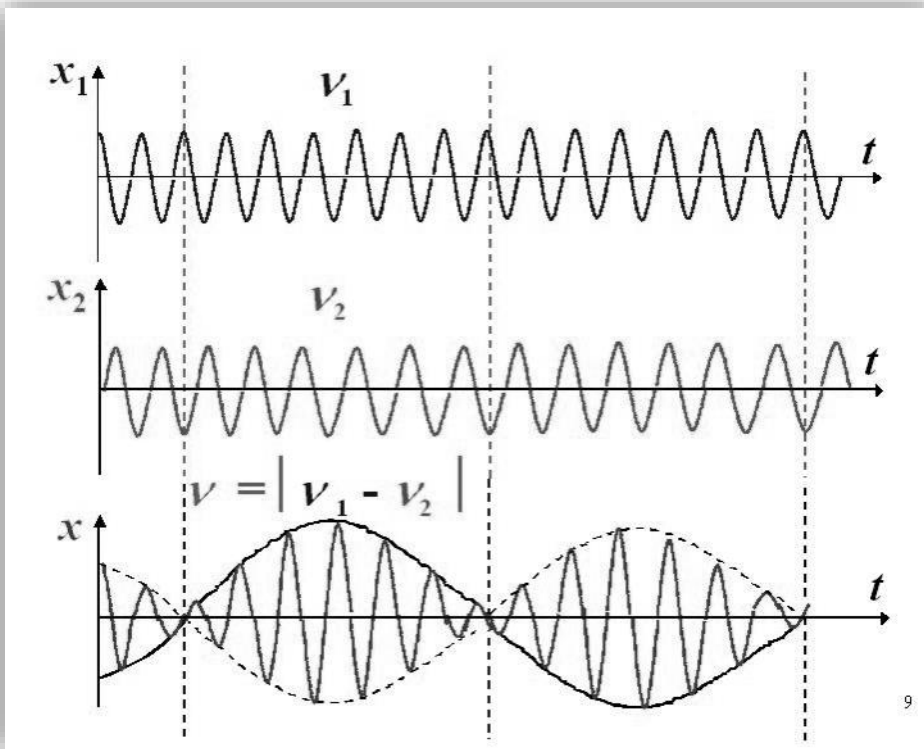


$$x = x_1 + x_2 = 2A_0 \cos \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_2}{2} t \cos \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} t$$

$$\omega_1 \approx \omega_2 \Rightarrow \Delta\omega = \omega_1 - \omega_2 \ll \omega_1 + \omega_2 = \bar{\omega}$$

$$x = A(t) \cos \bar{\omega} t$$

b. Features of figure  $x = A(t) \cos \bar{\omega} t$



$$A(t) = 2A_0 \cos\left(\frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{2}t\right)$$

Amplitude  
modulation factor

$\frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{2}$  : frequency  
modulation

$\frac{\omega_2 + \omega_1}{2}$  : carrier  
frequency

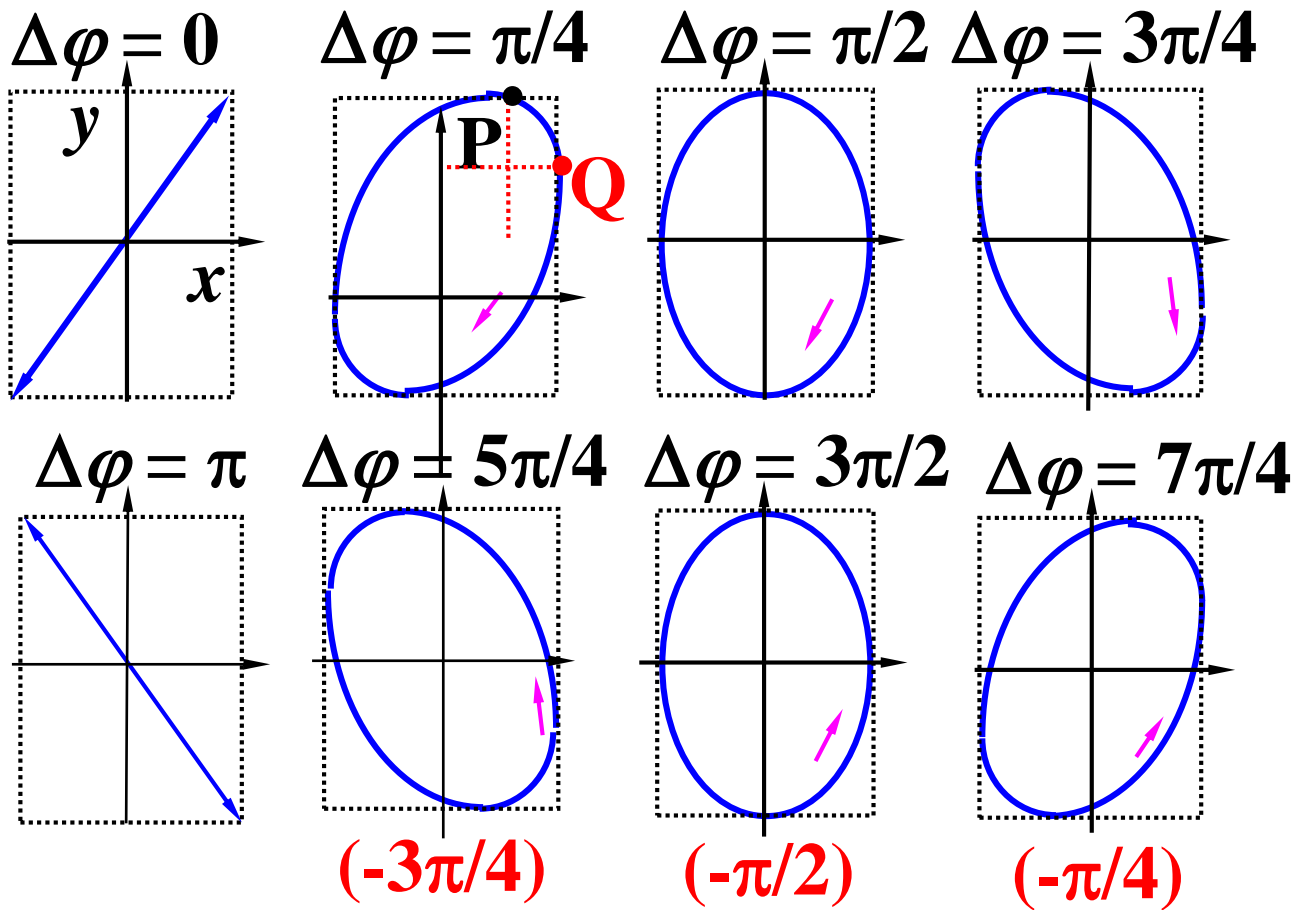
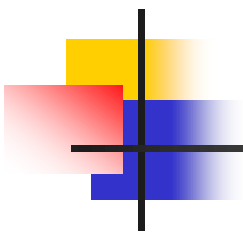
### 3. Superposition of two SHM in different directions

#### a. Two SHMs

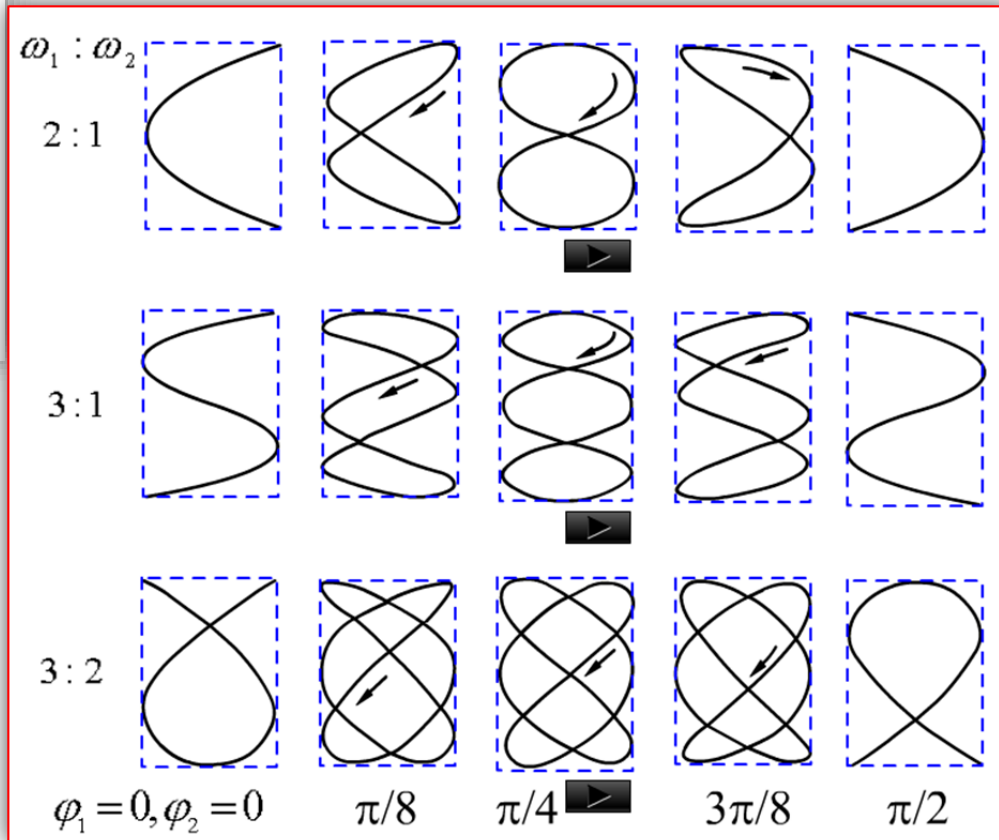
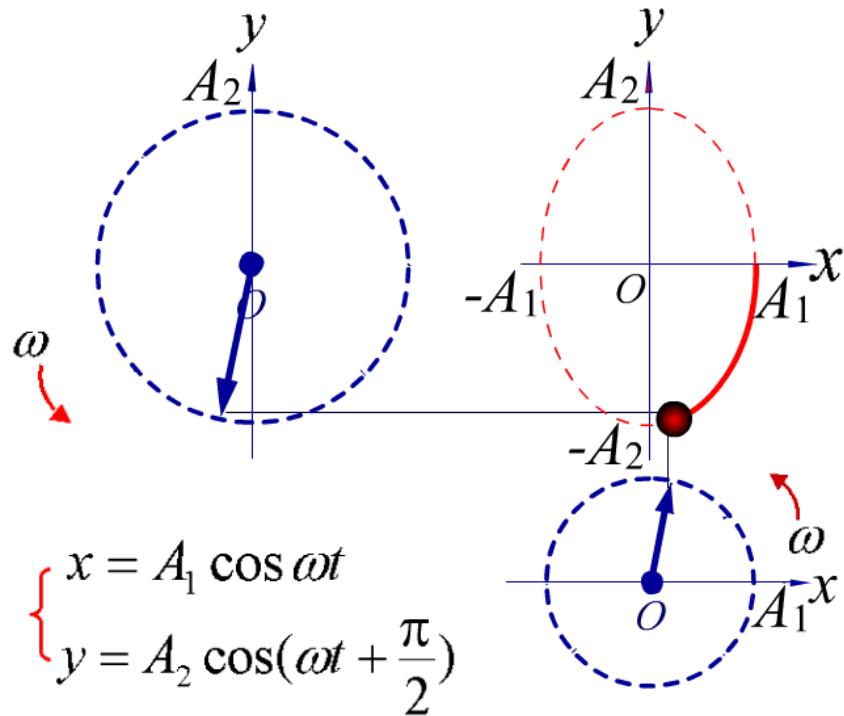
$$\begin{aligned} x &= A_1 \cos(\omega t + \phi_1) \\ y &= A_2 \cos(\omega t + \phi_2) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{A_1^2} + \frac{y^2}{A_2^2} - 2 \frac{x}{A_1} \frac{y}{A_2} \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1) = \sin^2(\phi_2 - \phi_1)$$

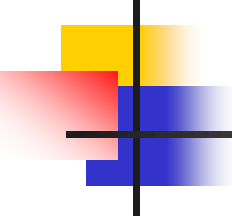
$$\Delta\phi = k\pi \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{A_1^2} + \frac{y^2}{A_2^2} \pm 2 \frac{x}{A_1} \frac{y}{A_2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{A_1} \pm \frac{y}{A_2} = 0$$

$$\Delta\phi = (2k+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{A_1^2} + \frac{y^2}{A_2^2} = 1$$



# Two vertical simple harmonic oscillator



A decorative graphic in the top left corner consisting of overlapping yellow, red, and blue squares with a black crosshair.

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