

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

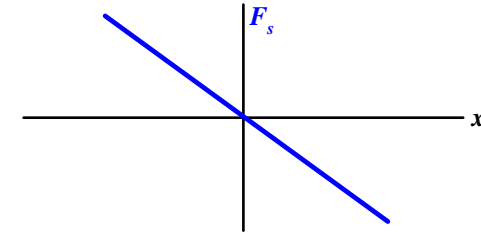
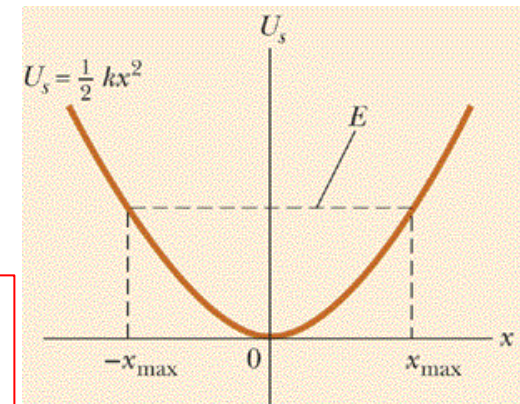
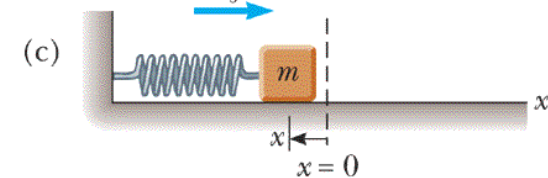
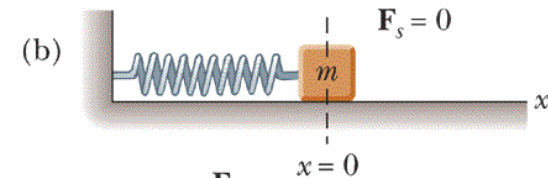
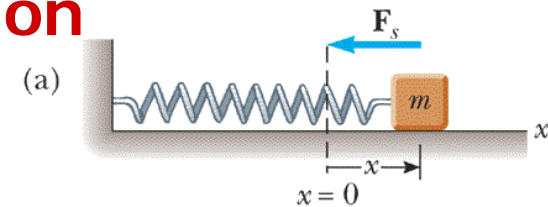
$$U(x) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

- ➔ 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

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



§ 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

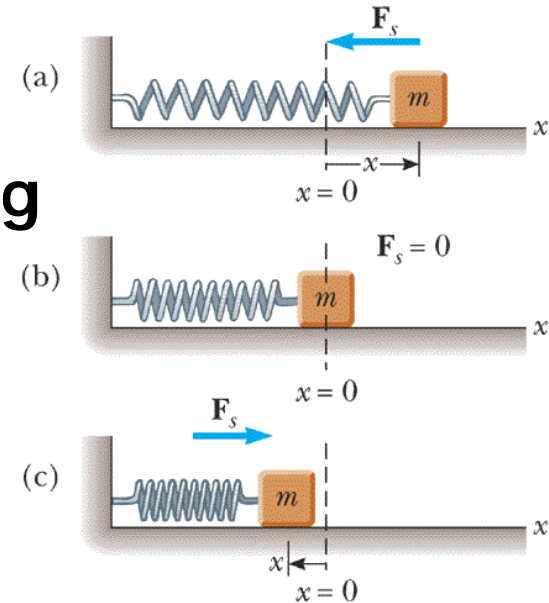
Denote the ratio k/m with symbol ω^2

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0 \quad (1)$$

Take a tentative solution to Eq.(1)

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

A and ϕ arise from the integral constants



Dynamics'
equation for SHM

Kinematics'
equation for SHM

The simple pendulum (P307)



- Newton's second law for the simple pendulum

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

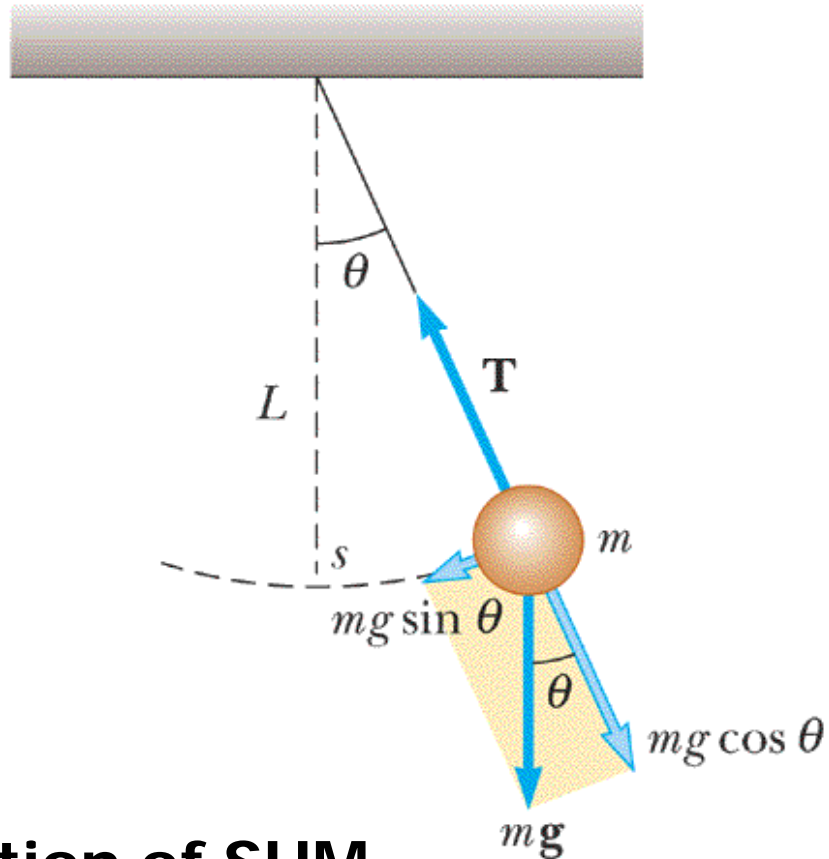
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{L} \sin \theta$$

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

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

- We get also a equation of motion of SHM

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



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

The Physical Pendulum (复摆) (P308)



➡ Newton's second law for rigid body:

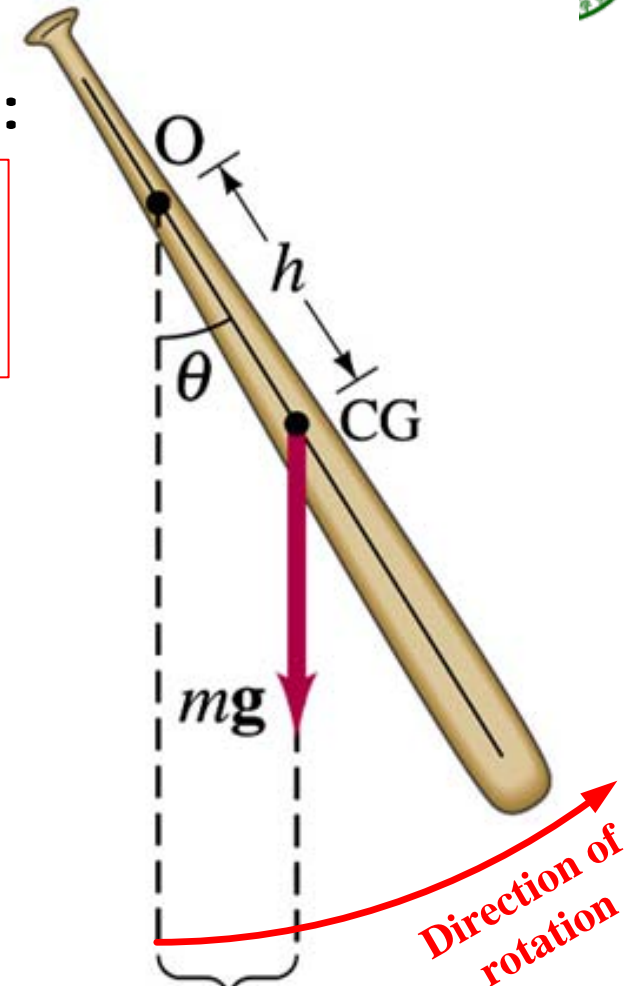
$$\tau_{\text{net-axis}} = I\alpha, \quad -mgh \sin \theta = I \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2}$$

It follows that:

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

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

$$\theta = \theta_{\text{max}} \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{mgh}{I}}, \quad d_{\perp} (= h \sin \theta)$$



The Torsion Pendulum (扭摆) (P309)



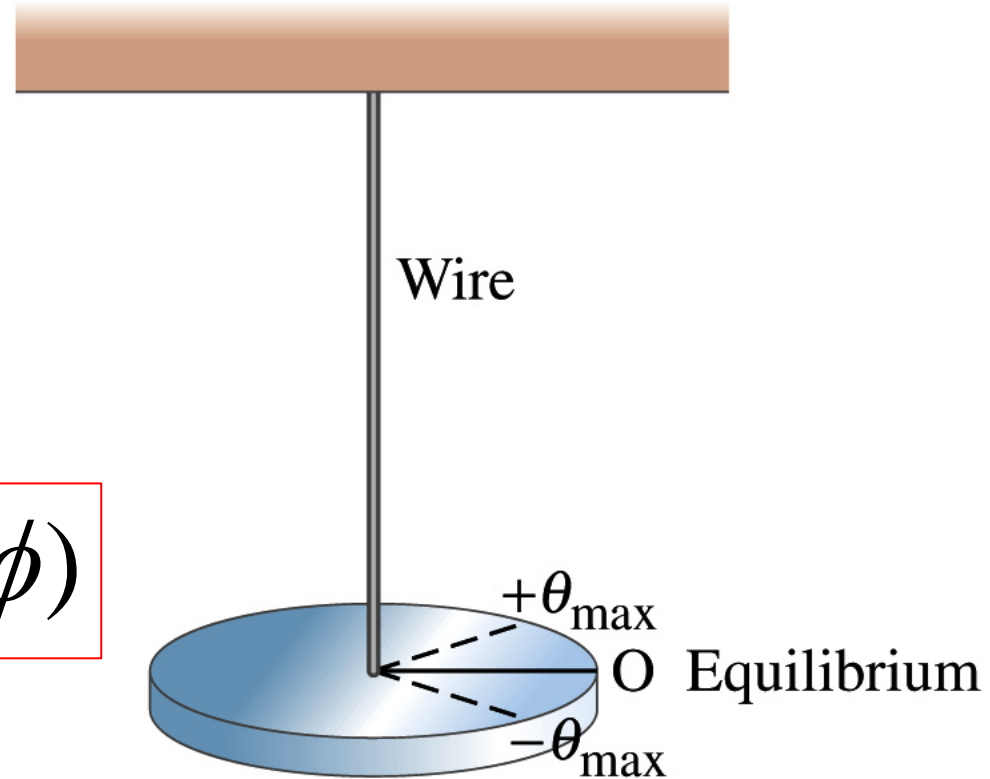
→ The restoring torque: $\tau = -K\theta$

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

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

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

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



§ 3 The Characteristic Quantities for SHM

(P301)

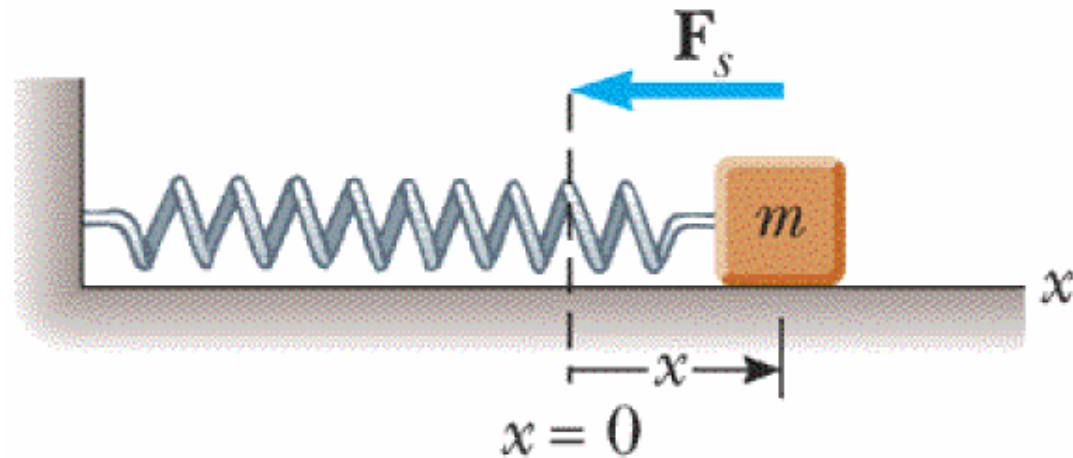


$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

■ The amplitude A

- ➡ Maximum magnitude of displacement from equilibrium

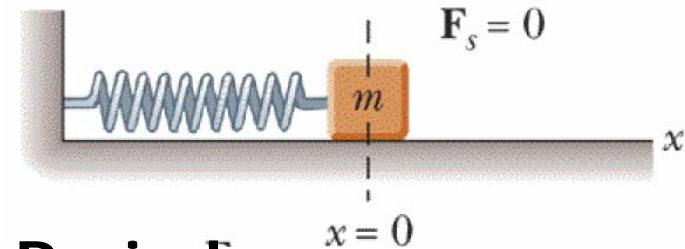
$$A = |x_{\max}|$$



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

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

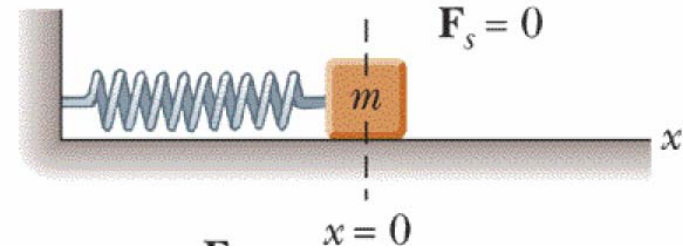
- The angular frequency, **ω** , is 2π times the frequency. (SI unit: rad/s)

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

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 two different oscillators.

The Characteristic Quantities for SHM



■ The phase ($\omega t + \phi$)

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

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

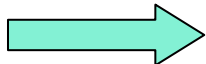
$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi), \quad v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

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

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

$$x_0 = A \cos \phi$$

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



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

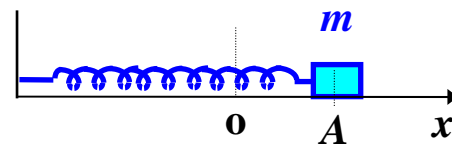
The relationship between motion state and phase

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

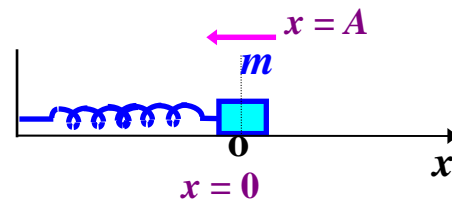
Motion state



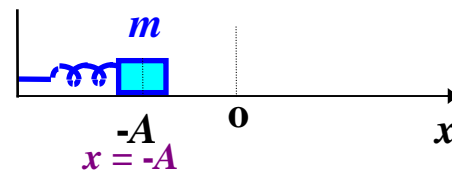
Phase $(\omega t + \phi)$



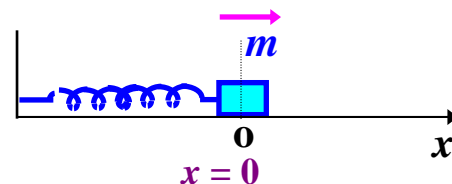
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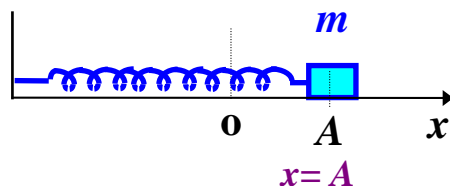
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Phase difference

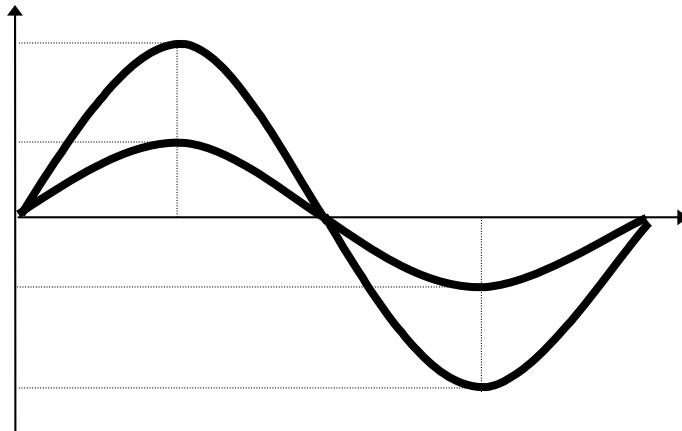


- Phase difference play a an important role for oscillator

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

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

Ahead in phase

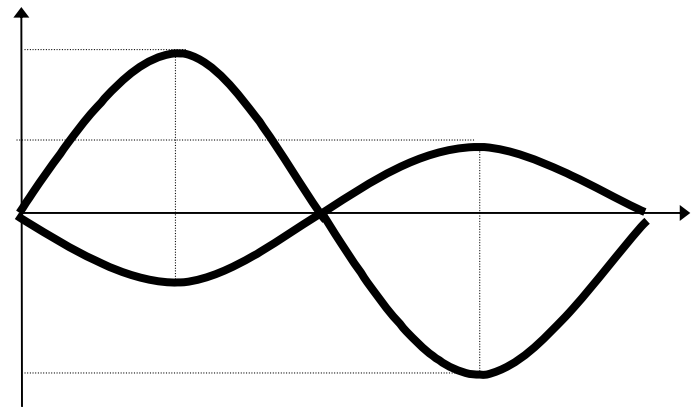


$$\Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1 = 2k\pi$$

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

In phase

Lag in phase



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

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

Out of phase

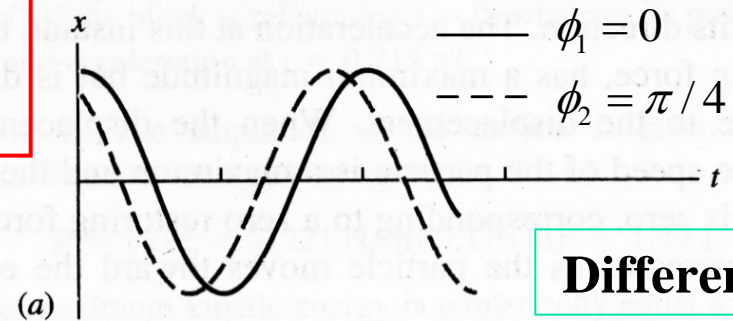
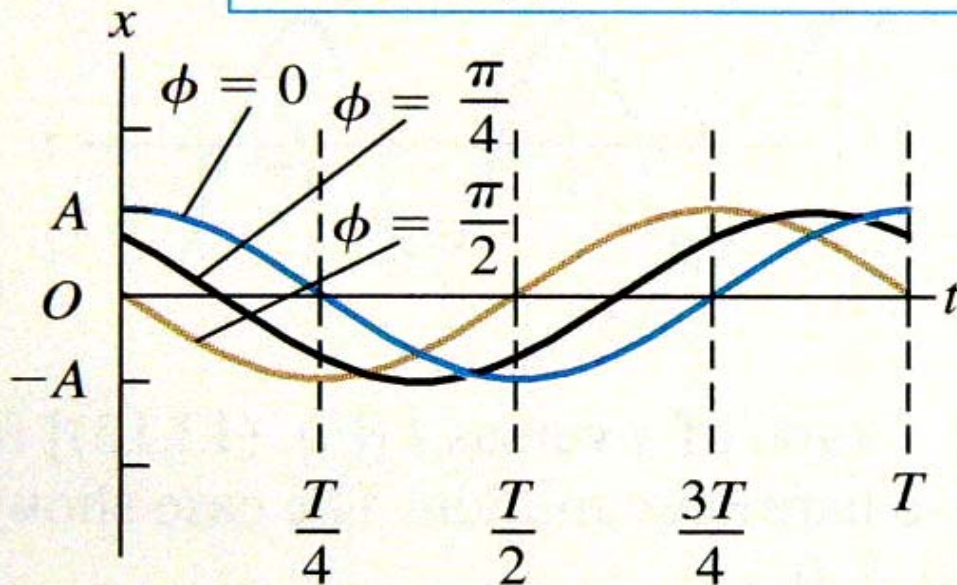
The Roles Characteristic Quantities



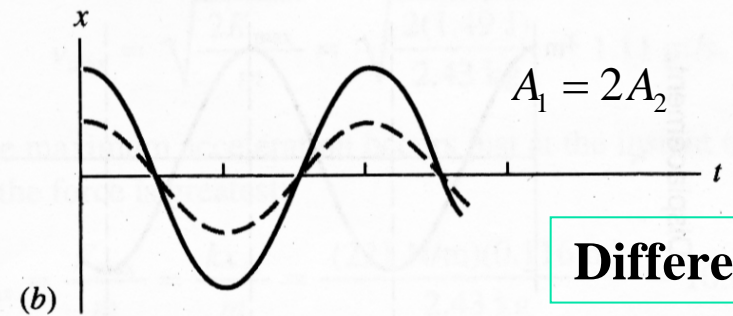
$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

Several SHM with different characteristic quantities

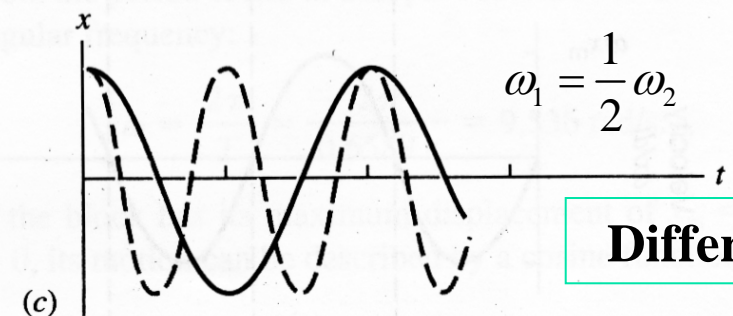
Different ϕ ; same A , k and m



Different ϕ



Different A



Different ω

The relations among the position, velocity, and acceleration



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

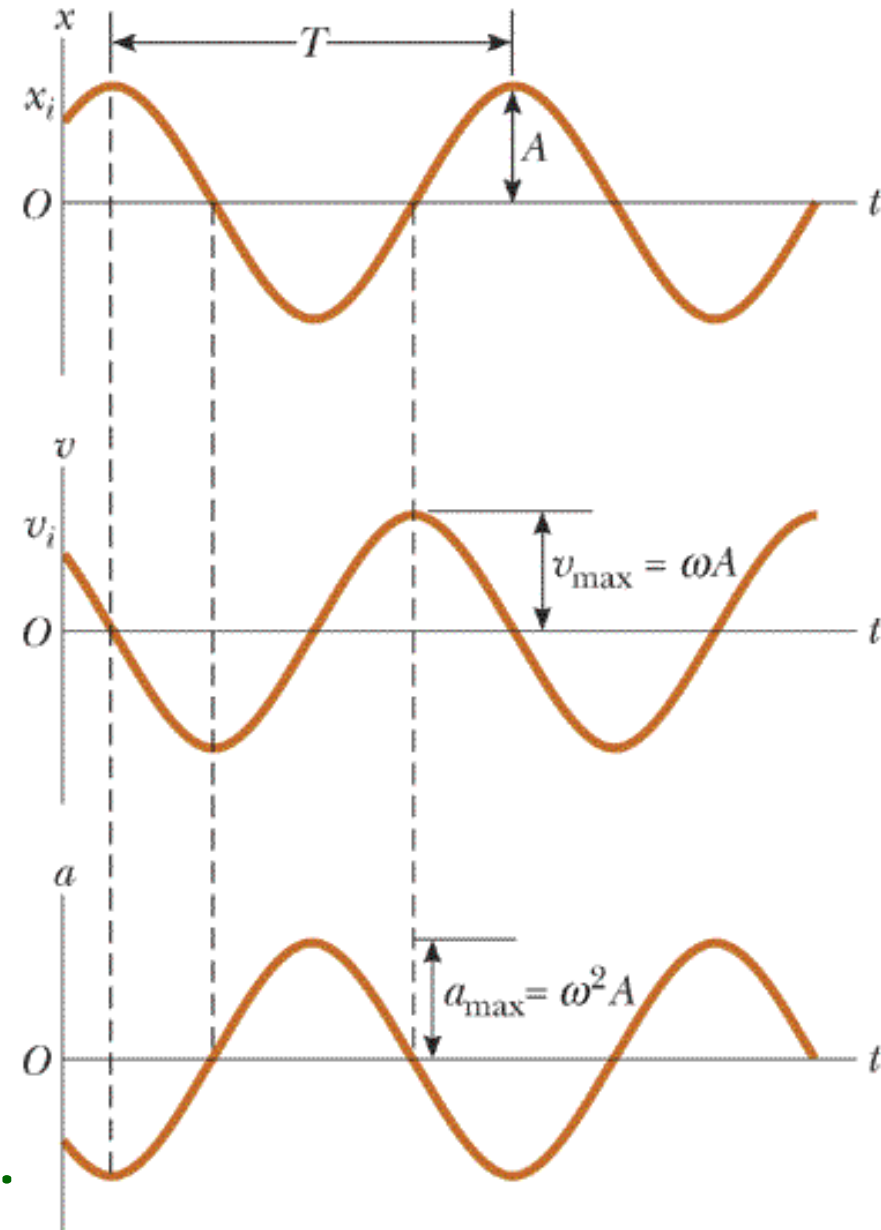
$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

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

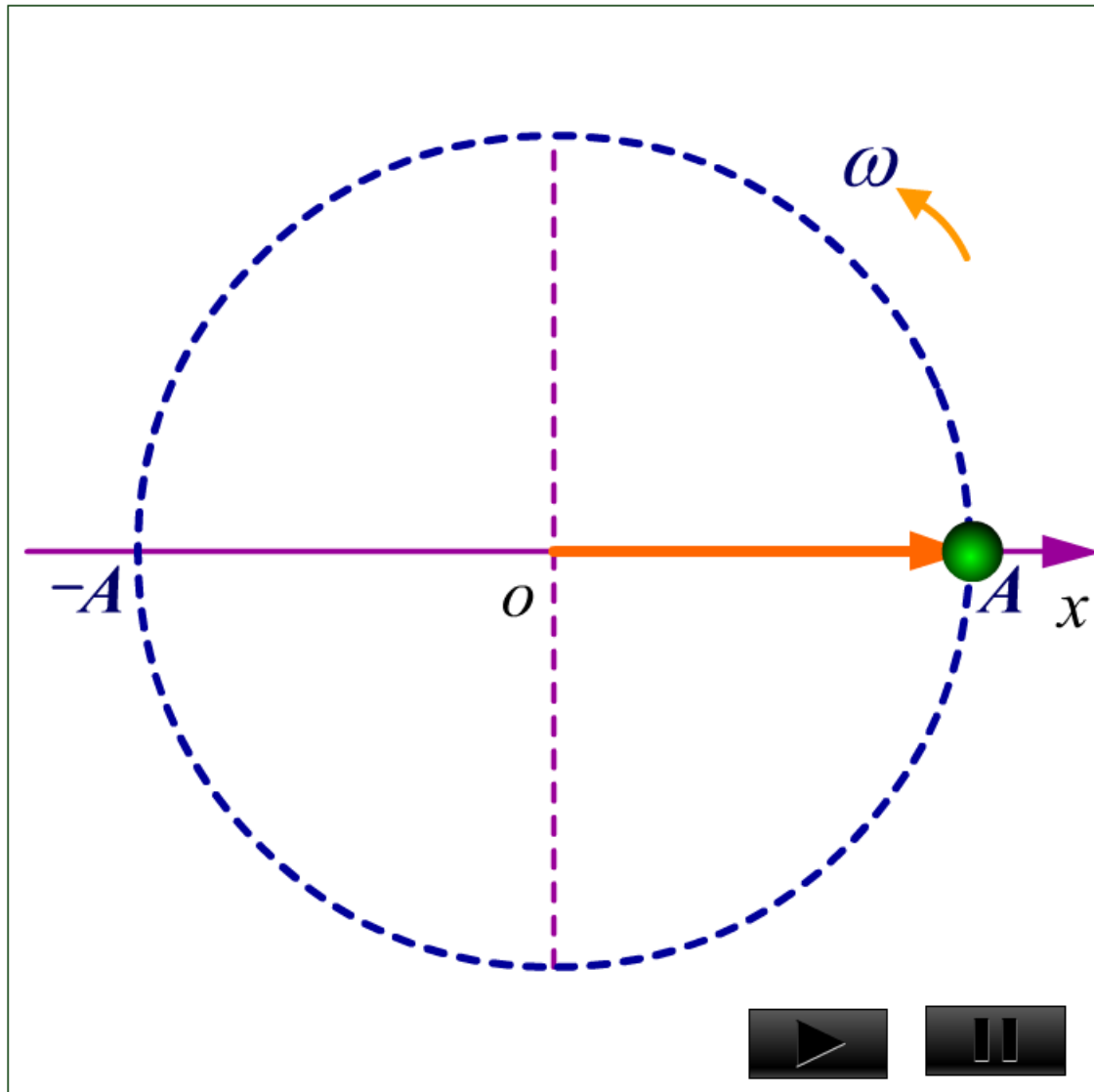
$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$= \omega^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi + \pi)$$

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



§ 4 The Circle of Reference (P306)

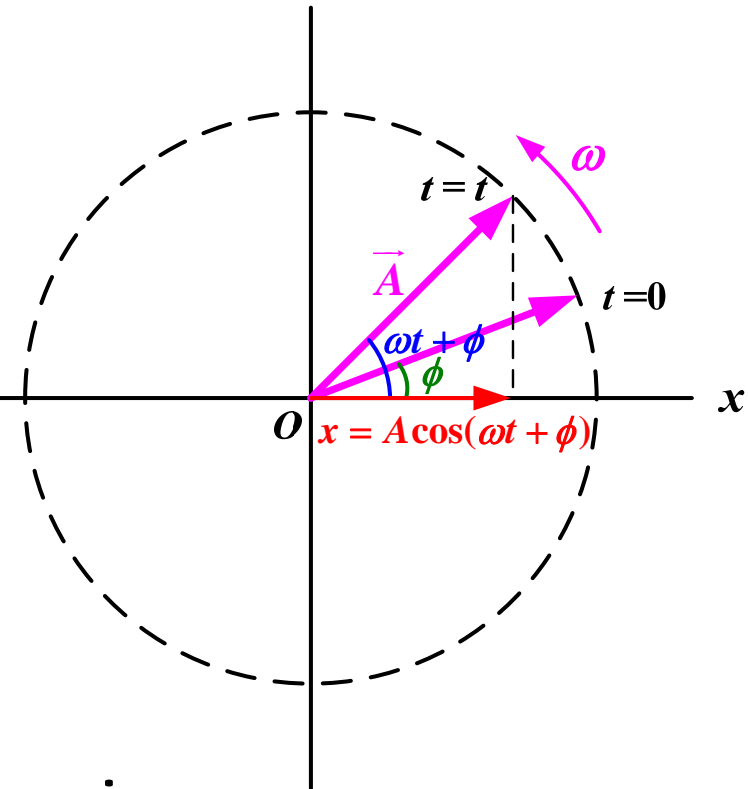


Circle of Reference or Phasor



■ The corresponding relation between SHM and uniform circular motion — **Circle of Reference** (参考圆) or **Phasor** (旋转矢量)

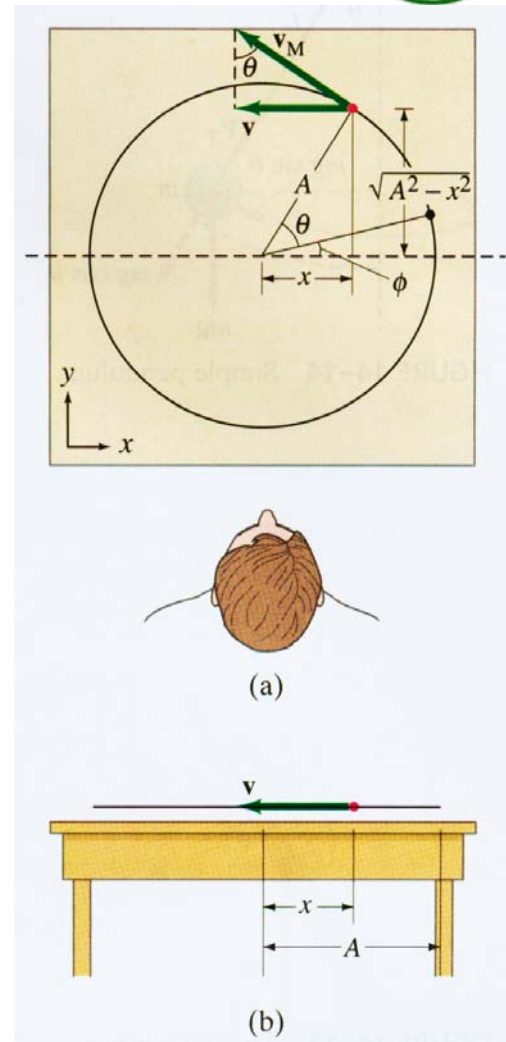
- ➔ Simple Harmonic Motion is the projection of uniform circular motion of phasor \vec{A} onto x axis.
- ➔ The circle in which the phasor moves so that the projection of phasor's tip matches the motion of the oscillating body is called the circle of reference.
- ➔ The phasor \vec{A} rotates with constant 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

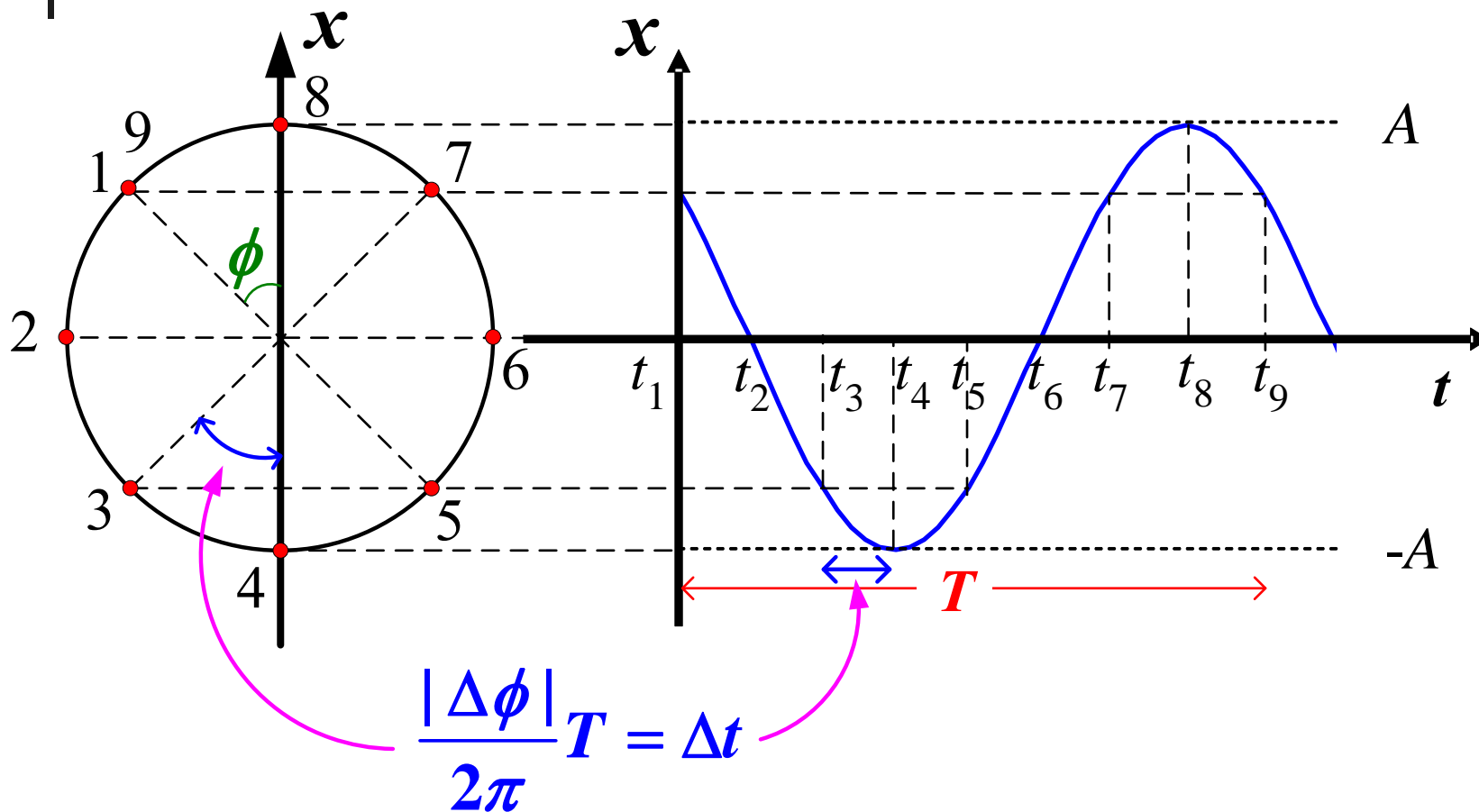


	For Simple Harmonic Motion	For Uniform Circular Motion
A	Amplitude	Radius
x	Displacement	Projection
ω	Angular Frequency	Angular Velocity
$\theta = \omega t + \phi$	Phase	Angle between Phasor and x axis



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

Draw x-t Graph Using Circle of Reference



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:

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

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{100}{4}} = 5 \text{ rad/s},$$

$$A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{v_0^2}{\omega^2}} = \sqrt{2} \text{ m}$$

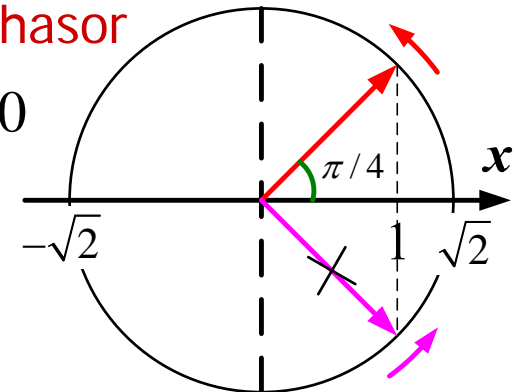
$$\therefore \tan \phi = -\frac{v_0}{\omega x_0} = 1 > 0 \quad \phi \text{ locates in I or III quadrant} \quad \phi = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ or } \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

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

Using the phasor

$$x_0 = 1, v_0 < 0$$

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



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: $A = 4\text{cm}$, $f = 0.5\text{Hz}$,

$$\omega = 2\pi f = \pi \text{ rad/s},$$

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

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

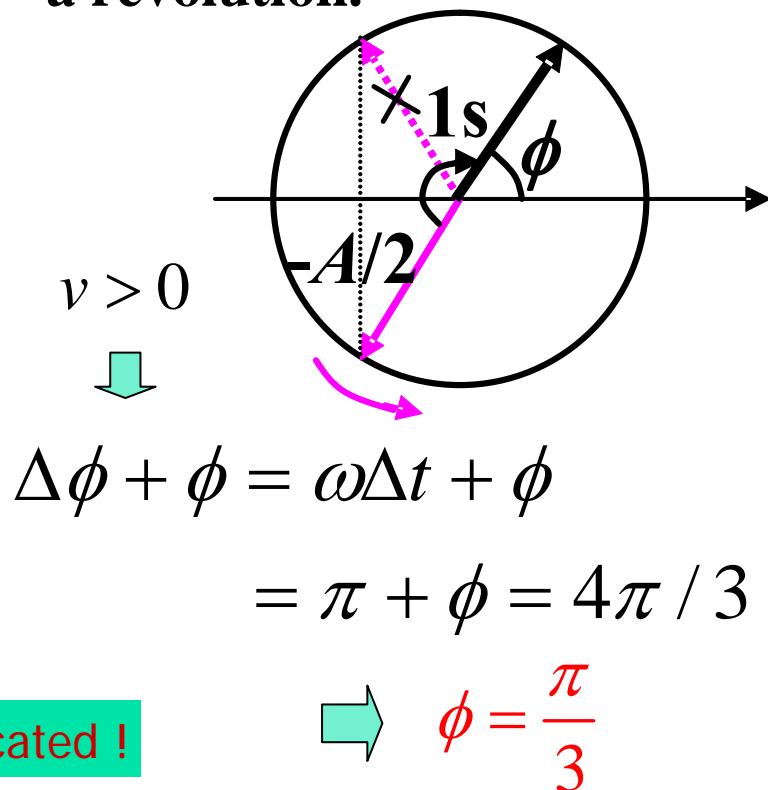
$$v = -0.04\pi \sin(\pi + \phi) = 0.04\pi \sin \phi > 0$$

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

Too complicated !

Using the phasor:

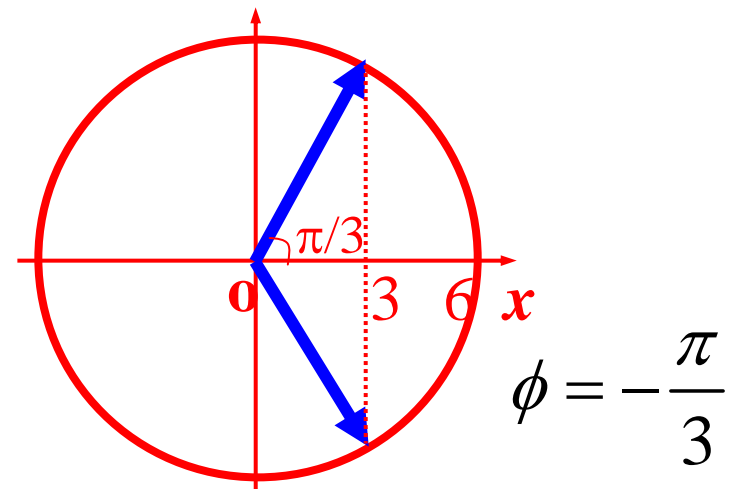
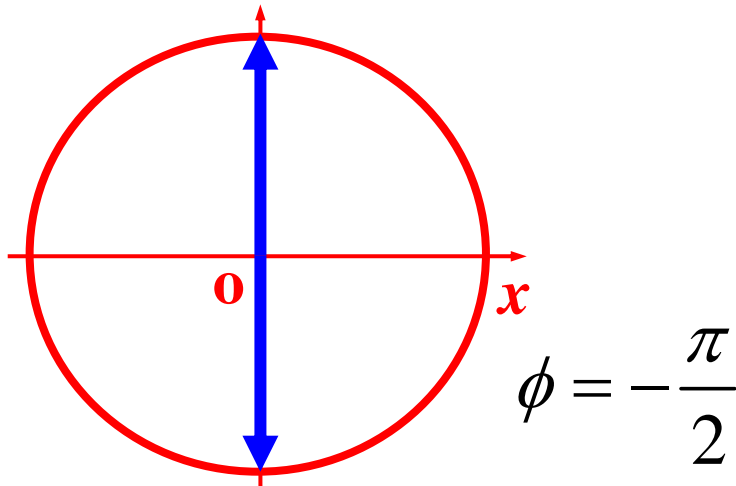
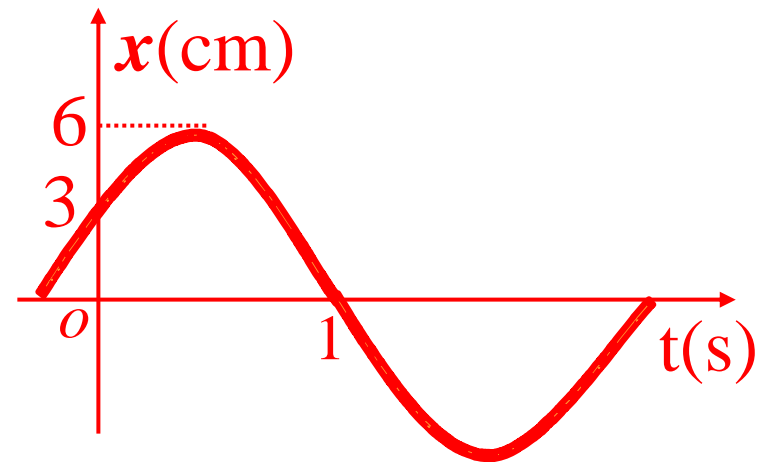
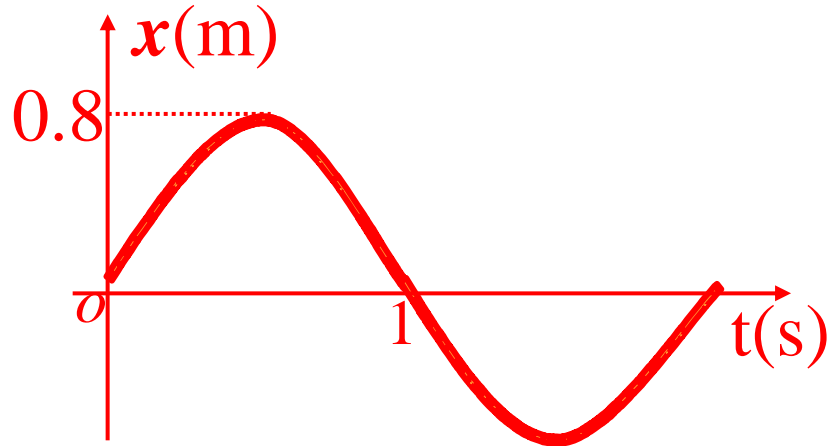
$\Delta t = 1 \text{ s}$ corresponds to half a revolution.



Example



Find the initial phase of the two oscillations



Example



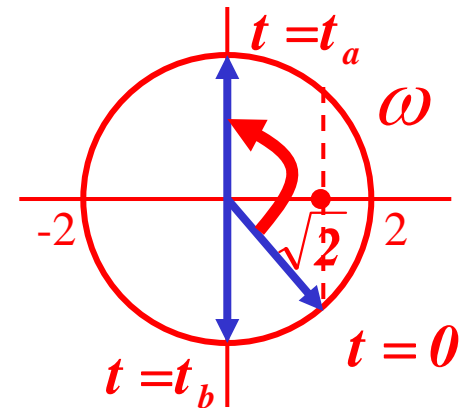
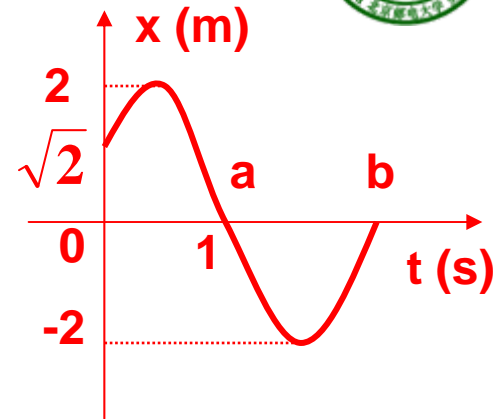
SHM: From given x - t graph, find ϕ , θ_a , θ_b , and the angular frequency ω .

Solution:

From circle of reference

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

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





Example



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

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

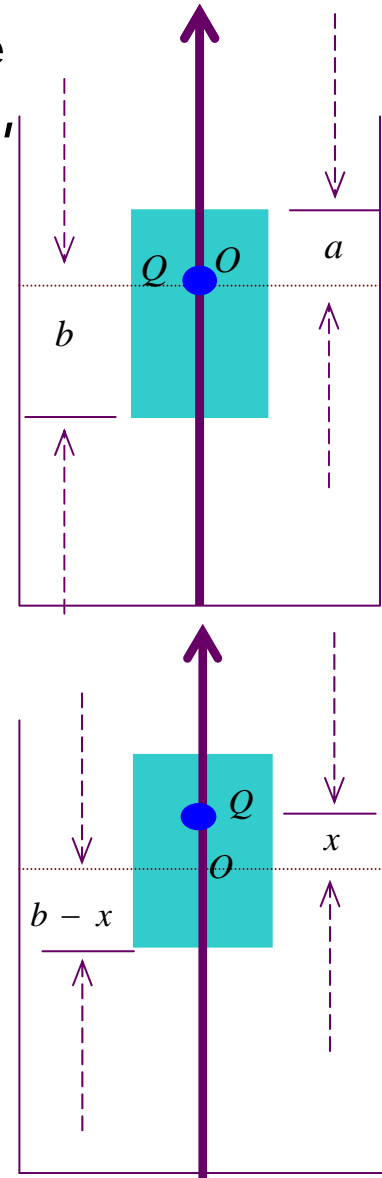
where S is the area of block's cross section, and $l=a+b$

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

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

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

$$x = A\cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{g}{b}}t + \phi\right)$$



§ 5 Energy in Simple Harmonic Motion (P304)

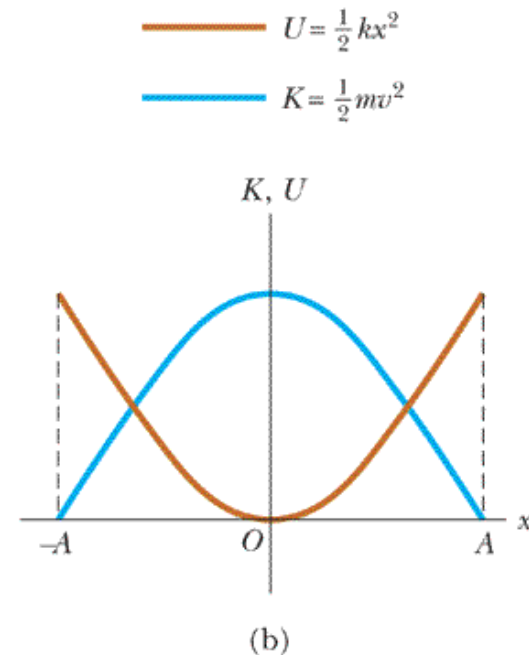
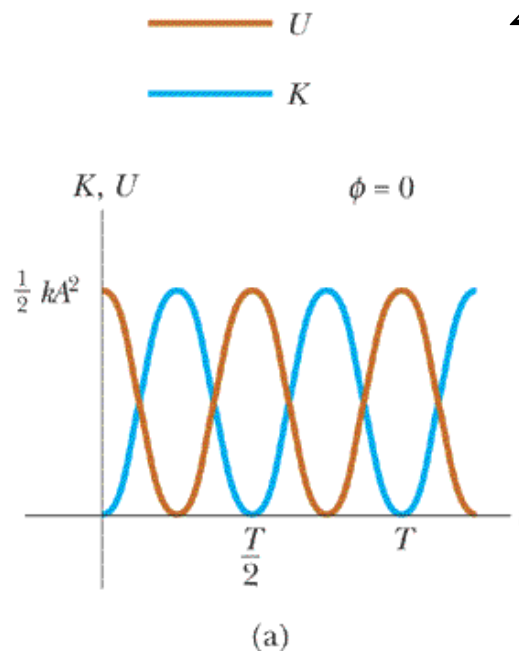
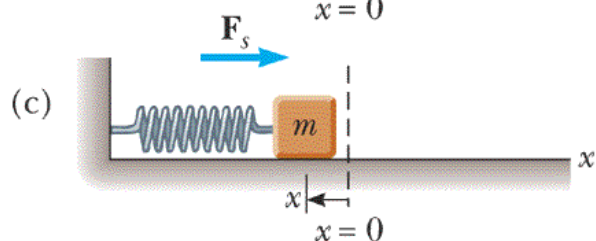
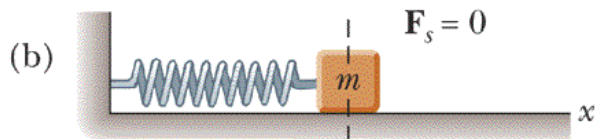
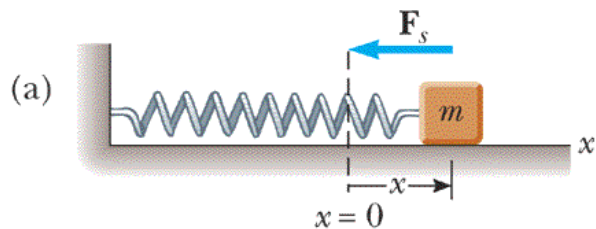


- The total mechanical energy for an isolated simple harmonic oscillator

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

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

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

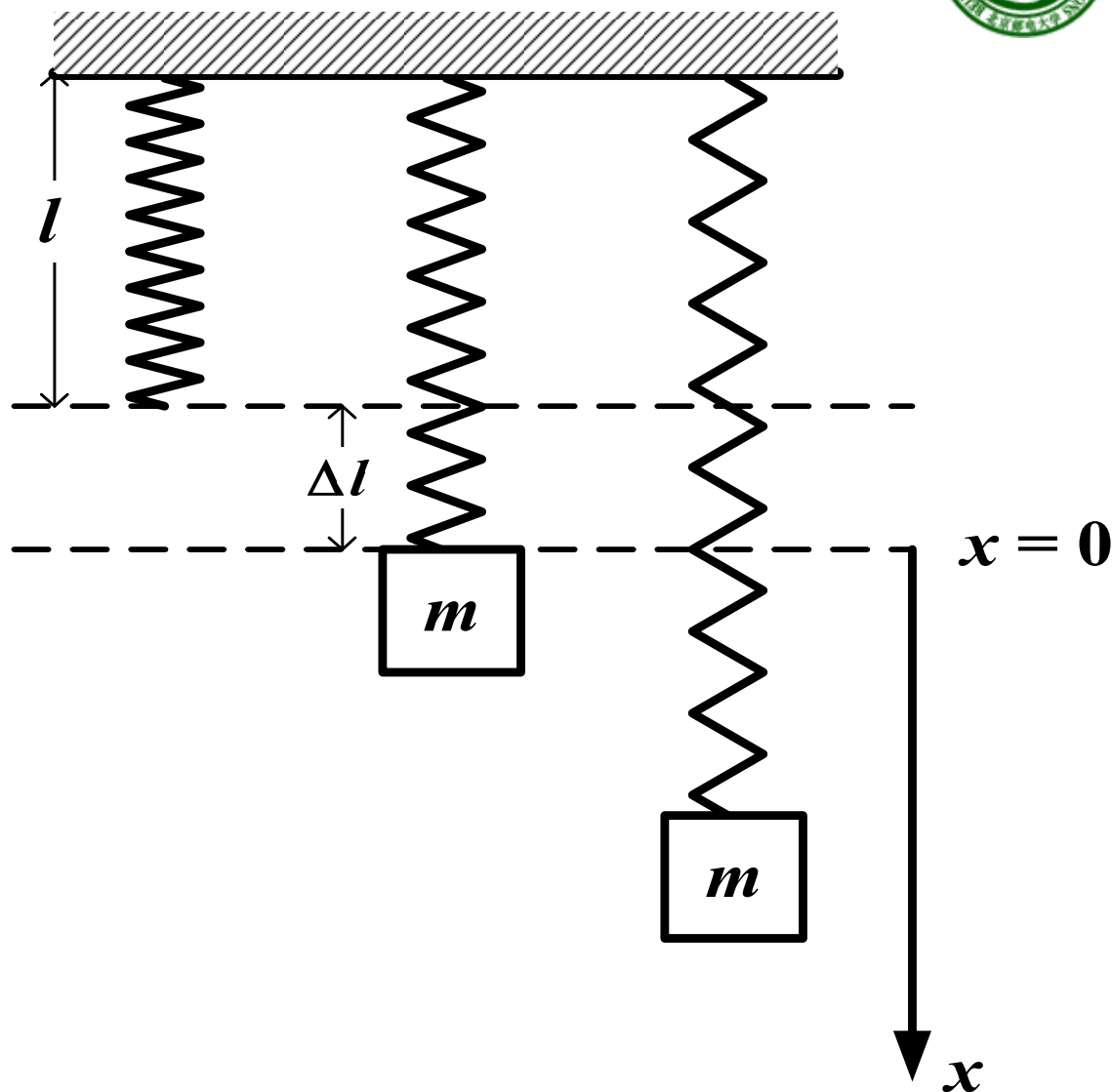


Example

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



Solution I: by Newton's 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.

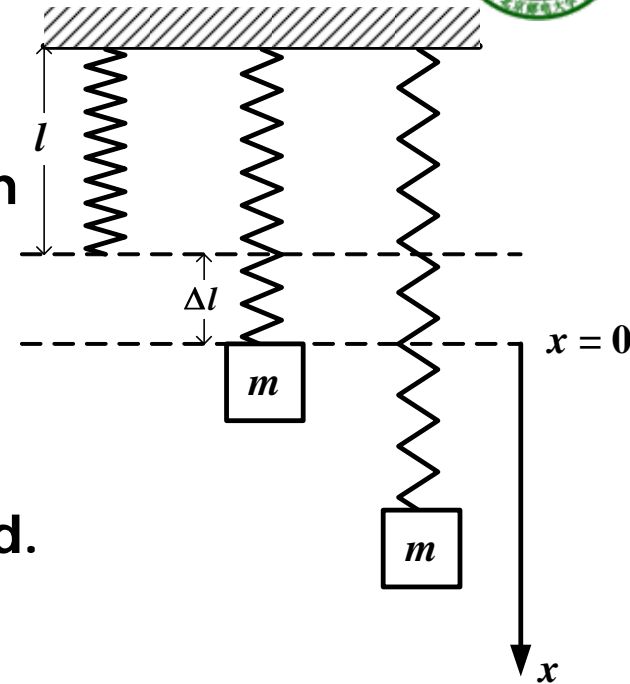
$$F_{\text{net}} = -k(x + \Delta l) + mg = -kx - k\Delta l + mg$$

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

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

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

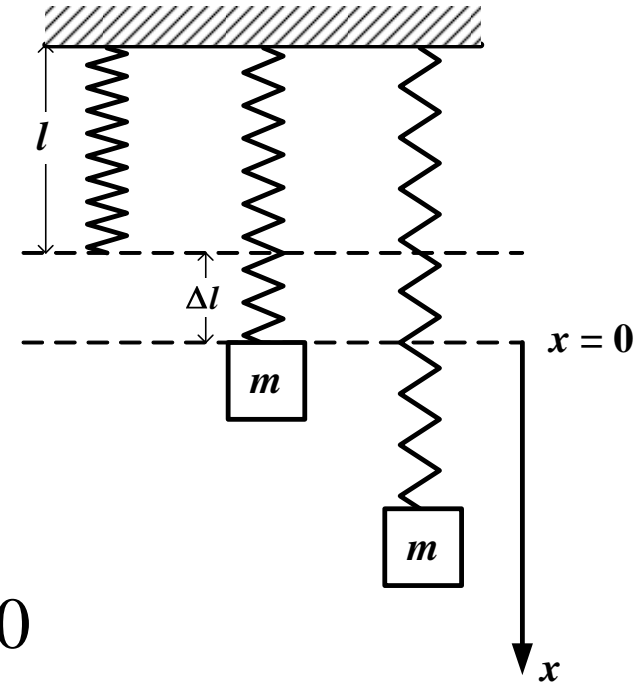
$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(x + \Delta l)^2 - mgx = \text{constant}$$

by derivative on both sides

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

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

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

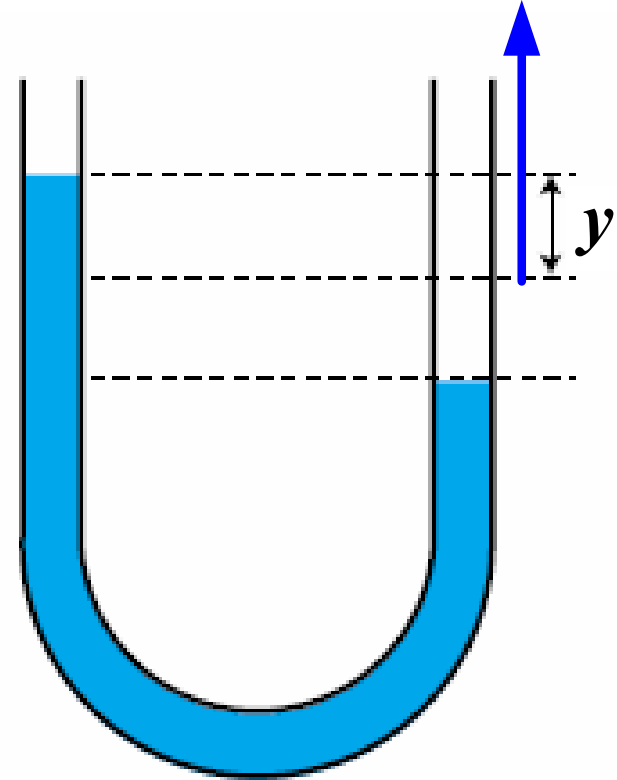


Example



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.

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\rho Sg}}$$



Example



Solution: The potential energy

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

The kinetic energy:

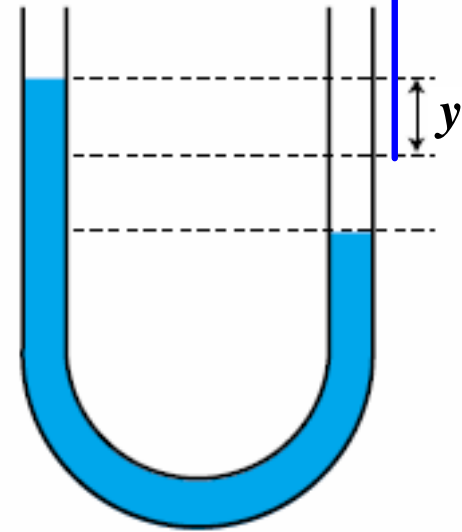
$$K = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2$$

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

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

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{2 \rho S g}{m} y = 0$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{2 \rho S g}}$$



* § 6 Damped Oscillations (P310)



The dissipative force causes the decrease in amplitude — **damping**, the corresponding motion is called damped oscillation.

➔ Restoring force: $F_s = -kx$

➔ Resistance force: $R = -bv$

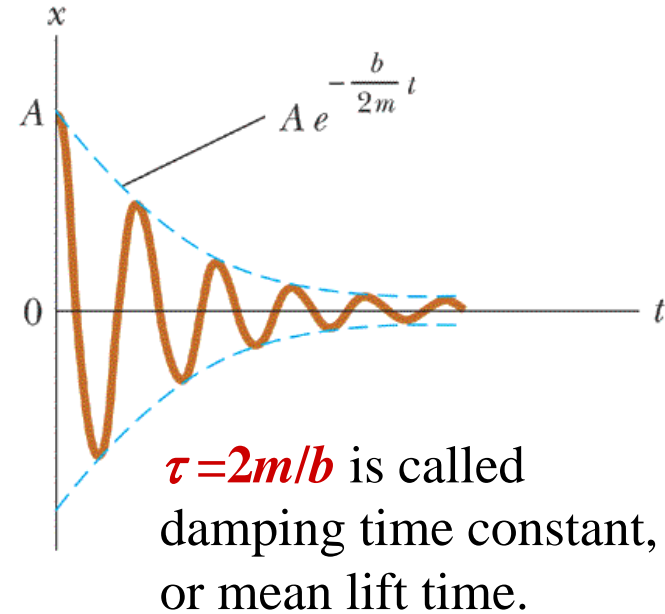
➔ Newton's second law: $\sum F = -kx - bv = ma$

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

➔ The solution:

$$x = Ae^{-(b/2m)t} \cos(\omega t + \phi) = A' \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$A' = Ae^{-(b/2m)t}, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)^2}$$

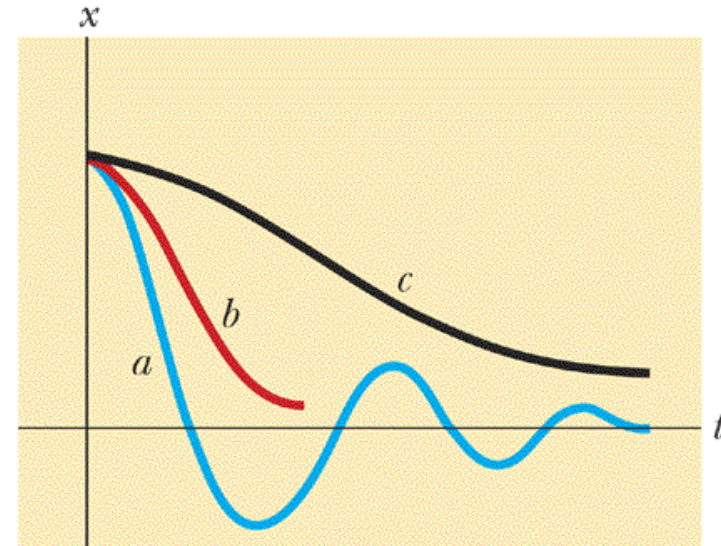


Damped Oscillations Cont'd



$$x = A' \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)^2}$$

- ➡ When $b=0$, $\omega = \omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$ simple harmonic oscillator
- ➡ (a) If $\omega_0^2 > \left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)^2$ the system is **underdamped** (欠阻尼), oscillating with steadily decreasing amplitude.
- (b) If $\omega_0^2 = \left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)^2$ the system no longer oscillates, and is called **critically damped** (临界阻尼)
- (c) If $\omega_0^2 < \left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)^2$ the system is **overdamped**. (过阻尼)



* § 7 Forced Oscillations (P313)



- A forced oscillator is damped oscillator **driven** by an external force that varies periodically.

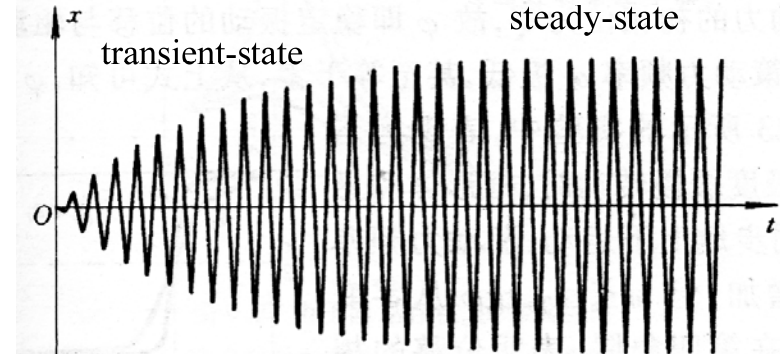
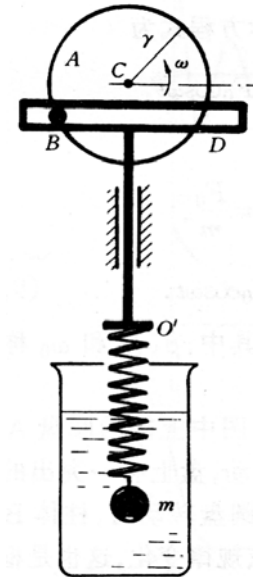
➡ A sinusoidally varying driving force: $F(t) = F_0 \sin \omega t$

➡ Newton's Second Law: $F_0 \sin \omega t - b \frac{dx}{dt} - kx = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{b}{m} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{k}{m} x = \frac{F_0}{m} \sin \omega t$$

➡ The solution: $x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$

$$A = \frac{F_0 / m}{\sqrt{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + \left(\frac{b\omega}{m}\right)^2}}$$



The forced oscillator in its “**steady state**” is oscillated with the frequency of driven force.

§ 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**

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

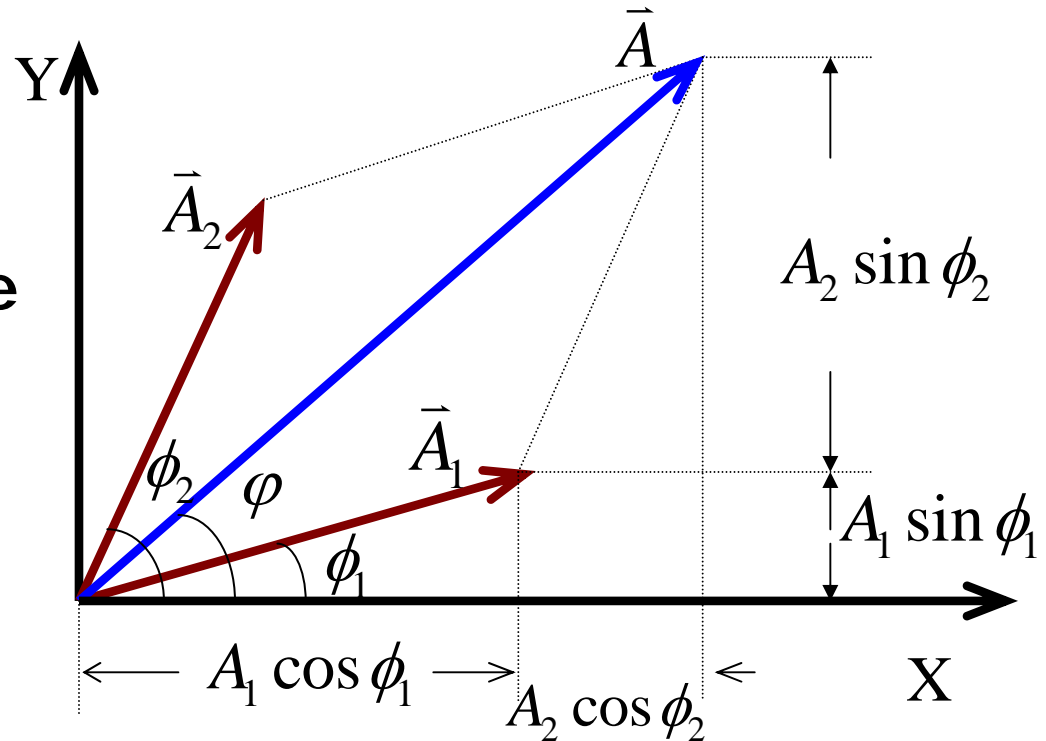
Resultant
Amplitude ?

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

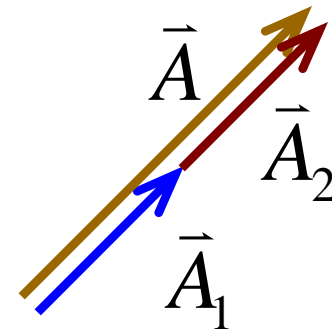


$$A = \sqrt{A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2 \cos \Delta\phi}$$

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

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

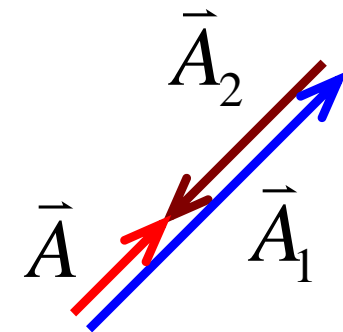
The two SHMs are **in phase**, the resultant amplitude take its maximum.



$$A = A_1 + A_2$$

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

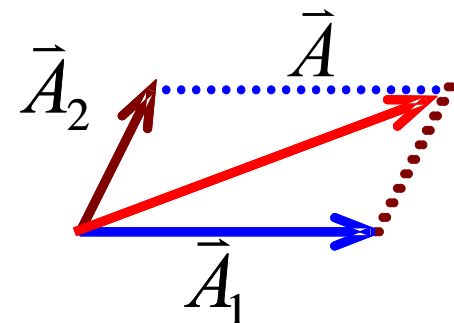
The two SHMs are **out of phase**, the resultant amplitude take its minimum.



$$A = |A_1 - A_2|$$

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

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



Example



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 .

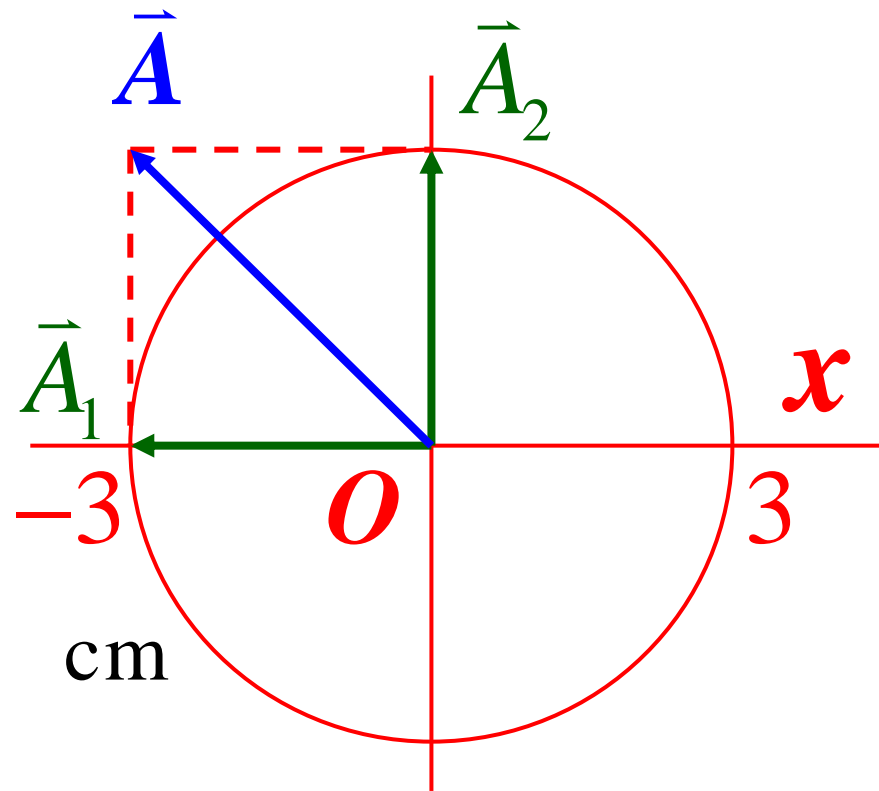
Solution:

Draw a circle of reference,

$$x = x_1 + x_2$$

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

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



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