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Simple Harmonic Oscillator

- 1. Mass on a spring (Hooke's law)
- 2. Pendulum's with small angle approximation
- 3. Quantum mechanics

$$SHO: \ddot{x} = \omega_0^2 x$$

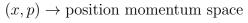
Force has some associated potential

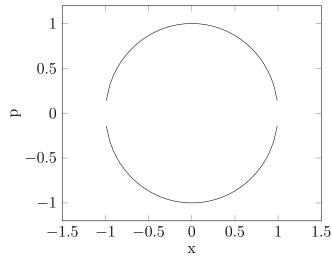
$$F = -\frac{\delta V}{\delta x} \to V(x) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2 x^2$$

Solution

$$A_0\cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$$

Phase Space





Phase Portrait

A collection of trajectories orbits in phase space, only really possible with orbits

Damping

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

Linear damping is called viscous damping.