

Simple Harmonic Motion

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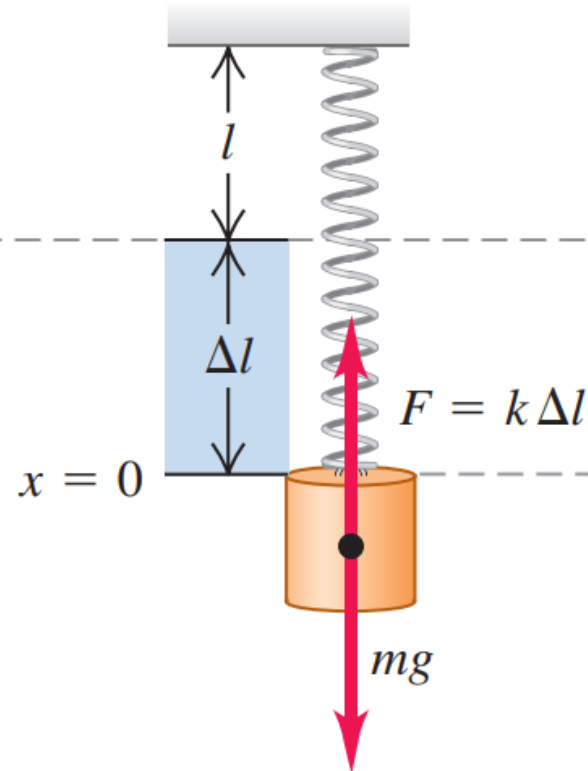


Vertical Simple Harmonic Motion

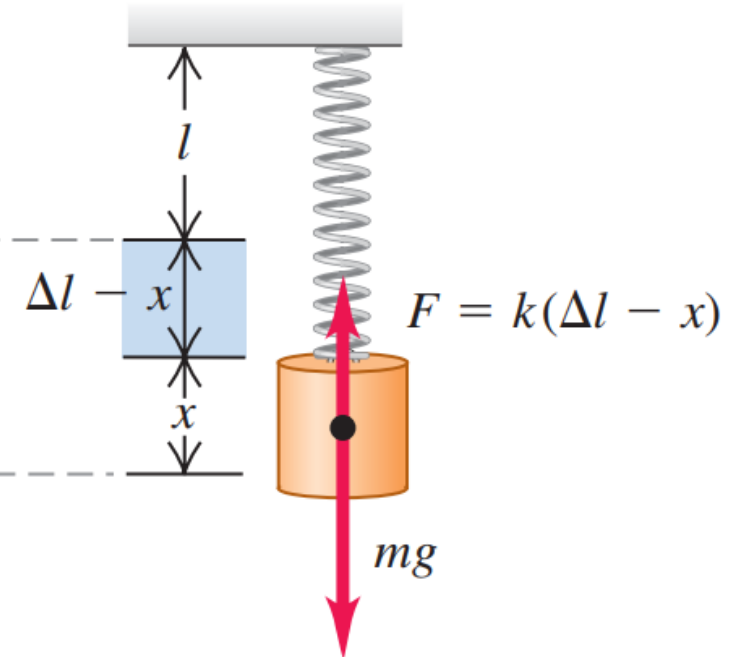
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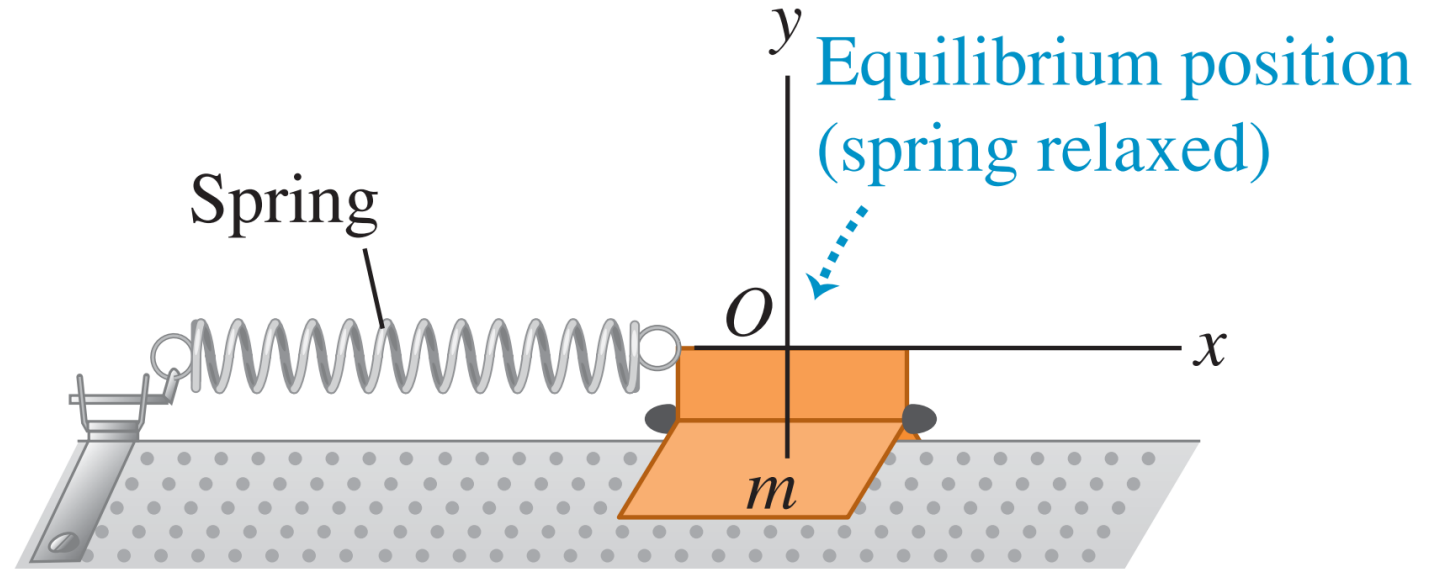
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A system that can have periodic motion

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

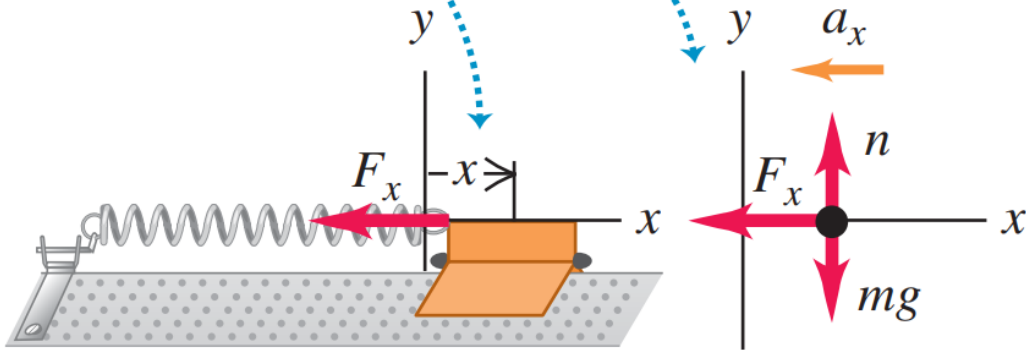
$$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$



Describing oscillation

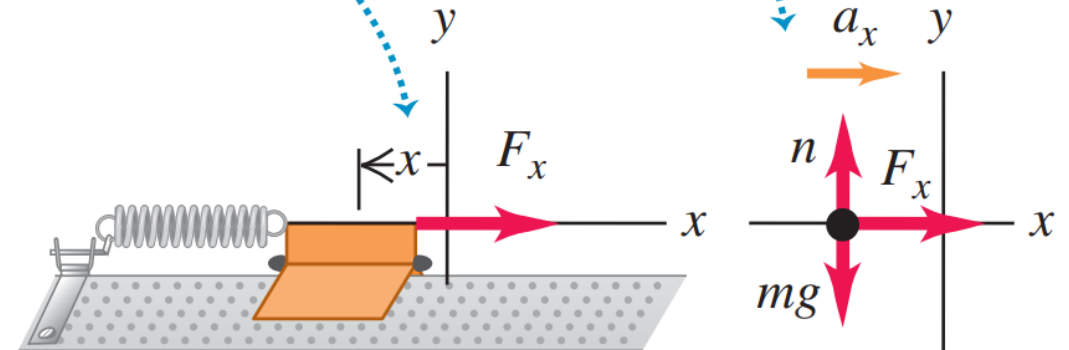
$x > 0$: glider displaced to the right from the equilibrium position.

$F_x < 0$, so $a_x < 0$: stretched spring pulls glider toward equilibrium position.



$x < 0$: glider displaced to the left from the equilibrium position.

$F_x > 0$, so $a_x > 0$: compressed spring pushes glider toward equilibrium position.



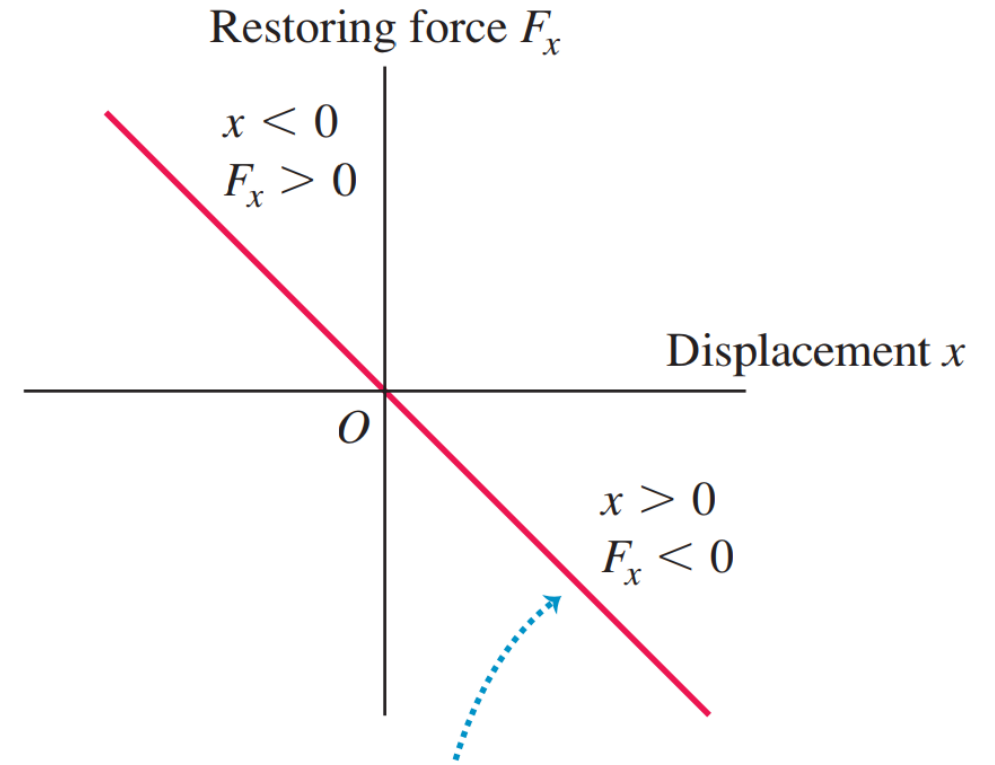
Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

$$F_x = -kx$$

(restoring force exerted by an ideal spring)

$$a_x = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m}x \quad (\text{simple harmonic motion})$$

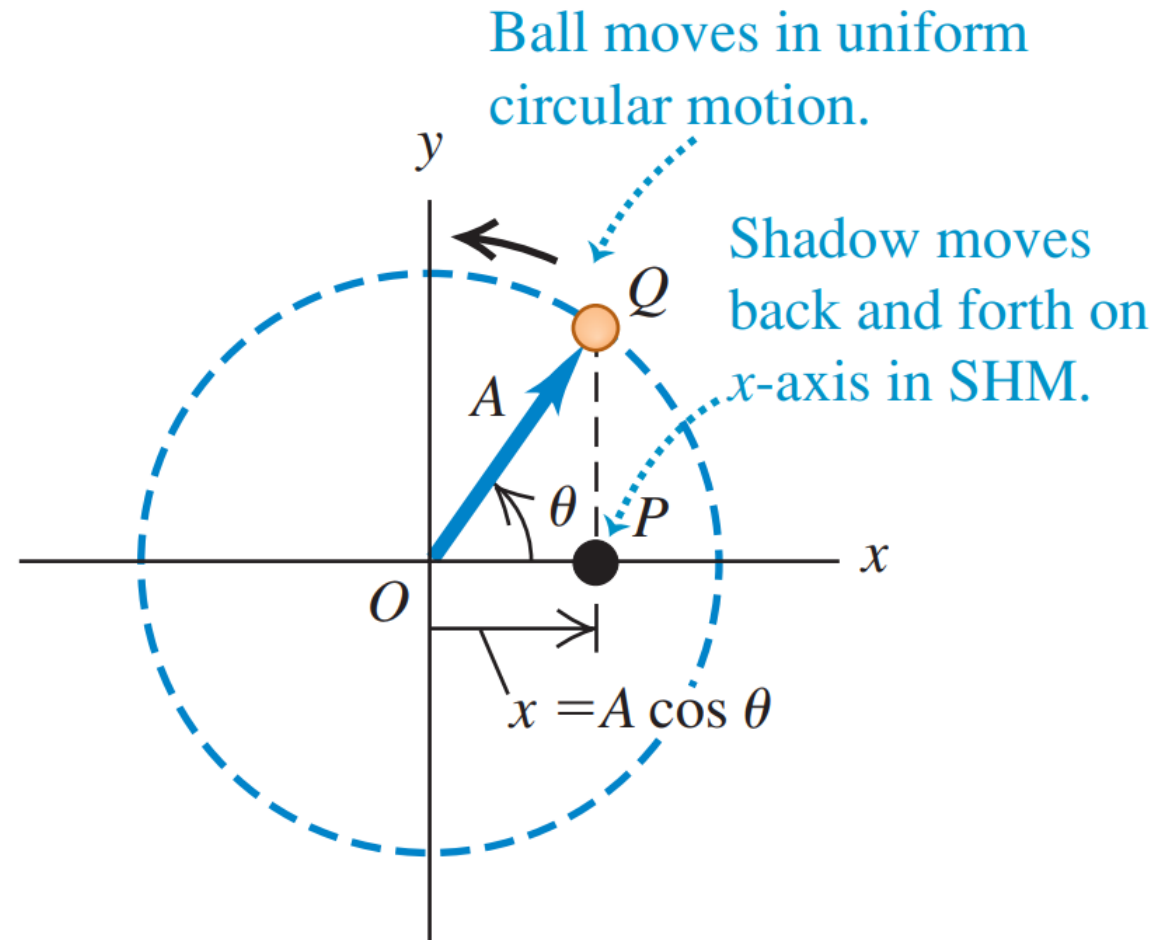
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$



The restoring force exerted by an idealized spring is directly proportional to the displacement (Hooke's law, $F_x = -kx$): the graph of F_x versus x is a straight line.

Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

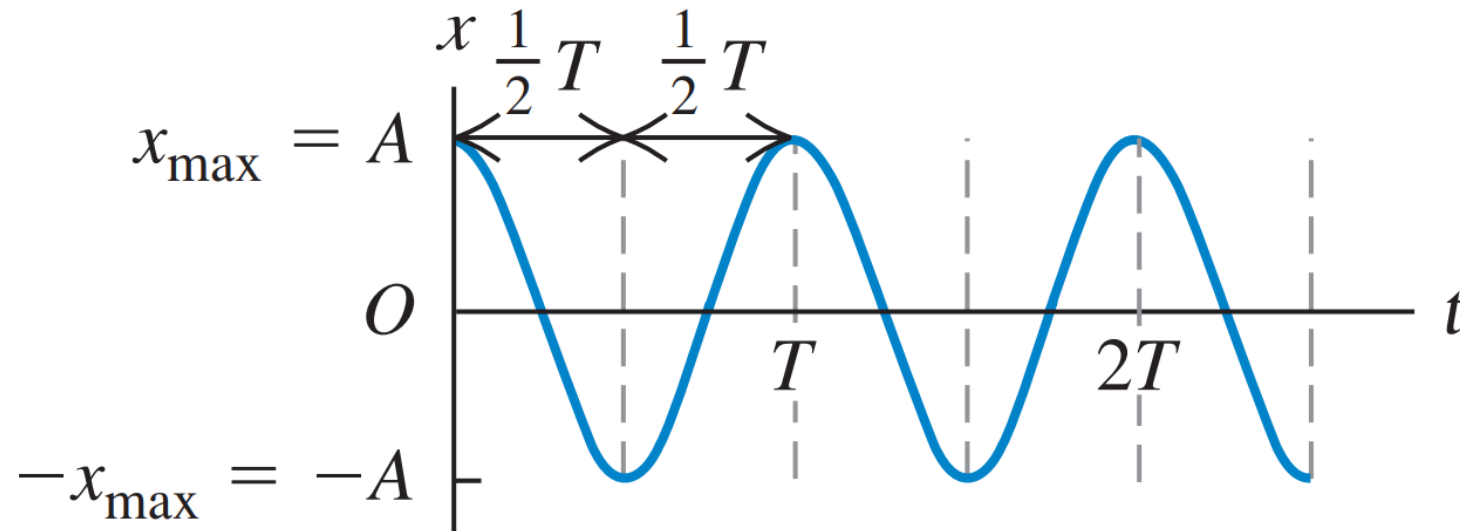
$$x = A \cos \theta$$



Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad (\text{displacement in SHM})$$

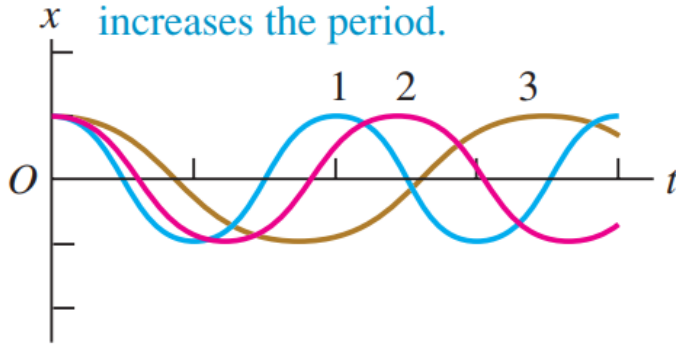
$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad (\text{simple harmonic motion})$$



Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

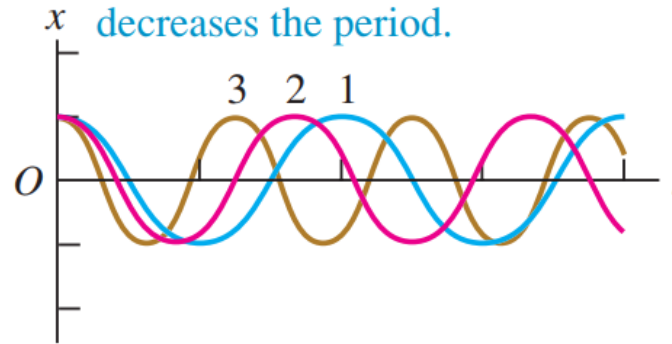
(a) Increasing m ; same A and k

Mass m increases from curve 1 to 2 to 3. Increasing m alone increases the period.



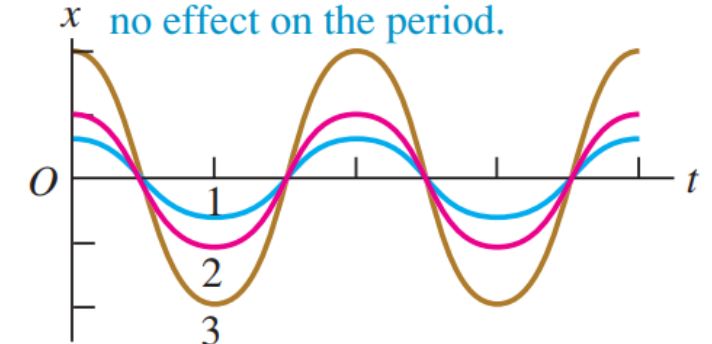
(b) Increasing k ; same A and m

Force constant k increases from curve 1 to 2 to 3. Increasing k alone decreases the period.



(c) Increasing A ; same k and m

Amplitude A increases from curve 1 to 2 to 3. Changing A alone has no effect on the period.



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

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad (\text{displacement in SHM})$$

$$v_x = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi) \quad (\text{velocity in SHM})$$

$$a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad (\text{acceleration in SHM})$$

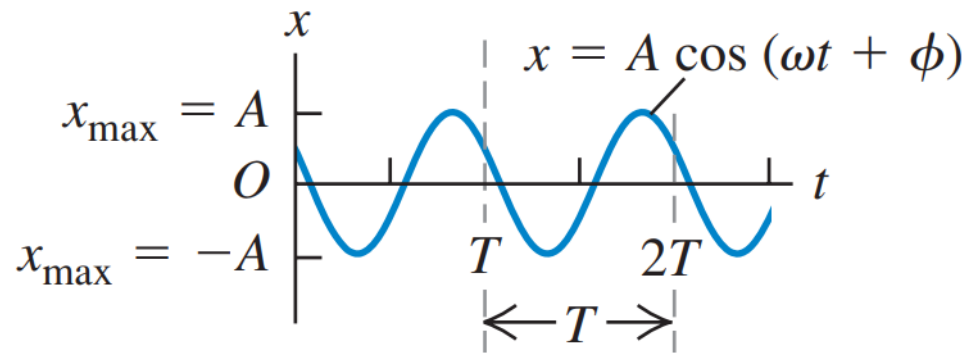
$$v_x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

$$a_x = -\omega^2 x = -\frac{k}{m} x$$

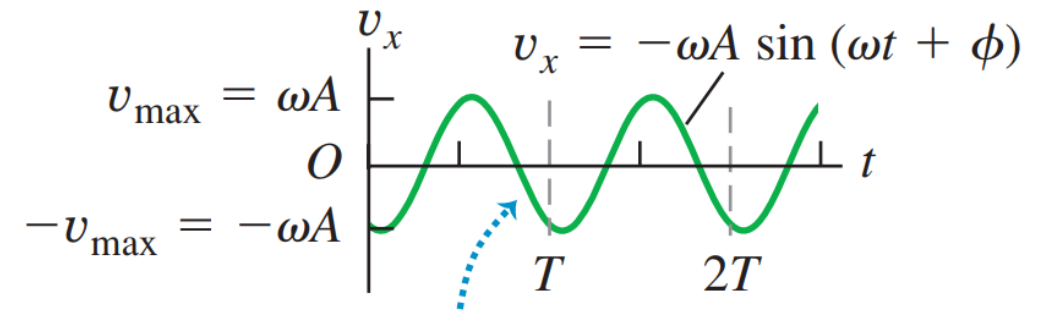


Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

(a) Displacement x as a function of time t

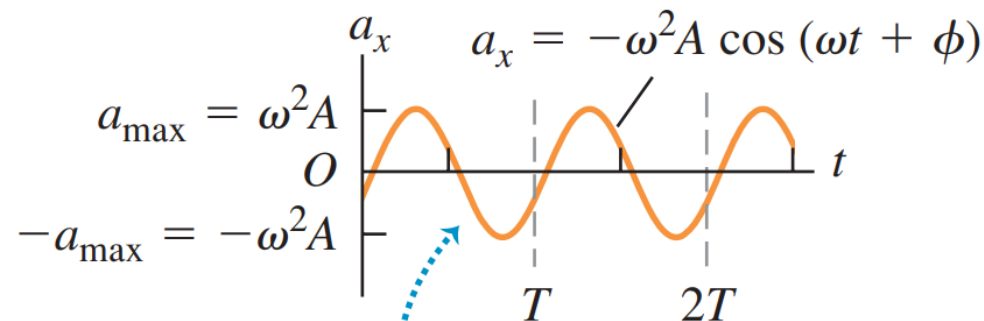


(b) Velocity v_x as a function of time t



The v_x - t graph is shifted by $\frac{1}{4}$ cycle from the x - t graph.

(c) Acceleration a_x as a function of time t



The a_x - t graph is shifted by $\frac{1}{4}$ cycle from the v_x - t graph and by $\frac{1}{2}$ cycle from the x - t graph.

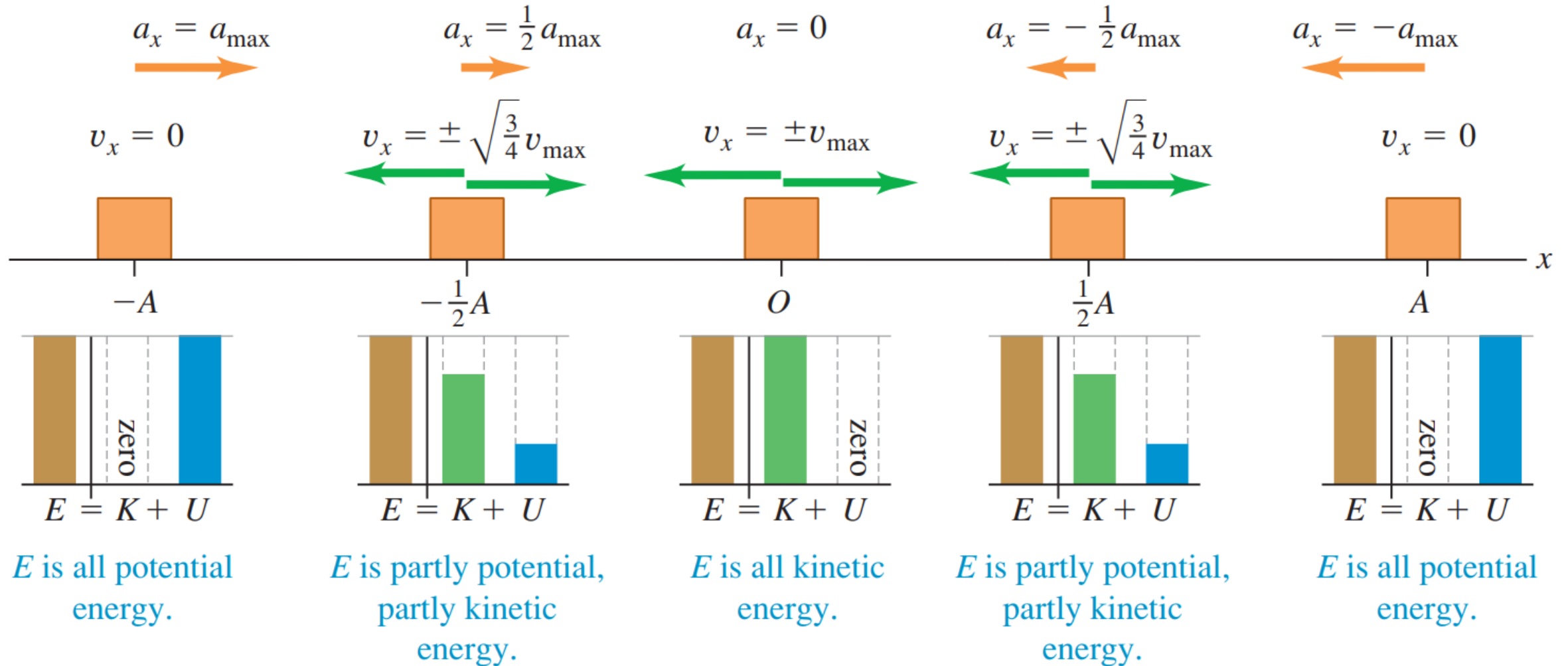
Energy in Simple Harmonic Motion

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \text{constant} \quad \text{(total mechanical energy in SHM)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{1}{2}mv_x^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}m[-\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)]^2 + \frac{1}{2}k[A \cos(\omega t + \phi)]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}kA^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi) + \frac{1}{2}kA^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}kA^2 \end{aligned}$$



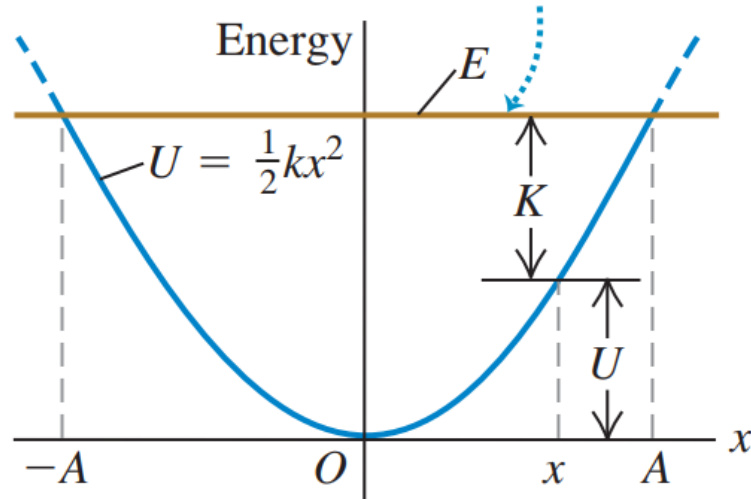
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(a) The potential energy U and total mechanical energy E for a body in SHM as a function of displacement x

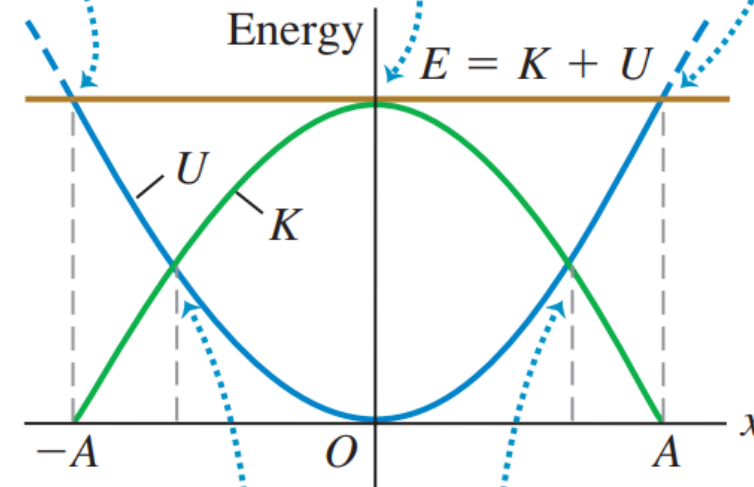
The total mechanical energy E is constant.



(b) The same graph as in (a), showing kinetic energy K as well

At $x = \pm A$ the energy is all potential; the kinetic energy is zero.

At $x = 0$ the energy is all kinetic; the potential energy is zero.



At these points the energy is half kinetic and half potential.

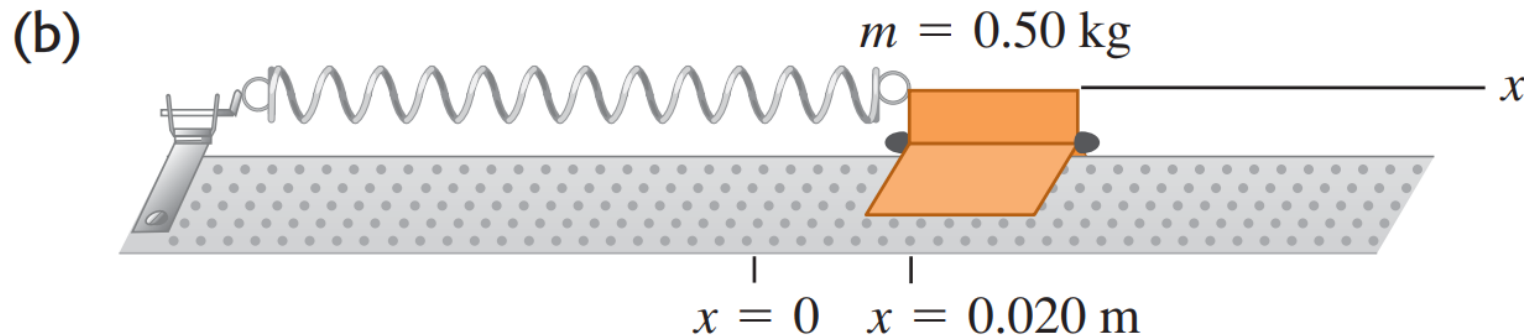
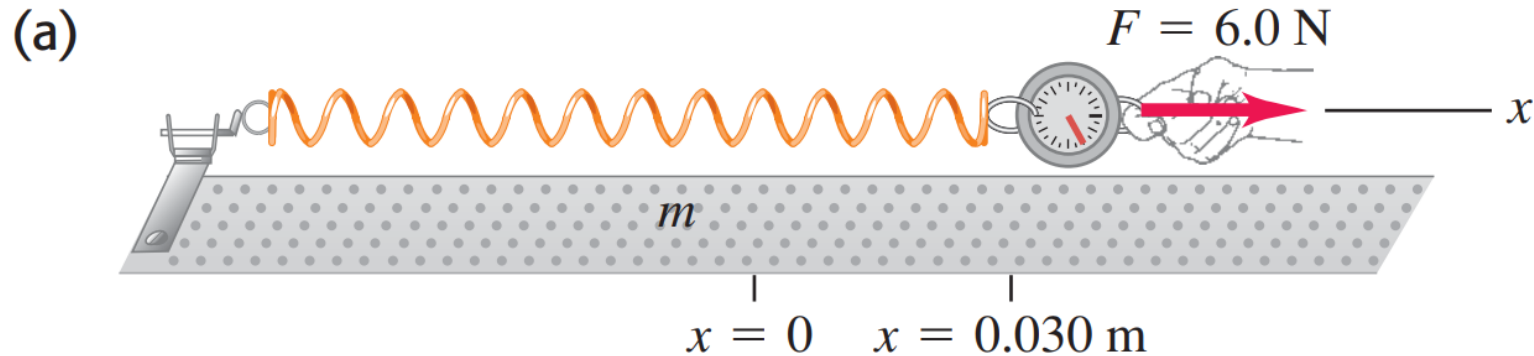
Angular frequency, frequency, and period in SHM

A spring is mounted horizontally, with its left end fixed. A spring balance attached to the free end and pulled toward the right (Fig. 14.8a) indicates that the stretching force is proportional to the displacement, and a force of 6.0 N causes a displacement of 0.030 m. We replace the spring balance with a 0.50-kg glider, pull it 0.020 m to the right along a frictionless air track, and release it from rest (Fig. 14.8b). (a) Find the force constant k of the spring. (b) Find the angular frequency ω , frequency f , and period T of the resulting oscillation.



Angular frequency, frequency, and period in SHM

14.8 (a) The force exerted *on* the spring (shown by the vector F) has x -component $F_x = +6.0$ N. The force exerted *by* the spring has x -component $F_x = -6.0$ N. (b) A glider is attached to the same spring and allowed to oscillate.



Angular frequency, frequency, and period in SHM

EXECUTE: (a) When $x = 0.030$ m, the force the spring exerts on the spring balance is $F_x = -6.0$ N. From Eq. (14.3),

$$k = -\frac{F_x}{x} = -\frac{-6.0 \text{ N}}{0.030 \text{ m}} = 200 \text{ N/m} = 200 \text{ kg/s}^2$$

(b) From Eq. (14.10), with $m = 0.50$ kg,

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{200 \text{ kg/s}^2}{0.50 \text{ kg}}} = 20 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{20 \text{ rad/s}}{2\pi \text{ rad/cycle}} = 3.2 \text{ cycle/s} = 3.2 \text{ Hz}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{3.2 \text{ cycle/s}} = 0.31 \text{ s}$$



Velocity, acceleration, and energy in SHM

(a) Find the maximum and minimum velocities attained by the oscillating glider of Example 14.2. (b) Find the maximum and minimum accelerations. (c) Find the velocity v_x and acceleration a_x when the glider is halfway from its initial position to the equilibrium position $x = 0$. (d) Find the total energy, potential energy, and kinetic energy at this position.



Velocity, acceleration, and energy in SHM

EXECUTE: (a) From Eq. (14.22), the velocity v_x at any displacement x is

$$v_x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

The glider's maximum *speed* occurs when it is moving through $x = 0$:

$$v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} A = \sqrt{\frac{200 \text{ N/m}}{0.50 \text{ kg}}} (0.020 \text{ m}) = 0.40 \text{ m/s}$$

Its maximum and minimum (most negative) *velocities* are $+0.40 \text{ m/s}$ and -0.40 m/s , which occur when it is moving through $x = 0$ to the right and left, respectively.



Velocity, acceleration, and energy in SHM

(b) From Eq. (14.4), $a_x = -(k/m)x$. The glider's maximum (most positive) acceleration occurs at the most negative value of x , $x = -A$:

$$a_{\max} = -\frac{k}{m}(-A) = -\frac{200 \text{ N/m}}{0.50 \text{ kg}}(-0.020 \text{ m}) = 8.0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

The minimum (most negative) acceleration is $a_{\min} = -8.0 \text{ m/s}^2$, which occurs at $x = +A = +0.020 \text{ m}$.



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(c) The point halfway from $x = x_0 = A$ to $x = 0$ is $x = A/2 = 0.010$ m. From Eq. (14.22), at this point

$$v_x = -\sqrt{\frac{200 \text{ N/m}}{0.50 \text{ kg}}} \sqrt{(0.020 \text{ m})^2 - (0.010 \text{ m})^2} = -0.35 \text{ m/s}$$

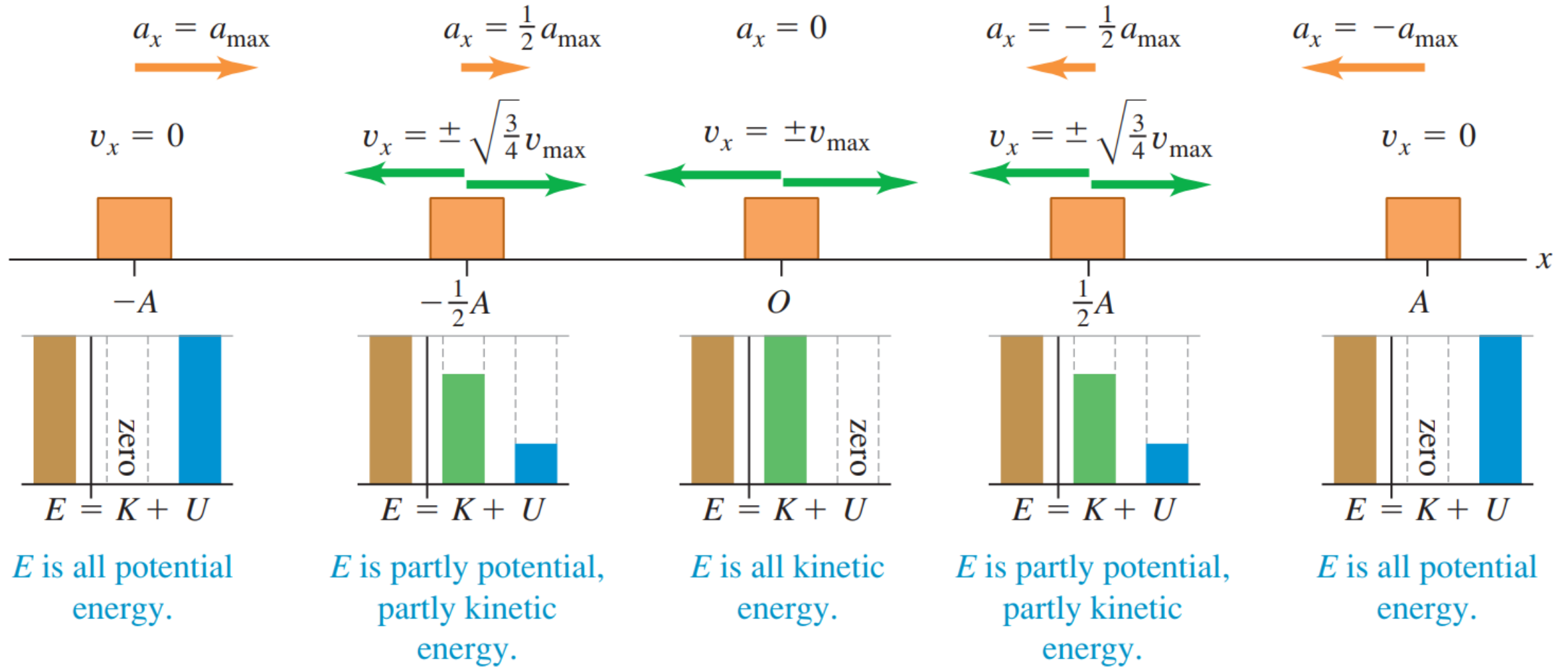
We choose the negative square root because the glider is moving from $x = A$ toward $x = 0$. From Eq. (14.4),

$$a_x = -\frac{200 \text{ N/m}}{0.50 \text{ kg}} (0.010 \text{ m}) = -4.0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Figure 14.14 shows the conditions at $x = 0$, $\pm A/2$, and $\pm A$.



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(d) The energies are

$$E = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \frac{1}{2}(200 \text{ N/m})(0.020 \text{ m})^2 = 0.040 \text{ J}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}(200 \text{ N/m})(0.010 \text{ m})^2 = 0.010 \text{ J}$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv_x^2 = \frac{1}{2}(0.50 \text{ kg})(-0.35 \text{ m/s})^2 = 0.030 \text{ J}$$

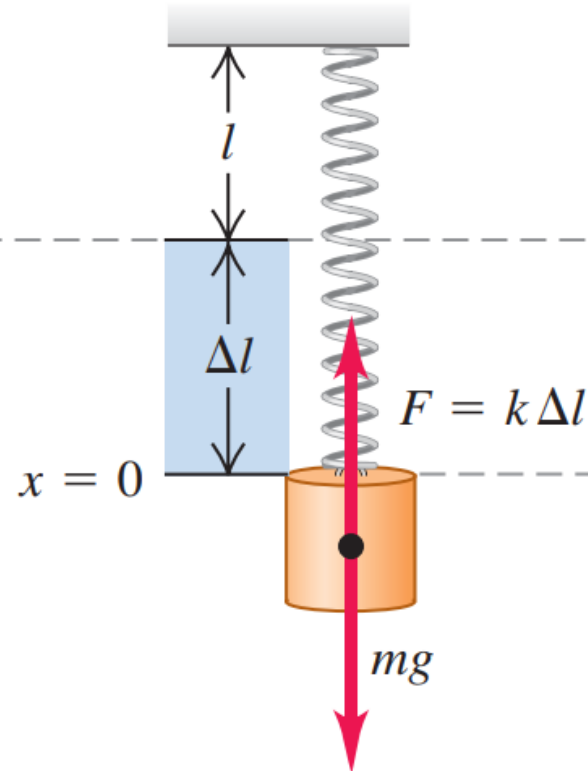


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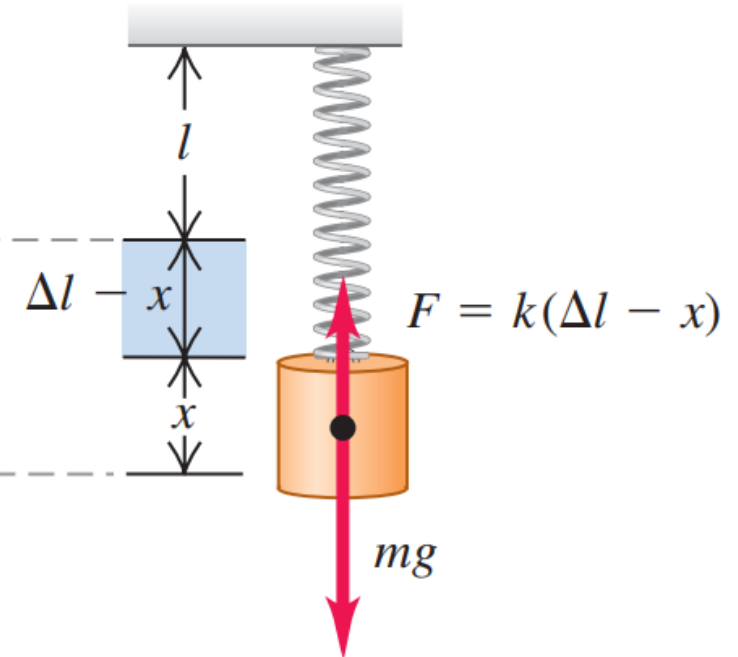
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