

Chapter 15: Oscillations

15-1 Simple Harmonic Motion :

Periodic Motion :

If the **motion** of a body is such that it crosses from the **same direction** a particular point in its path of motion at **regular interval**, then the motion is called **periodic motion or harmonic motion**

Simple Harmonic Motion :

If **acceleration** of a body **executing periodic motion** acts along a fixed point in its path of motion in a such a way that its magnitude from that point is **proportional** to its **displacement**, then the motion of the body is called **Simple Harmonic Motion**.

Such motion is a **sinusoidal function of time t** . That is, it can be written as a **sine or a cosine** of time t. Here we **arbitrarily choose the cosine function** and write the **displacement (or position) of the particle** in Fig.15-1 as

$$x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \quad ; \text{ (displacement) } \dots\dots (1)$$

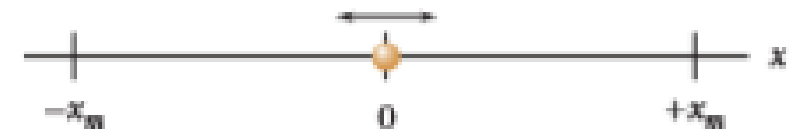


Figure 15-1 A particle repeatedly oscillates left and right along an x axis, between extreme points x_m and $-x_m$.

The diagram shows the equation $x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ with several labels and leader lines pointing to specific parts:

- Displacement at time t** : Points to the entire equation.
- Amplitude**: Points to x_m .
- Angular frequency**: Points to ω .
- Time**: Points to t .
- Phase constant or phase angle**: Points to ϕ .
- Phase**: A bracket above the cosine argument $(\omega t + \phi)$ is labeled "Phase".

Figure 15-3 A handy guide to the quantities in Eq. 15-3 for simple harmonic motion.

Frequency :

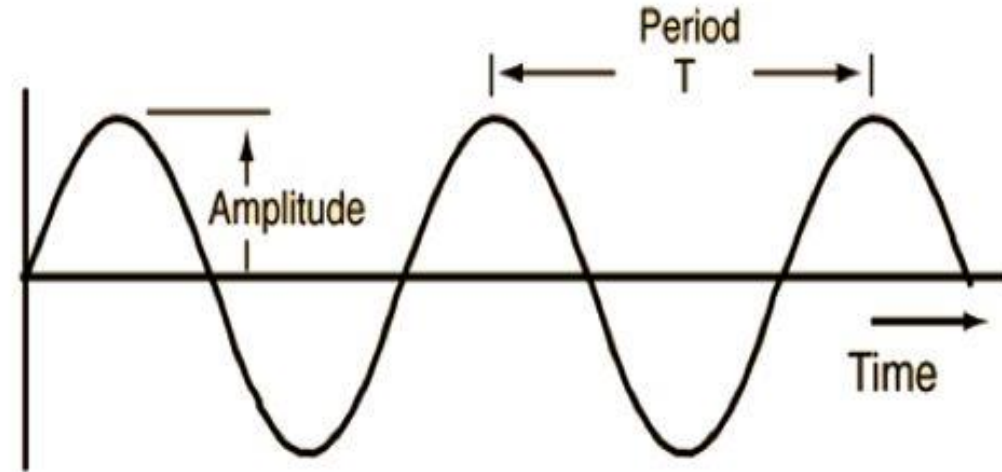
The frequency f of the oscillation is the number of times per second that it completes a full oscillation (a cycle) and has the unit of hertz (abbreviated Hz),

$$\text{where } 1 \text{ hertz} = 1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ oscillation per second} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1} \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Time Period :

The time for one full cycle is the period T of the oscillation , which is

$$T = \frac{1}{f} \quad \dots\dots\dots (3)$$



Question : **Proof that , $\omega = 2\pi f$**

Solution :

- To relate it to the frequency f and the period T , let's first note that the position $x(t)$ of the particle must (by definition) return to its initial value at the end of a period.
- That is, if $x(t)$ is the position at some chosen time t , then the particle must return to that same position at time $t + T$.

➤ Let's use Eq.1 to express this condition, but let's also just set $\phi = 0$ to get it out of the way.

Returning to the same position can then be written as

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

At $t=t$

$$x_1 = x_m \cos \omega t$$

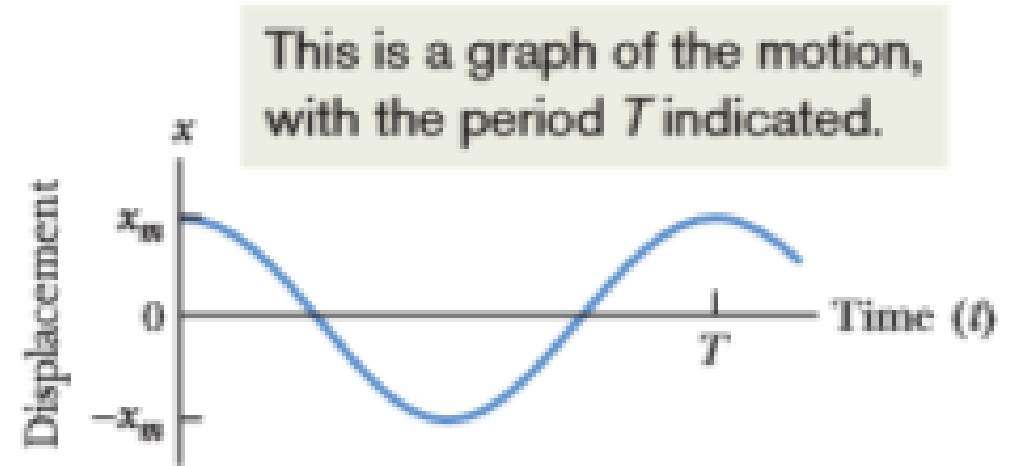
At $t = t+T$

$$x_2 = x_m \cos \omega (t + T)$$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

$$x_m \cos \omega t = x_m \cos \omega (t + T)$$

Type equation here



The cosine function first repeats itself when its argument (the phase, remember) has increased by 2π rad. So, Eq. 4 tells us that

$$\omega (t + T) = \omega t + 2\pi$$

$$\text{or, } \omega T = 2\pi \text{ rad}$$

Thus, from Eq.2 the angular frequency is, $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$ (5)

The **SI unit** of angular frequency is the **radian per second**.

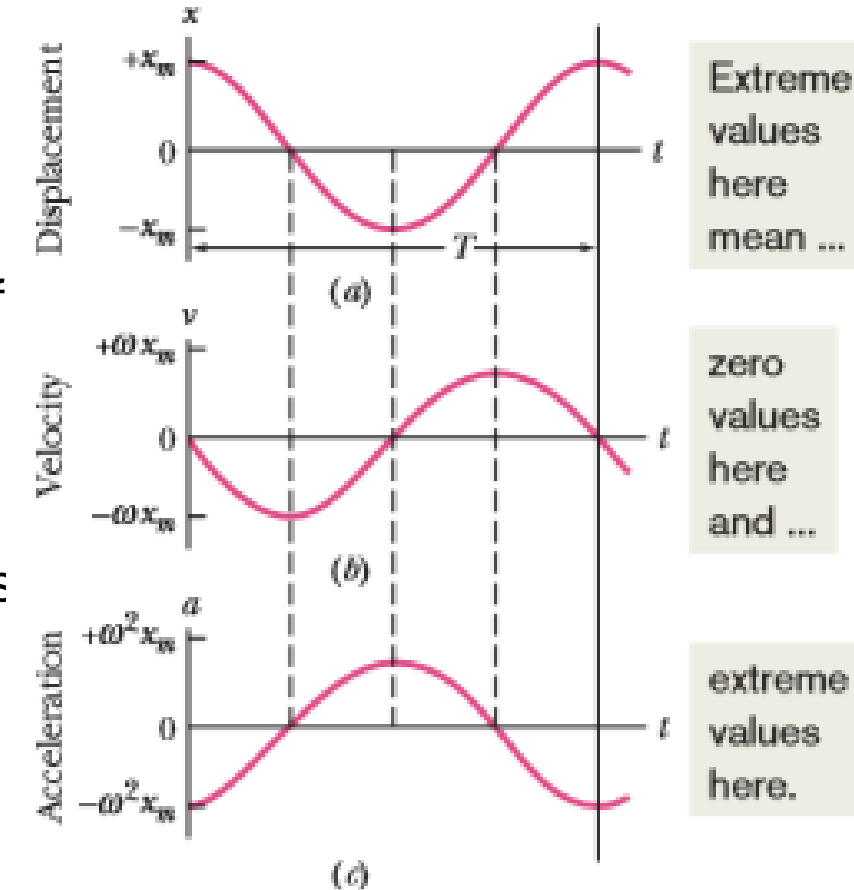
The Velocity of SHM :To find the velocity $v(t)$ as a function of time , let's take a time derivative of the position function $x(t)$ in Eq. 1 :

$$v(t) = \frac{d}{dt} x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [x_m \cos (\omega t + \varphi)]$$

$$v(t) = - \omega x_m \sin (\omega t + \varphi) \quad (\text{velocity}) \quad \dots\dots\dots (6)$$

- The velocity depends on time because the sine function varies with time, between the values of +1 and -1.
- The quantities in front of the sine function determine the extent of the variation in the velocity, between + ωx_m and - ωx_m . We say that ωx_m is the velocity amplitude v_m of the velocity variation. $v_m = \omega x_m$.
- When the particle is moving rightward through $x = 0$, its velocity is positive and the magnitude is at this greatest value.
- When it is moving leftward through $x = 0$, its velocity is negative and the magnitude is again at this greatest value.
- This variation with time (a negative sine function) is displayed in the graph of Fig. b for a phase constant of $\varphi = 0$, which corresponds to the cosine function for the displacement versus time shown in Fig. a.

$$x(t) = x_m \cos (\omega t + \varphi)$$



The Acceleration of SHM :

It can be found by differentiating the velocity function of Eq. 6 with respect to time to get the acceleration function of the particle in simple harmonic motion:

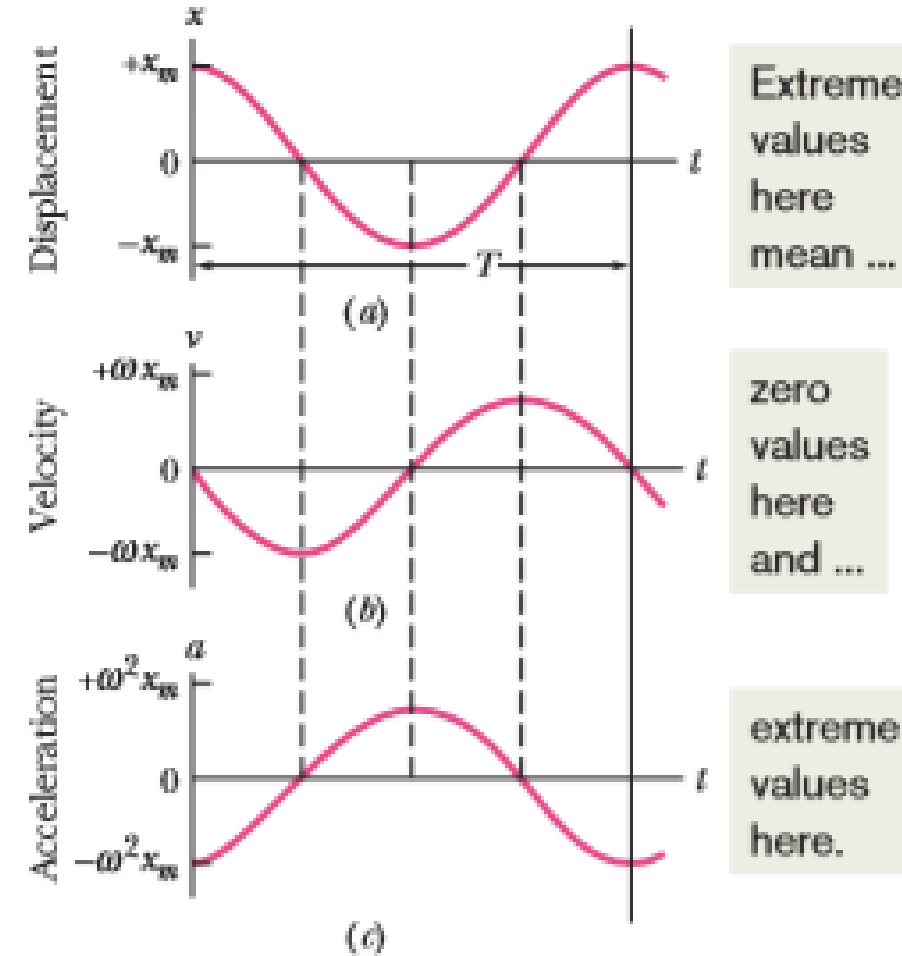
$$a(t) = \frac{d}{dt} v(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [-\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)]$$

$$a(t) = -\omega^2 x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad (\text{acceleration}) \dots (7)$$

➤ The acceleration varies because the cosine function varies with time, between +1 and -1. The variation in the magnitude of the acceleration is set by the acceleration amplitude a_m , which is the product $\omega^2 x_m$ that multiplies the cosine function. $a_m = \omega^2 x_m$

➤ Figure c displays **Eq. 7** for a phase constant $\phi = 0$, consistent with Figs. a and b. Note that the acceleration magnitude is zero when the cosine is zero, which is when the particle is at $x = 0$.

➤ And the acceleration magnitude is maximum when the cosine magnitude is maximum, which is when the particle is at an extreme point, where it has been slowed to a stop so that its motion can be reversed.



$$x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \quad ; \quad (\text{displacement}) \dots\dots (1)$$

$$a(t) = -\omega^2 x_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \quad (\text{acceleration}) \dots\dots (7)$$

Comparing Eqs. 1 and 7 we see an extremely neat relationship:

$$a(t) = -\omega^2 x(t) \quad \dots\dots (8)$$

In SHM, the acceleration a is proportional to the displacement x but opposite in sign, and the two quantities are related by the square of the angular frequency ω .

Linear simple harmonic oscillator [undamped oscillator] :The force law for simple harmonic motion

Let us assume that there is **no friction**.

Using Eq 8 we can apply **Newton's second law** to describe the **force responsible for SHM**:

$$\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a} = m(-\omega^2 x) = - (m \omega^2)x \dots\dots\dots (9)$$

The **minus sign** means that the direction of the **force** on the particle is **opposite** the direction of the **displacement** of the particle.

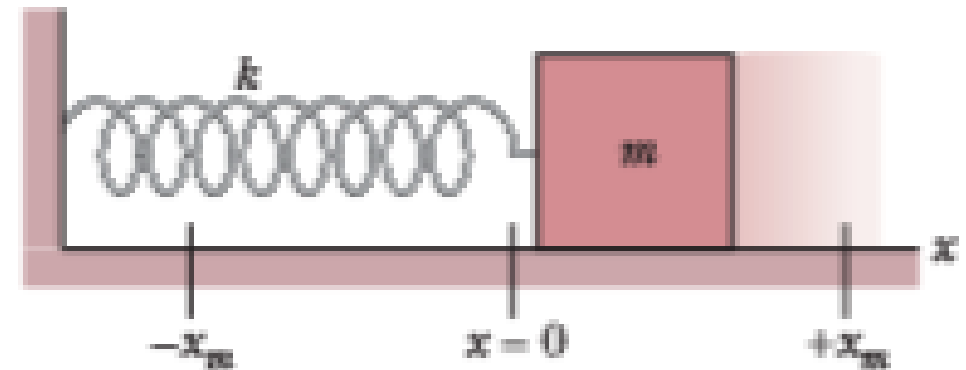
That is , in SHM the force is a **restoring force** in the sense that **it fights against the displacement** , attempting **to restore the particle to the center point at $x = 0$** .

Now for a block on a spring as in Fig. we know from **Hooke's law**,

$$\mathbf{F} = - kx \dots\dots\dots (10)$$

for the force acting on the block.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= - kx \\ - (m \omega^2)x &= - kx \\ k &= m \omega^2 \end{aligned}$$



Comparing Eqs.9 and 10,we can now **relate** the spring constant **k** (a measure of the **stiffness** of the spring) to the **mass of the block** and the resulting **angular frequency** of the SHM:

$$k = m \omega^2 \quad \text{..... (11)}$$

Then the **angular frequency** , $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ (12)

the **period of the motion** can be found by combining Eqs.5 $[\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}]$ and Eq. 12 to write

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \frac{2\pi}{T} \\ \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} &= \frac{2\pi}{T} \\ T &= 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad \text{..... (13)} \end{aligned}$$

3 : *What is the maximum acceleration of a platform that oscillates at amplitude 2.20 cm and frequency 6.60 Hz?*

$$x_m = 2.20 \text{ cm} = 0.0220 \text{ m}$$

$$f = 6.60 \text{ Hz}$$

$$x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$

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

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

$$a_m = \omega^2 x_m = (2\pi f)^2 x_m = 4\pi^2 (6.60)^2 (0.0220) = 37.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = \mathbf{37.8 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

13 : An oscillator consists of a block of mass 0.500 kg connected to a spring. When set into oscillation with amplitude 35.0 cm , the oscillator repeats its motion every 0.500 s . Find the (a) period, (b) frequency, (c) angular frequency, (d) spring constant, (e) maximum speed, and (f) magnitude of the maximum force on the block from the spring.

Given: $m = 0.500\text{ kg}$

$$x_m = 35.0\text{ cm} = 0.35\text{ m}$$

$$T = 0.500\text{ s}$$

(a) $T = 0.500\text{ s}$

(b) $f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{0.500} = 2.00\text{ Hz}$ [2 oscillations/s]

(c) $\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi(2.00) = 12.6\text{ rad/s}$

(d) $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

$$k = m \omega^2 = (0.500)(12.6)^2 = 79.0\text{ N/m}$$

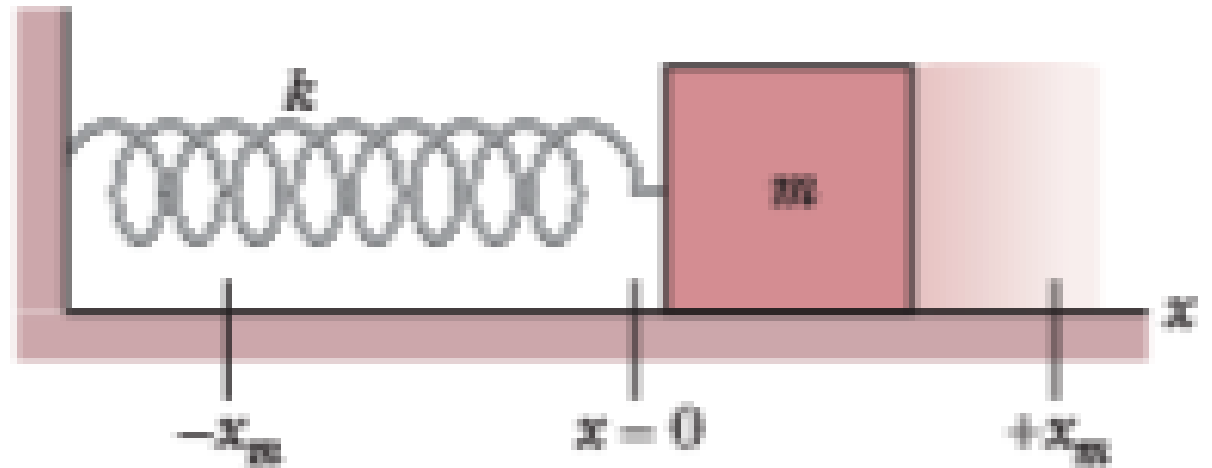
(e) $v(t) = -\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$

$$v_m = \omega x_m = (12.6)(0.350) = 4.40\text{ m/s}$$

(f) $\mathbf{F} = -k \mathbf{x}$

$$F_s = k x_m = (79.0)(0.350) = 27.6\text{ N}$$

Newton's third law, $F_s = F_m = 27.6\text{ N}$



Additional problem:

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