

PHY250: Harmonis Oscillations

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Oscillations

The Harmonic Oscillator

Simple Harmonic Motion

Many objects vibrate or oscillate:

- ▶ An object at the end of a spring.
- ▶ A tuning fork
- ▶ The electric and Magnetic fields in the electromagnetic radiation.
- ▶ The atoms of a solid vibrate about their relatively fixed positions.
- ▶ etc...

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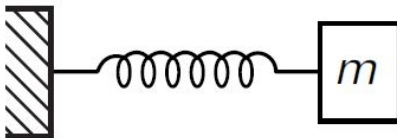
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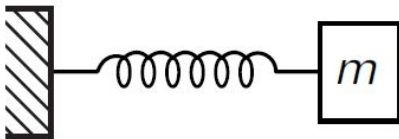
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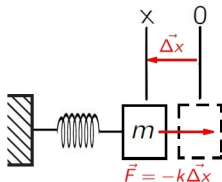
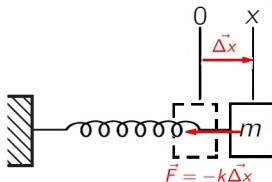
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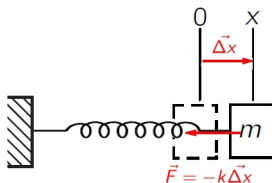


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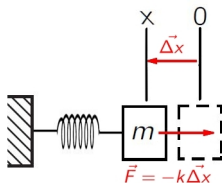
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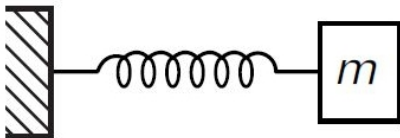


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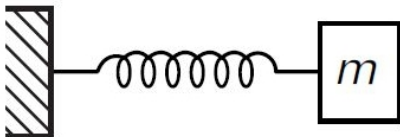
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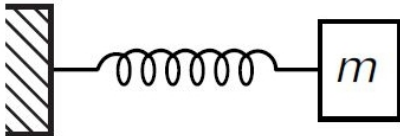
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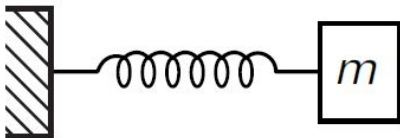
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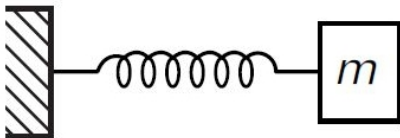
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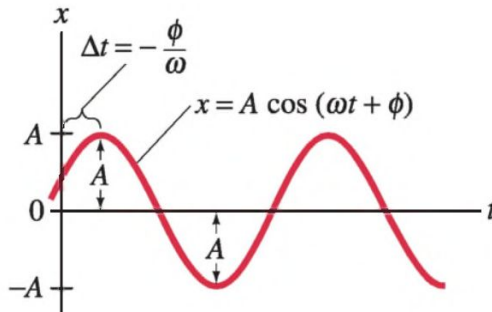
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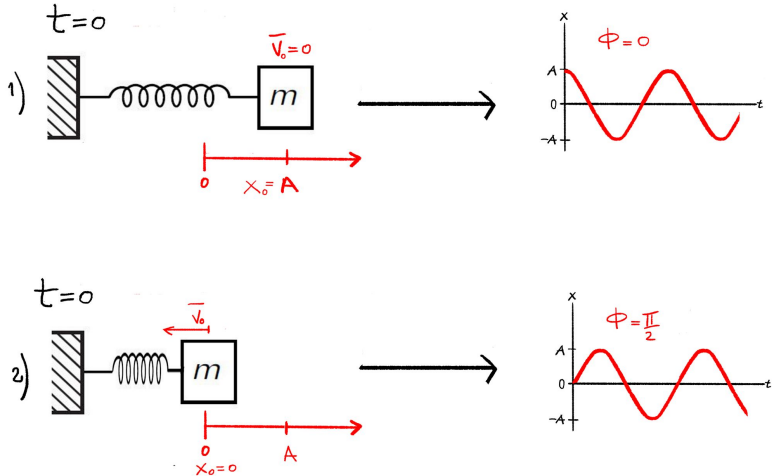
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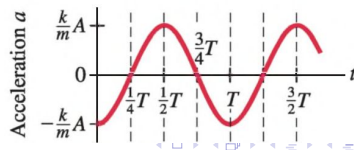
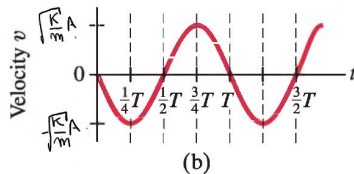
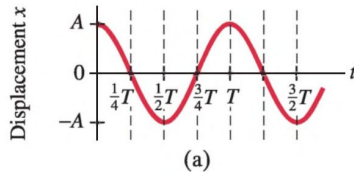


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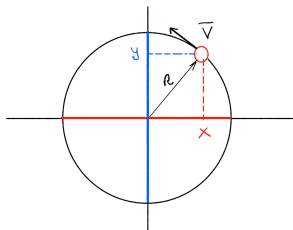
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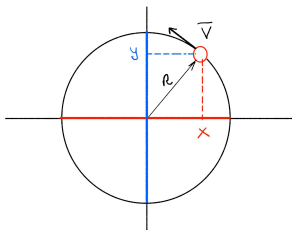
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We can analyze oscillatory motion in a simpler way if we imagine it to be a projection of something going in a circle.

If we do this, we will be able to analyze our one-dimensional oscillator with circular motions, which is a lot easier than having to solve a differential equation. The trick in doing this is to use complex numbers.

Generalization

The Simple Harmonic Oscillator equation is a linear differential equation,

$$a_n \frac{d^n x}{dt^n} + a_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} x}{dt^{n-1}} + \dots + a_1 \frac{dx}{dt} + a_0 x = 0$$

with $n = 2$

The trial solution for this kind of equations is $x(t) = Ae^{\alpha t}$.

If we replace this solution in the case of the Harmonic Oscillator, we obtain the equivalent equation

$$\alpha^2 + \frac{k}{m} = 0 \rightarrow \alpha = \pm i \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \pm i\omega$$

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Using the identity, $e^{i\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + i\sin(\omega t)$ Rearranging it, we can obtain again the solution in terms of \cos and \sin :

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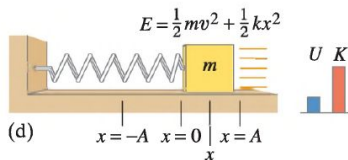
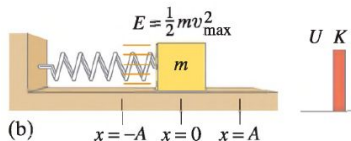
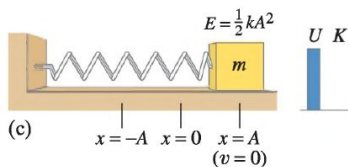
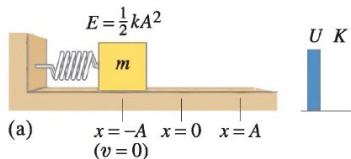
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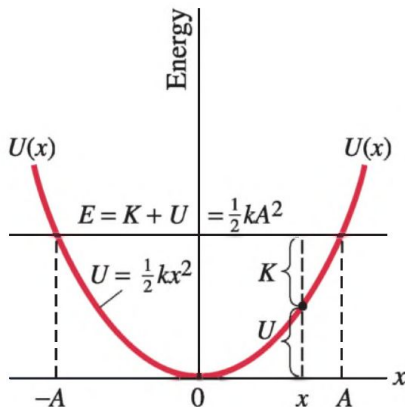
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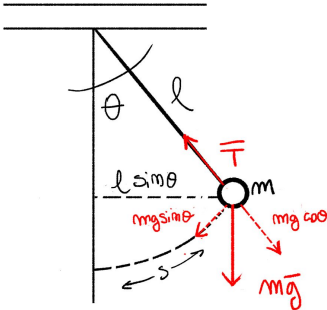


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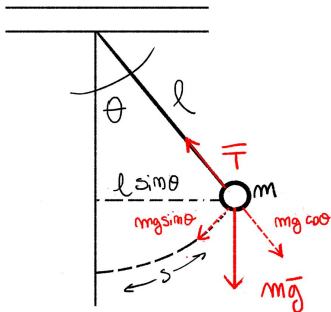
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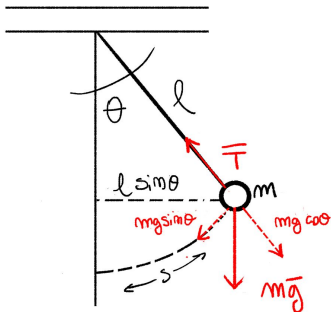
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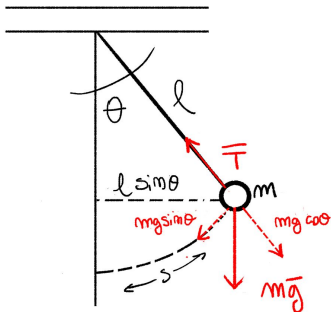
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where θ is measured in radians.

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if $\theta \leq 15^\circ \rightarrow \sin\theta \sim \theta$

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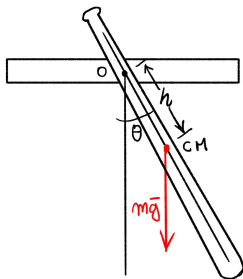
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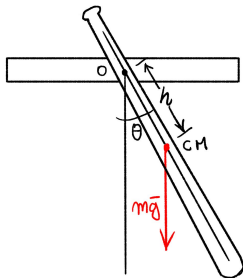
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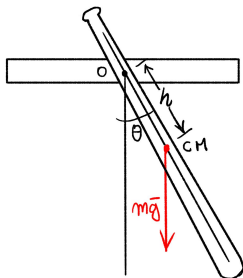
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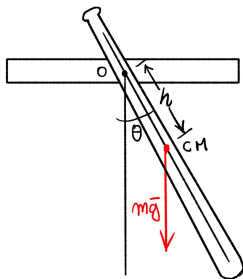


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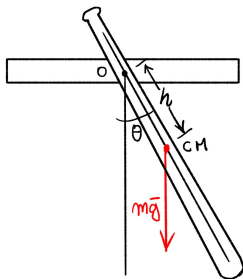
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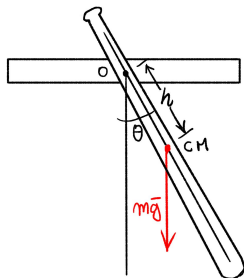
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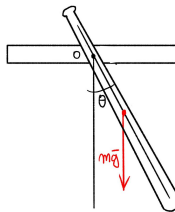
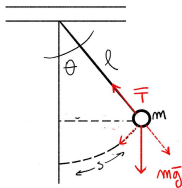
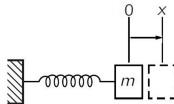
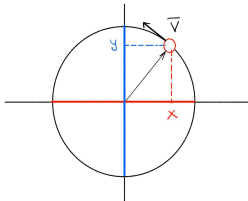
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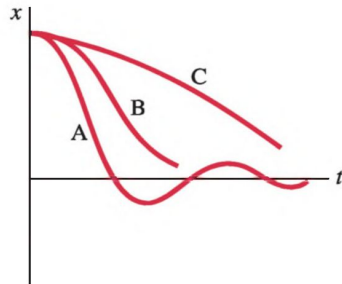
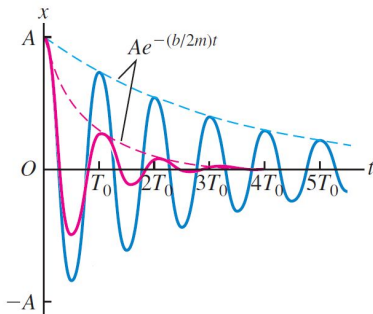
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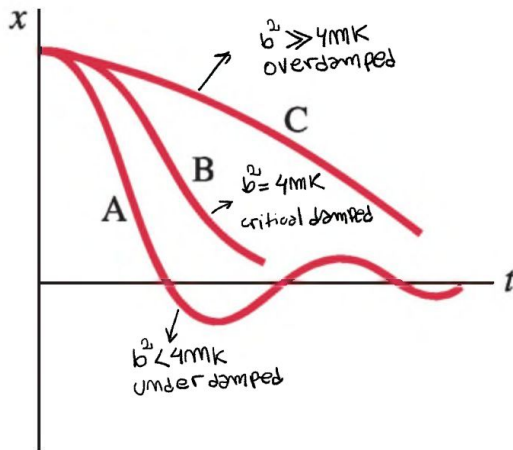
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