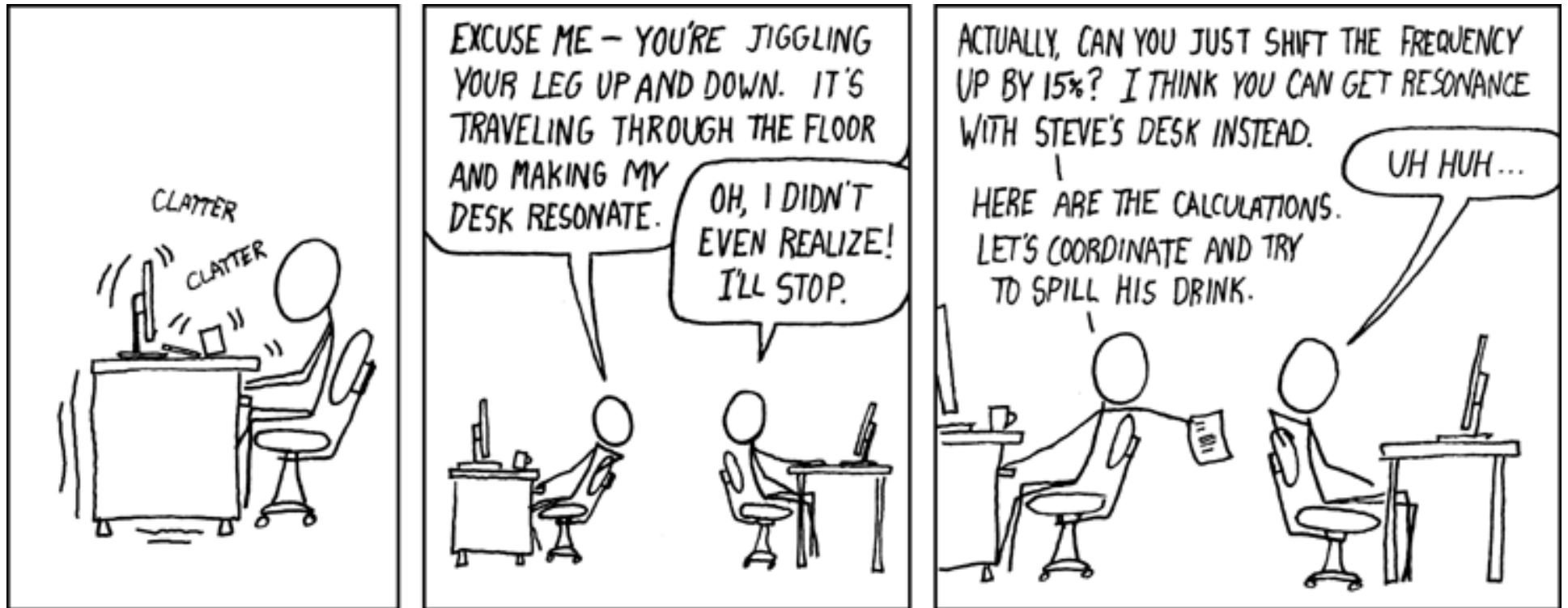


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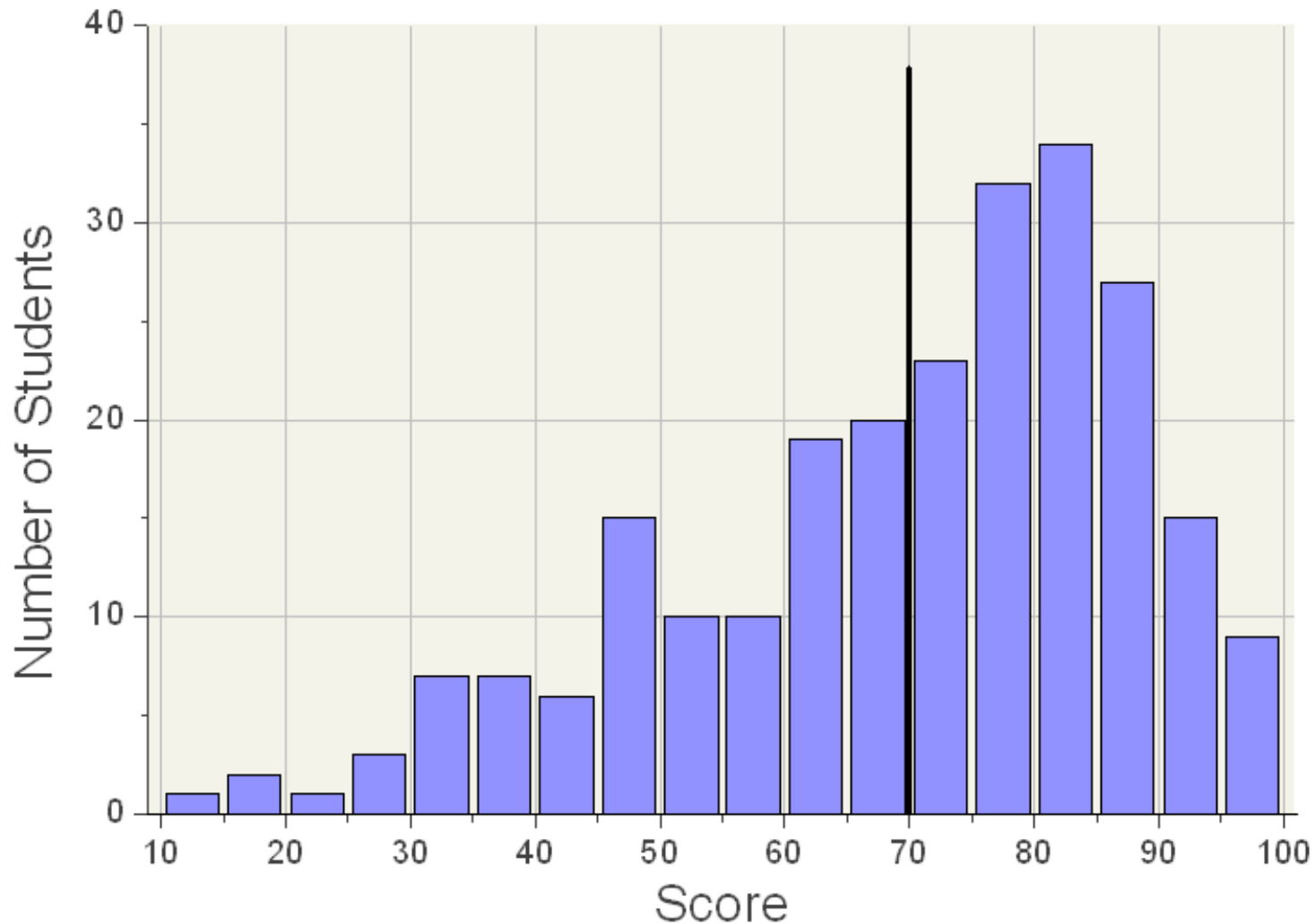


## Chapter 15: Oscillations

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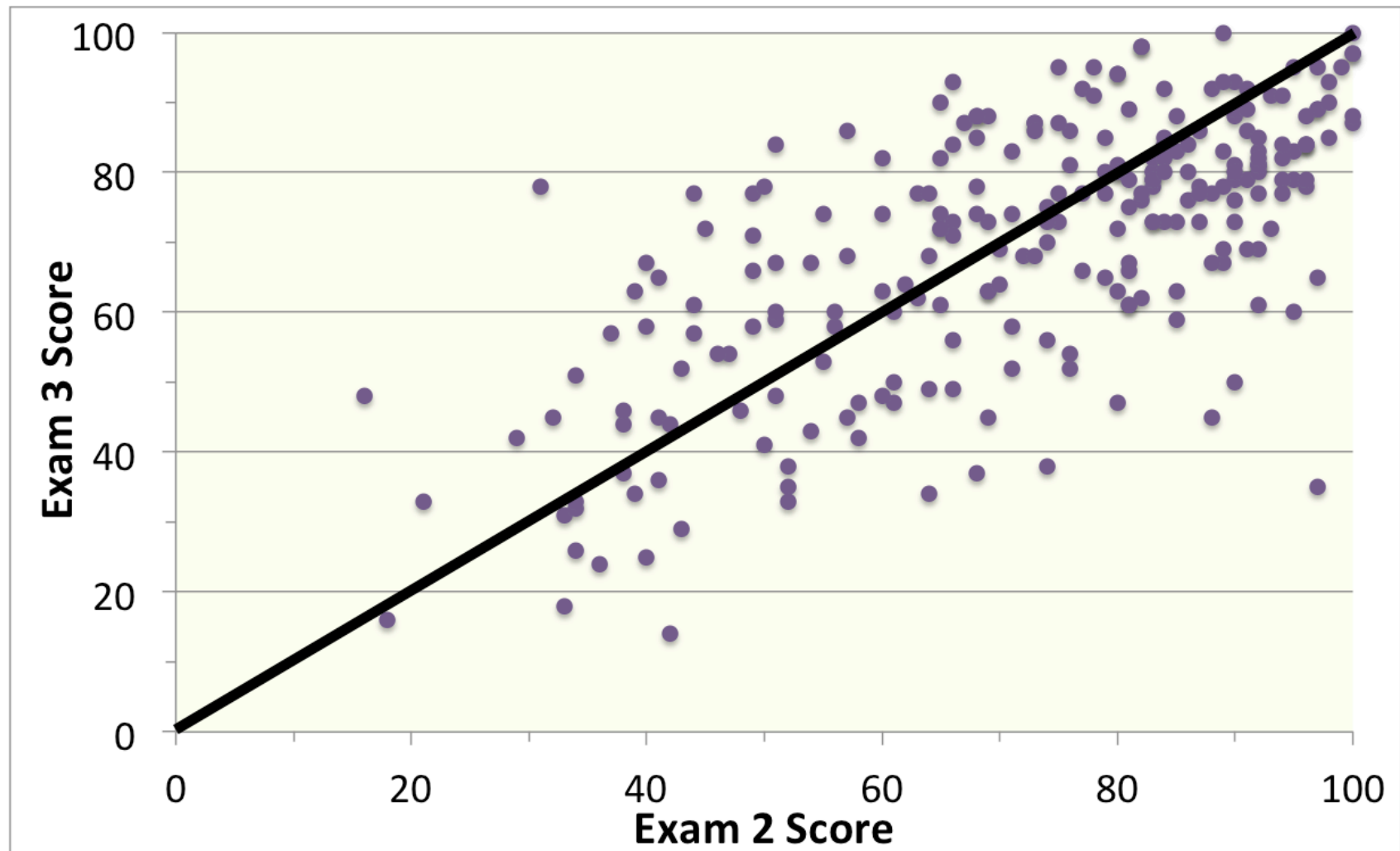
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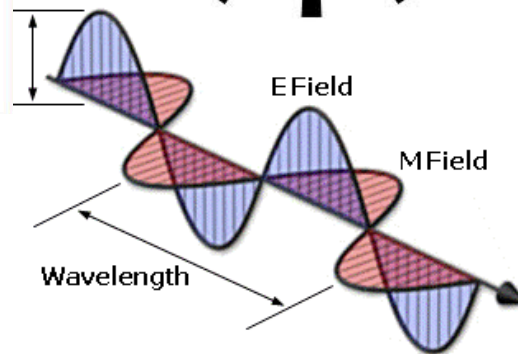
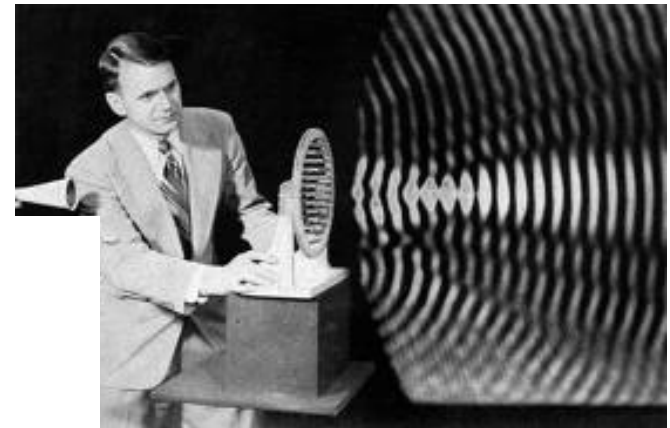
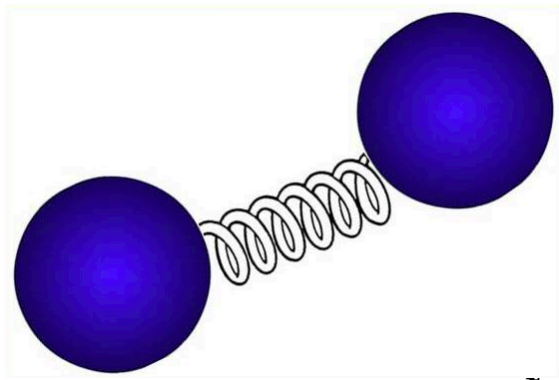


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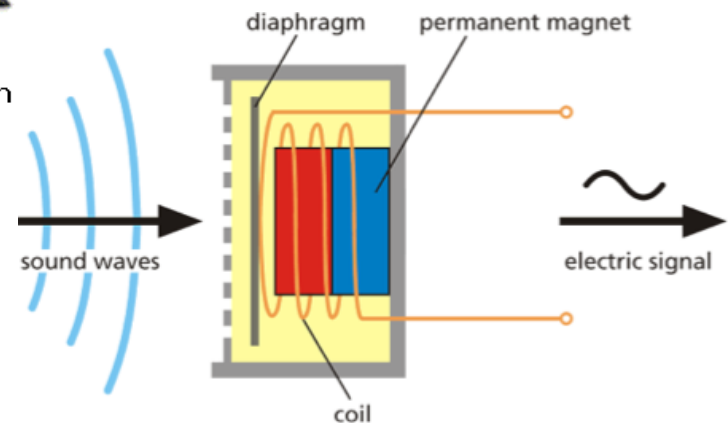
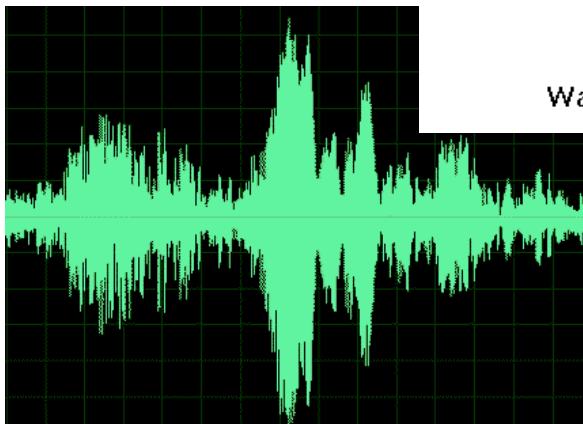
- Problem 2 was the hardest (falling rod). The N2L problem was much this time around.
- Two of the problems were similar to HW problems, and 1 was also covered in an SI session.
- The final exam is two weeks away! Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Place to be determined.

# Oscillations

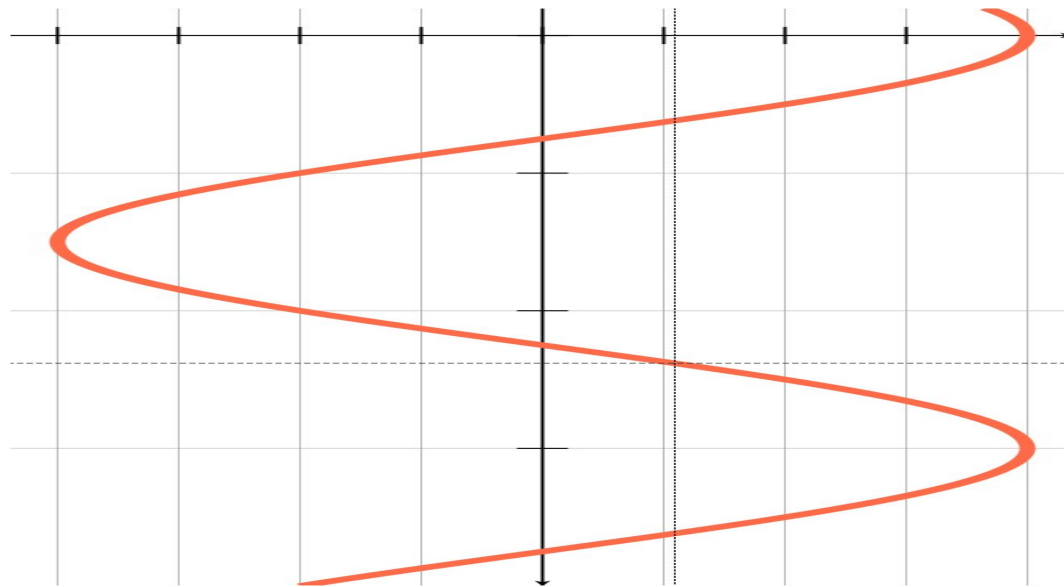
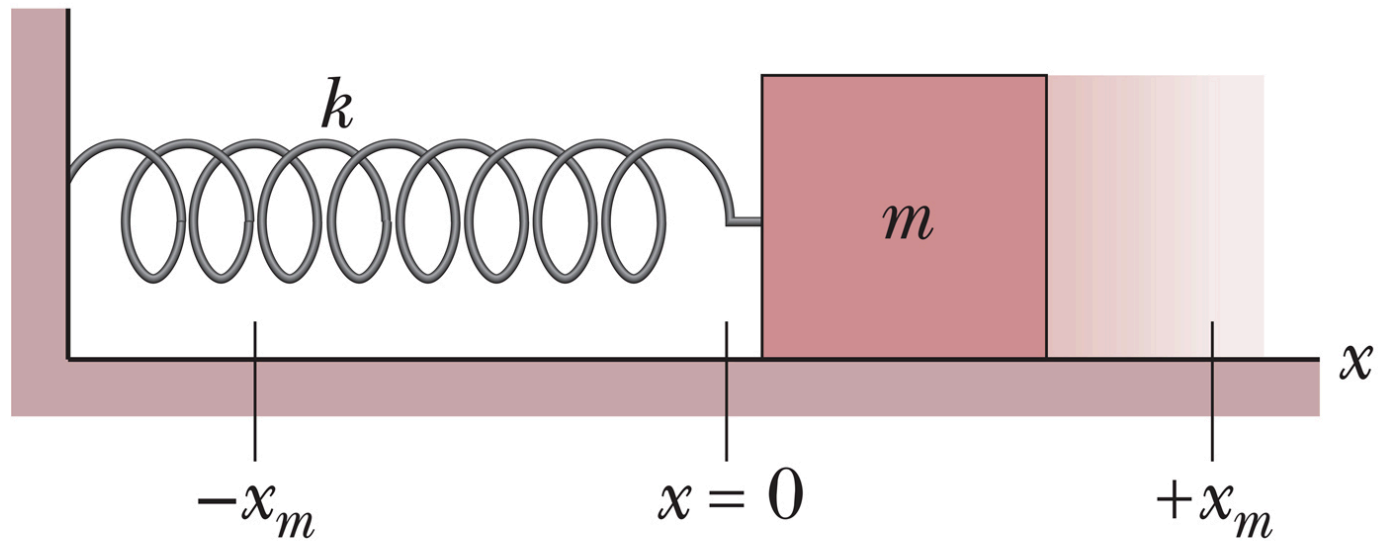
Everything around you is constantly oscillating, literally.



Waves of Electromagnetic Radiation



# Motion of a Spring



# Equation of Motion for Spring

## *Quantitatively*

We want an equation for position as a function of time,  $x(t)$

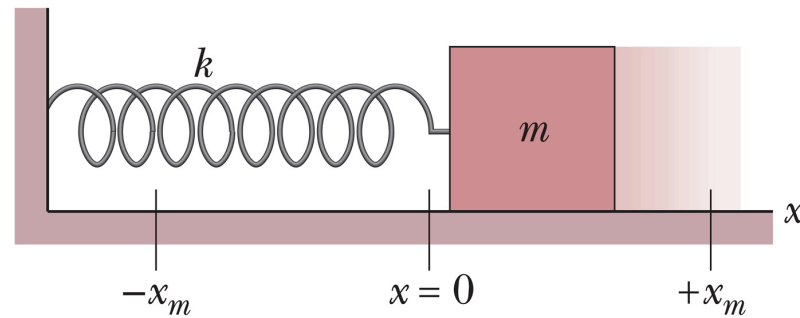
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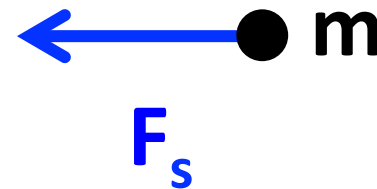
$$-kx = ma$$

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

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x$$



**FBD:**



# Differential Equations

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x$$

We know everything in this equation except  $x$ , so in principle we can solve this for  $x$ .

The *best method* for solving equations with derivatives is to guess.

We want a function, which when we takes its derivative twice, we get back the negative of the function.

$$\cos(t) \rightarrow -\sin(t) \rightarrow -\cos(t)$$

Guess:  **$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \delta)$**       $A$ ,  $\omega$ , and  $\delta$  are unknown constants.



# Solution to Spring Equation

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x$$

Plug  $x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \delta)$  into our differential equation and see what happens.

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \delta) = -\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)A \cos(\omega t + \delta)$$

Cosine terms cancel, and we are left with:

$$A\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} A$$

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

$$x(t) = A \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t + \delta\right)$$

*General solution for any spring.*  
A and  $\delta$  depend on how you start it.

# Simple Harmonic Motion

A particle whose motion is described by:

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

is said to be undergoing **simple harmonic motion**.

**Harmonic** = periodic

**Simple** = single sine or cosine

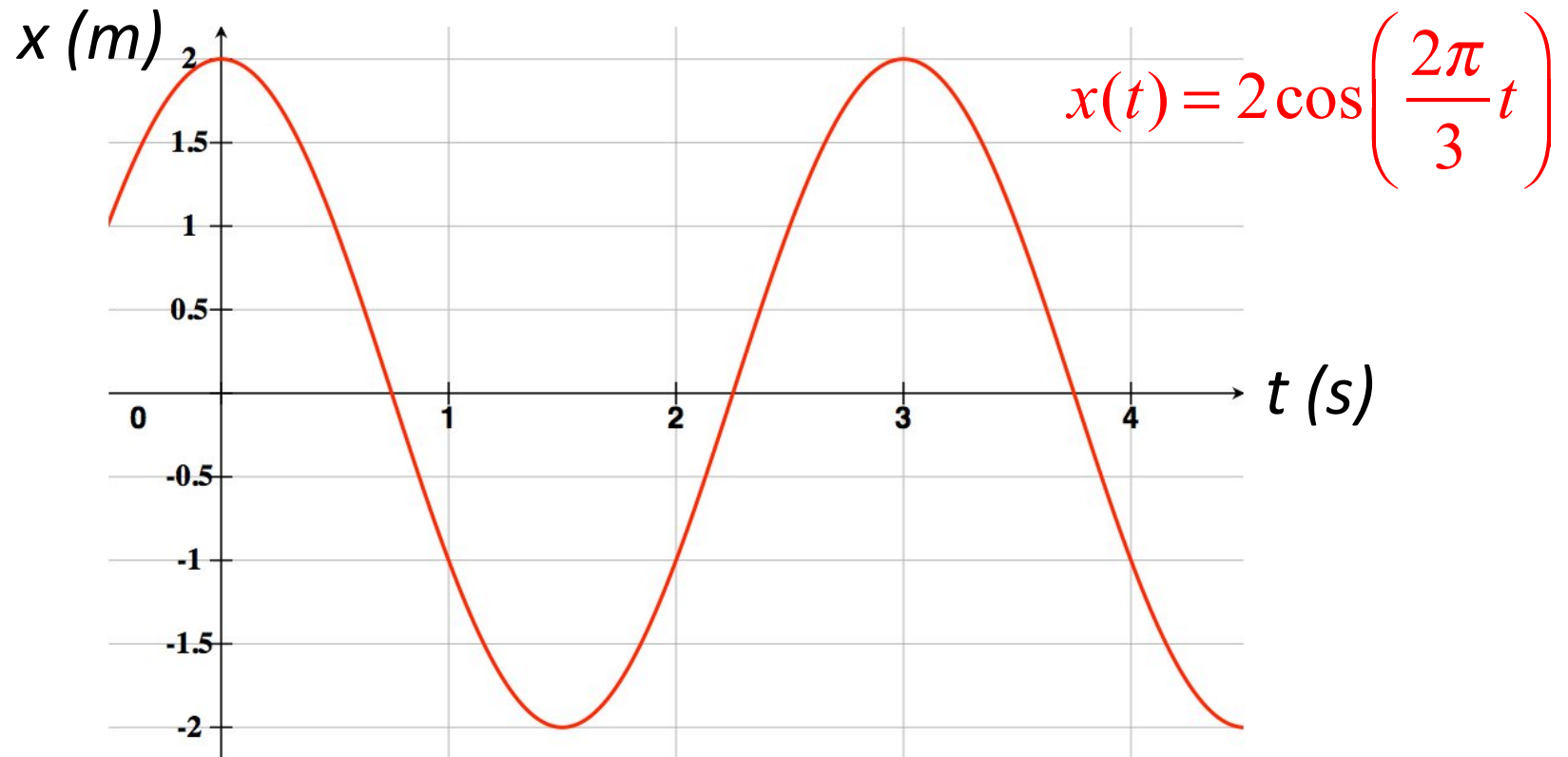
*SHM always results when the total force on an object is a linear restoring force:  $F \propto -x$*

# Amplitude: $A$

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

Maximum value of cosine, *regardless of  $\omega$ ,  $t$ , or  $\delta$* , is always 1.

➔ *Maximum  $x = A$*



# Angular Frequency: $\omega$

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

The *Period* ( $T$ ) of the motion is the time it takes for the mass to complete one cycle of motion.

$$x(t) = x(t + T)$$

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The value of *cosine* repeats itself when the argument changes by  $2\pi$ .

$$[\omega(t + T) + \delta] - [\omega t + \delta] = 2\pi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega T = 2\pi$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{1}{f} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

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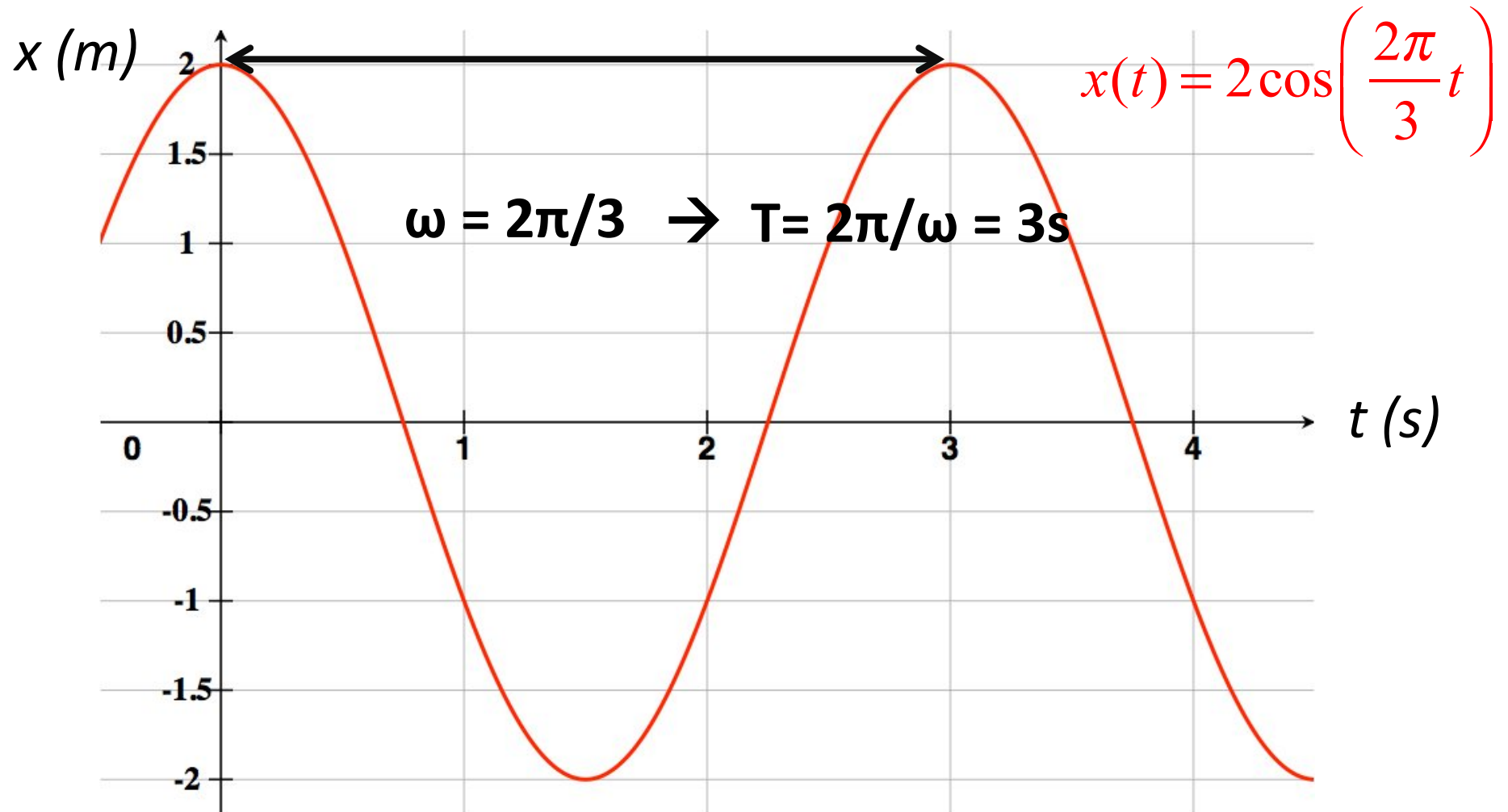
$$\Rightarrow \omega T = 2\pi$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad \text{for spring}$$

Period  $\boxed{T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}} = \frac{1}{f}$   $f = \text{"frequency" in cycles/sec, or Hz}$

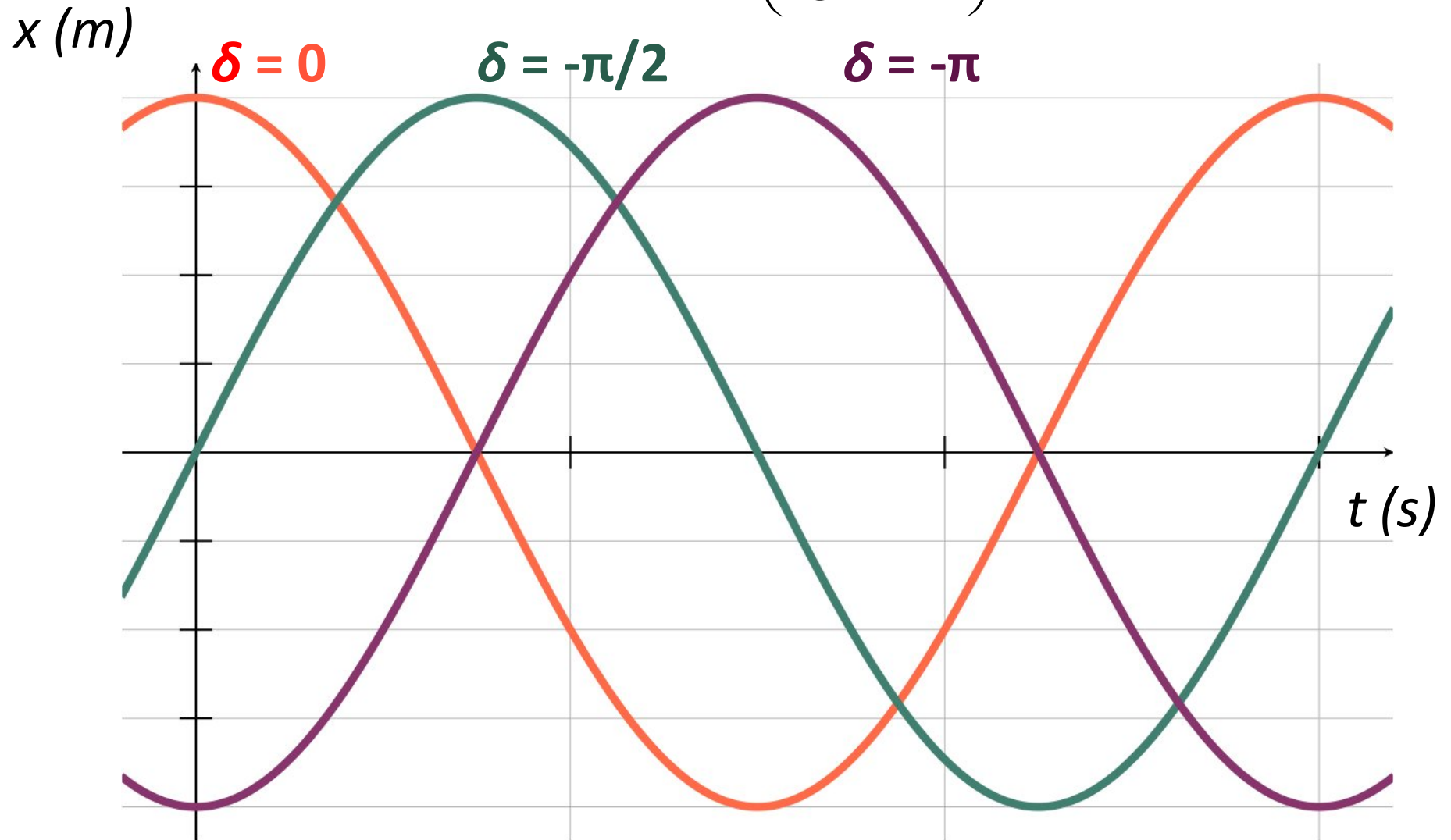
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# Phase: $\delta$

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$$x(t) = 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} t + \delta \right)$$

$\delta$  is the horizontal shift of the curve in radians.

The particle completes one cycle of motion every T seconds (one Period). But the cosine completes one cycle when the argument changes by  $2\pi$  radians.

If  $\delta = -\pi$ , then the curve is shifted by half a period.

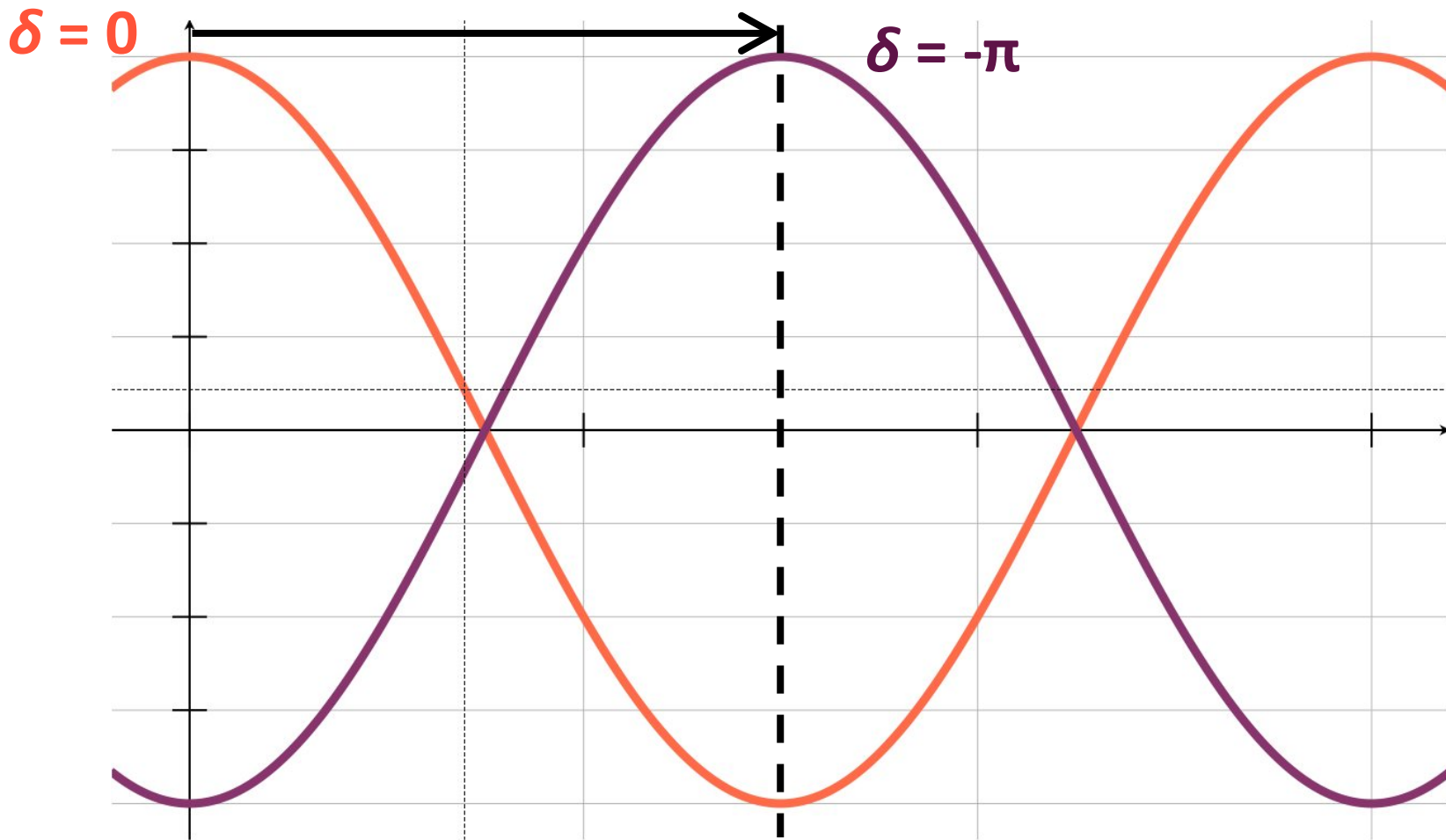
Minus means it is shifted to the right.



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# Initial Conditions

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

This equations has 2 unknowns, A and  $\delta$ .

Thus, to get a complete solution you will need at least 2 pieces of information

**This is usually the position  $x$  at some time, and the velocity  $v$  at some time.**

## SHM Example

Suppose you are a given mass (0.50 kg) attached to a spring with spring constant 4.0 N/m.

- What is  $\omega$ ?

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \text{ N / m}}{0.50 \text{ kg}}} = 2.828 \text{ rad / s}$$

What is the period?

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{2.828 \text{ rad / s}} = 2.221 \text{ s}$$

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You are told the mass starts (at  $t=0$ ) at position  $x_i=1.2m$  with a velocity  $v_i=3.0m/s$ .

- What the position of the mass as a function of time?

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \delta) \quad \rightarrow \quad x(0) = x_i = A \cos(\delta)$$

$$v(t) = -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \delta) \quad \rightarrow \quad v(0) = v_i = -A\omega \sin(\delta)$$

Solve for A and  $\delta$ :

$$\frac{v_i}{x_i} = \frac{-A\omega \sin(\delta)}{A \cos(\delta)} = -\omega \tan(\delta)$$

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$$\frac{v_i}{x_i} = -\omega \tan(\delta) \quad \delta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-3.0}{1.2 \cdot 2.8}\right) = -0.2304\pi$$

Plug  $\delta$  back in to one of our initial conditions to get  $A$

$$x_i = A \cos(\delta) \quad A = \frac{x_i}{\cos(\delta)} = \frac{1.2}{\cos(-0.2304\pi)} = 1.602$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x(t) = 1.6 \cos(2.8t - 0.23\pi)}$$

## SHM Example

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- What is the max velocity of the mass?

$$v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = -A\omega \sin(\omega t - \delta) \quad v_{\max} = A\omega$$

$$= 1.60 \cdot 2.83 = 4.53 \text{ m / s}$$

- What is the max acceleration?

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t - \delta) \quad a_{\max} = A\omega^2$$

$$= 1.60 \cdot 2.83^2 = 12.8 \text{ m / s}^2$$

## Another Example

Suppose you are a given mass (0.50 kg) attached to a spring with unknown spring constant. You measure its period to be 10s and max. speed to be 2.0m/s.

- What is the spring constant?

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \Rightarrow k = \omega^2 m$$

We do not know  $\omega$  but we do know the period:

$$k = \left( \frac{2\pi}{T} \right)^2 m = \left( \frac{2\pi}{10s} \right)^2 \cdot 0.5kg = 0.198 N / m$$

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$$A = \frac{v_{\max}}{\omega} = \frac{2.0 \text{ m/s}}{2\pi/10\text{s}} = 3.18 \text{ m}$$



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$$a(t) = \frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} = A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t + \delta) \quad |a_{\max}| = A\omega^2$$

$$F_{\max} = ma_{\max} = mA\omega^2 = Ak = (3.2 \text{ m})(0.20 \text{ N / m}) = 0.64 \text{ N}$$

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- If the particle started at  $x=1.2m$ . What was its position at 4.0s?

$$x(0) = 1.2 = A \cos(\delta) \quad \delta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1.2}{3.2}\right) = 1.186 \text{ rad}$$

$$x(t) = 3.2 \cos(0.632t + 1.186) \quad x(4) = -2.7m$$

# Energy in SHM

*What is the energy of a mass moving with simple harmonic motion?*

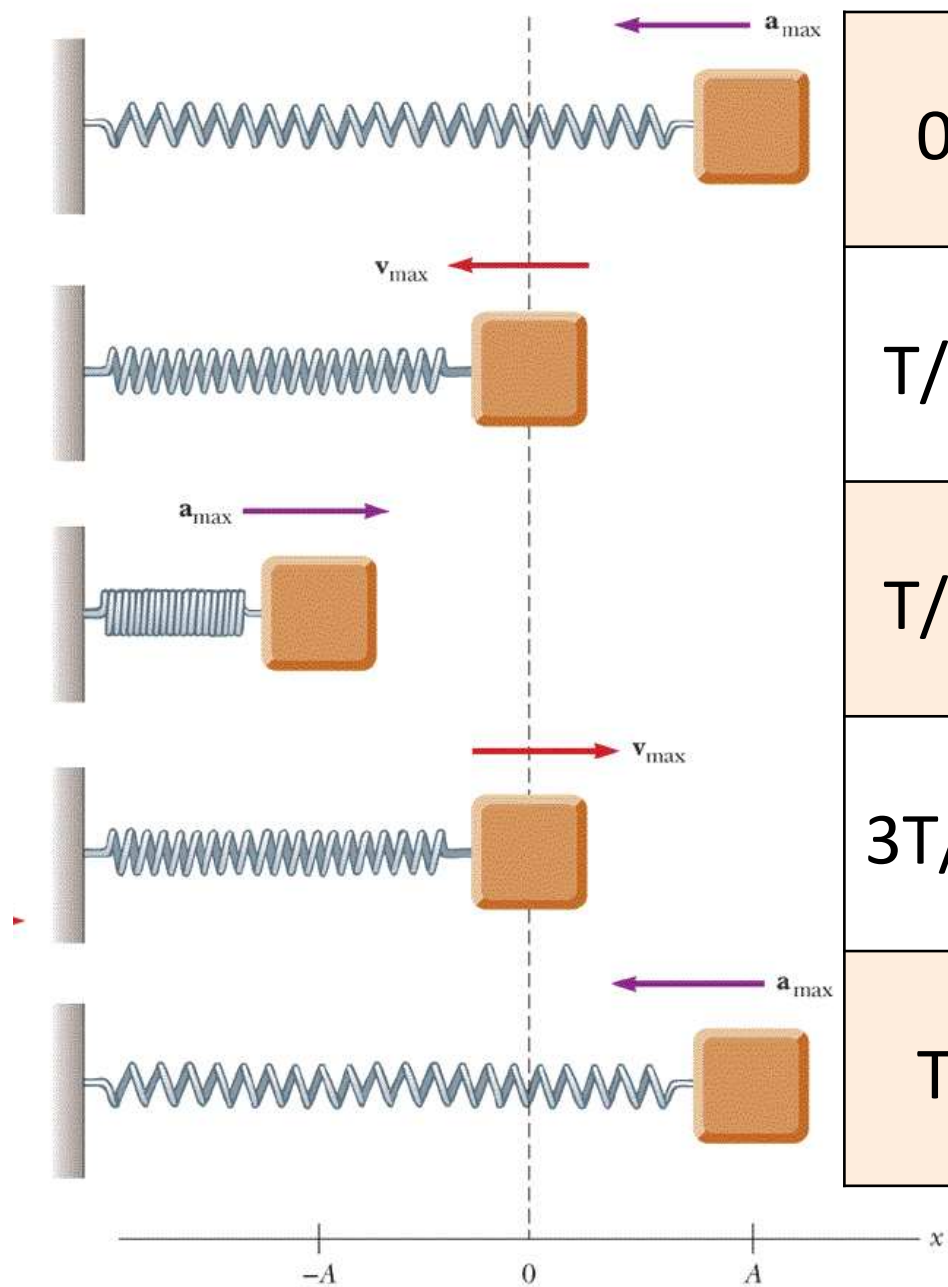
$$E = U + K$$

At zero position, the particle has maximum speed and spring is unstretched

$$E = 0 + K = \frac{1}{2}mv_{max}^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}kA^2$$

**Energy is proportional to the amplitude squared!**



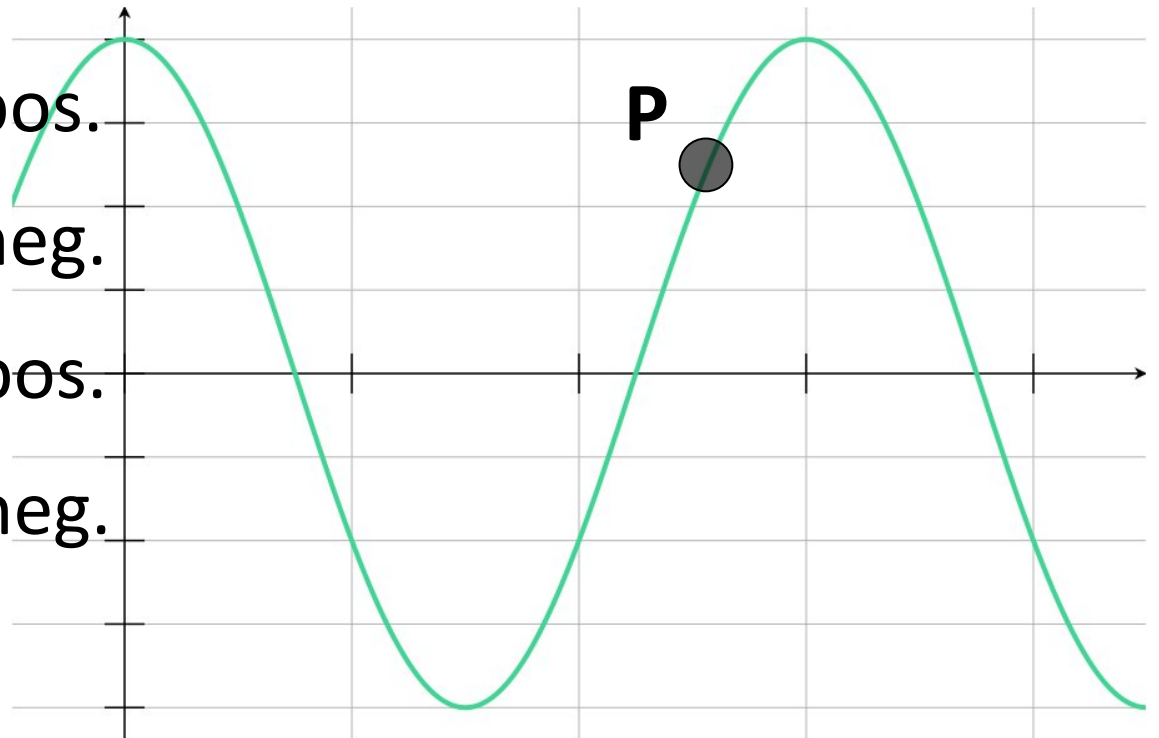
$t$	$x$	$v$	$a$	KE	PE
0	$A$	0	$-A\omega^2$	0	$\frac{1}{2}kA^2$
$T/4$	0	$-A\omega$	0	$\frac{1}{2}kA^2$	0
$T/2$	$-A$	0	$A\omega^2$	0	$\frac{1}{2}kA^2$
$3T/4$	0	$A\omega$	0	$\frac{1}{2}kA^2$	0
$T$	$A$	0	$-A\omega^2$	0	$\frac{1}{2}kA^2$



## Clickers

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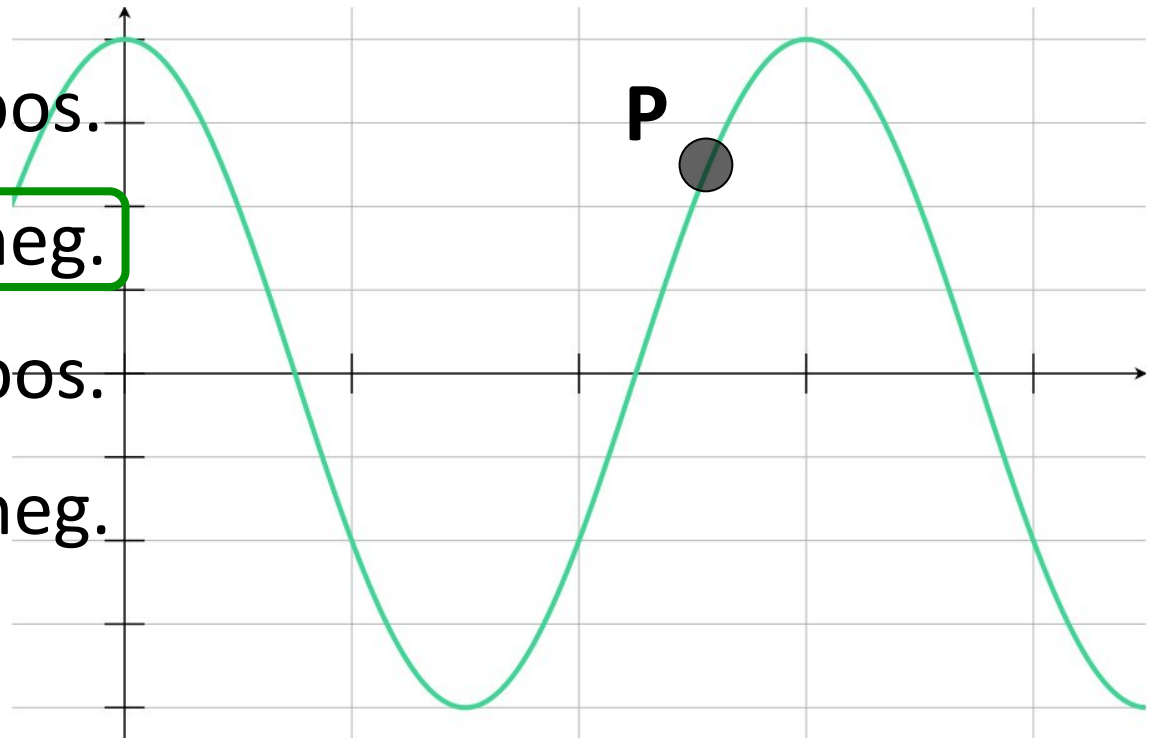
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If  $A=3m$ , then the max and min positions are at  $+3m$  and  $-3m$ . One cycle means it goes from:

Max to Zero

Zero to Min

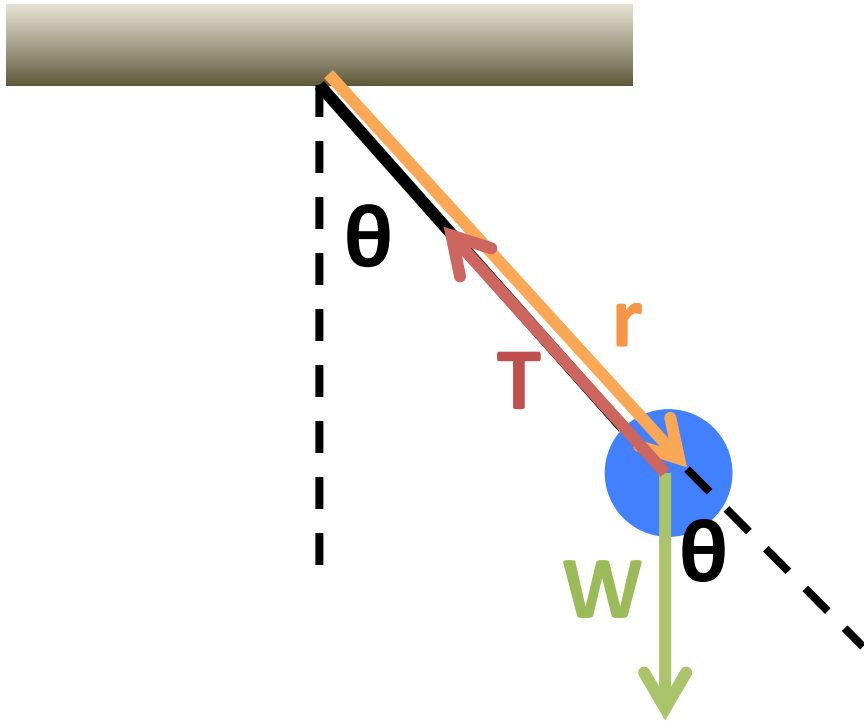
Min to Zero

Zero to Max

which is a total distance of  $4A = 12m$ .



# Simple Pendulum



$$\sum \vec{\tau} = I\vec{\alpha}$$

$$\sum \vec{\tau} = (\vec{r} \times \vec{T}) + (\vec{r} \times \vec{F}_g)$$

$$\tau_{net} = Lmg \sin(\theta)$$

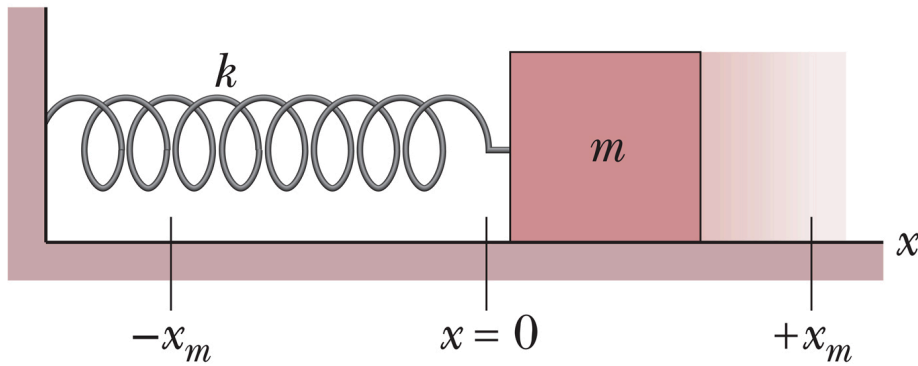
$$Lmg \sin(\theta) = I\alpha = mL^2 \cdot -\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

In general, this does not have a neat solution. So we say that we will keep the angle small.

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

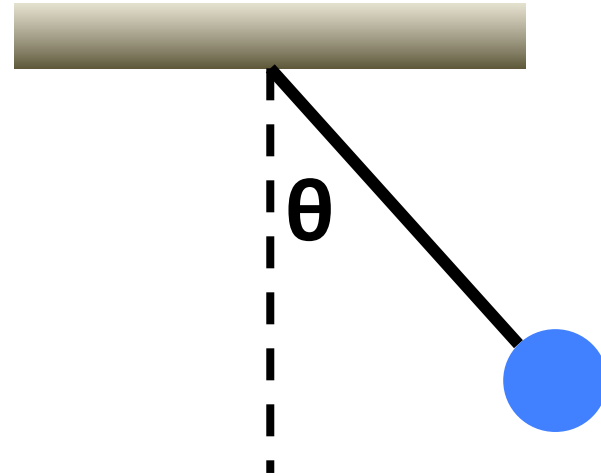
$$\sin(\theta) \approx \theta \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{L} \theta$$

# Pendulum vs. Spring



$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x$$

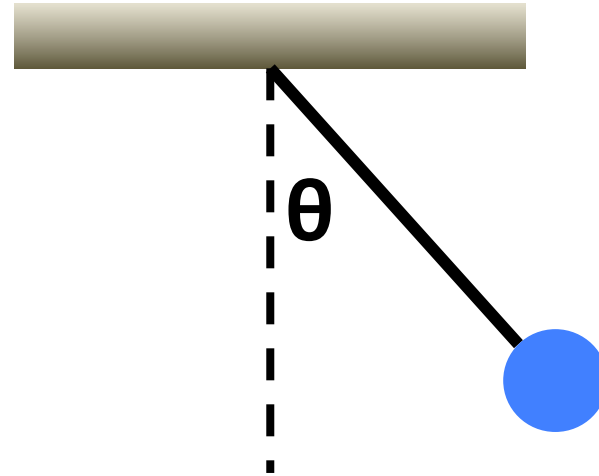
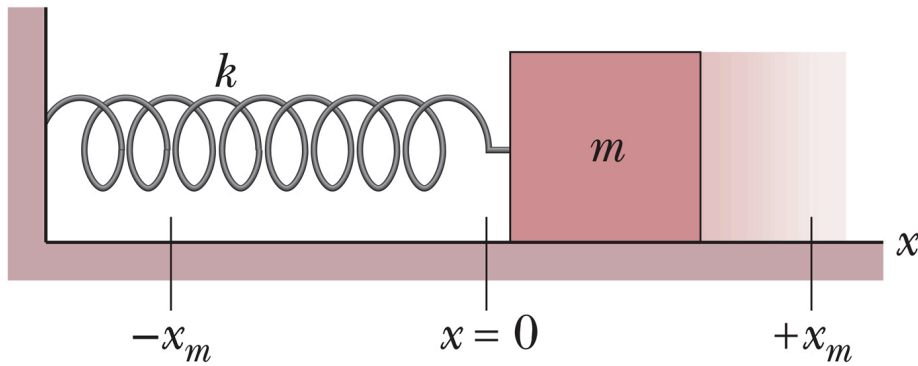
$$x(t) = A \cos\left(\sqrt{k/m} t + \delta\right)$$



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$$\theta(t) = \theta_{max} \cos\left(\sqrt{g/L} t + \delta\right)$$

# Pendulum vs. Spring



$$x(t) = A \cos\left(\sqrt{k/m} t + \delta\right)$$

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

$$\theta(t) = \theta_{max} \cos\left(\sqrt{g/L} t + \delta\right)$$

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

***Period of oscillations is independent of the amplitude!***

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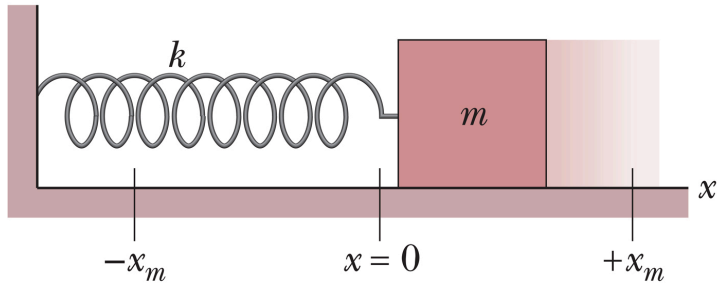
"The beauty of this is that it is only of theoretical importance, and there is no way it can be of any practical use whatsoever."

## **Chapter 15: Oscillations**

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# Simple Harmonic Motion

## Mass/Spring

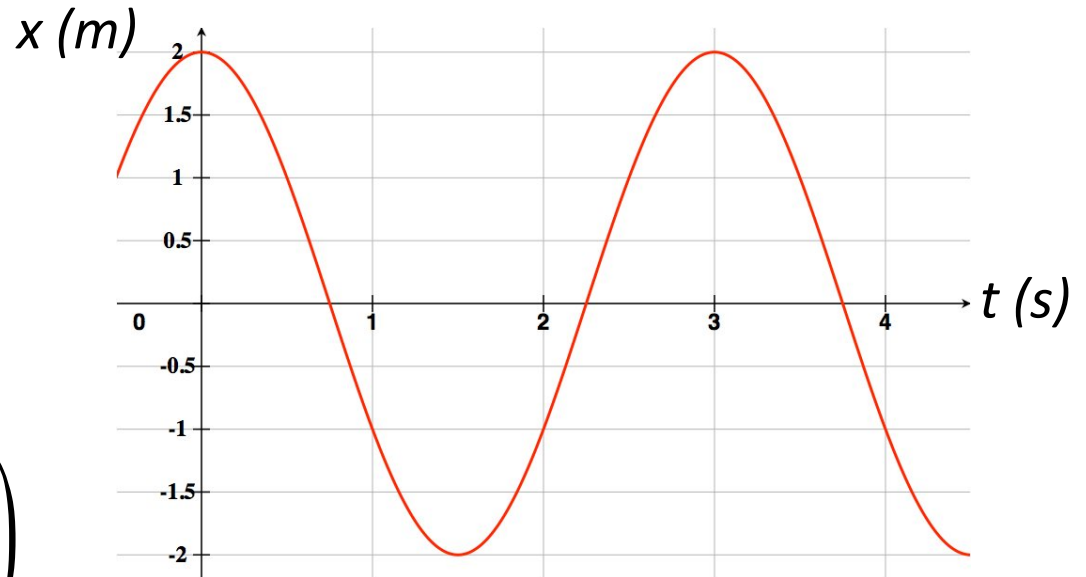


$$x(t) = A \cos\left(\sqrt{k/m} t + \delta\right)$$

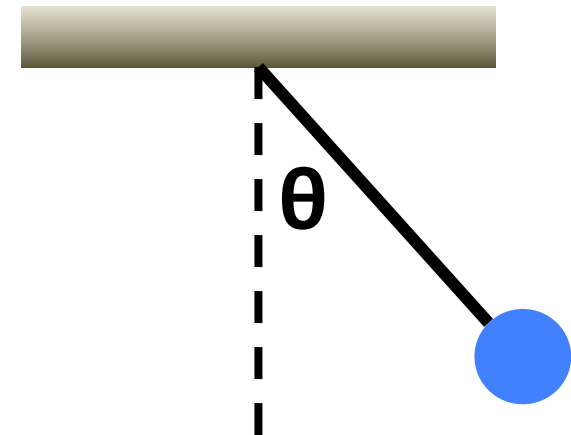
$$F = -kx$$

$$\tau \approx -Lmg\theta$$

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## Pendulum



# Torsion Pendulum

$$\sum \vec{\tau} = I\vec{\alpha} \qquad \tau_{net} = -\kappa \theta$$

We say that the twisting of the wire produces a torque on the disc with this form. This is true for most things like springs and wires as long as the angle is small.

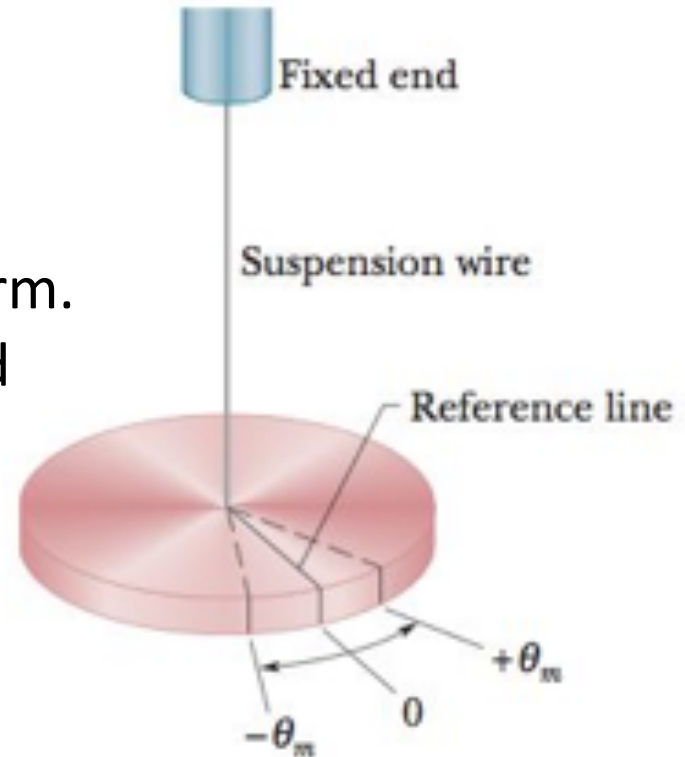
$$I\alpha = -I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

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

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{\kappa}{I}\theta$$

No small angle approximation is needed, unless we twist the support so much it starts to deform.

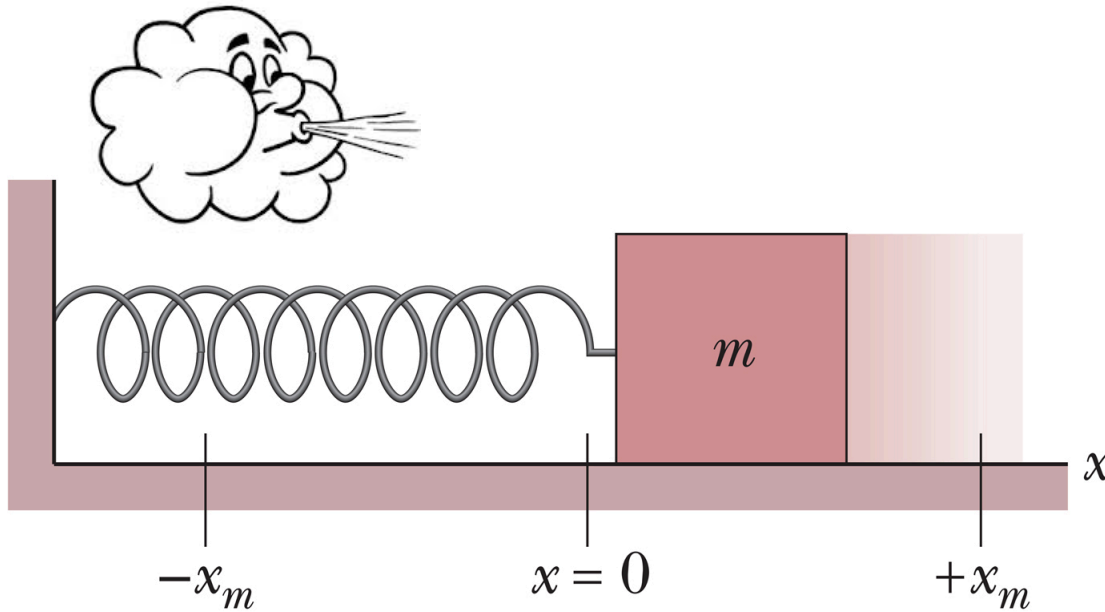
$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{\kappa}}$$



A torsional pendulum with linear oscillations as well:

[Wilberforce Pendulum - YouTube](#)

# Damped Oscillations

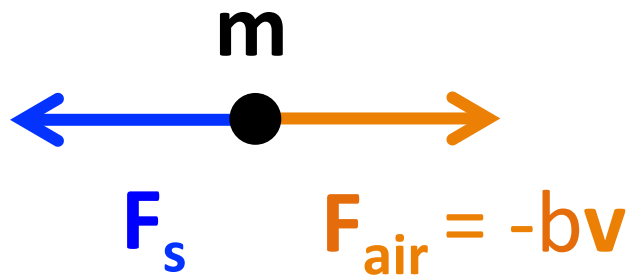


$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

$$\sum F_x = ma_x$$

$$-kx - bv = ma$$

**FBD:**



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

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x - \left(\frac{b}{m}\right)\frac{dx}{dt}$$

# Damped Oscillations

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x - \left(\frac{b}{m}\right)\frac{dx}{dt}$$

Another differential equation...

We still guess a solution, but it is probably not obvious what form for  $x(t)$  to guess.

If we limit this to cases where  $(b/2m)^2 < (k/m)$ , then the solution is:

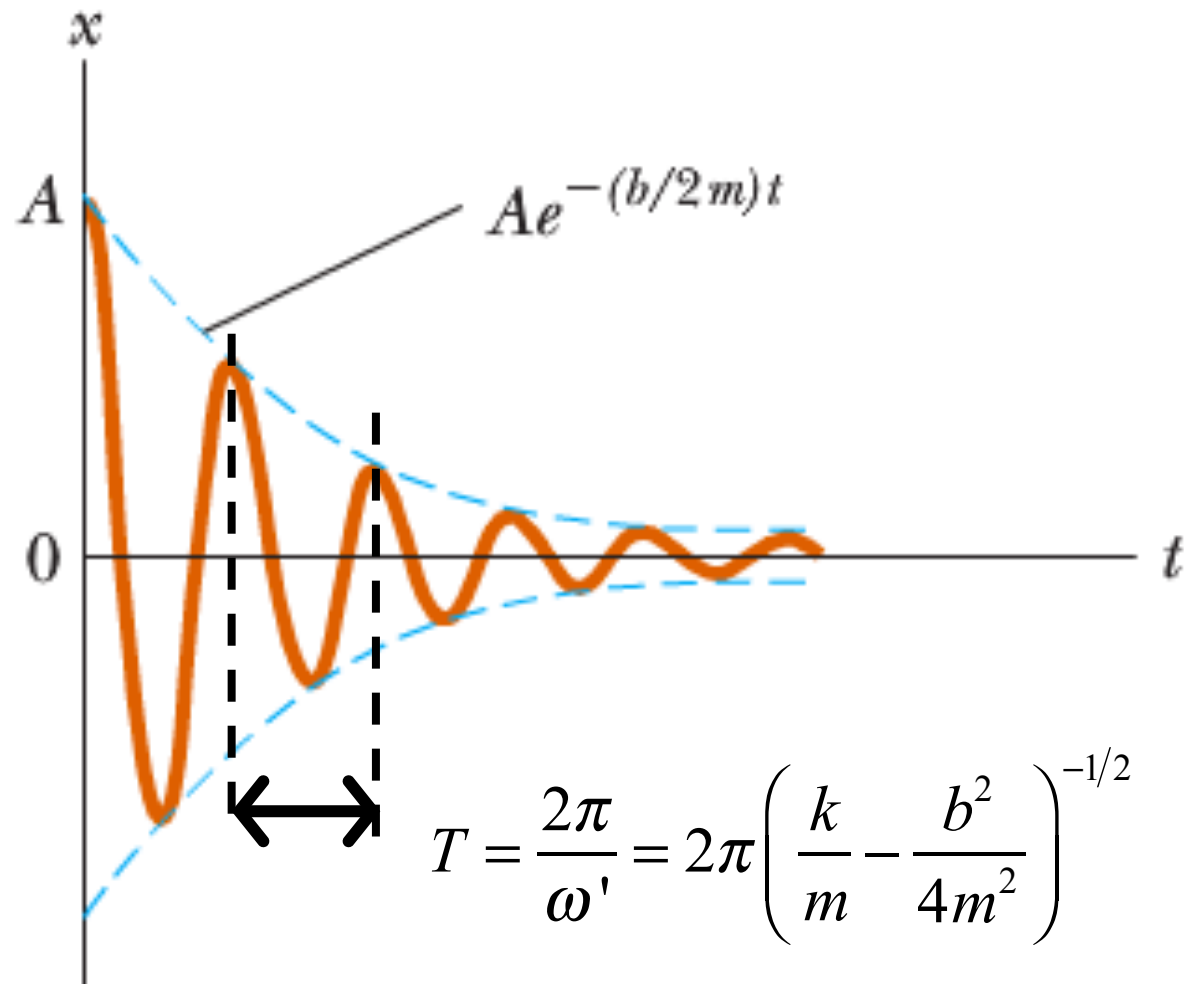
$$x(t) = Ae^{-\left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)t} \cos(\omega' t + \delta)$$

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$$



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1. This looks like regular undamped SHM, but with an amplitude that decays in time, as we might expect.
2. If  $b$  is zero, then we get back the same equations as for undamped SHM.
3. Energy of the oscillator is not constant, but decays in time roughly as:

$$E \approx \frac{1}{2}k(\textit{Amplitude})^2 \approx \frac{1}{2}kA^2 e^{-\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)t}$$

# Quality Factor: Q

$$Q = \frac{\sqrt{km}}{b}$$

- A measure of how “damped” the system is:
- High Q  $\rightarrow$  Low Damping
- Dimensionless (no units)

Using  $E = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 e^{-\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)t}$

Can show the change in energy over one cycle is

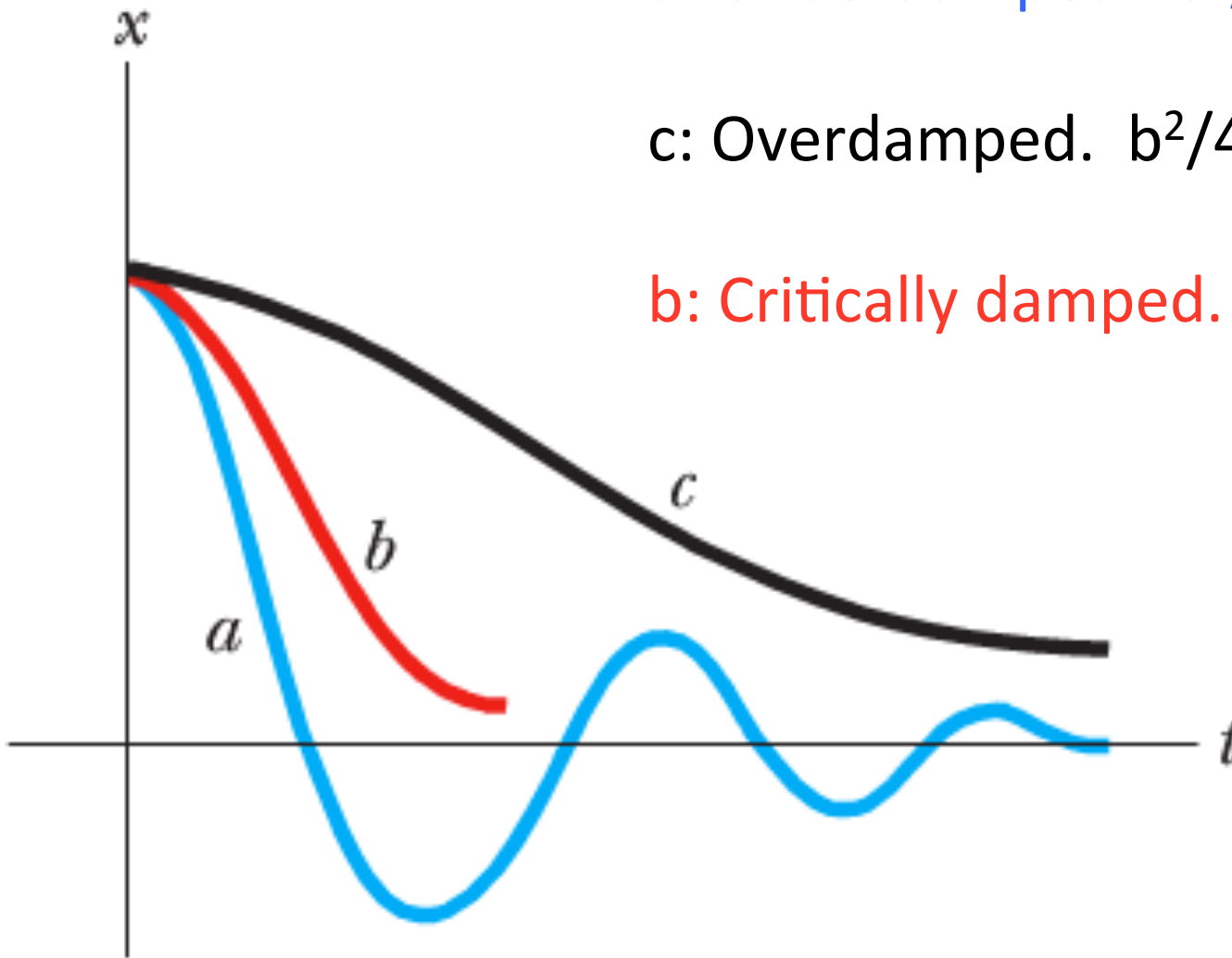
$$\Delta E_{1 \rightarrow 2} \approx \frac{2\pi}{Q} E_1 \quad \text{High Q} \rightarrow \text{Low energy loss}$$

# Damped Oscillations

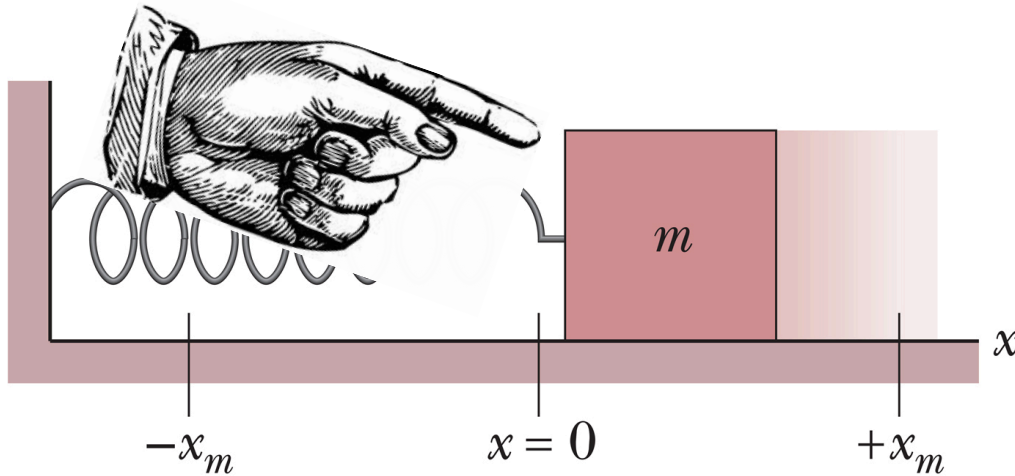
a: Underdamped.  $b^2/4m^2 < k/m$

c: Overdamped.  $b^2/4m^2 > k/m$

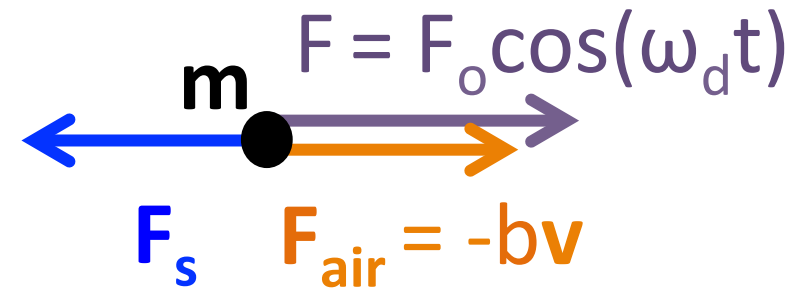
b: Critically damped.  $b^2/4m^2 = k/m$



# Forced Oscillations



**FBD:**



$$\sum F_x = ma_x \quad -kx + -bv + F_o \cos(\omega_d t) = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

Note that there are 2 frequencies in this system:

$$\omega_d \text{ and } \omega_o = \sqrt{k/m}$$

# Forced Oscillations

If the external force has been applied for a long time, then  $x(t)$  for the mass will be:

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega_d t + \delta)$$

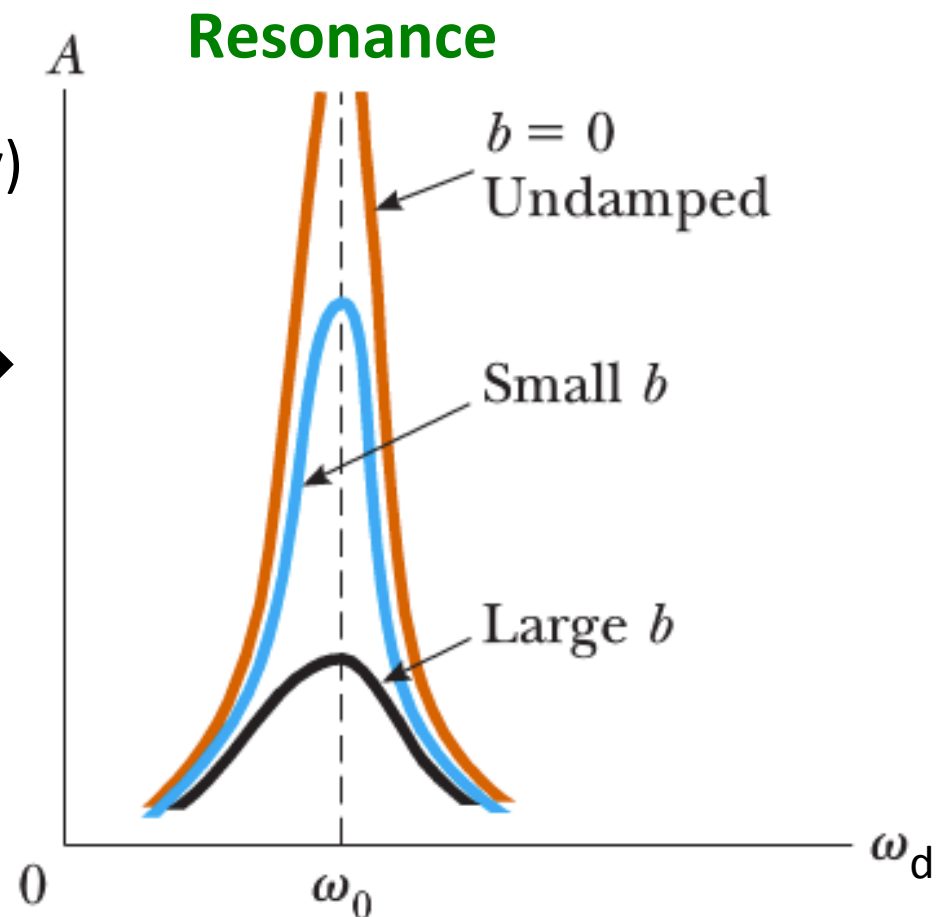
( $\omega_d$  is the external driving frequency)

Amplitude depends on the external driving frequency



If we drive the spring at the its “natural” frequency  $\omega_o = \sqrt{k/m}$ , then the amplitude of oscillation becomes large.

Amplitude  $\approx Q$



# Tacoma Narrows Bridge



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-zczJXSxnw>