## Action for harmonic osillator: Misprint in Feynman book?

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Consider Lagrangian of harmonic osillator:

$$L = \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2} - \frac{mw^2x^2}{2} \,,$$

and calculate  $S(x_1, t_1; x_0, t_0)$ 

First write down the path x(t) which

- i) obeys the differential equation  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega^x = 0$
- ii) and it obeys the boundary condition  $x(t_0) = x_0$  and  $x(t_1) = x_1$ .

One can see that this path is

$$x(t) = \frac{x_1 \sin \omega (t - t_0) - x_0 \sin \omega (t - t_1)}{\sin \omega (t_1 - t_0)}.$$

Respectively for velocity we have

$$v(t) = \omega \frac{x_1 \cos \omega (t - t_0) - x_0 \cos \omega (t - t_1)}{\sin \omega (t_1 - t_0)}.$$

Thus we have for Lagrangian

$$L(t) = \left(\frac{mv^2}{2} - \frac{mw^2x^2}{2}\right)_{x=x(t),v=v(t)} = \frac{m\omega^2}{2\sin^2\omega(t_1 - t_0)} \times \left[ (x_1\cos\omega(t - t_0) - x_0\cos\omega(t - t_1))^2 - (x_1\sin\omega(t - t_0) - x_0\sin\omega(t - t_1))^2 \right] = \frac{m\omega^2}{2\sin^2\omega(t_1 - t_0)} \left[ x_1^2\cos2\omega(t - t_0) + x_0^2\cos2\omega(t - t_1) - 2x_1x_0\cos2\omega\left(t - \frac{t_0 + t_1}{2}\right) \right].$$

Finally we have that

$$S(x_1, t_1; x_0, t_0) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left( \frac{mv^2}{2} - \frac{mw^2x^2}{2} \right)_{x=x(t), v=v(t)} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} L(t)dt = \frac{m\omega^2}{2\sin^2\omega(t_1 - t_0)} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} dt \left[ x_1^2\cos 2\omega(t - t_0) + x_0^2\cos 2\omega(t - t_1) - 2x_1x_0\cos 2\omega\left(t - \frac{t_0 + t_1}{2}\right) \right] = \frac{m\omega^2}{2\sin^2\omega(t_1 - t_0)} \left[ \left( x_1^2 + x_0^2 \right) \frac{\sin 2\omega(t_1 - t_0)}{2\omega} - 2x_1x_0 \frac{\sin \omega(t_1 - t_0)}{\omega} \right] = \frac{m\omega}{2\sin \omega(t_1 - t_0)} \left[ \left( x_1^2 + x_0^2 \right) \cos \omega(t_1 - t_0) - 2x_1x_0 \right].$$

Comparing with the book of Feynman we see the typos???