

## Chapter 15: Oscillations

### 15-1 Simple Harmonic Motion :

#### Periodic Motion :

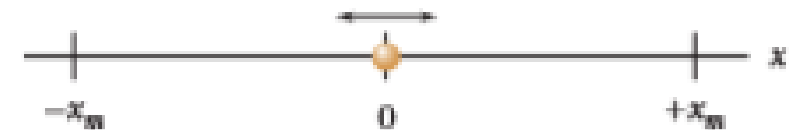
If the **motion** of a body is such that it crosses from the **same direction** a particular point in its path of motion at **regular interval**, then the motion is called **periodic motion or harmonic motion**

#### 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  $\omega$ .
- Time**: points to  $t$ .
- Phase constant or phase angle**: points to  $\phi$ .
- 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 :

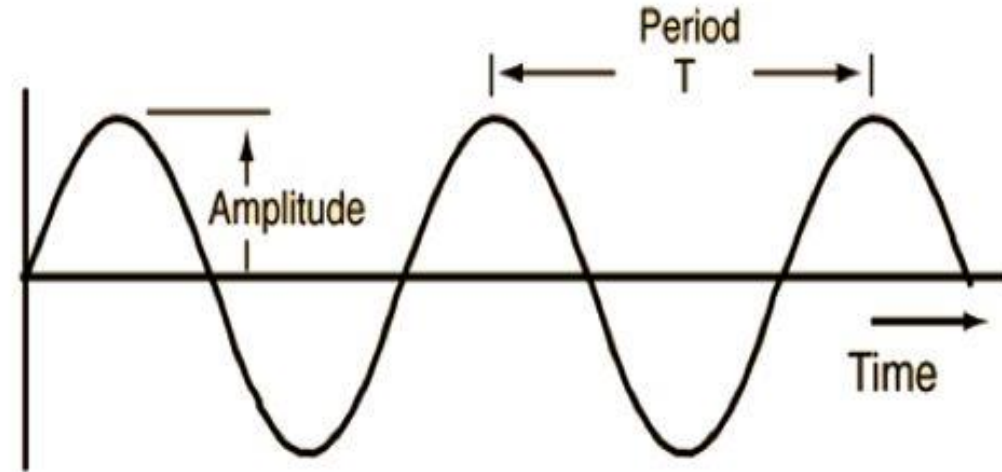
The frequency  $f$  of the oscillation is the number of times per second that it completes a full oscillation (a cycle) and has the unit of hertz (abbreviated Hz),

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

## 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  $t=t$

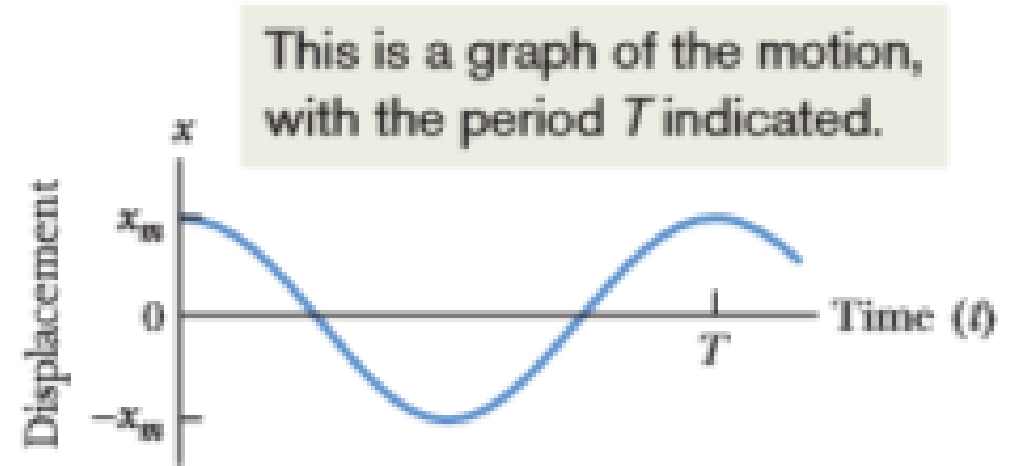
$$x_1 = x_m \cos \omega t$$

At  $t = t+T$

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

$$x_1 = x_2$$

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



The cosine function first repeats itself when its argument (the phase , remember) has increased by  $2\pi$  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**.

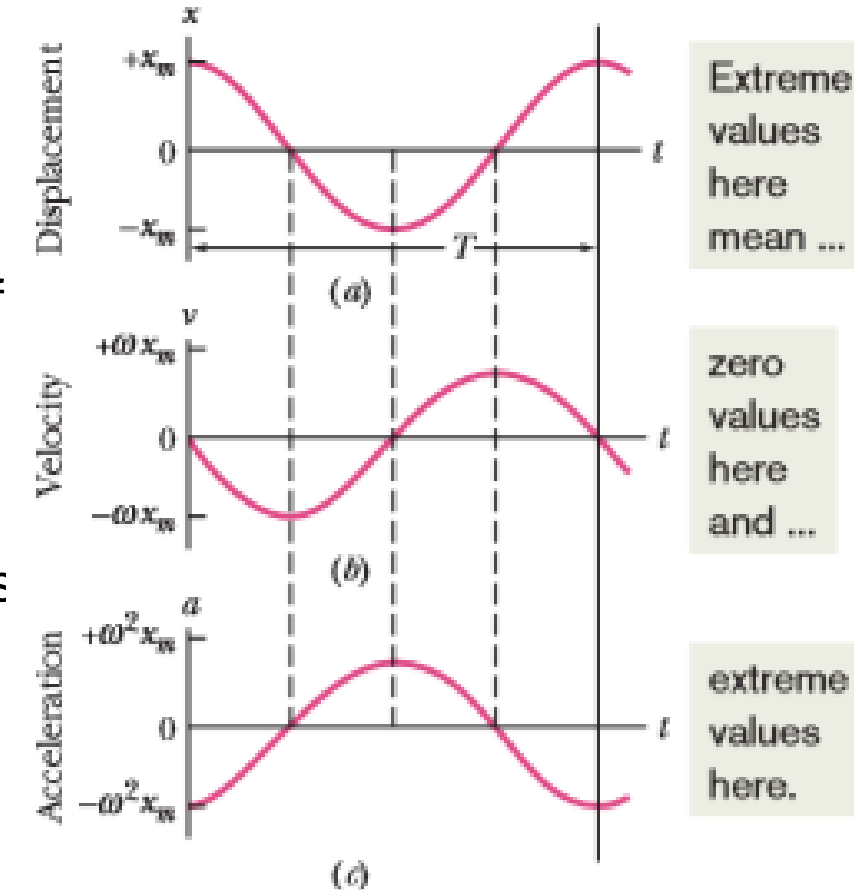
**The Velocity of SHM** :To find the velocity  $v(t)$  as a function of time , let's take a time derivative of the position function  $x(t)$  in Eq. 1 :

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

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

- 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 +  $\omega x_m$  and -  $\omega x_m$ . We say that  $\omega x_m$  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:

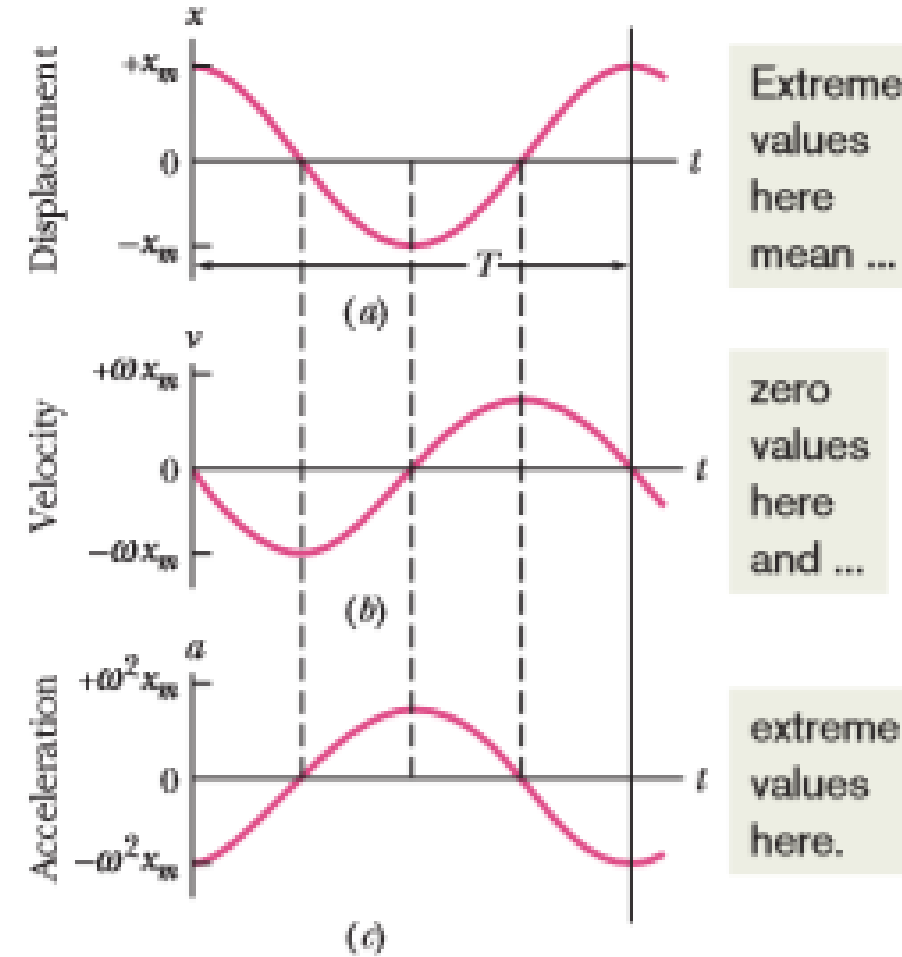
$$a(t) = \frac{d}{dt} v(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [-\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)]$$

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

➤ 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.



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

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

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

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

***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  $\omega$ .***

## 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.

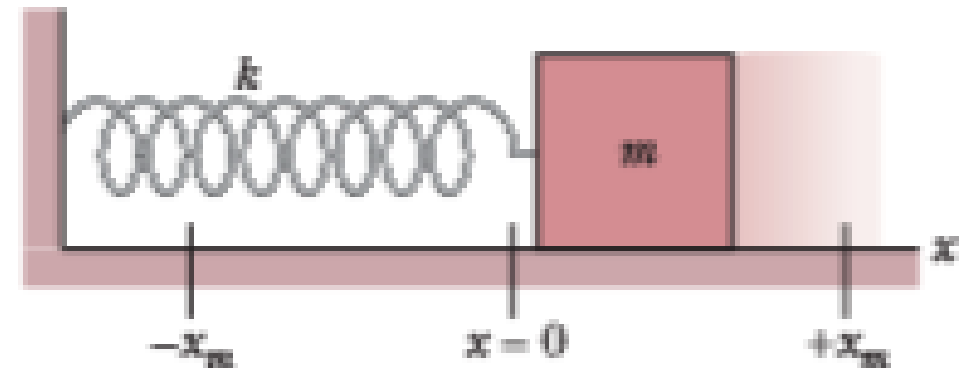
That is , in SHM the force is a **restoring force** in the sense that **it fights against the displacement** , attempting **to restore the particle to the center point at  $x = 0$**  .

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  $0.500\text{ kg}$  connected to a spring. When set into oscillation with amplitude  $35.0\text{ cm}$ , the oscillator repeats its motion every  $0.500\text{ s}$ . 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 oscillation]

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

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

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

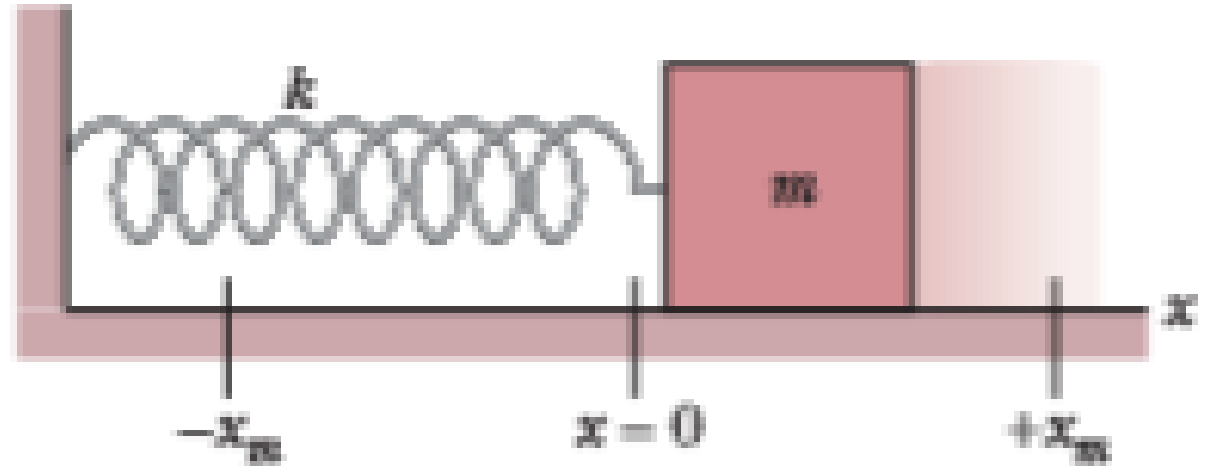
(e)  $v(t) = -\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$

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

(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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