

Lecture 15

Simple Harmonic Motion and Uniform Circular Motion:

Simple harmonic motion is the **projection** of **uniform circular motion** on a **diameter** of the circle in which the circular motion occurs.

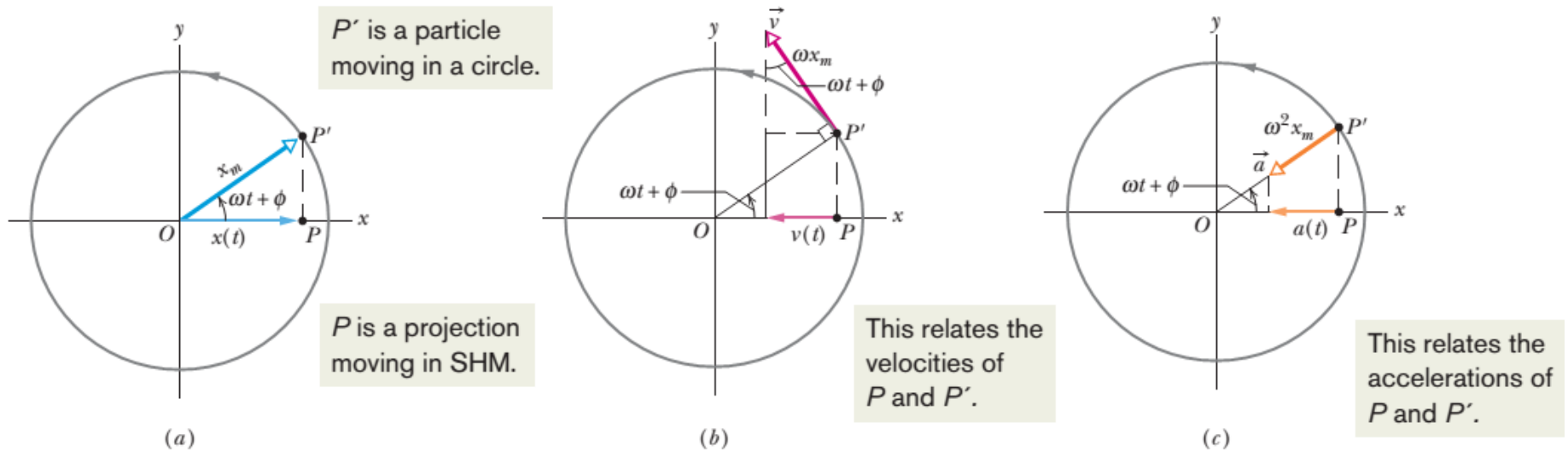
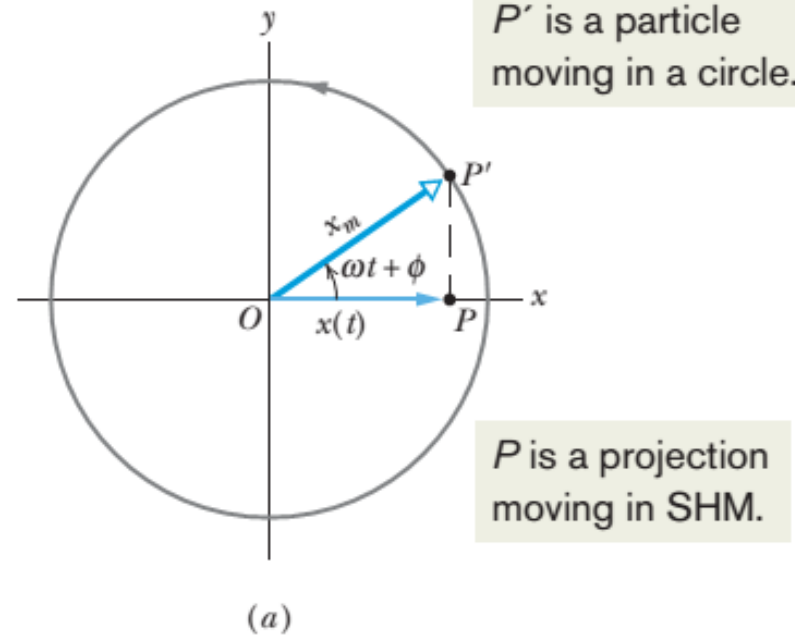


Figure 15-15 (a) A reference particle P' moving with uniform circular motion in a reference circle of radius x_m . Its projection P on the x axis executes simple harmonic motion. (b) The projection of the velocity of the reference particle is the velocity of SHM. (c) The projection of the radial acceleration of the reference particle is the acceleration of SHM.

Fig. a gives an example. It shows a reference particle P' moving in uniform circular motion with (constant) angular speed ω in a reference circle. The radius x_m of the circle is the magnitude of the **particle's position vector**. At any time t , the angular position of the particle is $\omega t + \phi$, where ϕ is its angular position at $t = 0$.



Position: The projection of particle P' onto the x axis is a point P , which we take to be a second particle. The **projection of the position vector of particle P'** onto the x axis gives the location $x(t)$ of P . Thus, we find $\cos(\omega t + \phi) = \frac{x(t)}{x_m}$

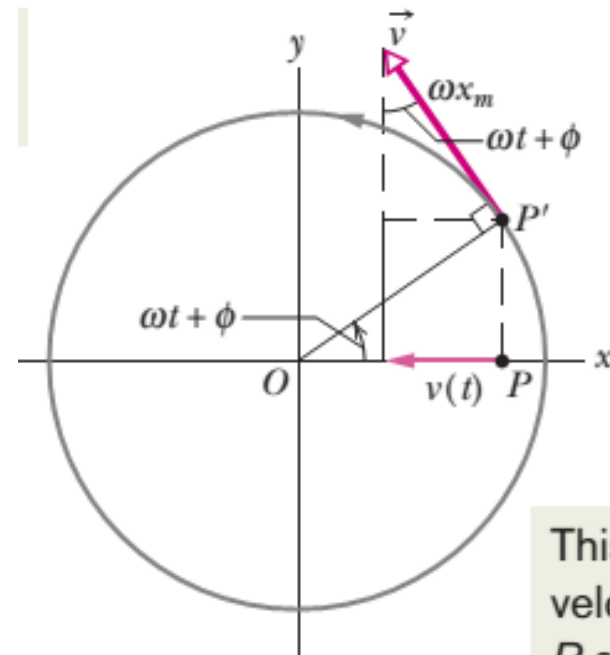
$$x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

If reference particle P' , in **uniform circular motion**, its **projection particle P moves in simple harmonic motion** along a **diameter** of the circle.

Velocity: Figure b shows the velocity \vec{v} of the reference particle. From the relation $\vec{v} = \omega \vec{r}$, the magnitude of the **velocity vector** is ωx_m ; its **projection**

on the x axis is $\sin(\omega t + \phi) = \frac{-v(t)}{\omega x_m}$ $v(t) = -\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)$

The **minus sign** appears because the **velocity component of P** in Fig. b is directed to the **left**, in the negative direction of x.



This relates the velocities of P and P'.

(b)

Acceleration: Fig. c shows the **radial acceleration** \vec{a} of the reference particle. From the relation $a_r = \omega^2 r$, the magnitude of the **radial acceleration**

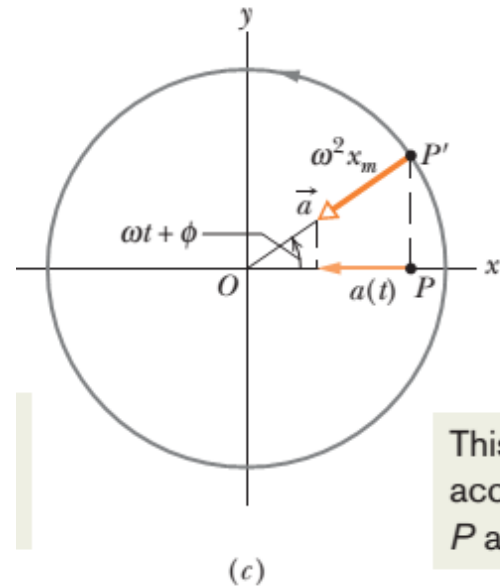
vector is $\omega^2 x_m$; its projection on the x axis is $\cos(\omega t + \varphi) = \frac{-a(t)}{\omega^2 x_m}$

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

Thus, whether we look at the **displacement**, the **velocity**, or the **acceleration**, the **projection of uniform circular motion** is indeed **simple harmonic motion**.

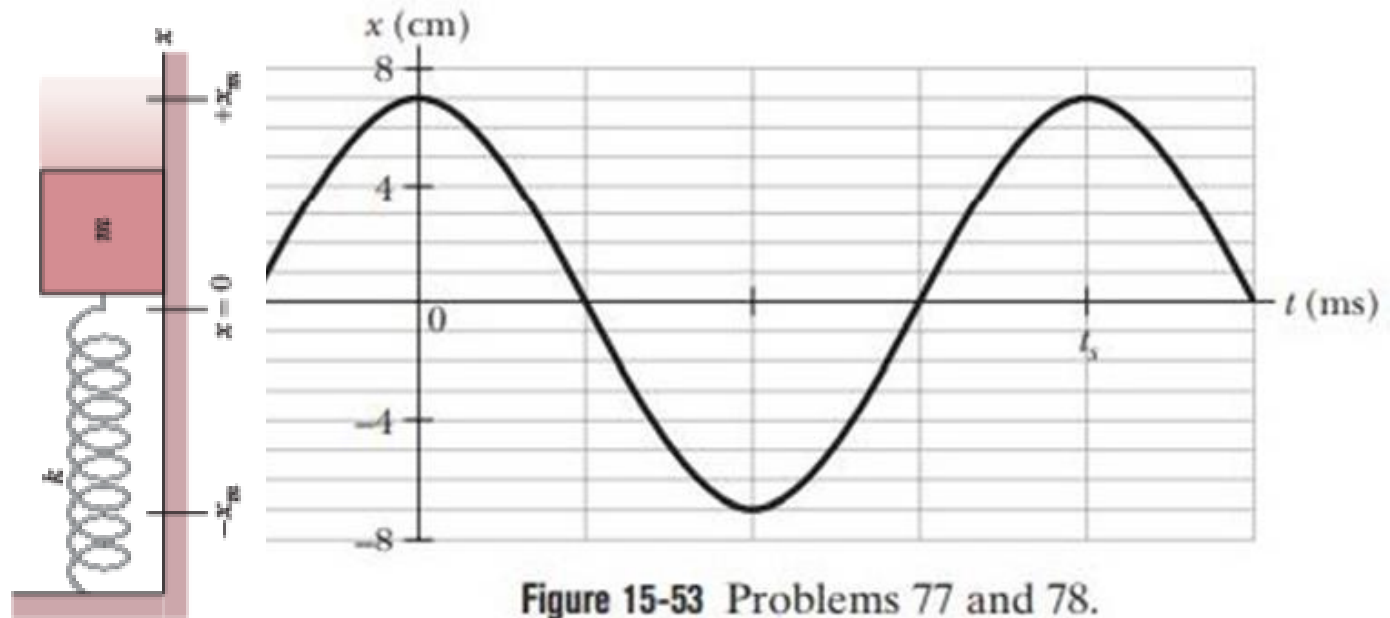
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This relates the accelerations of P and P' .

77: Figure 15-53 gives the position of a 20 g block oscillating in SHM on the end of a spring. The horizontal axis scale is set by $t_s = 40.0$ ms. What are (a) the maximum kinetic energy of the block and (b) the number of times per second that maximum is reached? (Hint: Measuring a slope will probably not be very accurate. Find another approach)



$$m = 20 \text{ gm} = 0.020 \text{ kg}$$

$$x_m = 7 \text{ cm} = 0.07 \text{ m}$$

$$T = t_s = 40 \text{ ms} = 0.040 \text{ s}$$

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

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

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

$$V_m = \omega x_m$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{0.040} = 157.08 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$(a) K_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} m v_m^2 = \frac{1}{2} m (\omega x_m)^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x_m^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (0.020) (157.08)^2 (0.07)^2$$

$$= 1.20 \text{ J}$$

$$(b) f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{0.040} = 25 \text{ Hz} \quad \text{or [25 cycles per s]}$$

From figures:

1 cycle per second = 1 Hz , the maximum KE is reached 2 times

25 cycles per second = 25 Hz , the maximum KE is reached 2x25 times or 50 times

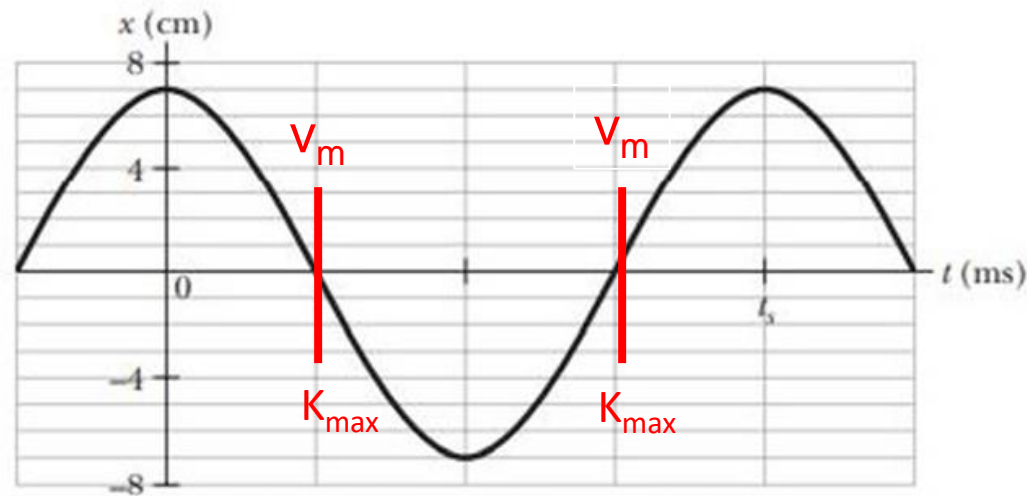
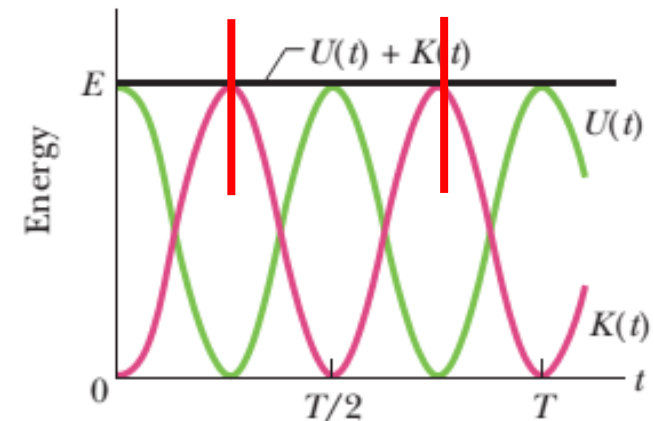
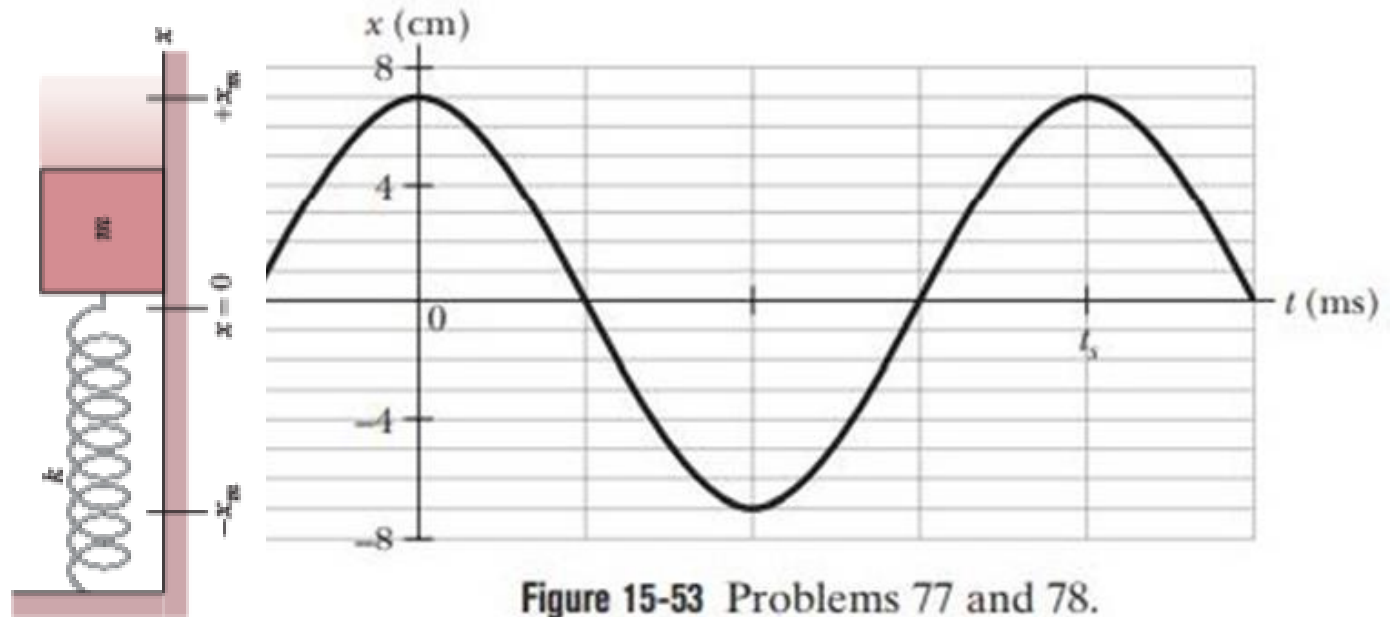


Figure 15-53 Problems 77 and 78.



78: Figure 15-53 gives the position $x(t)$ of a block oscillating in SHM on the end of a spring ($t_s = 40.0$ ms). What are (a) the speed and (b) the magnitude of the radial acceleration of a particle in the corresponding uniform circular motion?



$$x_m = 7 \text{ cm} = 0.07 \text{ m}$$

$$T = 40 \text{ ms} = 0.040 \text{ s}$$

$$(a) \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{0.040} = 157.08 \text{ rad/s}$$

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

$$v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \{x_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi)\}$$
$$= -\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

Speed for uniform circular motion,

$$v_m = \omega x_m = 157.08 (0.07) = 10.99 \text{ m/s}$$

$$[v = \omega r] \quad [r = x_m]$$

$$(b) a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \{-\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi)\} = -\omega^2 x_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$

Radial acceleration for uniform circular motion,

$$a_m = \omega^2 x_m = (157.08)^2 (0.07) = 1727.19 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$[a_r = \omega^2 r] \quad [r = x_m]$$