

Part I: Hooke's Law

the physics of springs



Hooke's Law: physics of springs

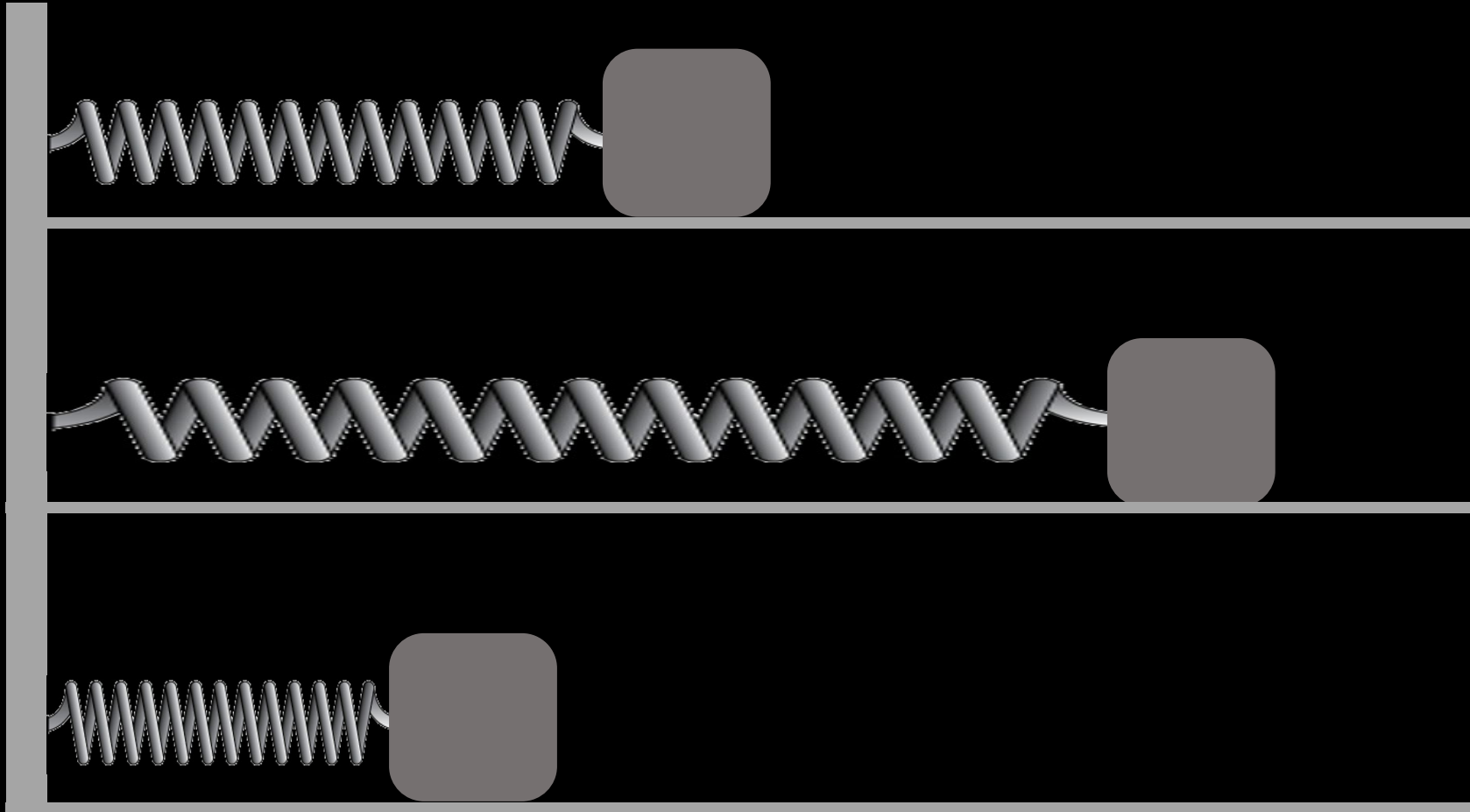
What do you know about the behavior of springs? What are the important properties of springs? (open discussion)

Consider a spring, one end firmly attached to a wall, and the other of object of mass m that is free to move.

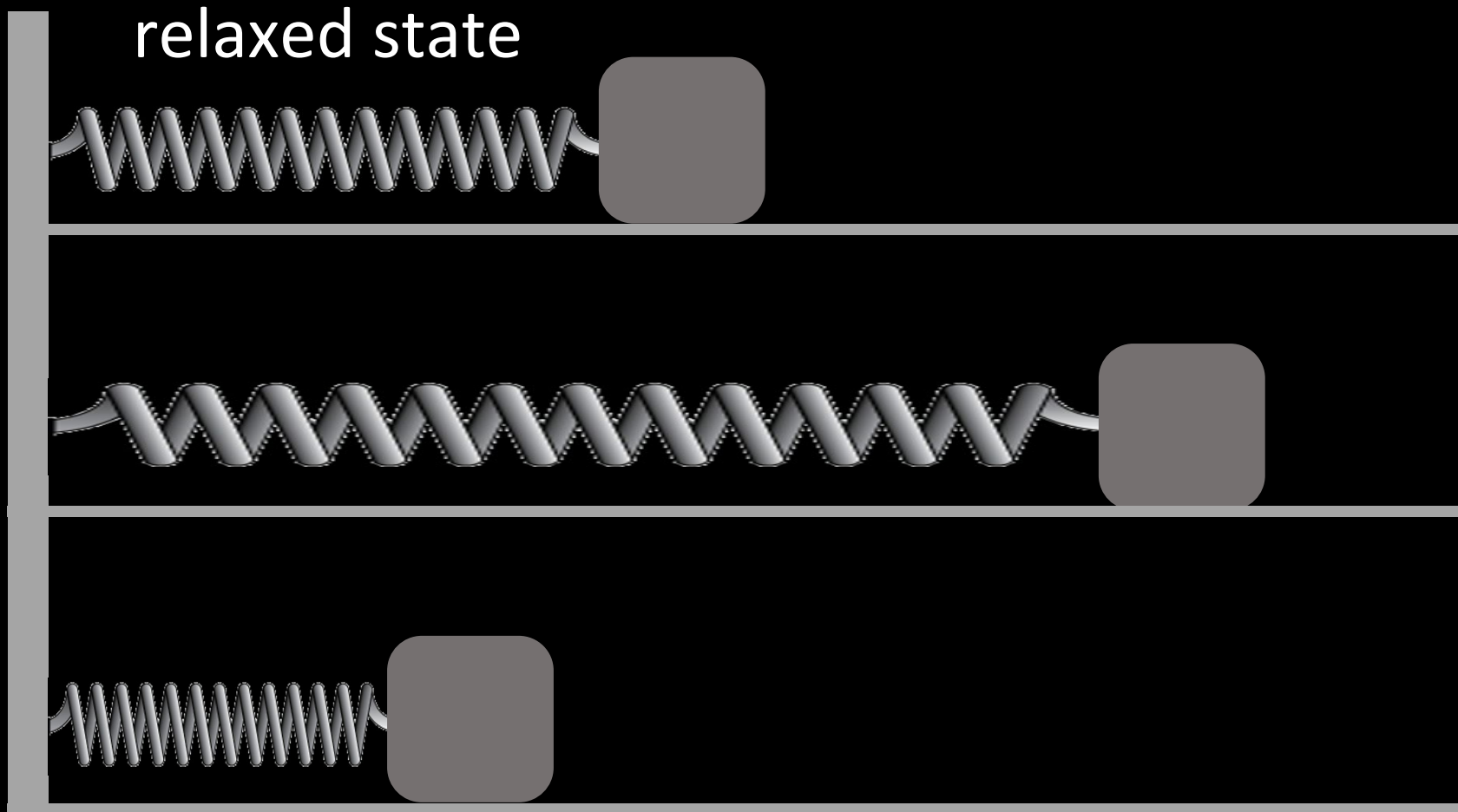
Under what conditions will the spring act on the mass?



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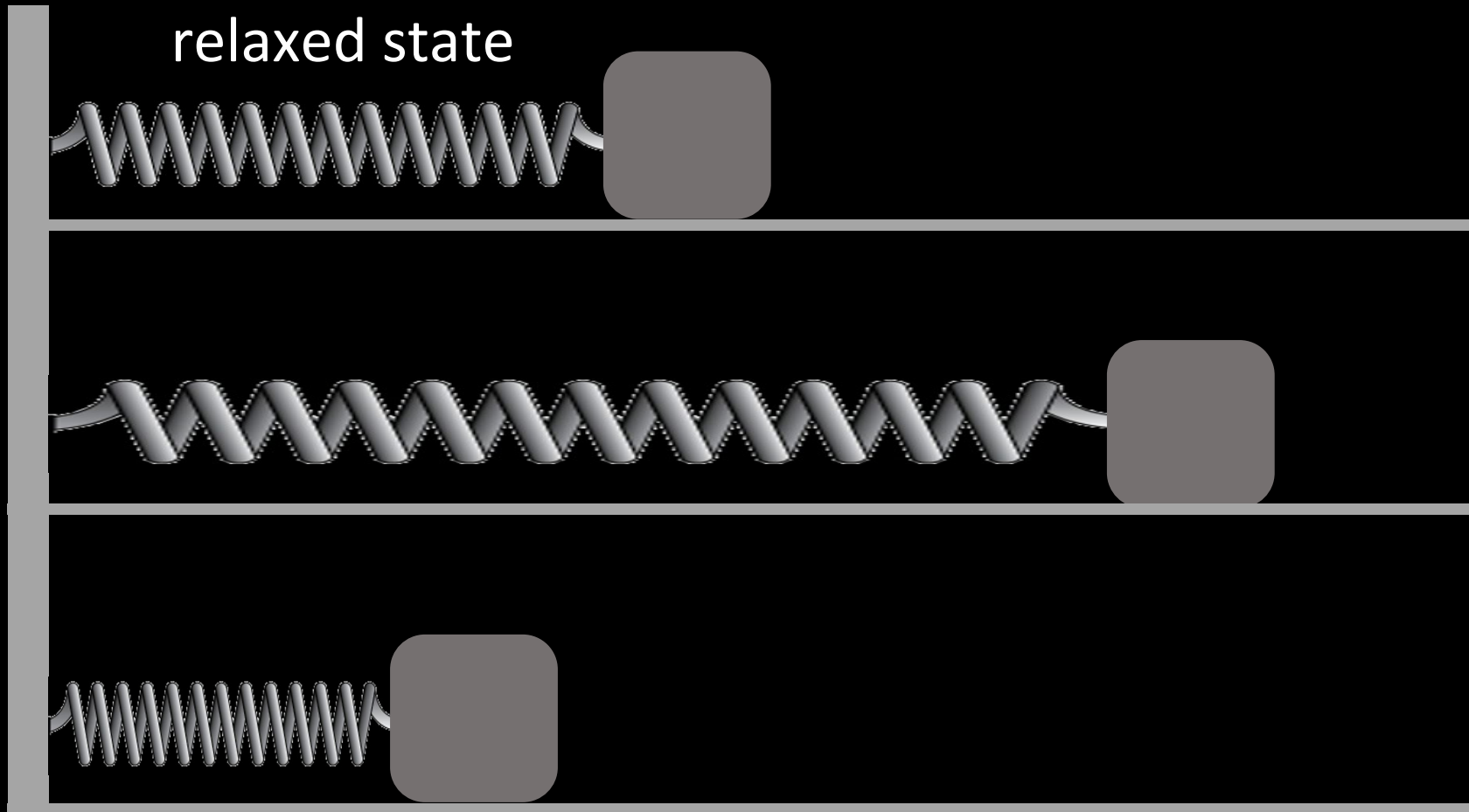


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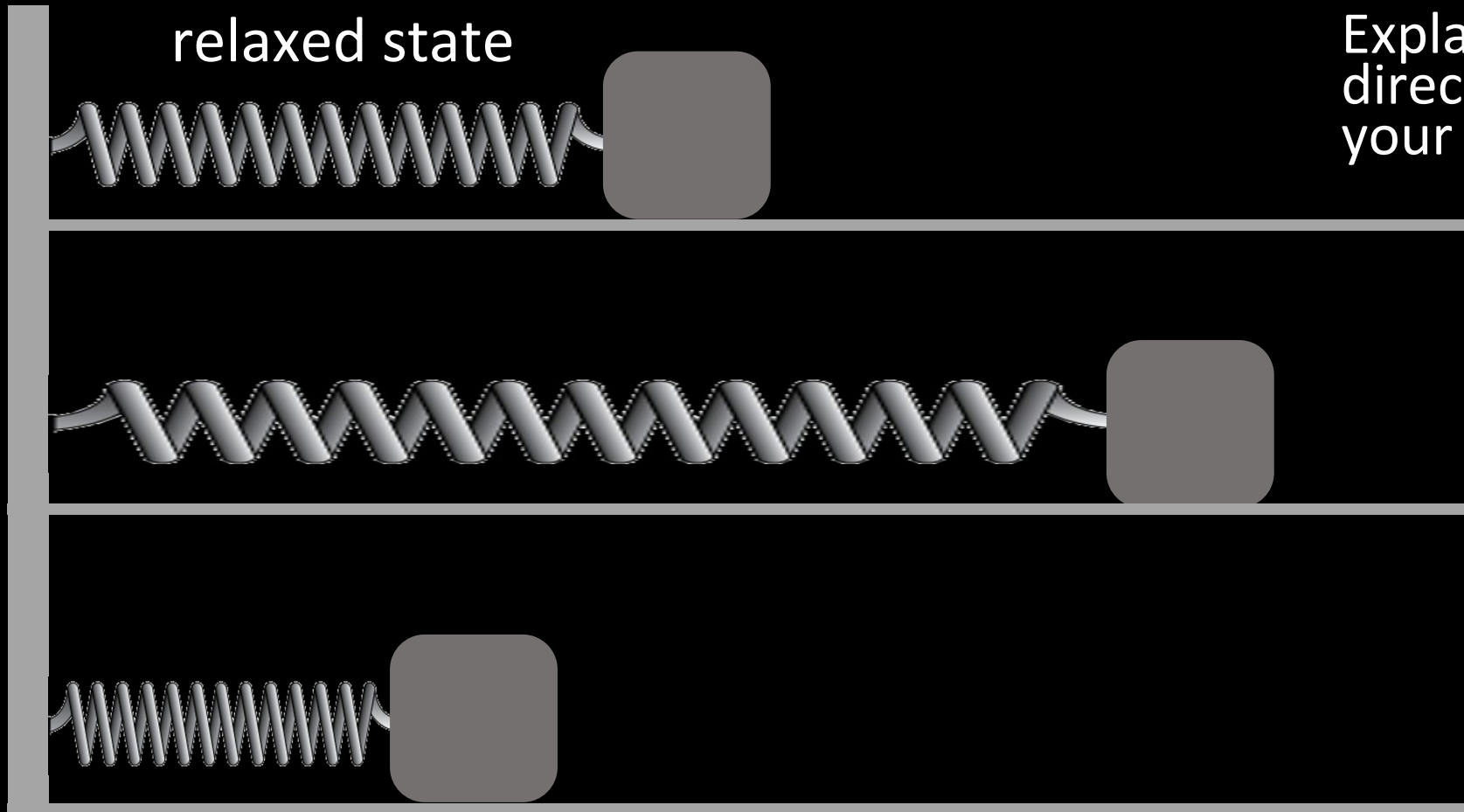
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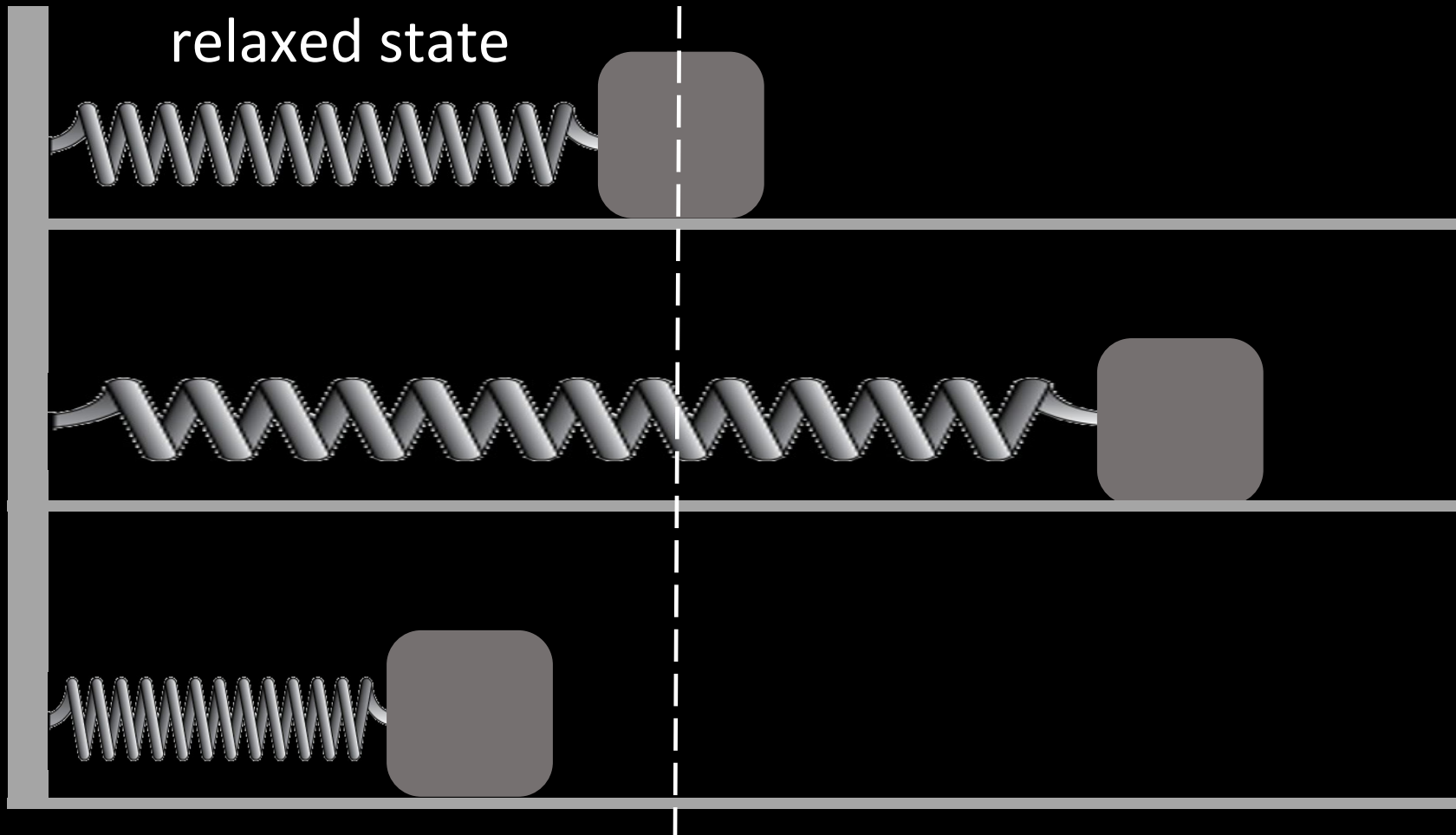
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Explain how you chose the direction, and relative sizes of your force vectors.

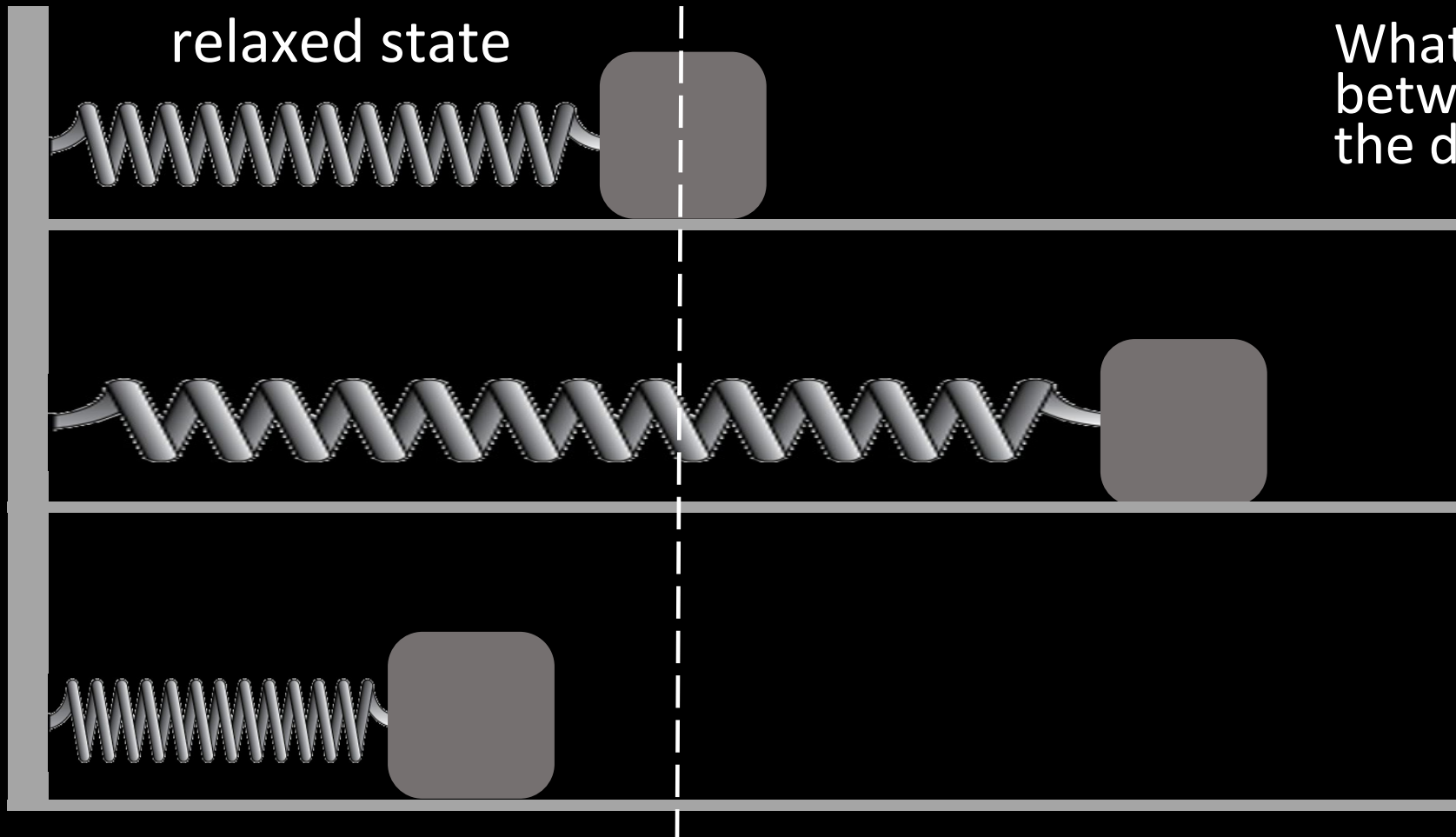
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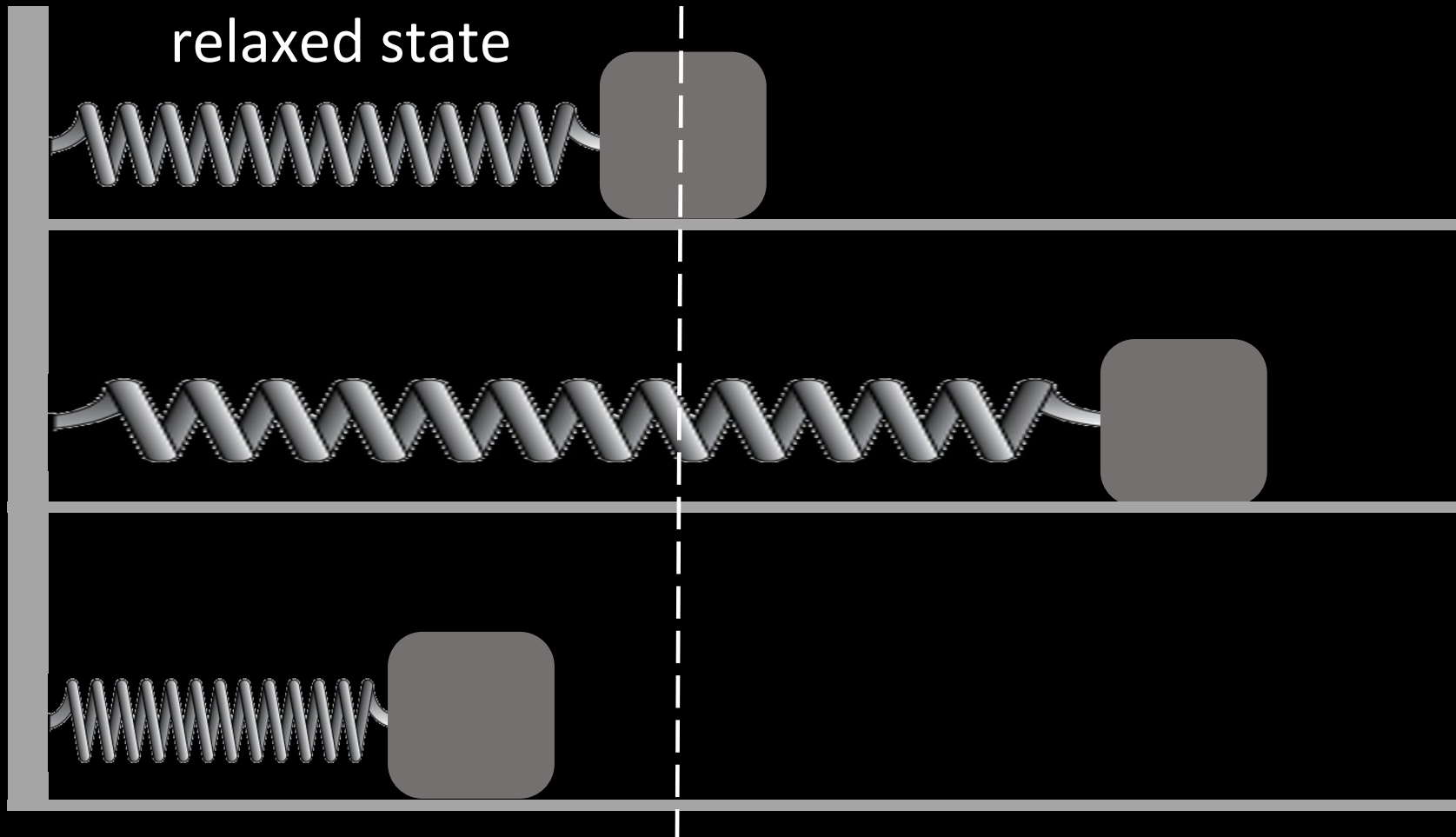
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What is the relationship between the force vector and the displacement vector?

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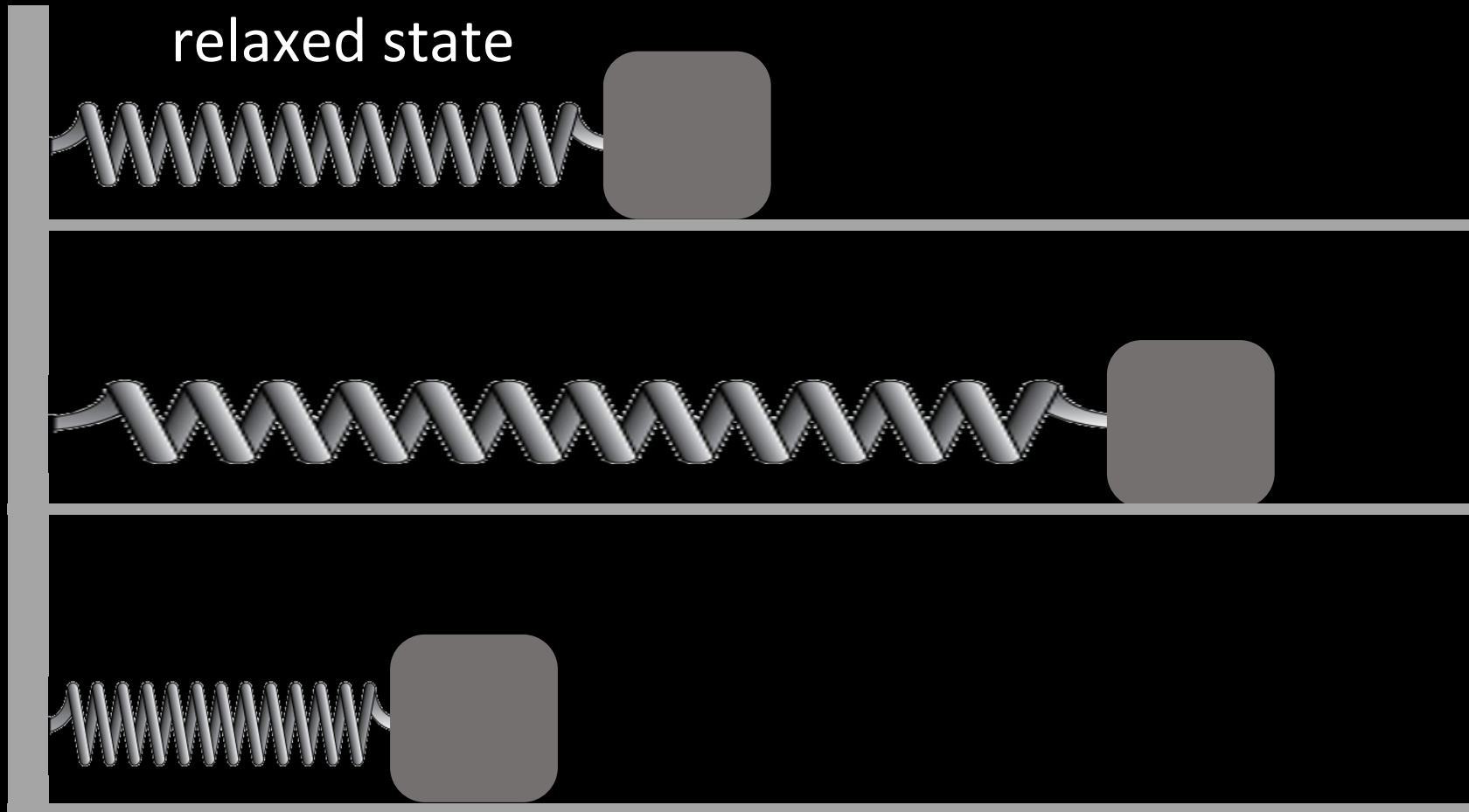
Examine a mass on a spring on the workbench.

Set the system into motion and describe what you see.

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Enable the spring force vector arrows for the mass.

Move the mass and check to see if the force arrows you drew match the simulation.



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Create a graph of force magnitude v. displacement magnitude.

Move the mass along the horizontal direction and take a few data points.

Once you have a few data points, describe a mathematical relationship for Force F as a function of displacement x . $F(x) = ?$



Hooke's Law: physics of springs

$$F(x) = -kx$$

This equation is linear, taking the form, $y = mx + b$ with k as the slope and an intercept of $b = 0$



$$F(x) = -kx$$

k = spring constant. What are the units on k?

- A. kg/m
- B. N/m²
- C. N/m
- D. Nm
- E. m/N

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Quick Discussion:

In your own words- what property of the spring does k describe?

$$F(x) = -kx$$

A spring is measured to have a very large spring constant, $k = 10,000 \text{ N/m}$. Which statement best describes this spring?

- A. the spring is easy to stretch like a slinky toy
- B. the spring could be used like a bungee cable
- C. the spring is very stiff and hard to compress
- D. the spring is flexible like a noodle

a vector relationship

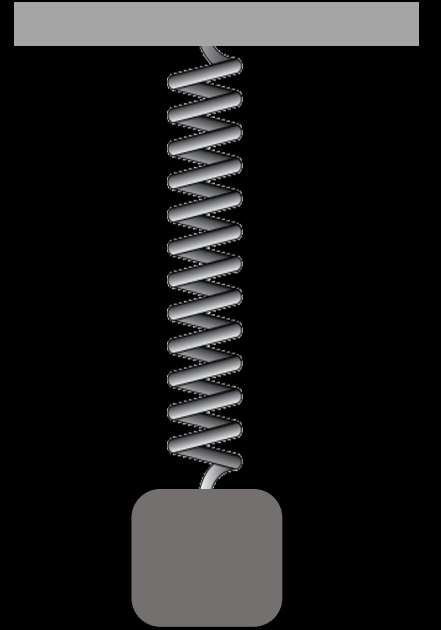
$$\vec{F}(x) = -k\vec{x}$$

The full description of Hooke's Law is a vector equation.

What does the minus sign tell us about the relationship between the spring force and the displacement of the mass?



Part II: springs and simple harmonic motion

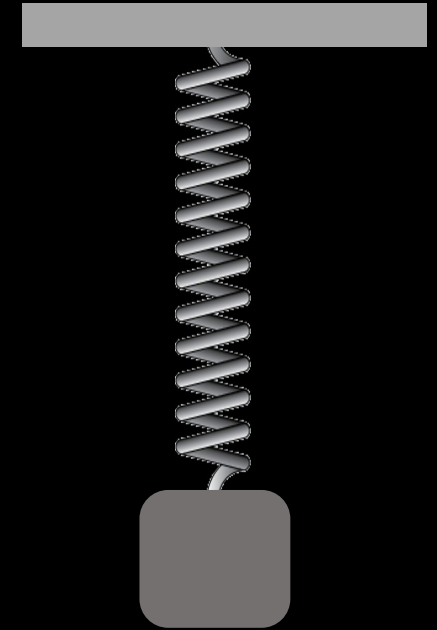


Part II: springs and simple harmonic motion

Set a mass on a spring into motion. What are the patterns of movement?

What quantities could describe the main features of this motion?

Make a list of these most important quantities, and describe how one would measure each.

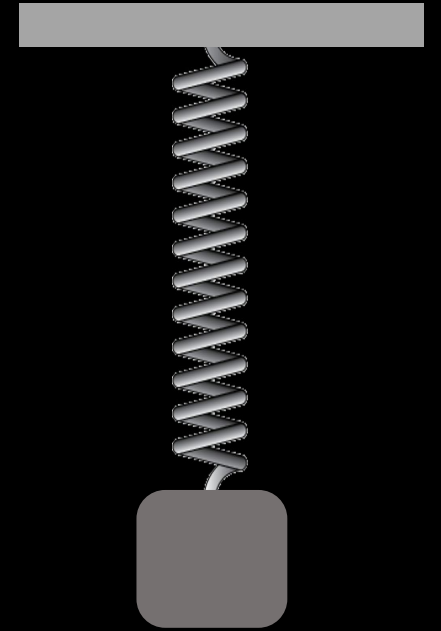


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springs and simple harmonic motion

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$$\sum F = F_s = ma$$

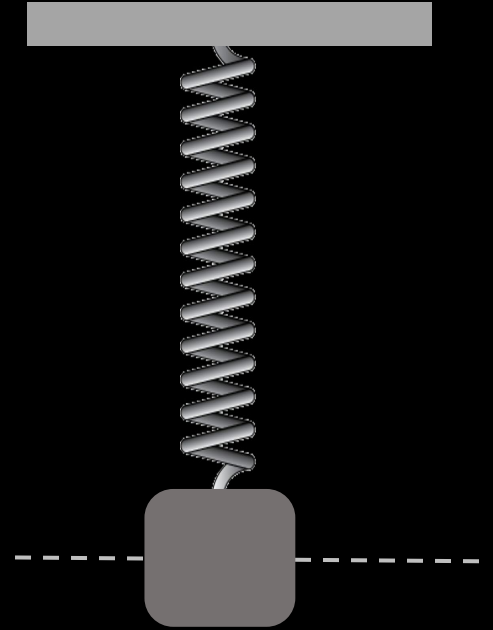


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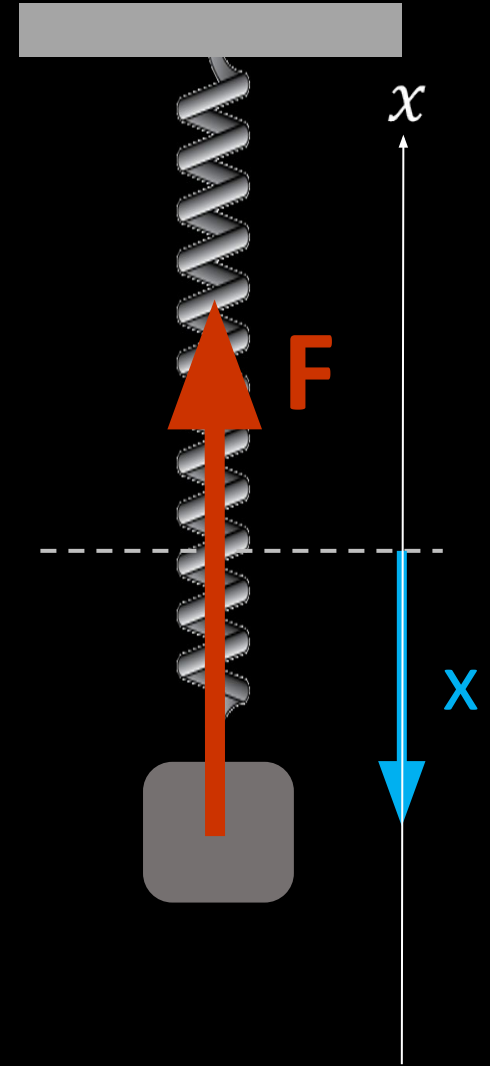
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Concept review:

Which is a correct statement concerning acceleration?

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B. $a = \frac{d^2X}{dt^2}$

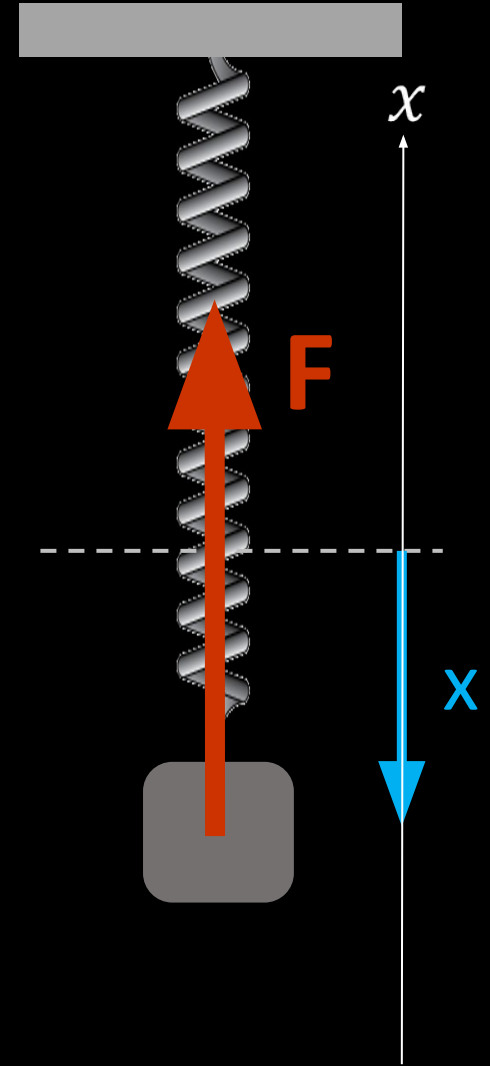
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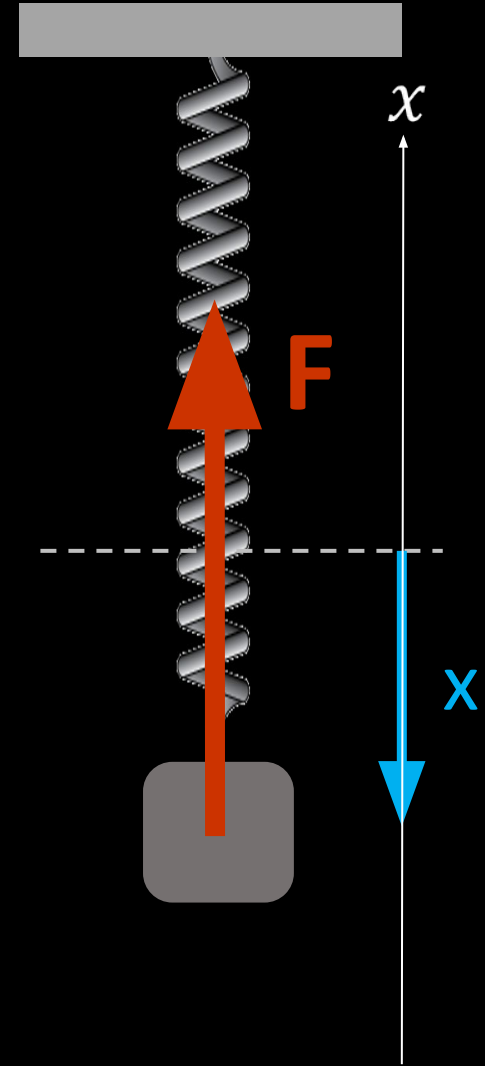
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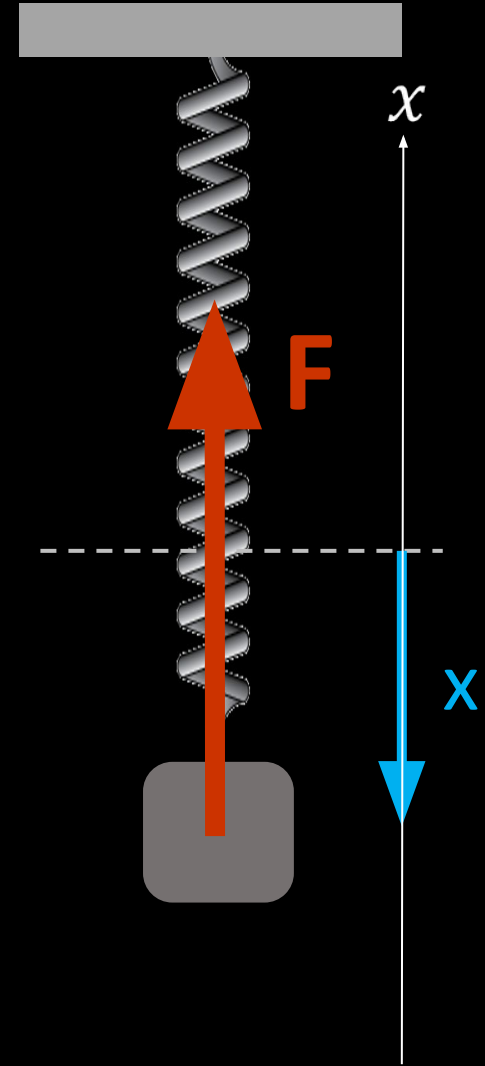
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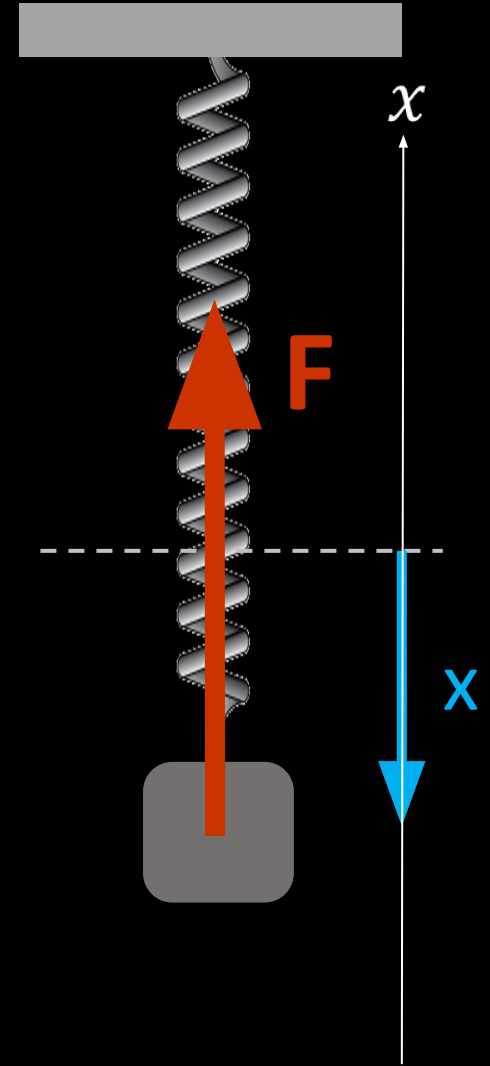
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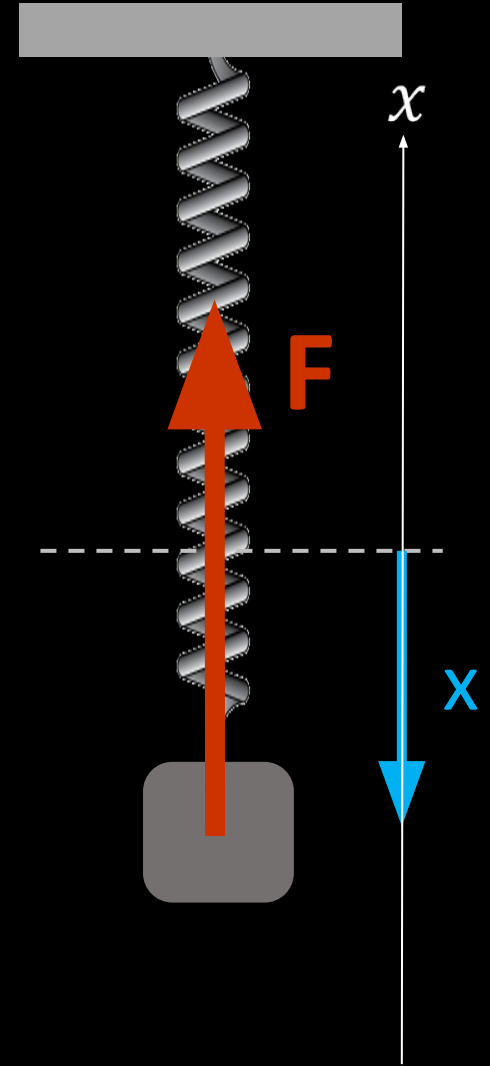


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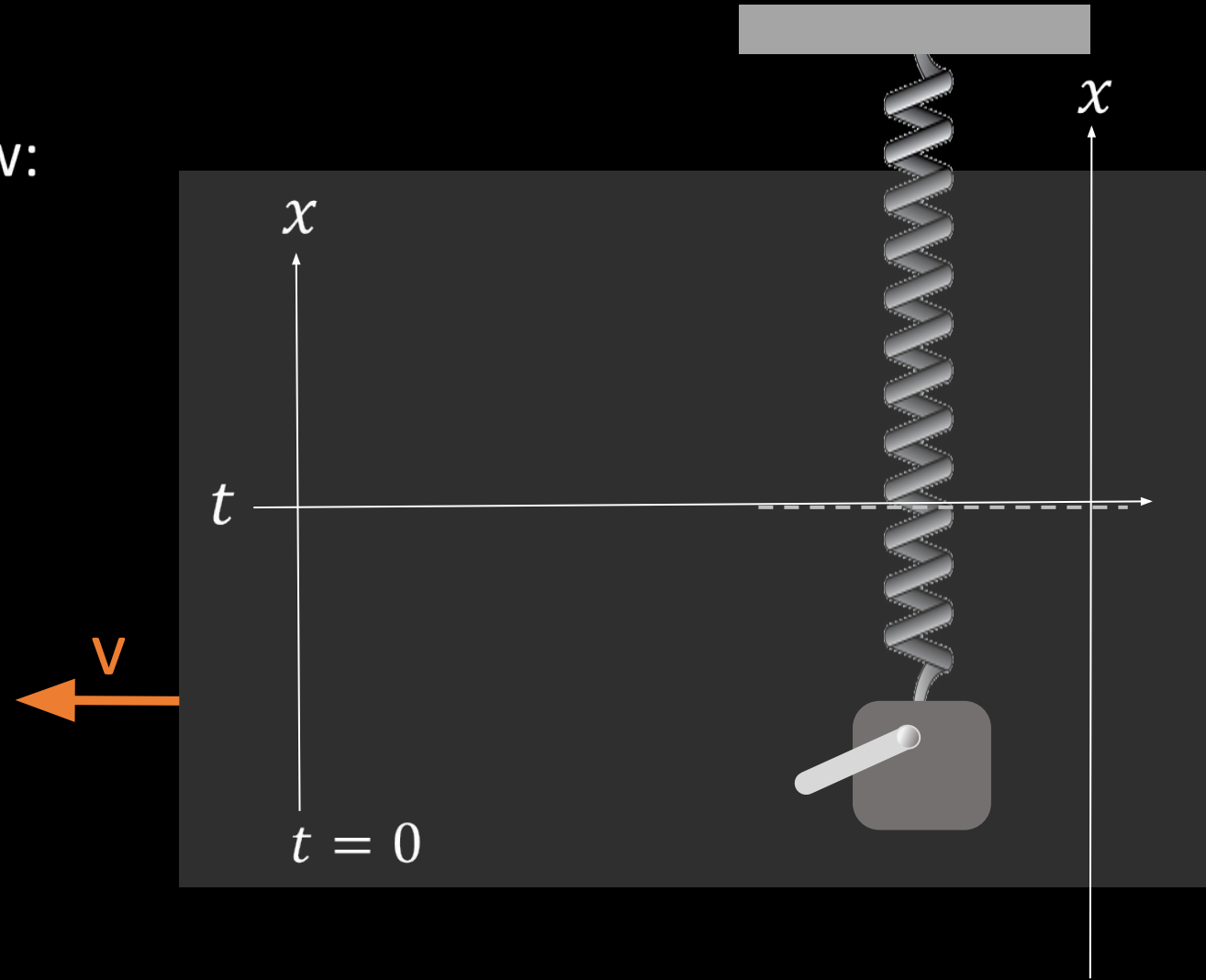


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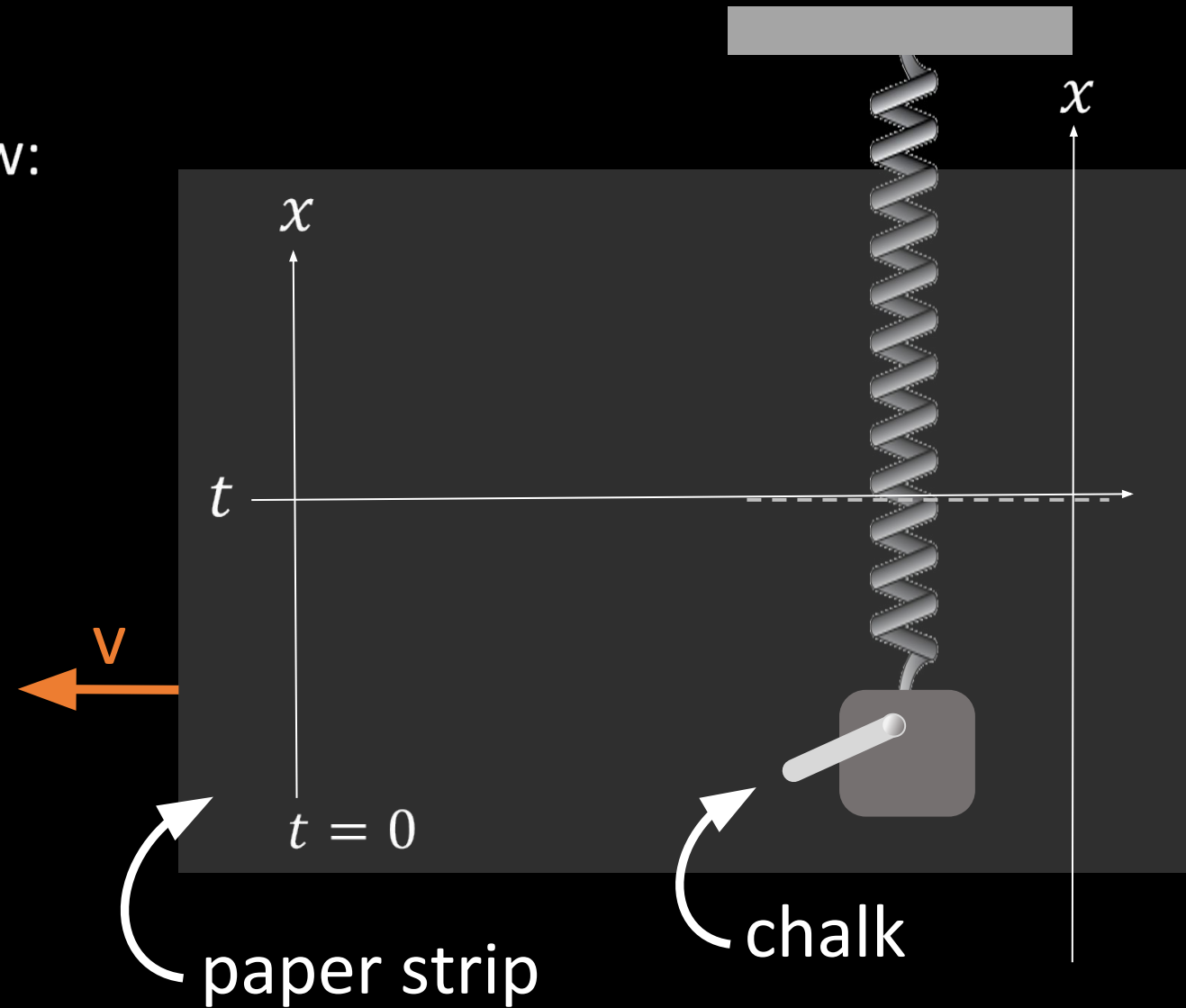


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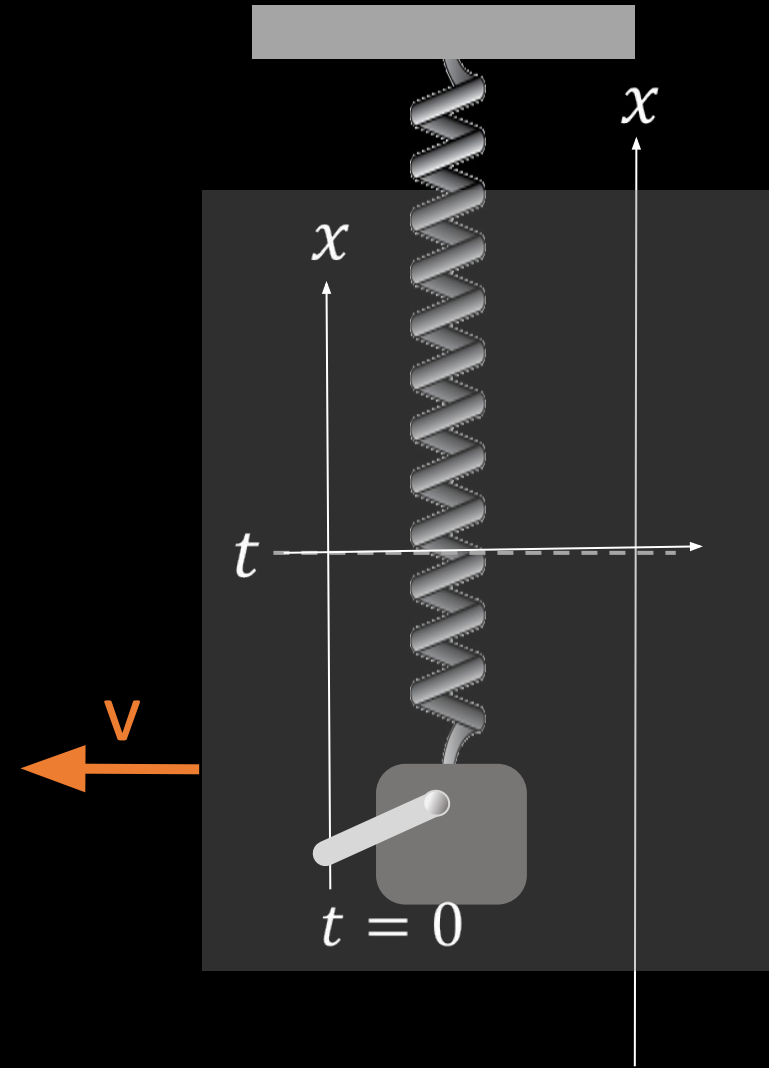
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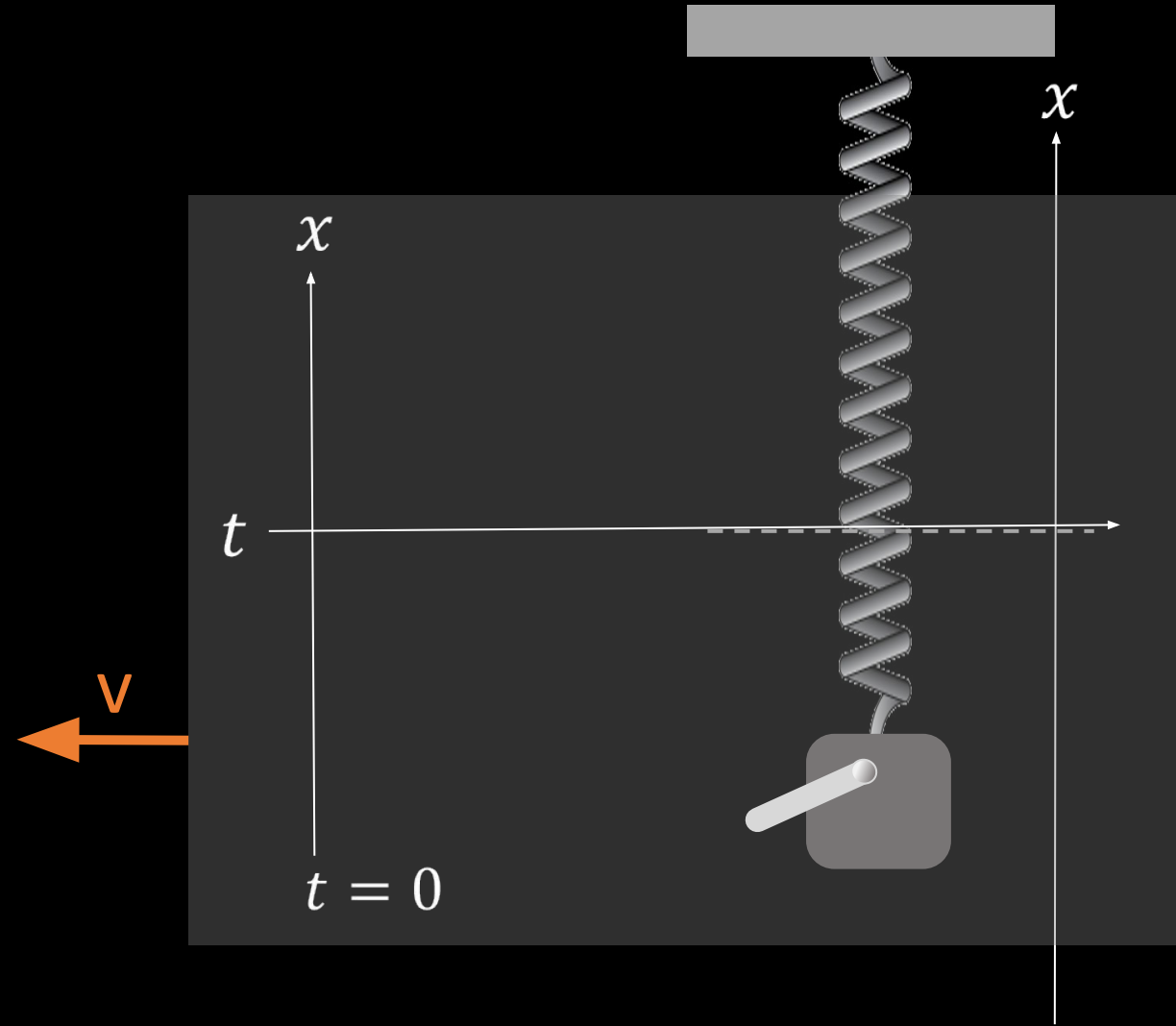
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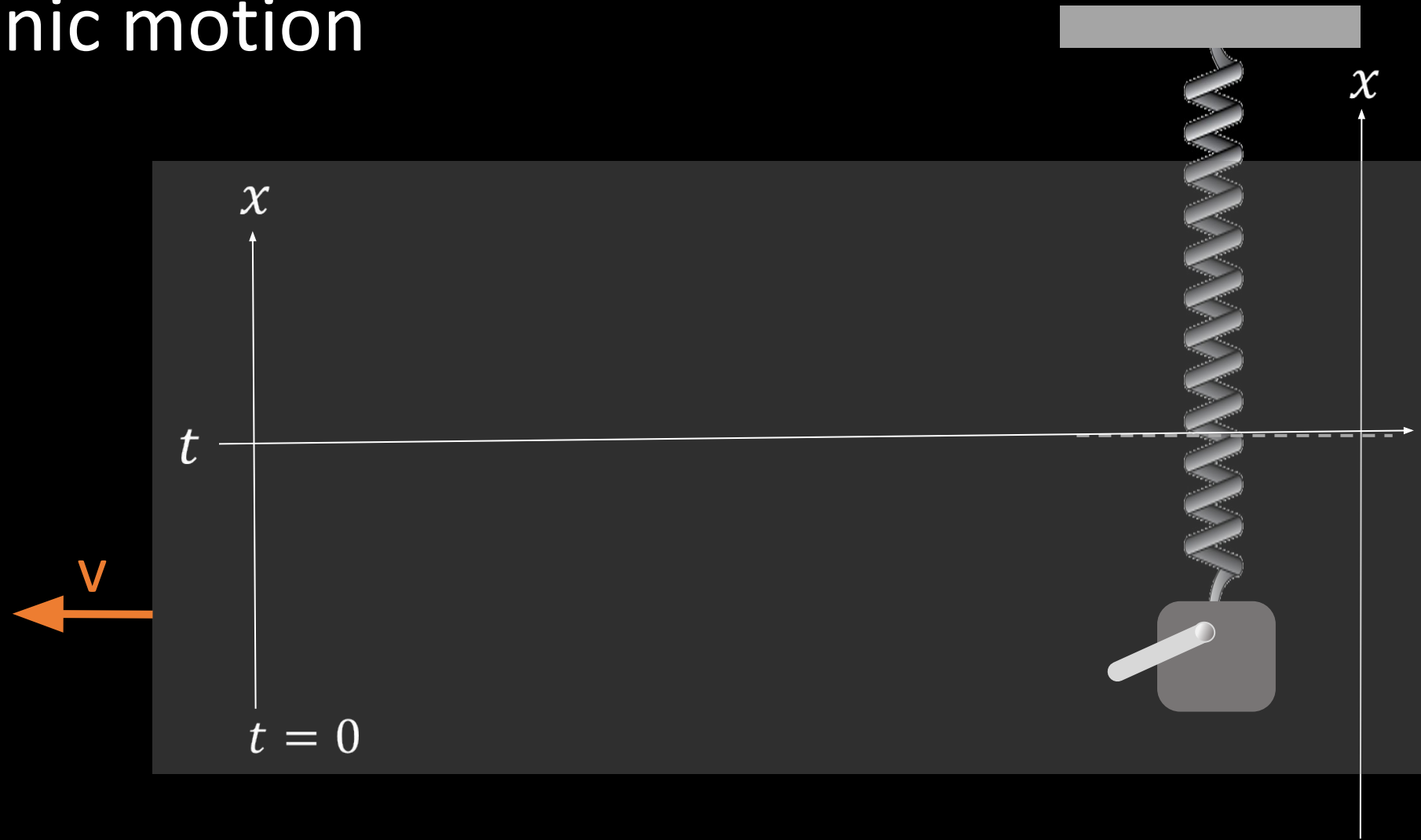
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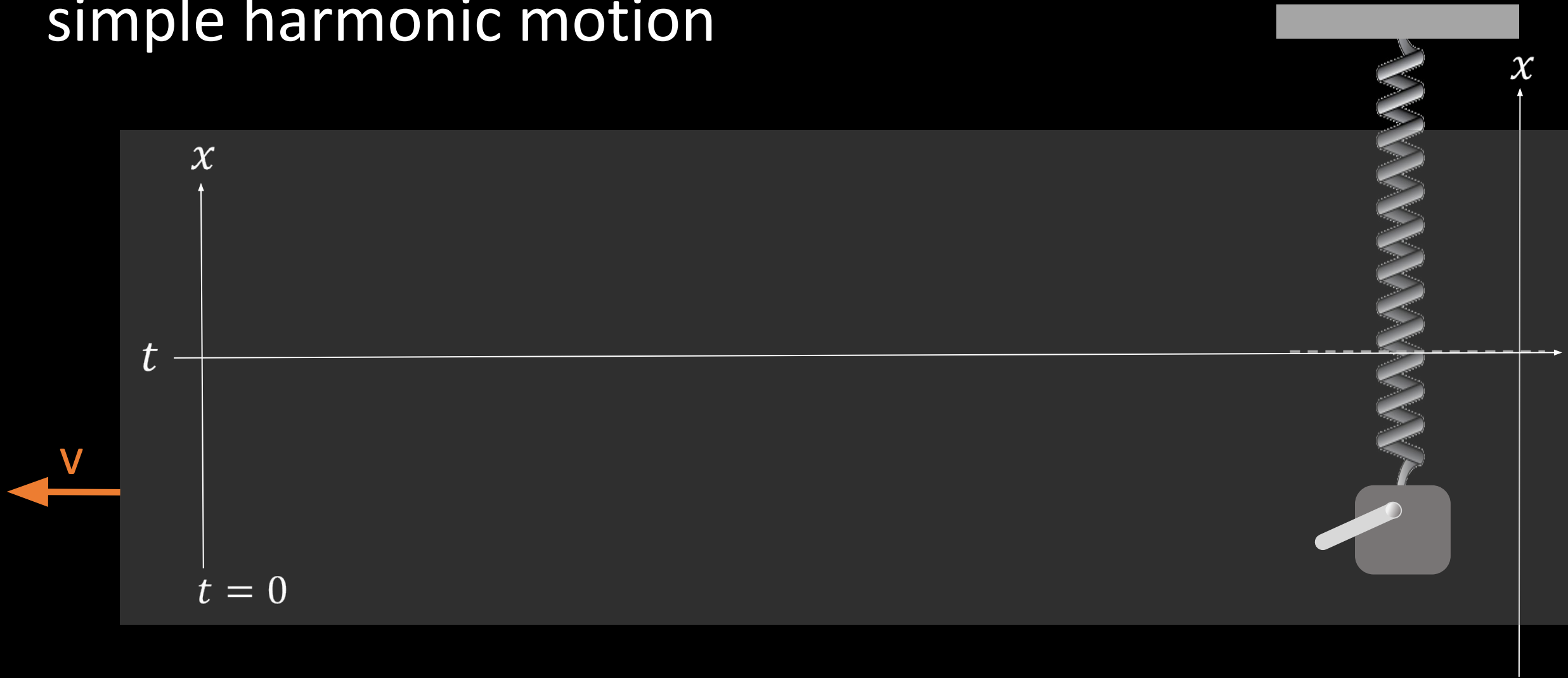
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$x(t)=?$ What would the curve traced by the chalk look like?

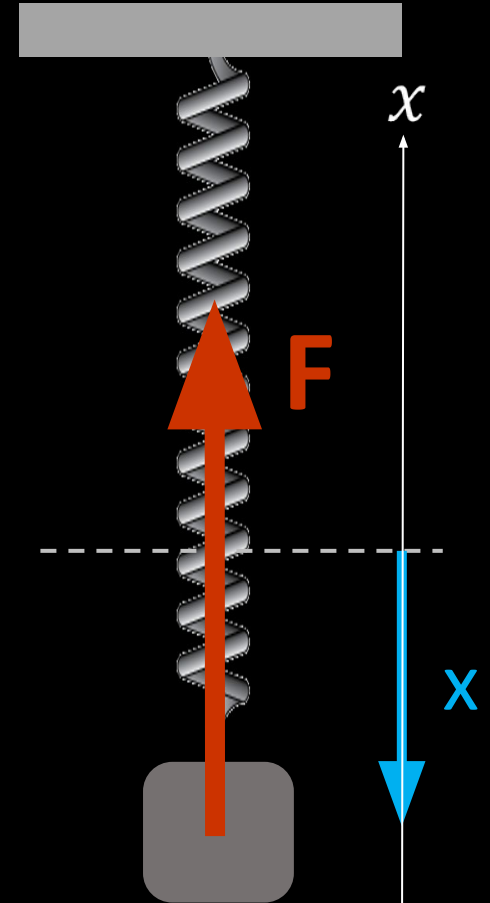
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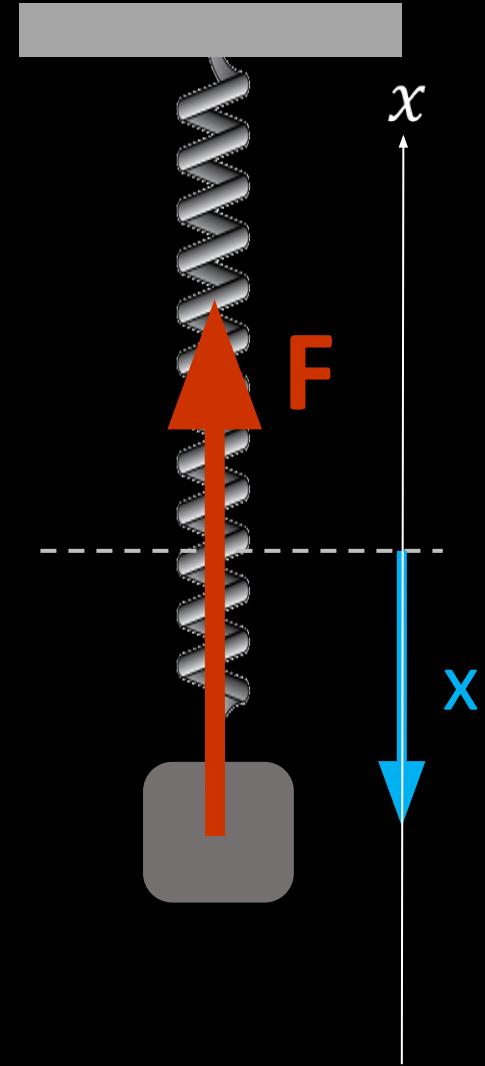
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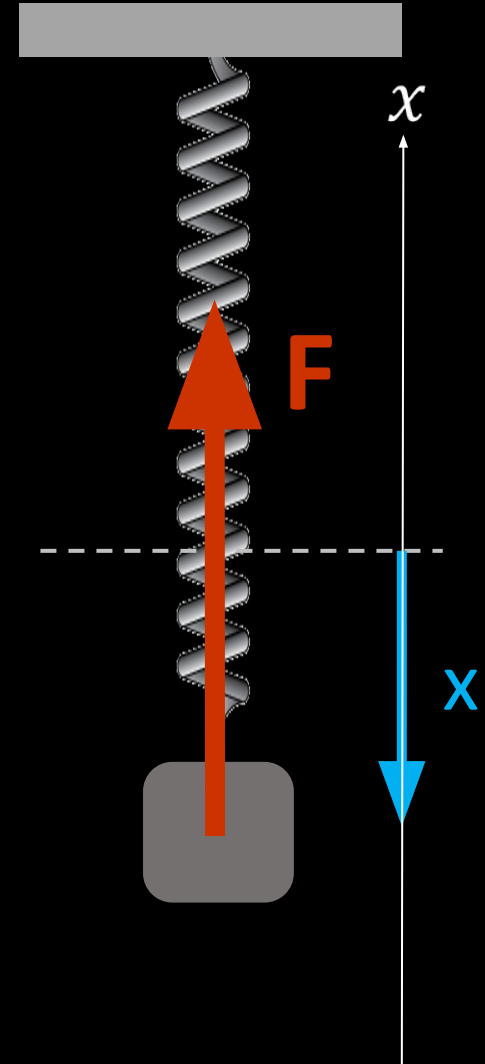
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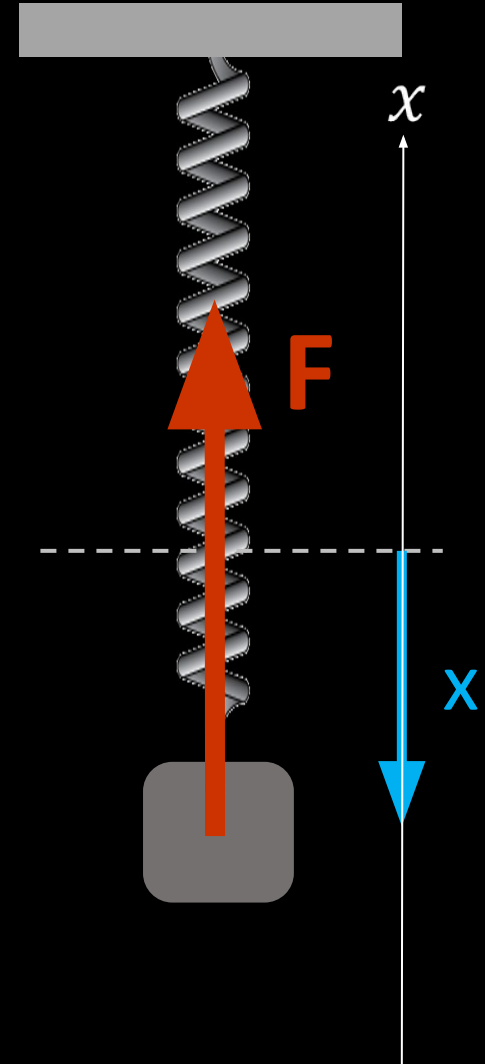
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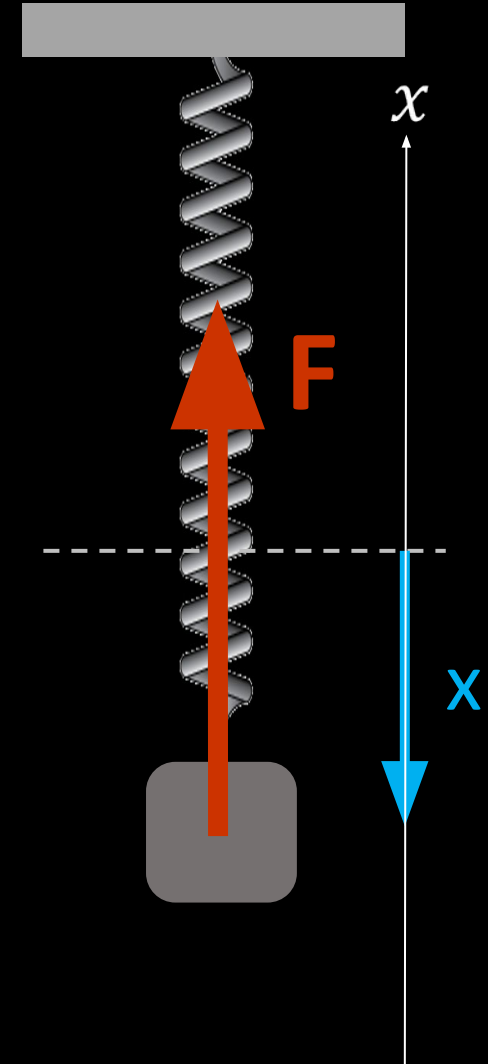
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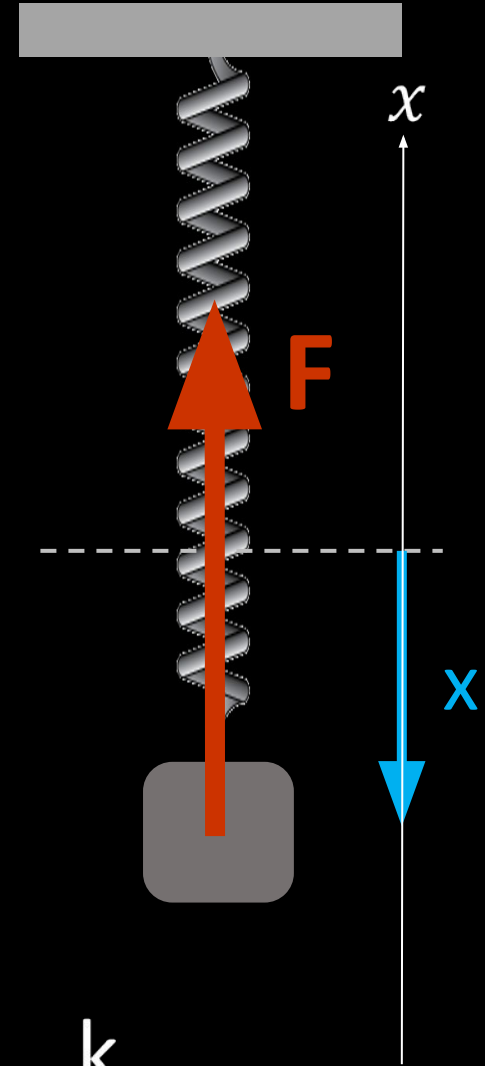
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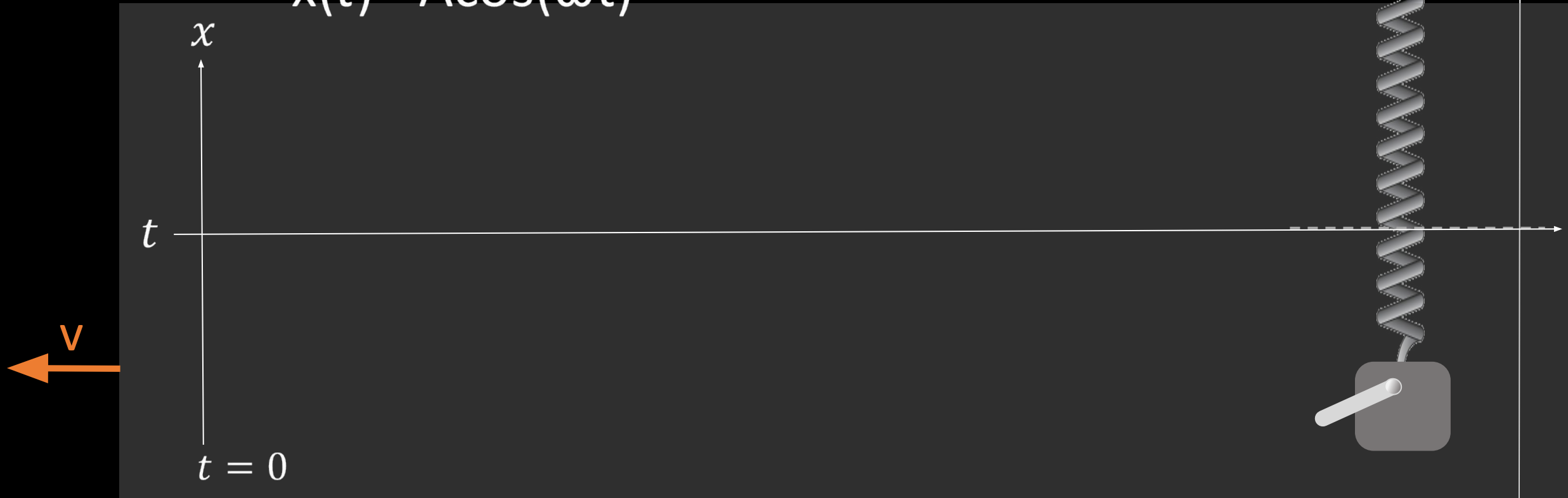
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$$\Rightarrow -\omega^2 A\cos(\omega t) = -\frac{k}{m} A\cos(\omega t) \quad \text{but only if: } \omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

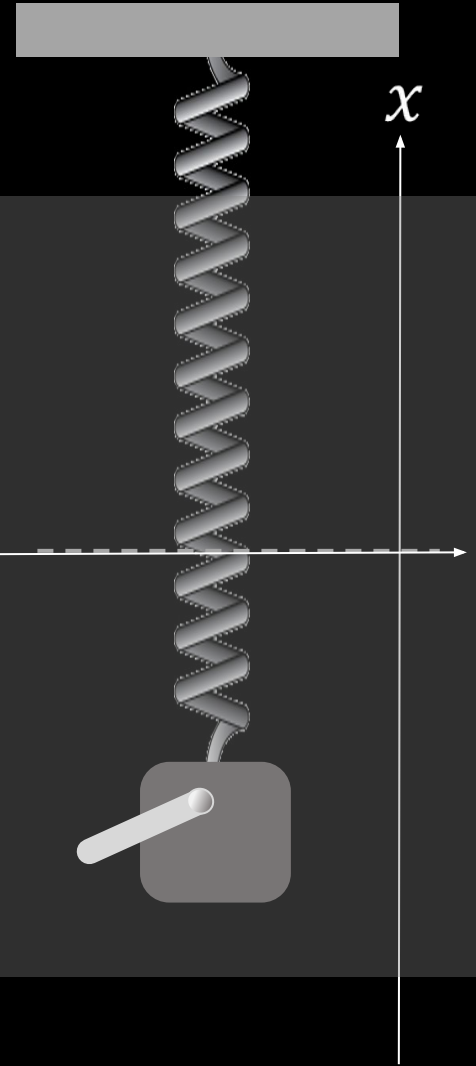


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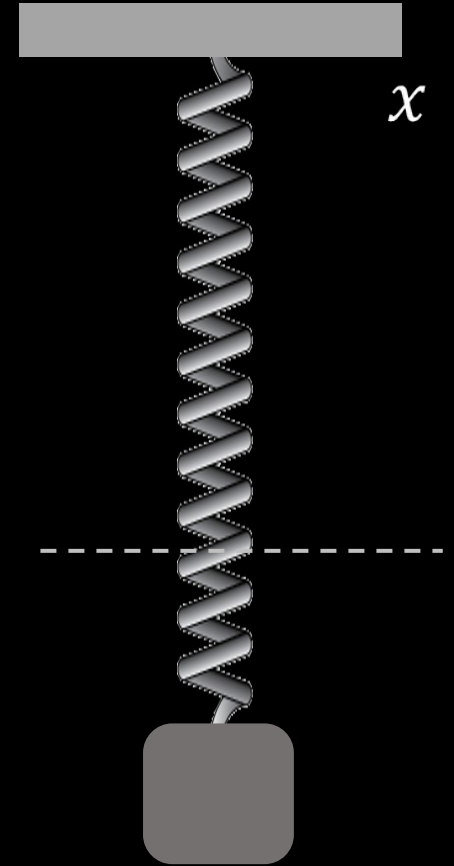
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- B. Hz
- C. s
- D. rad/s
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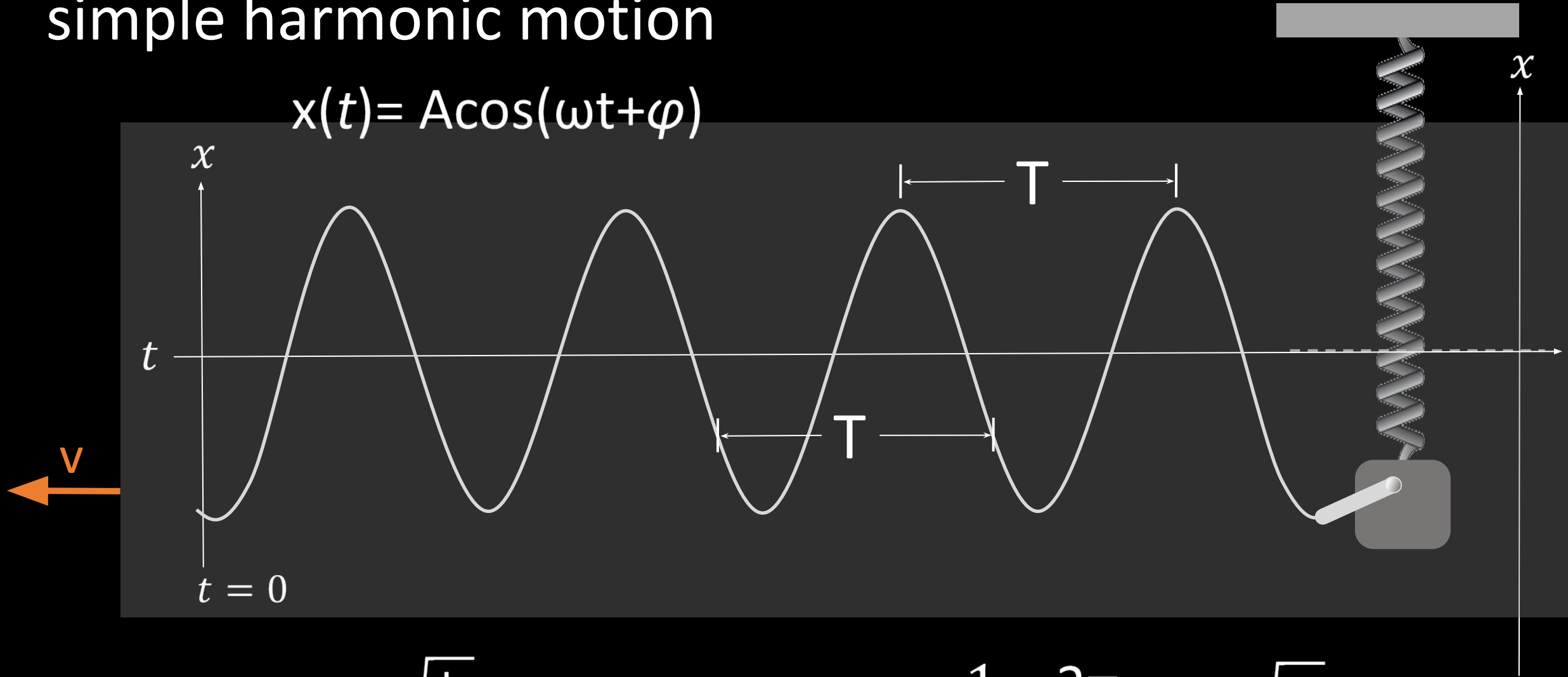
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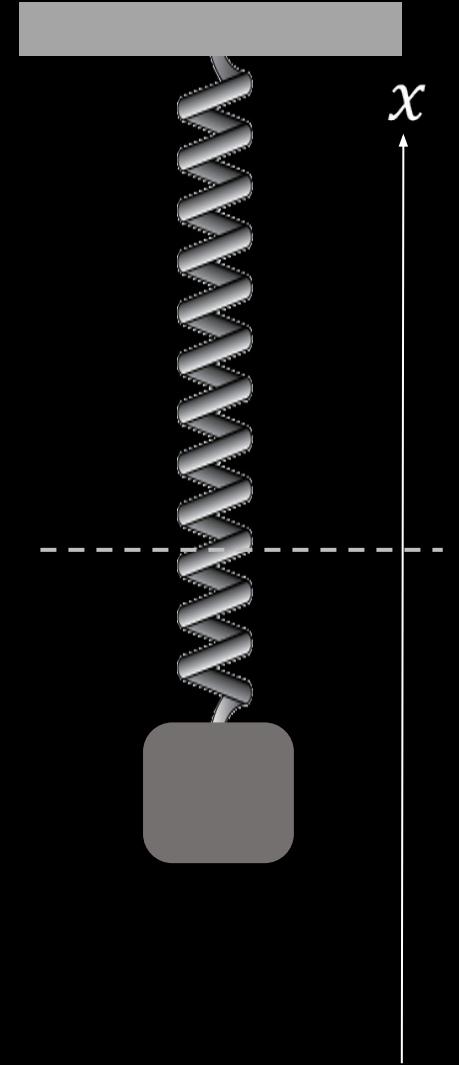
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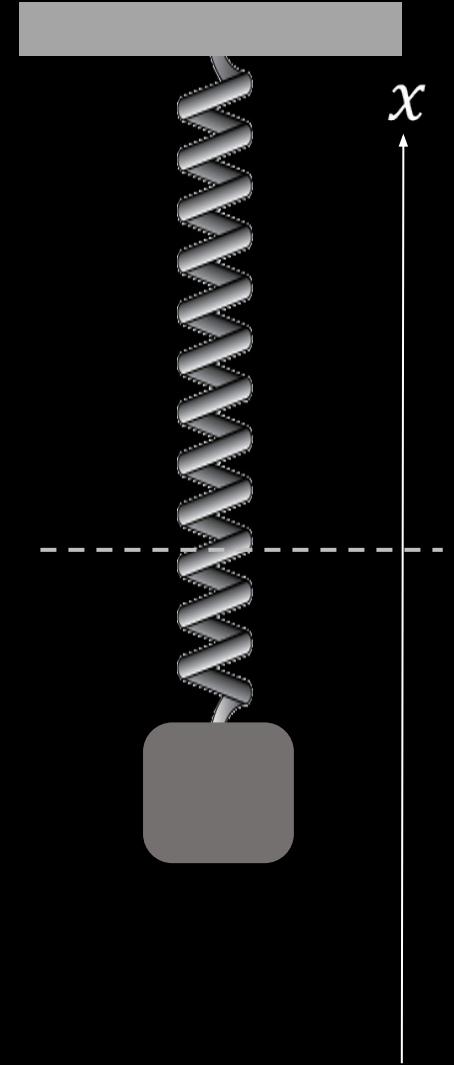
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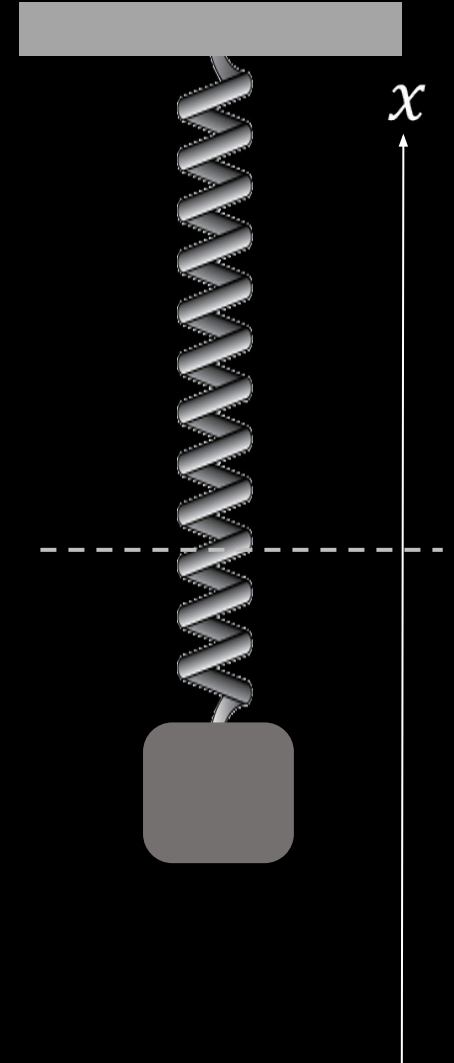
A system has a period T for a mass m . If the mass is made 4 times larger, what is the new period?

- A. still T
- B. $2T$
- C. $4T$
- D. $\frac{1}{2} T$

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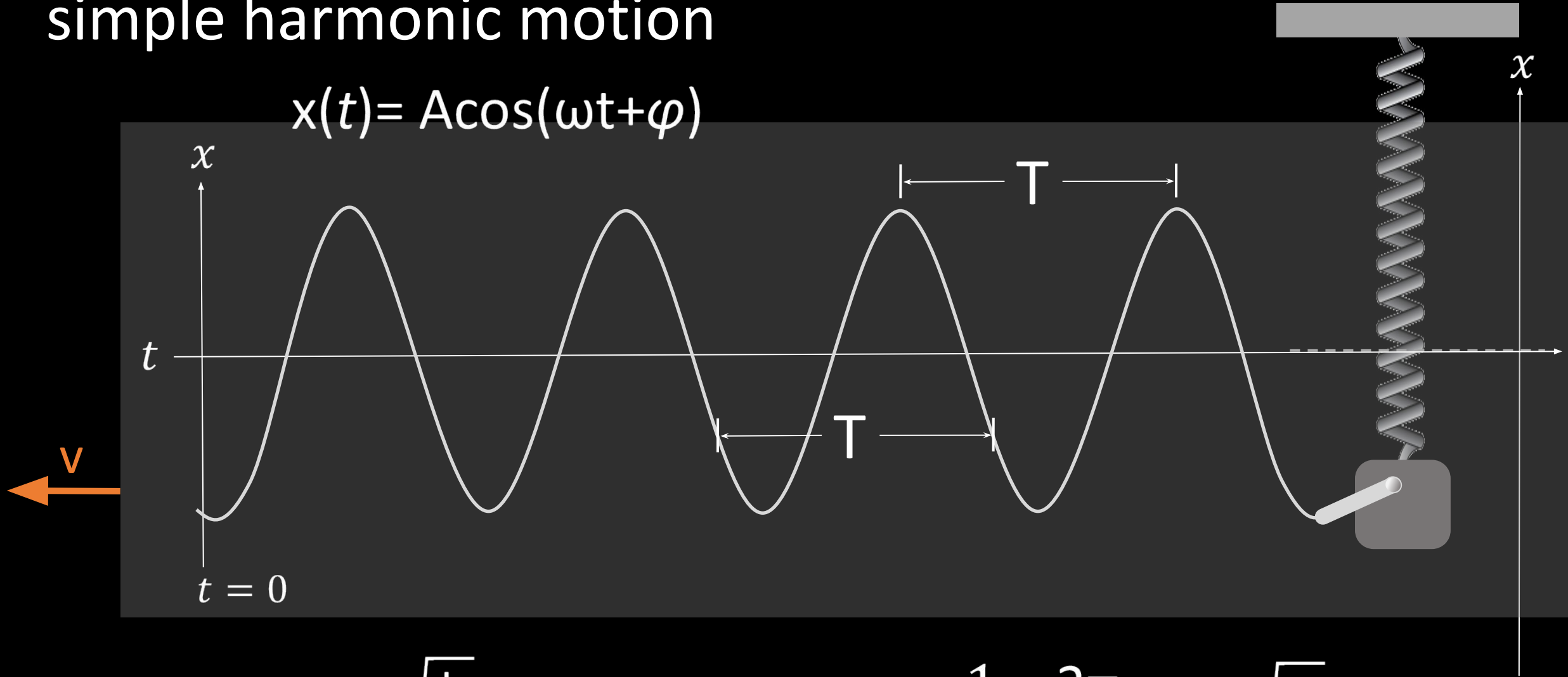
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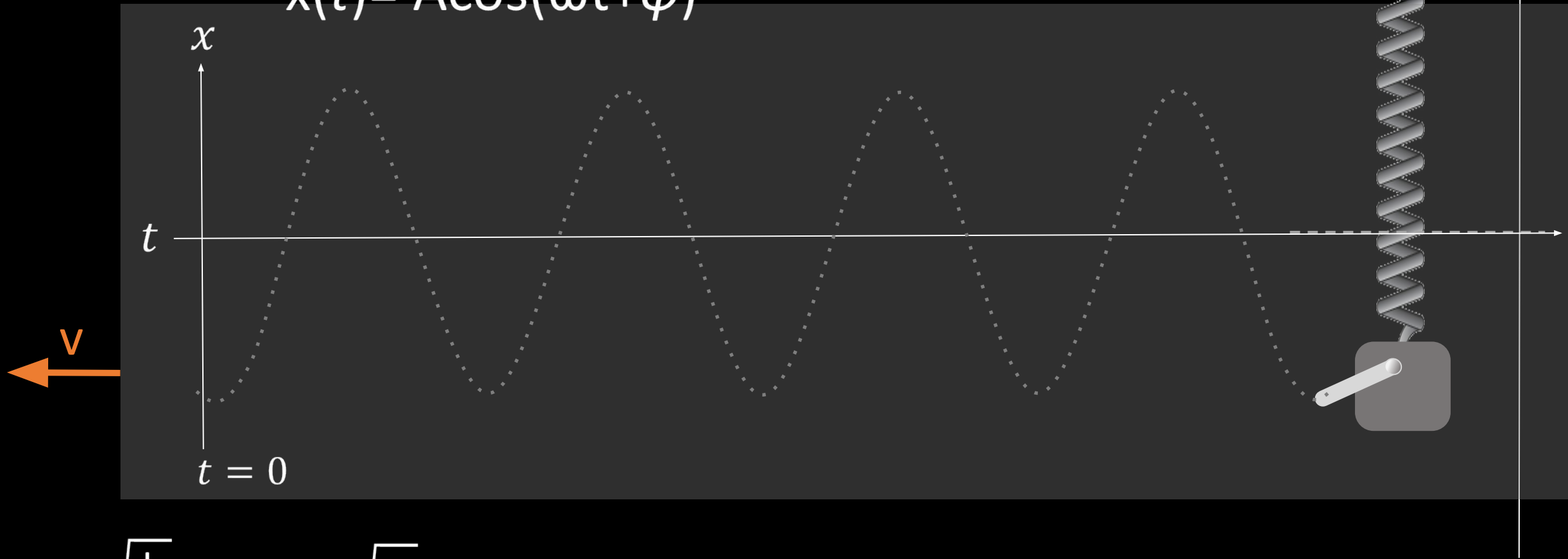
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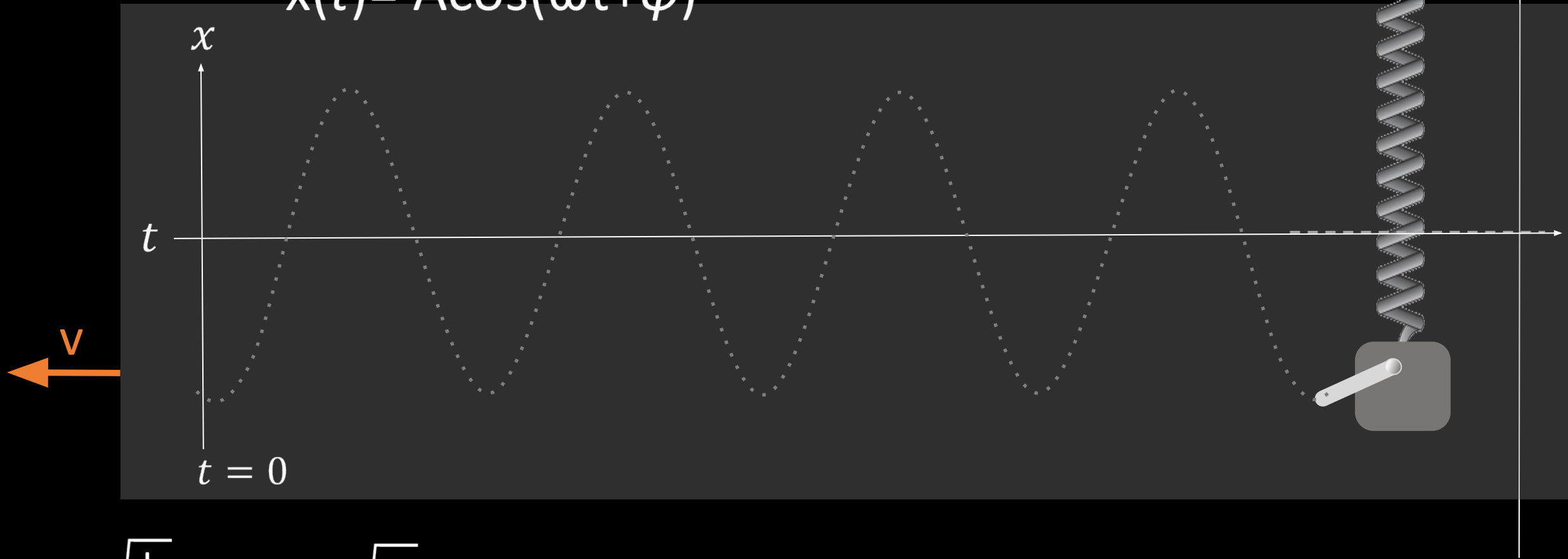


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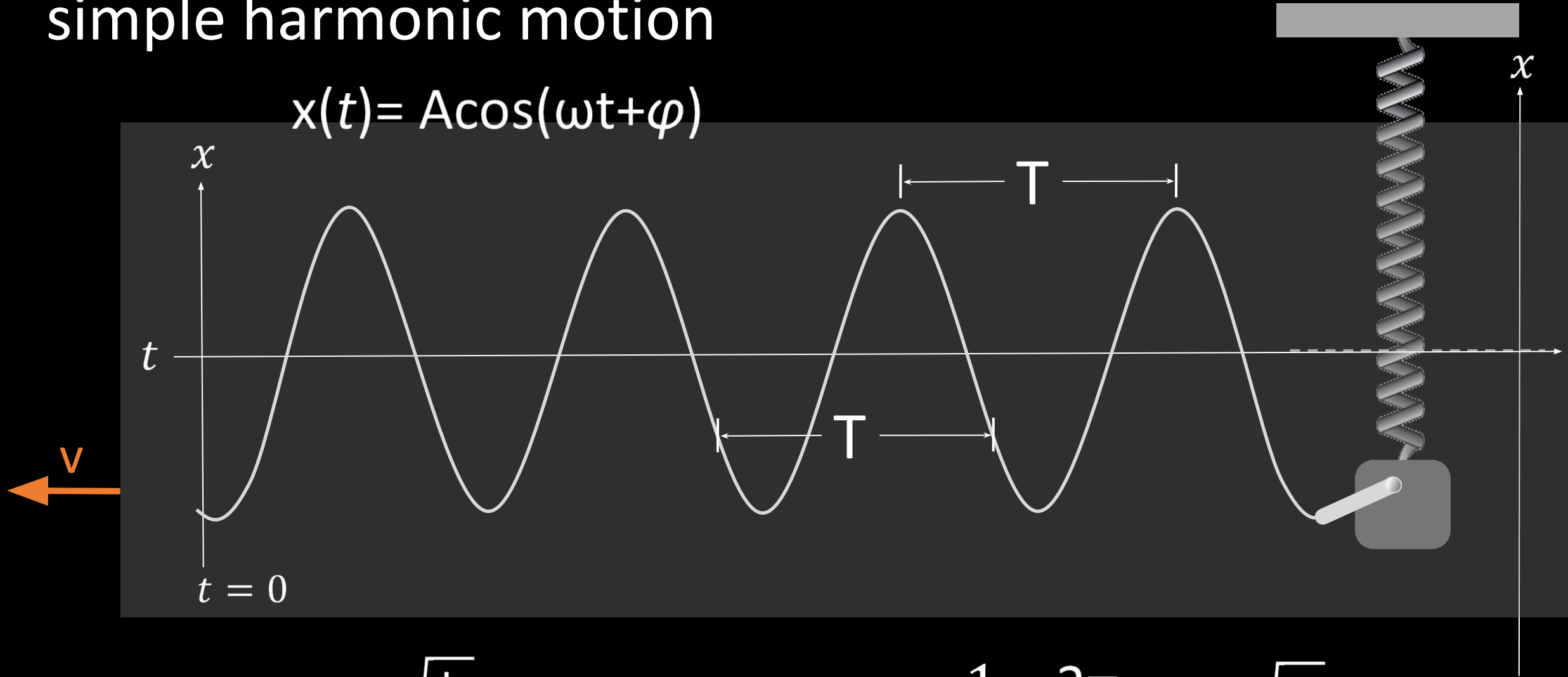


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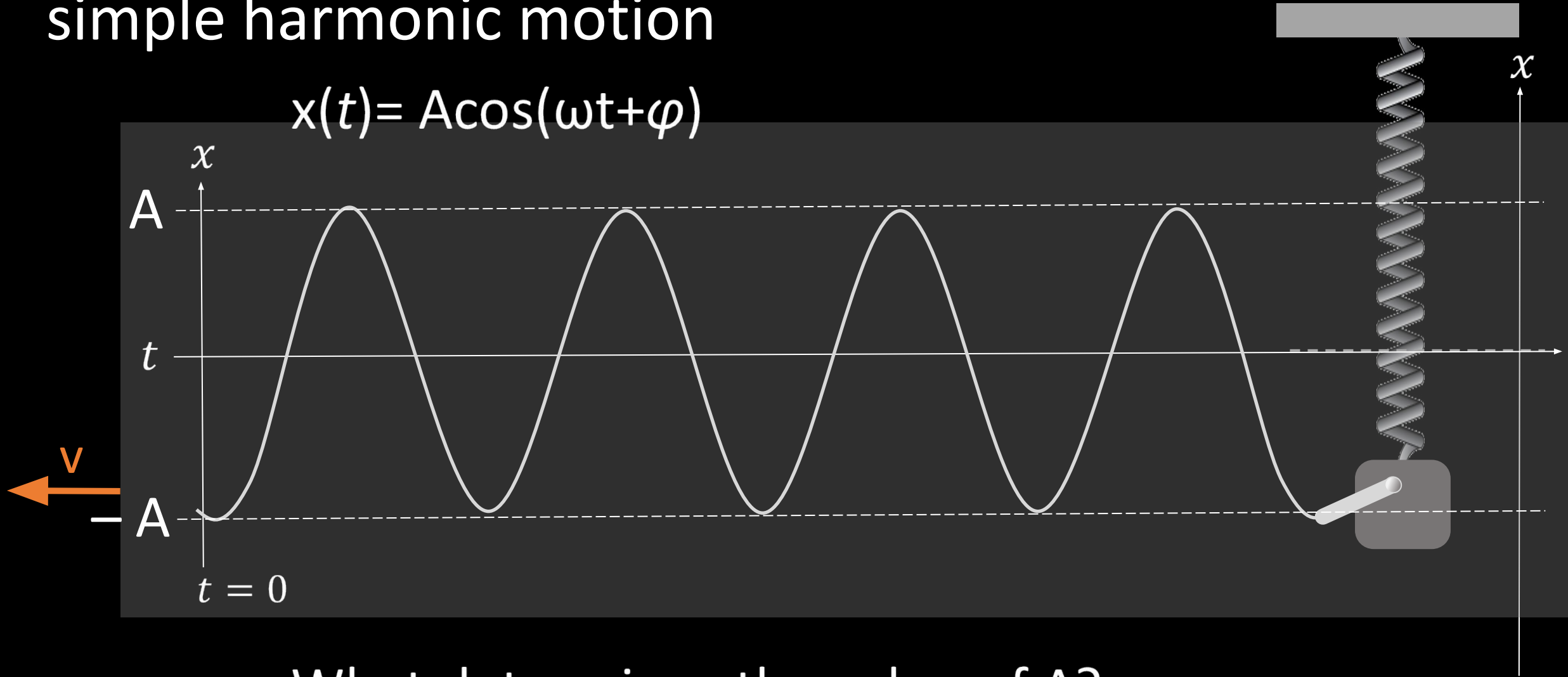
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What does A represent on this graph?

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What determines the value of A ?

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What does φ represent on this graph?

What value of φ describes the curve shown?

Part III: Resonance Phenomena

To be continued –

