



# Waves and Oscillations

## Part B

# Oscillations



Displacement  
at time  $t$

*Assuming a suitable  
solution.*

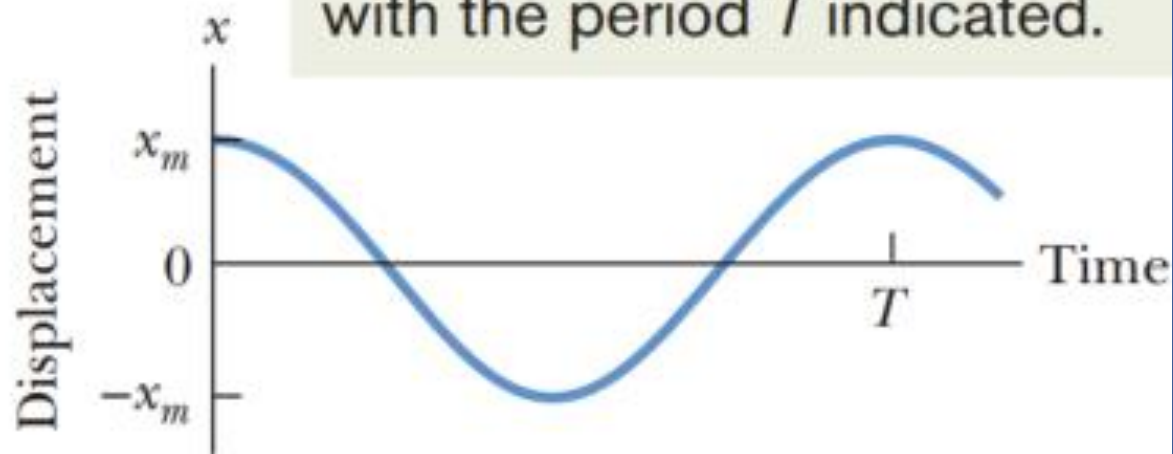
$$x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

Amplitude

Angular  
frequency

Time

Phase  
constant  
or phase  
angle



This is a graph of the motion,  
with the period  $T$  indicated.

position

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

velocity

$$v(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$$

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

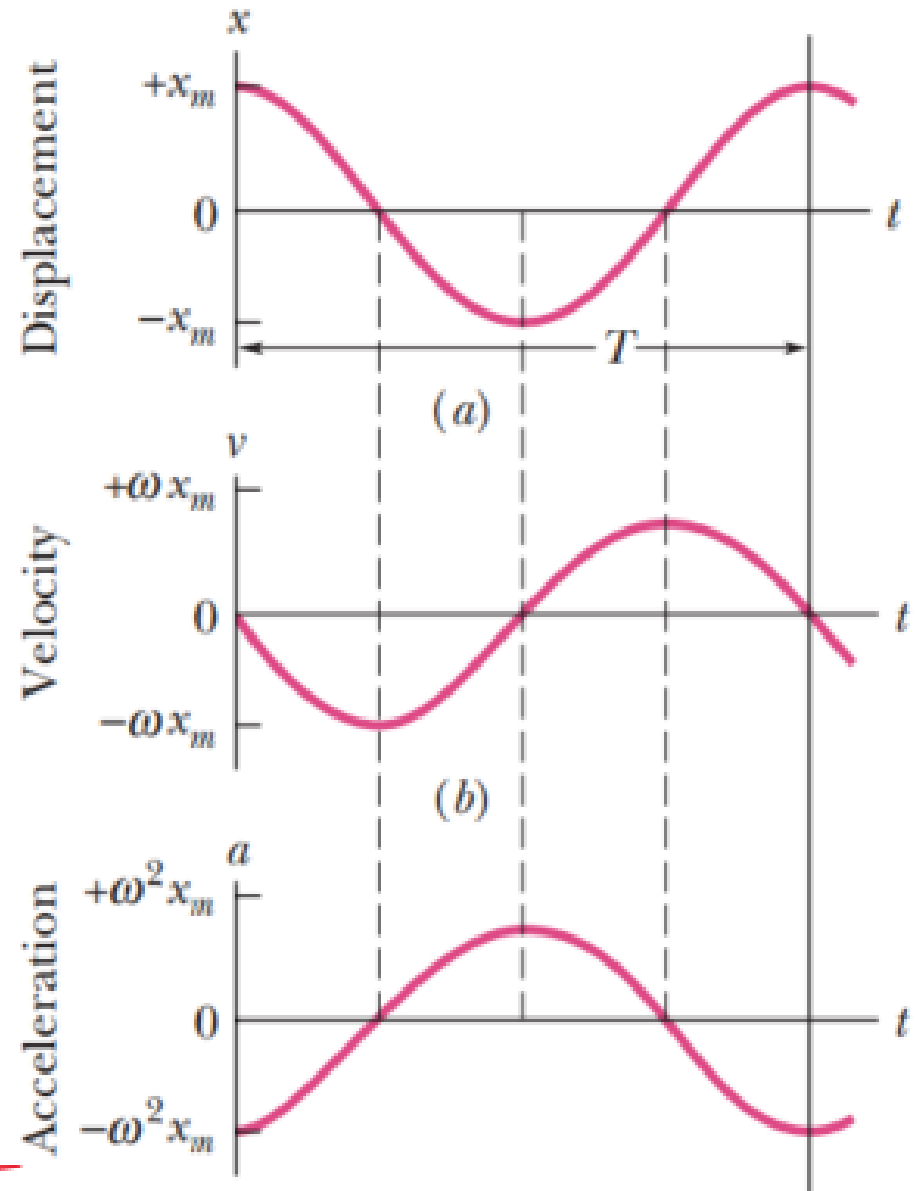
acceleration

$$a(t) = \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = \frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2}$$

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

oscillation  
signature

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



Extrem  
values  
here  
mean

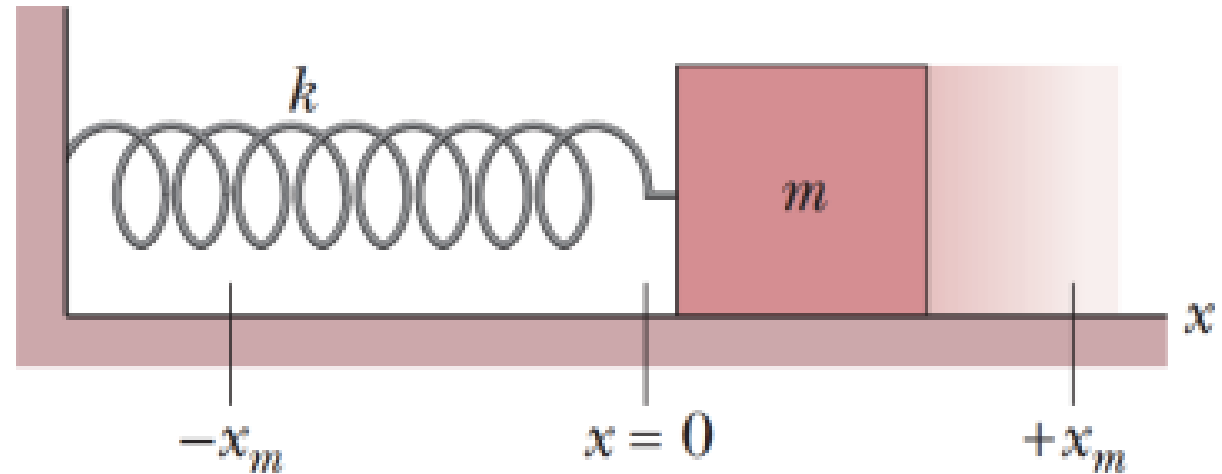
zero  
values  
here  
and ..

extrem  
values  
here.

$$= ma = m(-\omega^2 x) = -(m\omega^2)x. \text{-----} F = -kx,$$

matching the forms

$$k = m\omega^2.$$



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

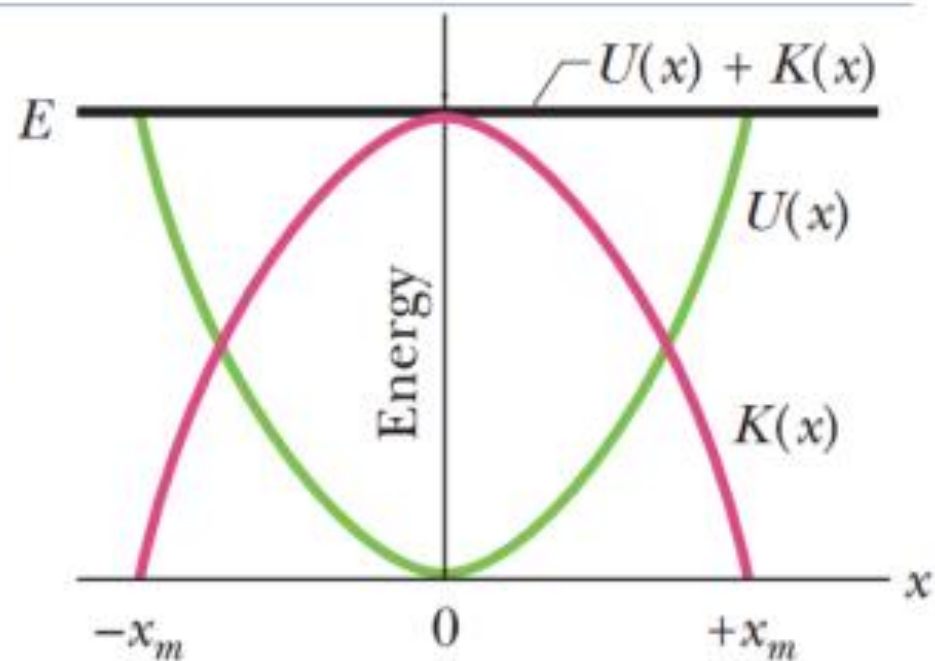
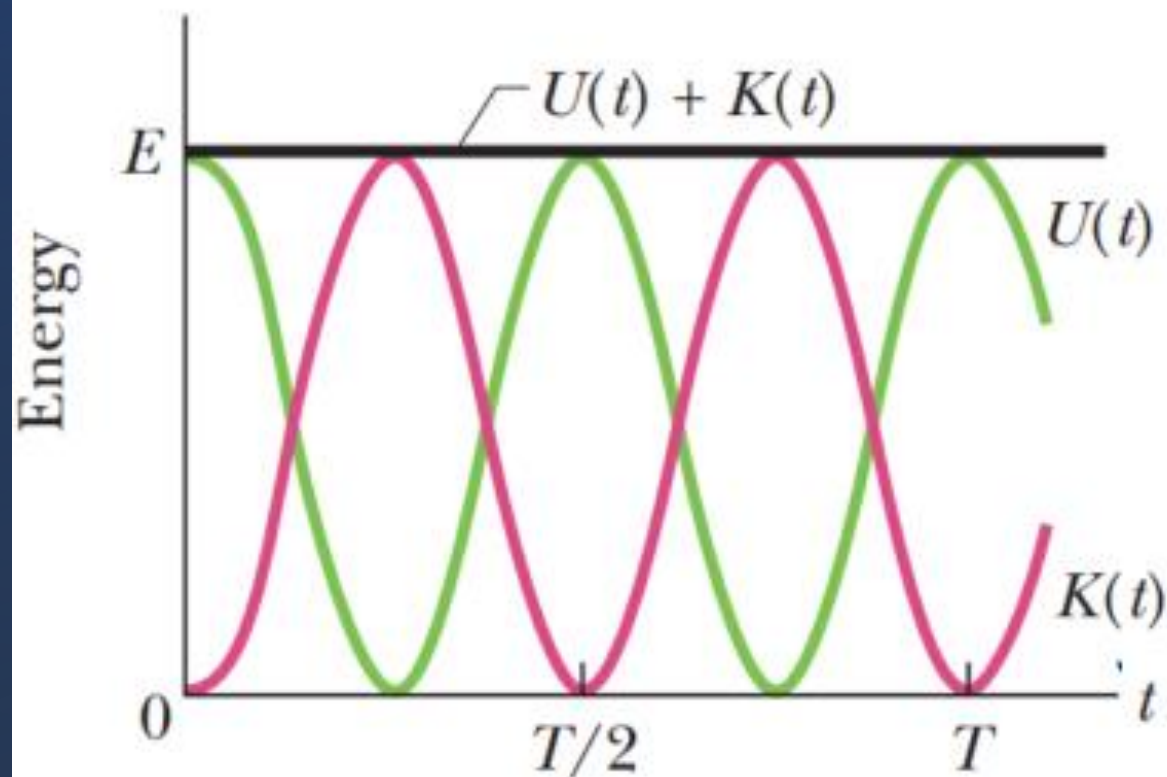
*Natural oscillation frequency*  
(angular frequency).

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad (\text{period}).$$

*class energy*

$$U(t) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi).$$

$$K(t) = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi).$$

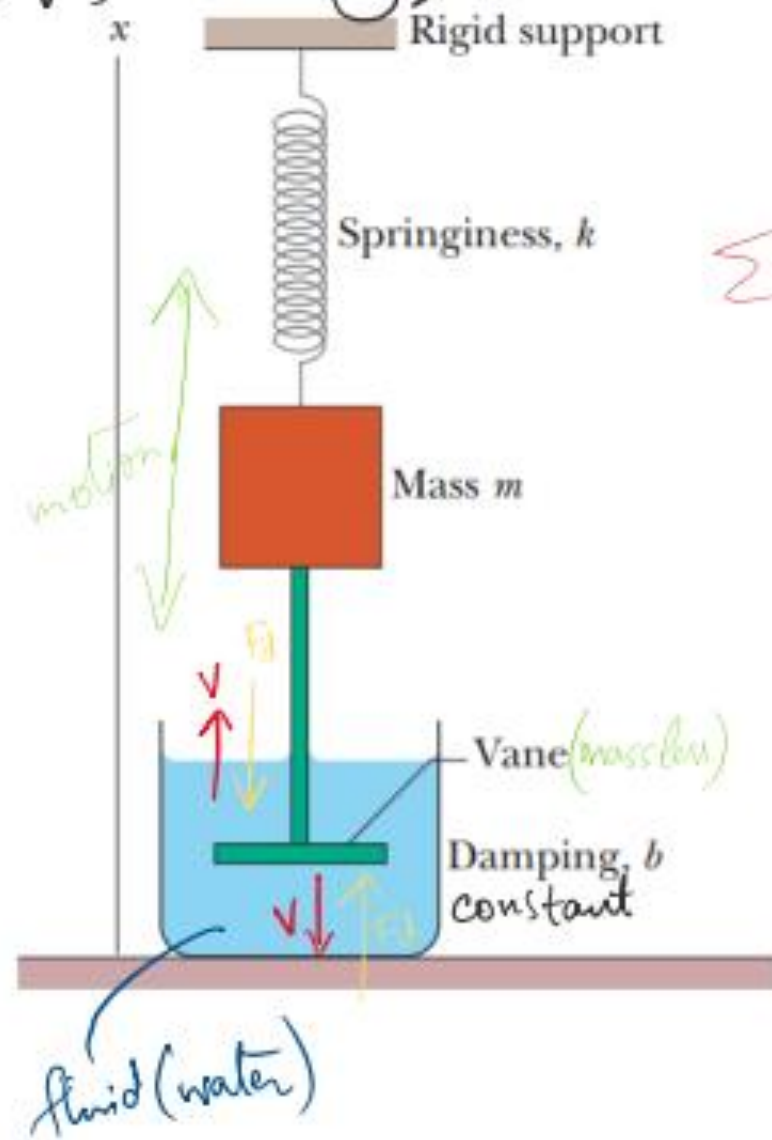


$$E = U + K = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2.$$

*Total energy remains constant*



# DAMPED OSCILLATIONS



damping force

$$F_d = -bv$$

damping constant (depends on fluid and vane properties)

velocity

damping force always opposes the velocity

$$\Sigma F = \underbrace{-bv}_{F_d} - \underbrace{kx}_{F_s} = ma.$$

using Newton's second law

rearranging

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + b \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0.$$

Solution to this differential equation

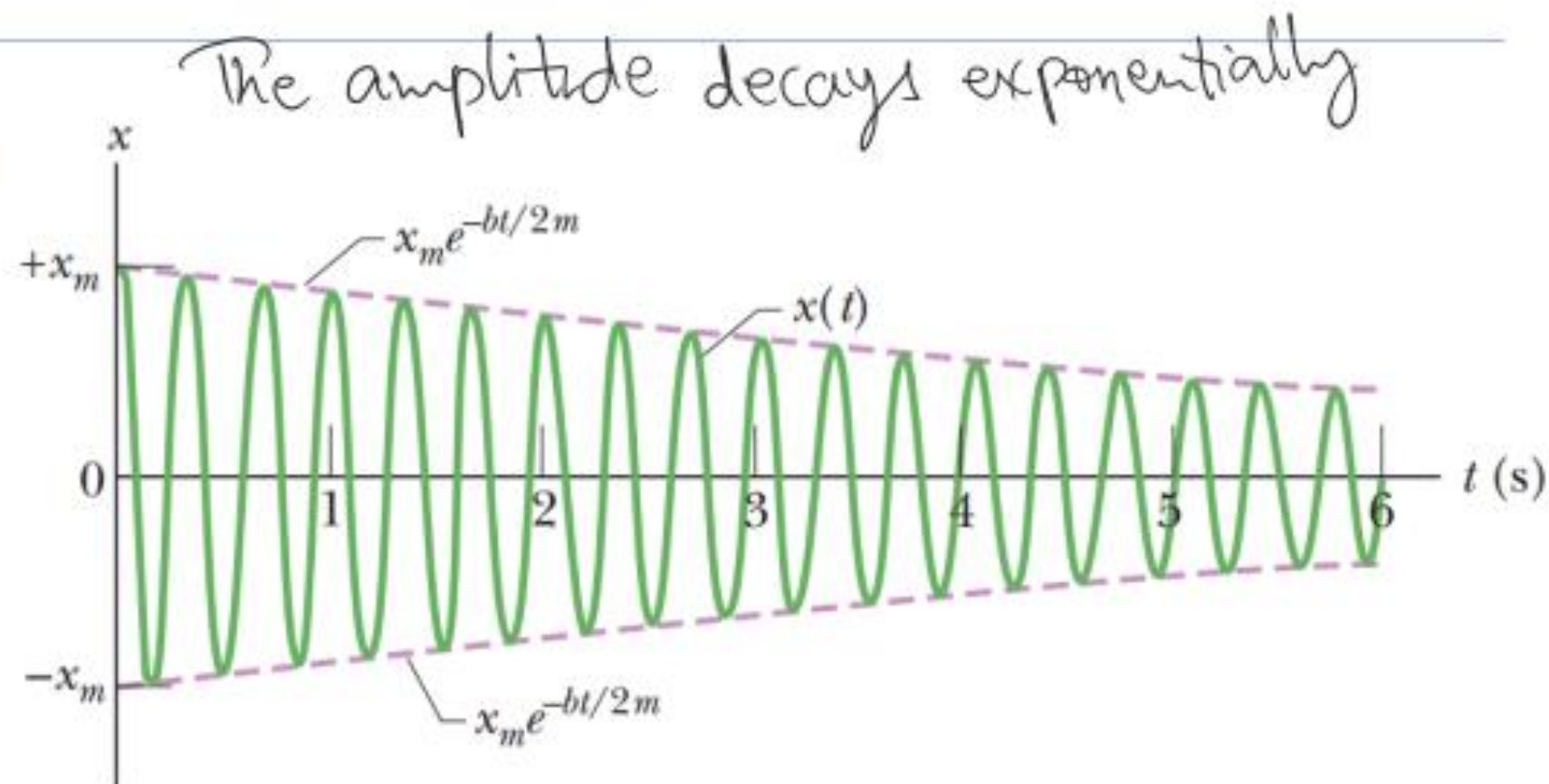
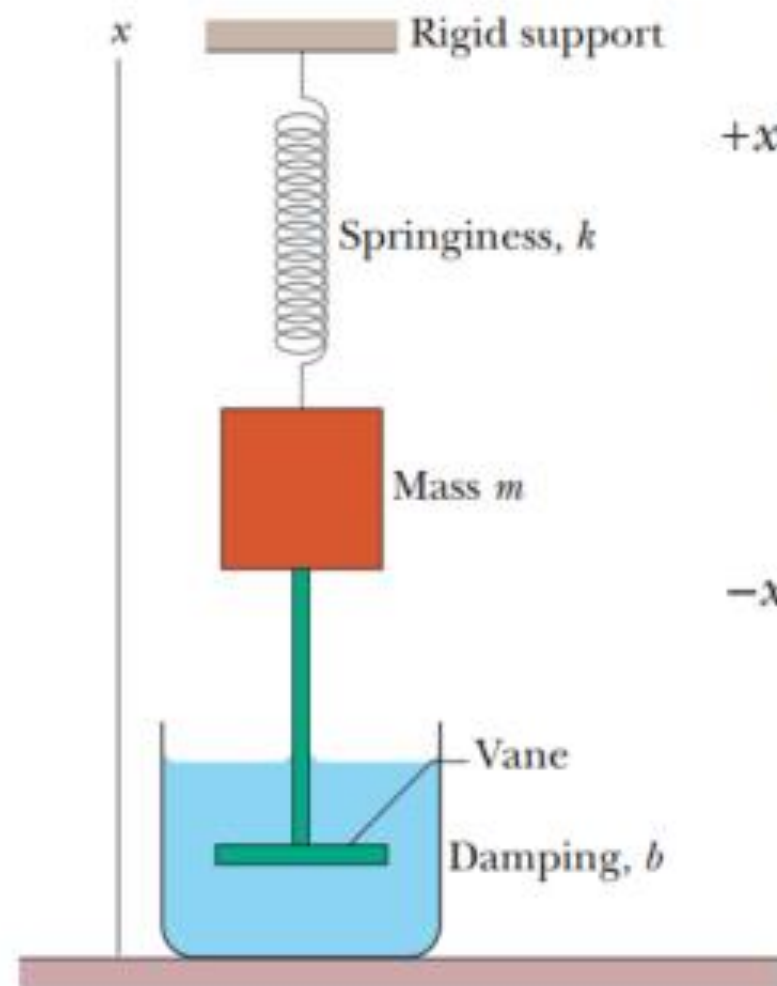
[Because solving this differential equation is not part of our course.]

$$x(t) = x_m e^{-bt/2m} \cos(\omega' t + \phi),$$

function of time

exponential factor

Angular frequency of damped oscillations



Solution to this differential equation

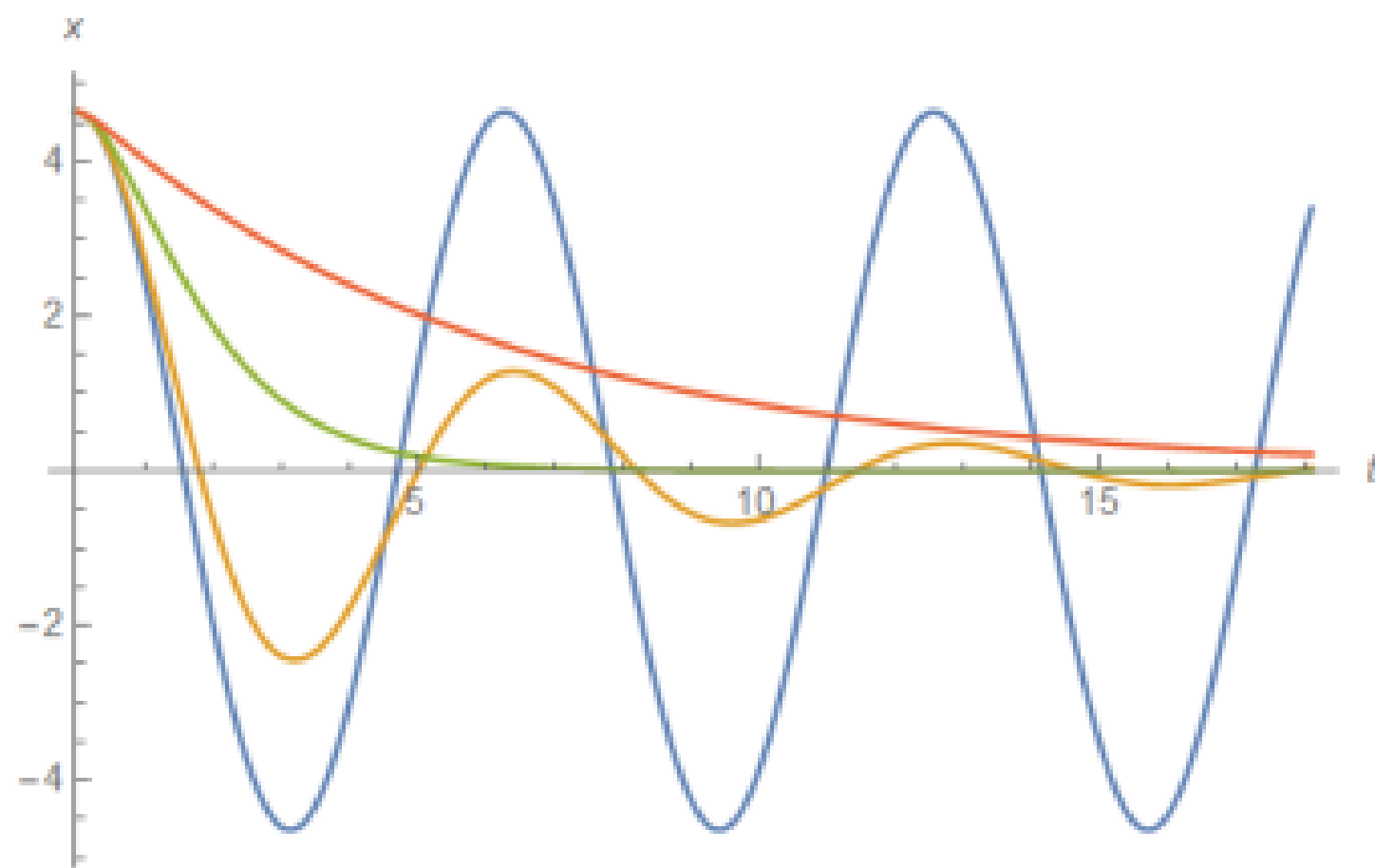
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Amplitude of Damped oscillations

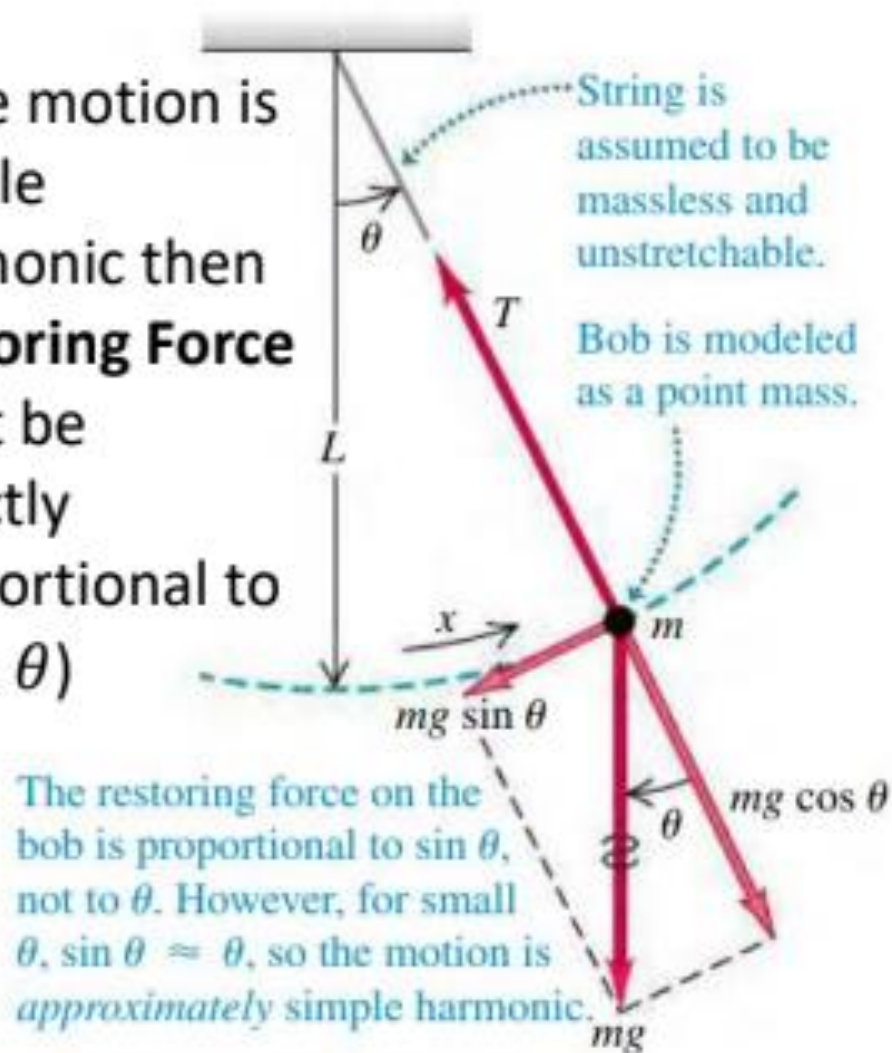


$$\beta = b/2$$

- Undamped ( $\beta = 0$ )
- Underdamped ( $\beta < \omega_0$ )
- Critically damped ( $\beta = \omega_0$ )
- Overdamped ( $\beta > \omega_0$ )



If the motion is simple harmonic then **Restoring Force** must be directly proportional to  $x$  (or  $\theta$ )



$$F_{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta$$

if angle  $\theta$  is *small*

$$F_{\theta} = -mg\theta$$

$$= -mg \frac{x}{L} = -\frac{mg}{L}x$$

Angular frequency of simple pendulum, small amplitude

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{mg/L}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

Pendulum mass (cancels)

Period of simple pendulum, small amplitude

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{1}{f} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

Angular frequency      Frequency

# Useful Formulae

$$x = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad (\text{displacement})$$

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

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

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f \quad (\text{angular frequency}).$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad (\text{angular frequency})$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad (\text{period}).$$

For any oscillating  
object

Spring-mass  
system

$$E(t) \approx \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 e^{-bt/m}.$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

for spring

For damped  
oscillations.





# Waves



# Wave function

(A mathematical function that can describe the path/trajectory of oscillations and waves)

Simplest wave model [in SHM (Transverse wave)]

$$y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

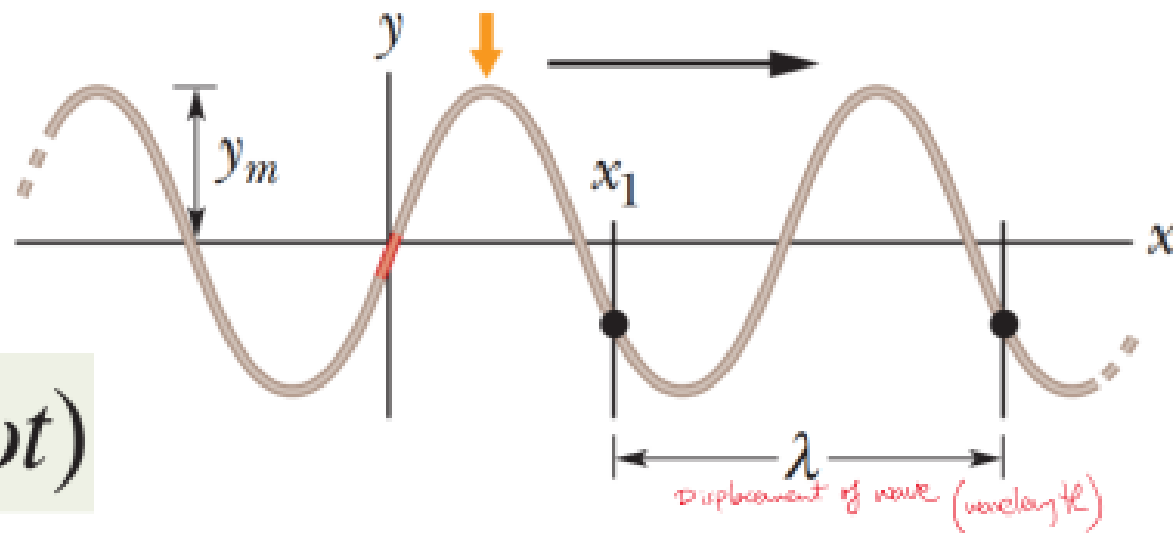
Wave function

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \lambda & \longrightarrow & 2\pi \\ 1 & \longrightarrow & \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \\ x & \longrightarrow & \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} x \end{array}$$

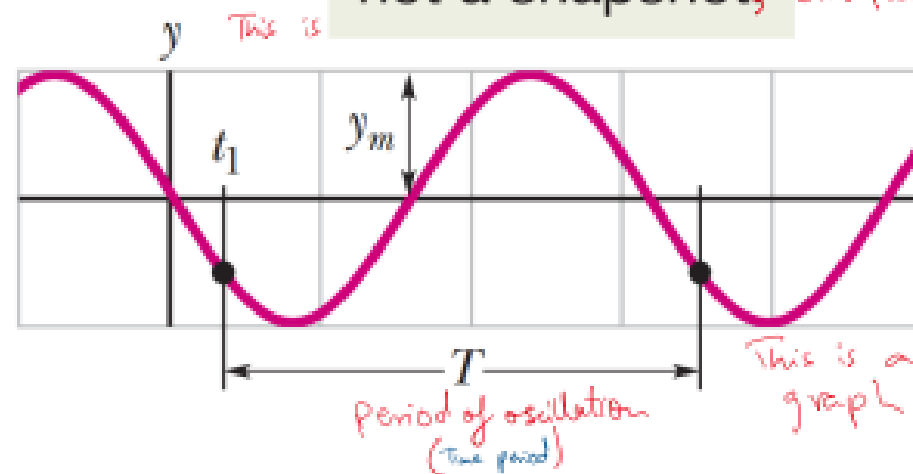
$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad (\text{angular wave number}).$$

compare it with  
 $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

This is  
**snapshot**, other picture is not.



**not a snapshot**, star pict





# Wave function

The diagram illustrates the components of the wave function equation  $y(x,t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$ . The equation is written in red. Labels in green and blue are connected to parts of the equation by lines and brackets.

- Displacement** (green) points to  $y(x,t)$ .
- Amplitude** (green) points to  $y_m$ .
- Oscillating term** (green) points to the sine function  $\sin(kx - \omega t)$ .
- Phase** (green) points to the argument of the sine function,  $kx - \omega t$ .
- Angular wave number** (blue) points to  $k$ .
- Position** (blue) points to  $x$ .
- Time** (blue) points to  $t$ .
- Angular frequency** (blue) points to  $\omega$ .

$y(x,t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$

# Wave function

To take snapshot,

$$y(x, 0) = y_m \sin kx.$$

fix a point  
in time  $t=0$

To plot a graph,

$$y(0, t) = y_m \sin(-\omega t)$$

$$= -y_m \sin \omega t$$

fix a point in space  
 $x=0$

The generalized wave function

$$y = y_m \sin(kx \pm \omega t + \phi).$$

will add information  
for second wave

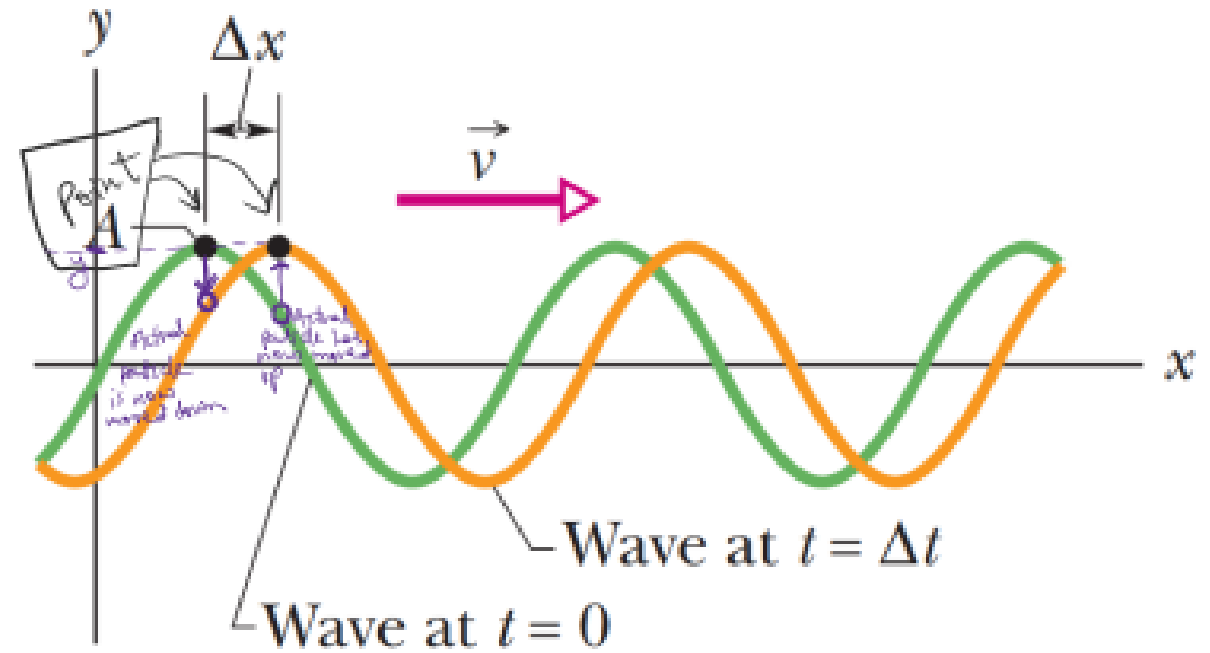
# Wave Velocity

point A retains its displacement

$$kx - \omega t = \text{a constant.}$$

$$k \frac{dx}{dt} - \omega = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v = \frac{\omega}{k}.$$



$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \lambda f \quad (\text{wave speed})$$

The **frequency**  $f$  of a wave is defined as  $1/T$  and is related to the angular frequency  $\omega$  by;  $\omega = 2\pi f$

We define the **period** of oscillation  $T$  of a wave to be the time any string element takes to move through one full oscillation.

The **wavelength** of a wave is the distance (parallel to the direction of the wave's travel) between repetitions of the shape of the wave (or *wave shape*).

The **amplitude**  $y_m$  of a wave is the magnitude of the maximum displacement of the elements from their equilibrium positions as the wave passes through them.

The **phase** of the wave is the *argument*  $kx - \omega t$  of the sine. As the wave sweeps through a string element at a particular position  $x$ , the phase changes linearly with time  $t$ . This means that the sine also changes, oscillating between +1 and -1.

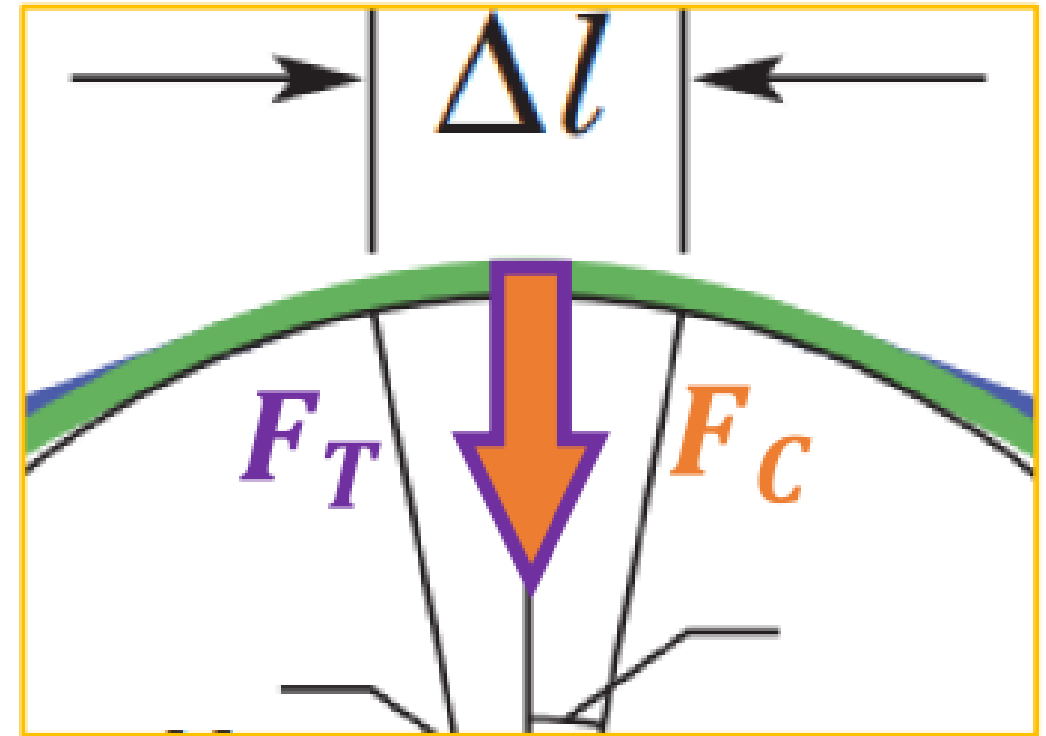
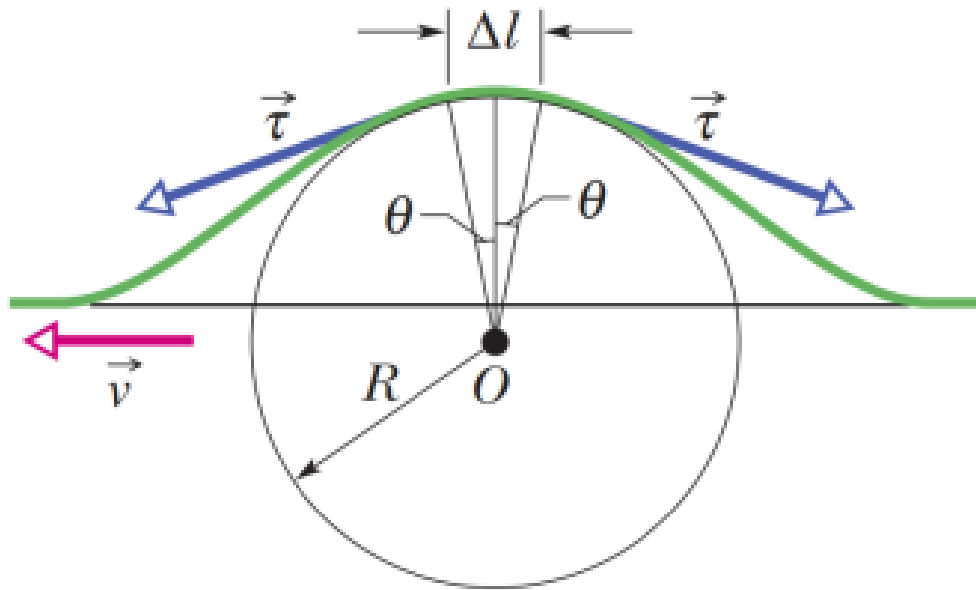
We call  $k$  the **angular wave number** of the wave; its SI unit is the radian per meter, or the inverse meter.

A phase constant  $\phi$  in the wave function:

$$y = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi).$$

The value of  $\phi$  can be chosen so that the function gives some other displacement and slope at  $x = 0$  when  $t = 0$ .

# Wave in a string



$$F = 2(\tau \sin \theta) \approx \tau(2\theta) = \tau \frac{\Delta l}{R}$$

$$\frac{\tau \Delta l}{R} = (\mu \Delta l) \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{\mu}}$$

$\mu$  (dimension  $ML^{-1}$ )  
 $\tau$  (dimension  $MLT^{-2}$ )



# Energy Transportation

$$dK = \frac{1}{2} dm u^2$$

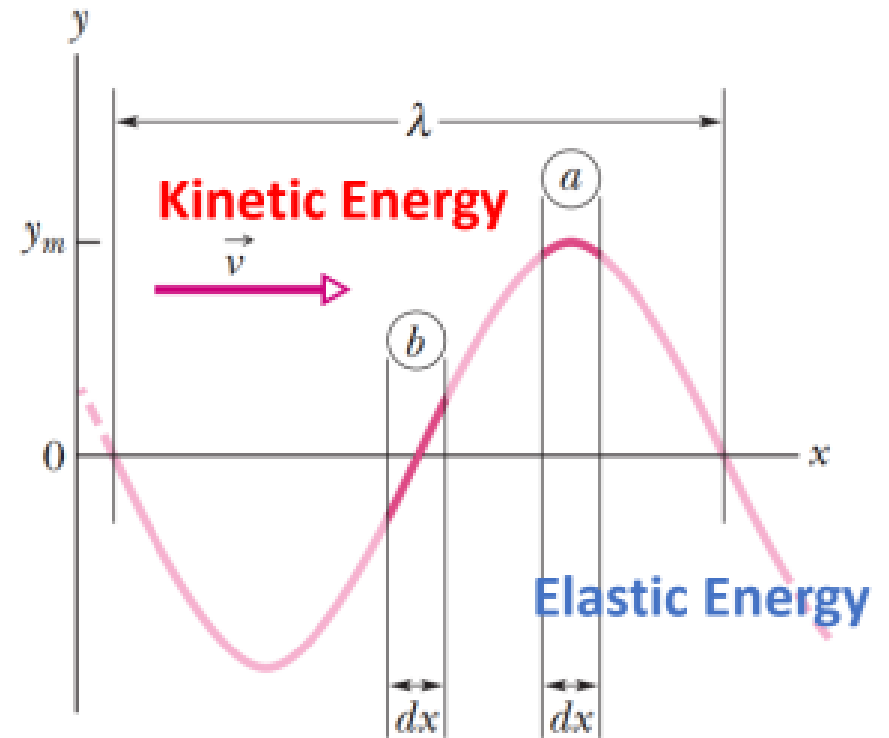
Using wave function  $y(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$

$$u = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = -\omega y_m \cos(kx - \omega t).$$

$$dK = \frac{1}{2}(\mu dx)(-\omega y_m)^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t).$$

$$\frac{dK}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\mu v \omega^2 y_m^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t).$$

$$\left(\frac{dK}{dt}\right)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{4}\mu v \omega^2 y_m^2.$$



# Energy Transportation

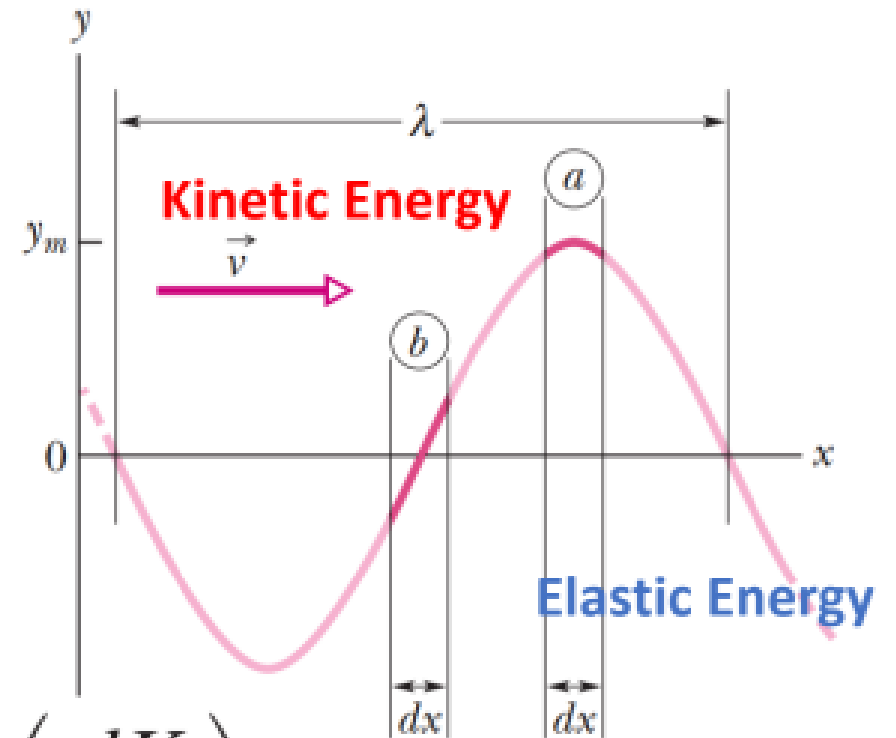
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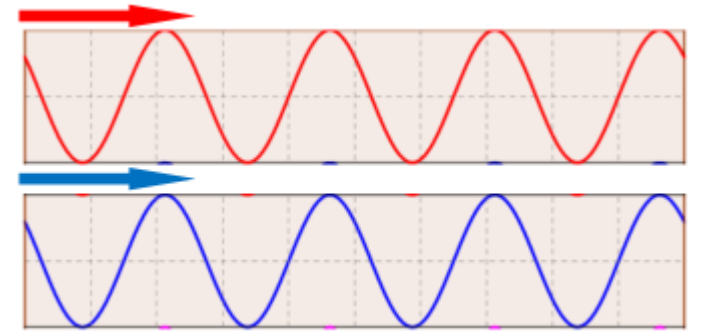
$$\left( \frac{dK}{dt} \right)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{4} \mu v \omega^2 y_m^2$$

$$P_{\text{avg}} = 2 \left( \frac{dK}{dt} \right)_{\text{avg}}$$

$$P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega^2 y_m^2 \quad (\text{average power}).$$



## Wave Interference



$$y'(x, t) = 2y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) \quad (\phi = 0).$$
$$y'(x, t) = 0 \quad (\phi = \pi \text{ rad}).$$

Displacement

$$y'(x, t) = [2y_m \cos \frac{1}{2}\phi] \sin(kx - \omega t + \frac{1}{2}\phi)$$

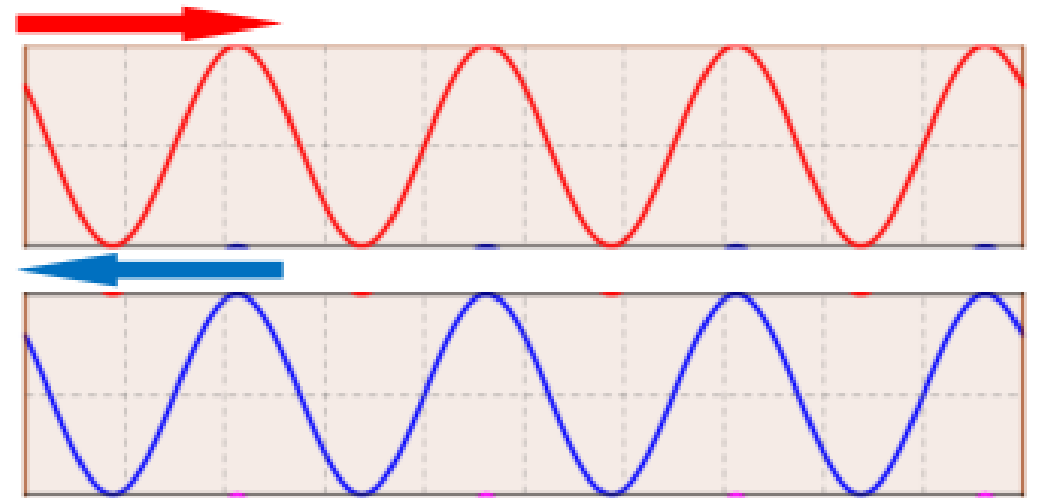
Magnitude  
gives  
amplitude

Oscillating  
term

## Wave Interference

$$y_1(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$y_2(x, t) = y_m \sin(kx + \omega t).$$

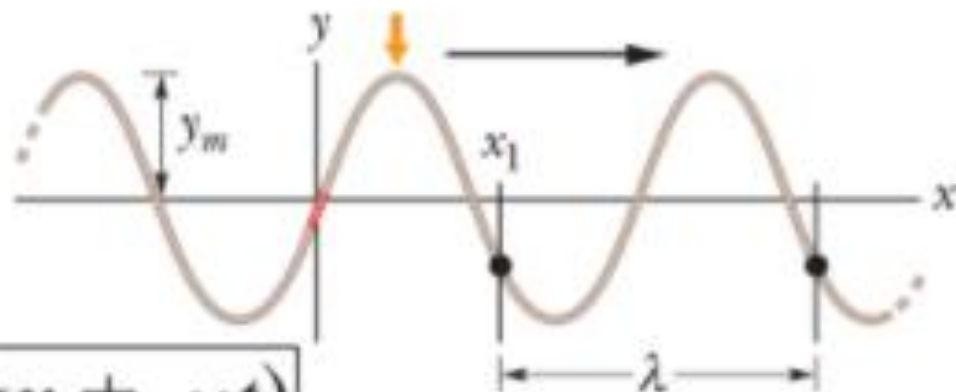


$$y'(x, t) = [2y_m \sin kx] \cos \omega t.$$

# Wave

$$y = y_m \sin(kx \pm \omega t + \phi).$$

$$y(x, t) = h(kx \pm \omega t)$$

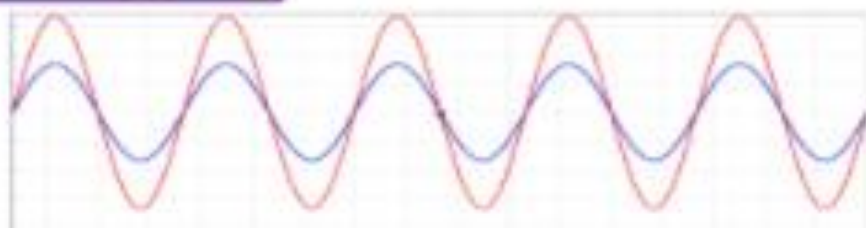


$$P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega^2 y_m^2 \quad (\text{average power}).$$

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \lambda f$$

$$y'(x, t) = [2y_m \cos \frac{1}{2}\phi] \sin(kx - \omega t + \frac{1}{2}\phi).$$

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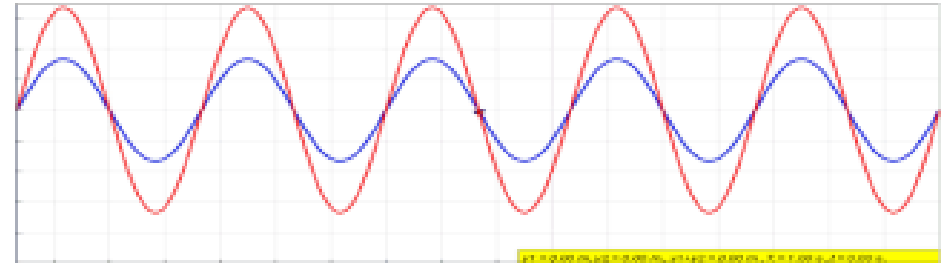


## Nodes

## Points of Zero Amplitude

where the sinusoidal part of amplitude is minimum  
 $\sin kx = 0$

$$kx = n\pi, \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

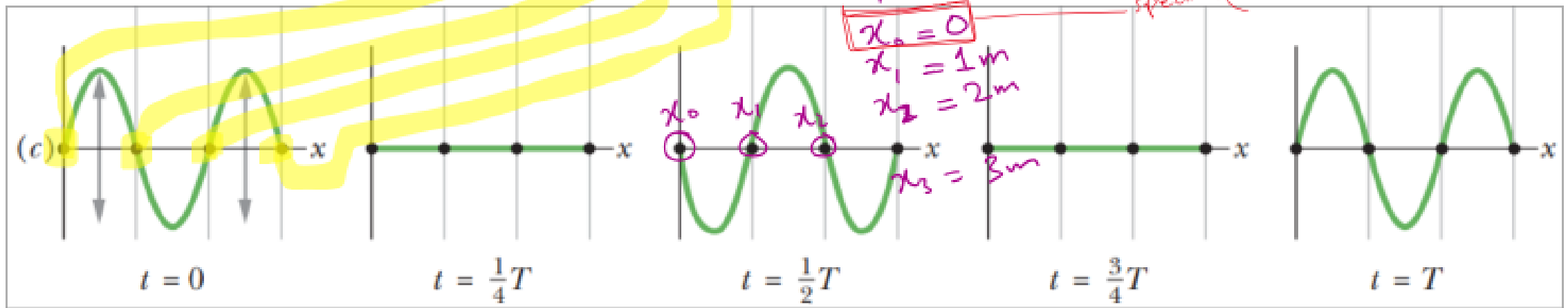


$$x = n \frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(nodes),

if  $\lambda = 2\text{m}$  then special (minimum) condition

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= 0 \\ x_1 &= 1\text{m} \\ x_2 &= 2\text{m} \\ x_3 &= 3\text{m} \end{aligned}$$



## Antinodes

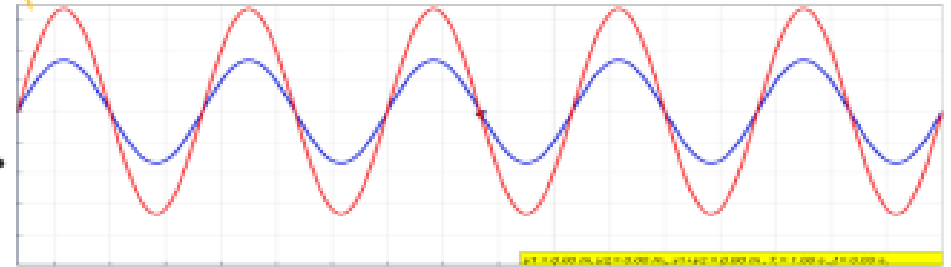
## Points of Maximum Amplitude

$$kx = (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi, \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

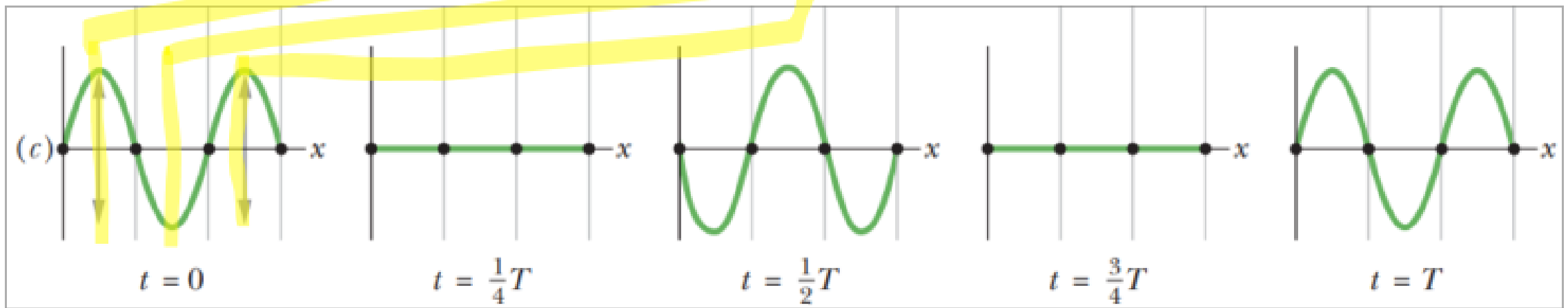
$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$x = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where the sinusoidal part of standing wave  
amplitude is 1  $\sin kx = 1$



(antinodes),



# Wave Reflections and Harmonics

Conditions to produce Harmonics:

$$L = n\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2L}{n}, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

this gives all the allowed wavelengths inside a section of length  $L$

for a section of length 0.42 m

$\lambda = \frac{2(0.42)}{1} = 0.84\text{m}$  — one of wavelength, 0.84m can exist as first harmonic

$\lambda = \frac{2(0.42)}{2} = 0.42\text{m}$  — one of wavelength, 0.42m can exist as second harmonic

$\lambda = \frac{2(0.42)}{3} = 0.28\text{m}$  — one of wavelength, 0.28m can exist as third harmonic

$$f = \frac{v_{\text{wave velocity}}}{\lambda} = n \frac{v}{2L}, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

→ allowed frequencies inside a section.

