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# Simple Harmonic Motion

**Objective:** Define simple harmonic motion and state it's equation.

### **Background**

- The motion which repeats itself after a time interval is **periodic motion**.
- Oscillation, vibration, rotation, are examples of periodic motion.

### **Simple Harmonic Motion**

- The motion in which the *restoring force* is directed towards a fixed point and is **proportional** to the *displacement* is **simple harmonic motion**.
- A body in *simple harmonic motion* is called **harmonic oscillator**.

### **Equation for simple harmonic motion**

• The restoring force  ${\cal F}$  is directly proportional to displacement  ${\it x}$  .

$$F_x = -kx$$

$$F_x = ma_x$$

$$F_x = m\frac{dv_x}{dt}$$

$$F_x = m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

$$d^2x - k$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{-k}{m}x$$

- The quantity  $\frac{k}{m}$  can be expressed as  $\omega^2$
- The differential equation for a body exhibiting **simple harmonic motion** is:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

#### Acceleration in S.H.M.

• The equation expressing acceleration in S.H.M. is:

$$a = -\omega^2 x$$

**Velocity in** S.H.M.

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 x$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -\omega^2 x$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega^2 x$$

$$vdv = -\omega^2 x dx$$

$$\int vdv = -\omega^2 \int x dx$$

$$\frac{v^2}{2} = -\omega^2 \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

• At maximum displacement x=A and v=0.

$$C = \omega^2 \frac{A^2}{2}$$
$$\frac{v^2}{2} = -\omega^2 \frac{x^2}{2} + \omega^2 \frac{A^2}{2}$$
$$v^2 = \omega^2 (A^2 - x^2)$$

• The expression for **velocity** is given by:

$$v = \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

### Displacement in S.H.M.

$$v = \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

$$\frac{dx}{\sqrt{A^2 - x^2}} = \omega dt$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{A^2 - x^2}} = \int \omega dt$$

$$x = A \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = A \cos \theta$$

$$dx = A \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$\int \frac{A \cos \theta d\theta}{\sqrt{A^2 - x^2}} = \omega t + \phi$$

$$\int \frac{A \cos \theta d\theta}{\sqrt{A^2 (1 - \sin^2 \theta)}} = \omega t + \phi$$

$$\int \frac{A \cos \theta d\theta}{A \cos \theta} = \omega t + \phi$$

$$\theta = \omega t + \phi$$

• The equation for **displacement** *x* is expressed as:

$$x = A\sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

• The equation for **velocity** can also be expressed as:

$$v = \omega A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

• The equation for **acceleration** can also be expressed as:

$$a = -\omega^2 A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

# Energy in S.H.M

**Objective:** Derive the expressions for energy in simple harmonic motion.

• Energy in **simple harmonic motion** is exhibited in the form of both *kinetic and potential* energy.

### Potential Energy in S.H.M.

- The expression for force in relation with displacement is F = -kx.
- x and F are opposite in direction.

$$dU = -dW$$

$$dU = kxdx$$

$$\int dU = \int kxdx$$

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

$$U = \frac{1}{2}kA^2\sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

• The relation for **potential energy** in S.H.M. is expressed as:

$$U = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

### Kinetic Energy in S.H.M.

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^{2}$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2}m\omega\sqrt{A^{2} - x^{2}}^{2}$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2}m(\omega A\cos(\omega t + \phi))^{2}$$

• The relation for **kinetic energy** in S.H.M. is expressed as:

$$K = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

### Total Energy in S.H.M.

$$E = K + U$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 A^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi) + \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 A^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2$$

• The total energy in S.H.M. is expressed as:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}kA^2$$

## **Period**

**Objective**: Derive the expressions for period for vertical oscillation of a mass suspended from coiled spring.

### Period in vertical oscillation

• The restoring **force** acting on a body of mass m due to **gravity** is proportional to the extension e .

$$W = mg$$

$$W = -ke$$

$$mg = -ke$$

• After further extension y ,

$$F_{1} = -k(e+y)$$

$$F = F_{1} - W$$

$$F = -k(e+y) + ke$$

$$F = -ke - ky + ke$$

$$F = -ky$$

$$a = \frac{-k}{m}y$$

$$a = -\omega^{2}y$$

$$\omega^{2} = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

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

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

• The relation expressing *time period* in **vertical oscillation** is:

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

# Angular S.H.M.

**Objective:** Describe angular simple harmonic motion and find it's period.

# **Angular Simple Harmonic Motion**

• The displacement is proportional **torque**  $\tau$  acting on a body as :

 $\tau \alpha \theta$ 

- The displacement and **torque** are opposite to each other.
- The *restoring* **torque** can be expressed as:

 $\tau = -k\theta$ 

### **Period in Angular** S.H.M.

$$\tau = -k\theta$$

$$\tau = I\alpha$$

$$I\alpha = -k\theta$$

$$\alpha = \frac{-k}{I}\theta$$

$$a = -\omega^2 x$$

$$\frac{-k}{I}\theta r = -\omega^2 x$$

$$\theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k}{I}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{I}}$$

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{k}{I}}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

• The **time period** T for **angular** S.H.M. can be expressed as:

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{k}}$$

### Pendulum

**Objective:** Derive expression for period of simple pendulum.

### Simple Pendulum

- A bob of **mass** m is taken.
- The mass m is suspended at a string of length l .
- Force acting on the *bob* at a **distance** *x*.
- Angle  $\theta$  is made at that distance.

- The restoring force can be expressed in **two** components.
- The **force** on *string* is balanced by the cos component.

$$\tau = mg\cos\theta$$

• The **restoring** force for a *pendulum* is given by:

$$F = -mg\sin\theta$$

## **Time Period for Simple Pendulum**

$$\sin \theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!}$$

$$F = -mg\theta$$

$$\theta = \frac{x}{l}$$

$$a = -\omega^2 x$$

$$-\omega^2 x = -g\frac{x}{l}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$$

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

• The relation expressing *time period* for simple pendulum is given by:

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

# **Damped Oscillation**

**Objective:** Explain damped oscillation.

- The gradual *decrement* of amplitude of a body in **simple harmonic motion** due to the *action* of resistive forces in it is **damping**.
- The oscillation in damping is called damped oscillation

### Forced Oscillation

**Objective:** Describe forced oscillation and resonance with suitable examples.

#### **Forced Oscillation**

• Forced oscillation is the phenomenon of setting a body in oscillation with large periodic force.

#### Resonance

• **Resonance** is the phenomenon of setting a body to *oscillate* in it's *natural frequency* by applying a **periodic** force of **same** magnitude of natural *frequency* of the body.

### **Examples of resonance**

- **Resonance** is used in tuning *circuits* in radios to communicate in a particular **frequency**.
- **Tachometers** detect the rpm of motors by resonating metal strips.
- Sodium chloride crystals resonate in oscillating electric field.
- Bridge being marched by soldiers may collapse it the marching matches the natural frequency of the *bridge*.