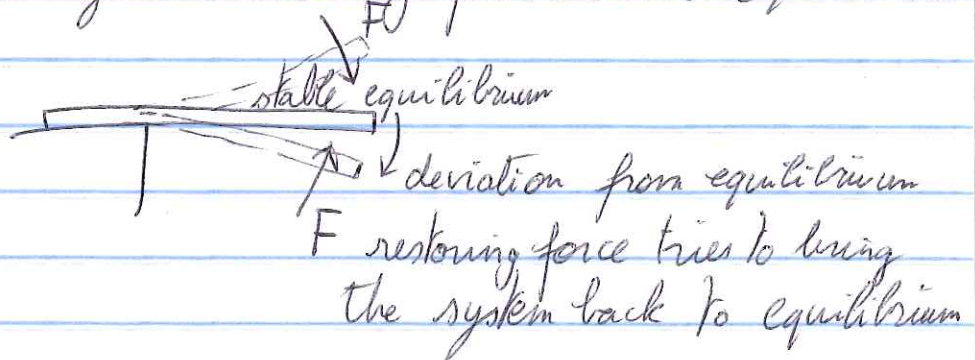


What is periodic motion? - grandfather clock, pendulum

- guitar string, water ~~wave~~ waves
- sound, light, AC electricity
- vibrations of molecules
- earthquakes waves propagate through the earth
- variations in brightness of stars

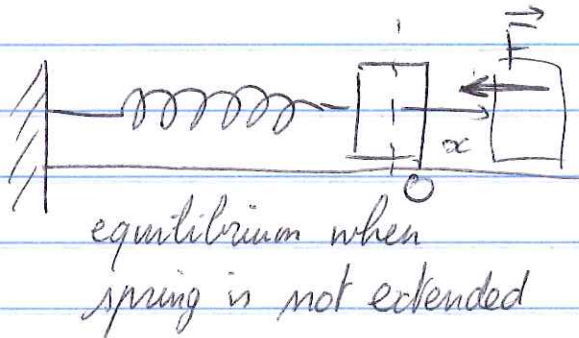
Simplest description of periodic phenomena and oscillations:  
caused by some restoring force around equilibrium

Example:

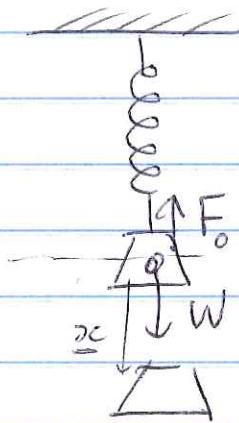


Features:

- stable equilibrium
- restoring force
- system builds up kinetic energy and overshoots
- now the deviation is on the opposite side



restoring force  $\vec{F} = -kx$



equilibrium when  $F_0 = -k\Delta L = W$

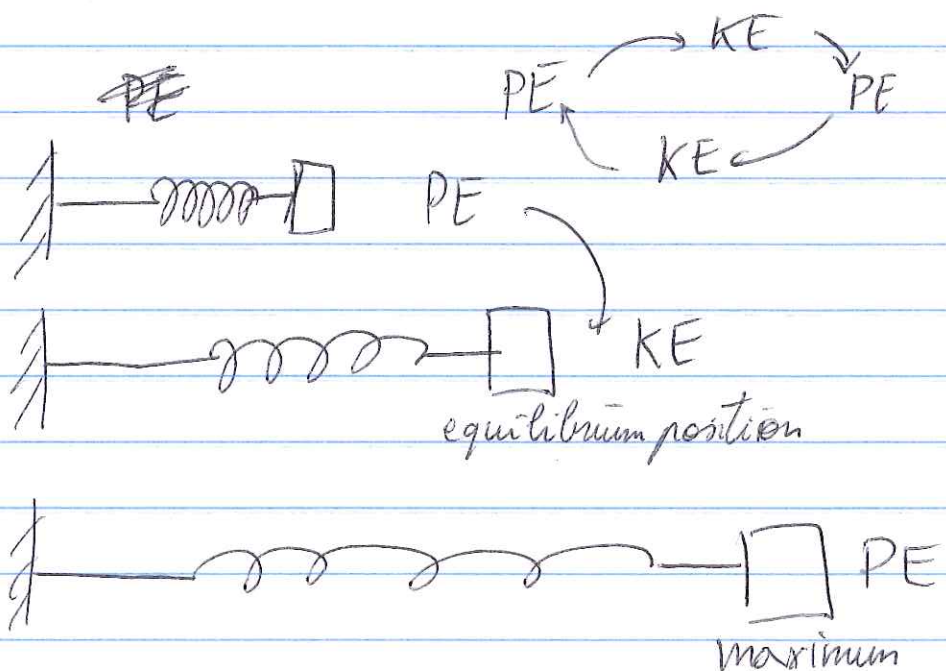
$F = -kx$  restoring

Hooke's law:  $F = -k\Delta L \rightarrow$  equilibrium at  $x=0$

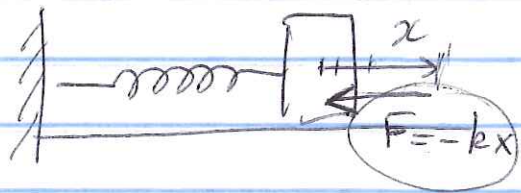
a maximum  $\rightarrow F = ma \rightarrow F$  maximum

$F = -kx \rightarrow$  when  $x$  is maximum

\* Energy

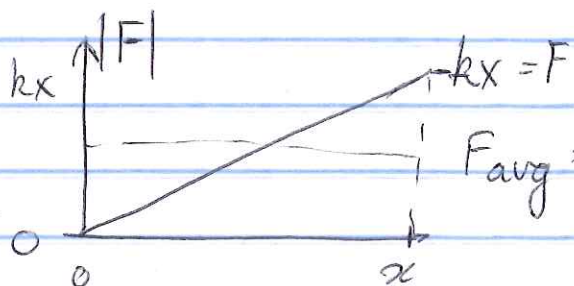


$$PE \text{ for spring} = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$



naïve derivation:

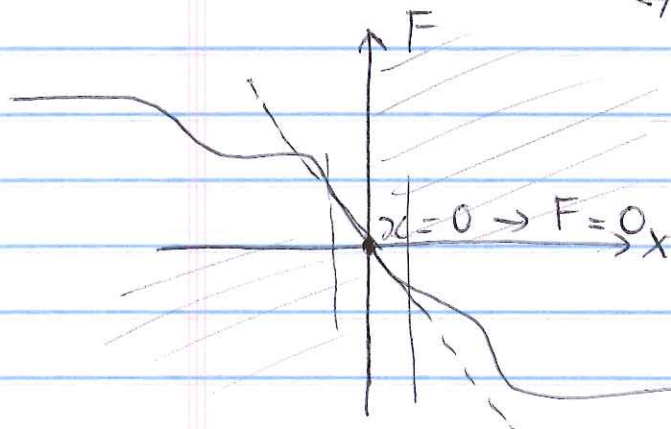
$$\begin{aligned} W &= F \cdot d \cdot \cos \theta, \quad \theta = 180^\circ \\ &= -kx \cdot x \cdot \cos 180^\circ \\ &= kx^2 \end{aligned}$$



improved derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} W &= F_{\text{avg}} \cdot d \cdot \cos \theta \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} kx \cdot x \cdot \cos 180^\circ \\ PE_k &= \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2} kx^2}} \end{aligned}$$

\* What about imperfect springs?  $F \neq -kx$



even for imperfect springs, we can describe them using  $F = -kx$  as a perfect spring as long as we stay within a small enough region around the equilibrium



## \* Frequency and period

$T$  = period = time for one oscillation (units of s)

$f = \frac{1}{T}$  = frequency = how many oscillations in 1 second  
(units:  $s^{-1} = \text{Hz}$ )

piano playing A :  $f = 440 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow T = \frac{1}{f} = 2.27 \text{ ms}$

WCWM  $f = 90.3 \text{ MHz} \rightarrow T = \frac{1}{f} = 1.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}$   
 $T = 11 \text{ ns}$

## \* Simple harmonic oscillator (SHM)

↳ spring that satisfies  $F = -kx$  everywhere

In SHM :  $f$  (and  $T$ ) are independent of the amplitude

A = amplitude = maximum displacement from equilibrium

What does  $T, f$  depend on?  $m, k$

$m$  : units  $(\text{kg})$

$k$  : units  $\text{N/m} = \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}^2}$

$T$  : units s  $\rightarrow T \sim \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$

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

\* How does  $x$  change over time?

$$x = A \cos(\omega t) = A \cos(2\pi f)t \\ = A \cos\left(2\pi \frac{t}{T}\right)$$

