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#13

A 6-lb object stretches a spring 6 in. If the object is lifted 3 in. above the equilibrium position and released, determine the time required for the mass to return to its equilibrium position. What is the displacement of the object at $t = 5$ s? If the object is released from its equilibrium position with a downward initial velocity of 1 ft/s, determine the time required for the object to return to its equilibrium position.

solution

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 s = \frac{1}{2} & F = 6 & a = g = 32 \\
 \alpha = -\frac{1}{4} & \beta = 0 & F = ks = ma \\
 k = 12 & m = \frac{3}{16} & \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{12 \cdot 16}{3}} = 8 \\
 x(t) = -\frac{1}{4} \cos 8t & 0 = -\frac{1}{4} \cos 8t & t = \frac{1}{8} \arccos 0 = \frac{\pi}{16} \approx 0.196\text{s} \\
 x(5) = -\frac{1}{4} \cos 40 \approx 0.167\text{ft} & \alpha = 0 & \beta = 1 \\
 x(t) = \frac{1}{8} \sin 8t & 0 = \frac{1}{8} \sin 8t & t = \frac{1}{8} \arcsin 0 = \frac{\pi}{8} \approx 0.393\text{s}
 \end{array}$$

#14

A 16-lb weight stretches a spring 8 in. If the weight is lowered 4 in. below the equilibrium position and released, find the time required for the weight to return to the equilibrium position. What is the displacement of the weight at $t = 4$ s? If the weight is released from its equilibrium position with an upward initial velocity of 2 ft/s, determine the time required for the weight to return to the equilibrium position.

solution

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 s = \frac{2}{3} & F = 16 & a = g = 32 \\
 \alpha = \frac{1}{3} & \beta = 0 & F = ks = ma \\
 k = 24 & m = \frac{1}{2} & \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{48} = 4\sqrt{3} \\
 x(t) = \frac{1}{3} \cos(4\sqrt{3} \cdot t) & 0 = \frac{1}{3} \cos(4\sqrt{3} \cdot t) & t = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \arccos 0 = \frac{\pi}{8\sqrt{3}} \approx 0.227\text{s} \\
 x(4) = \frac{1}{3} \cos(16\sqrt{3}) \approx -0.282\text{ft} & \alpha = 0 & \beta = -2 \\
 x(t) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \sin(4\sqrt{3} \cdot t) & 0 = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \sin(4\sqrt{3} \cdot t) & t = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \arcsin 0 = \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{3}} \approx 0.453\text{s}
 \end{array}$$

5.2

#3

$$\frac{1}{4} \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dx}{dt} + x = 0, \quad x(0) = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad x'(0) = 1$$

solution

The mass $m = \frac{1}{4}$ slugs, the spring constant $k = 1$ lb/ft, and the damping coefficient $c = 2$. The object starts 6 inches above equilibrium and is thrown down with an initial velocity of 1 ft/s.