PHY131H1F Summer – Class 11

Today:

- Oscillations, Repeating Motion
- Simple Harmonic MotionOscillations follow a sine
- or cosine function
- Hanging SpringsThe Pendulum
- Damped Oscillations
- Driven Oscillations; Resonance



Italian opera singer Luigi Infantino tries to break a wine glass by singing top 'C' at a rehearsal.

A little pre-class reading quiz on Ch.14... (1 of 2)

The starting conditions of an oscillator are characterized by

A. the initial acceleration.

- B. the phase constant.
- C. the phase angle.
- D. the frequency.
- E. the spring constant.

A little pre-class reading quiz on Ch.14... (2 of 2)

What term is used to describe an oscillator that "runs down" and eventually stops?

A. Tired oscillator

- B. Out of shape oscillator
- C. Damped oscillator
- D. Resonant oscillator
- E. Driven oscillator



- ANSWER:
- Shorter than 2 seconds (1.4 s actually) the same object on a stronger spring oscillates faster





Period, frequency, angular frequency

• The time to complete one full cycle, or one oscillation, is called the period, *T*.

• The frequency, *f*, is the number of cycles per second. Frequency and period are related by

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

• The oscillation frequency *f* is measured in cycles per second, or Hertz.

• We may also define an angular frequency ω in radians per second, to describe the oscillation.

$$\omega$$
 (in rad/s) = $\frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$ (in Hz)

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Simple Harmonic Motion

If the initial position of an object in SHM is not A, then we may still use the cosine function, with a phase constant measured in radians.

In this case, the two primary kinematic equations of SHM are:

 $x(t) = A\cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$

$$v_x(t) = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) = -v_{\max} \sin(\omega t + \phi_0)$$







A mass is oscillating on a spring in S.H.M. When it passes through its equilibrium point, an external "kick" suddenly decreases its speed, but then it continues to oscillate. As a result of this slowing, the frequency of the oscillation

A. goes upB. goes downC. stays the same

S.H.M. notes.

• The frequency, *f*, is set by the properties of the system. In the case of a mass *m* attached to a spring of spring-constant *k*, the frequency is always

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

- A and φ₀ are set by the initial conditions: x₀ (initial position) and v₀ (initial velocity).
- *A* turns out to be related to the total energy of the spring oscillator system: $E = \frac{1}{2} k A^2$.

























EXAMPLE 14.7 Bungee oscillations

An 83 kg student hangs from a bungee cord with spring constant 270 N/m. The student is pulled down to a point where the cord is 5.0 m longer than its unstretched length, then released. Where is the student, and what is his velocity 2.0 s later?





The Pendulum

Suppose we restrict the pendulum's oscillations to small angles (< 10°). Then we may use the **small angle approximation** sin $\theta \approx \theta$, where θ is measured in radians. Since $\theta = s/L$, the net force on the mass is

$$(F_{\rm net})_t = -\frac{mg}{L}s$$

and the angular frequency of the motion is found to be

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

	Mass on a Spring	Pendulum
Condition for S.H.M.	Small oscillations	Small angles
Angular frequency	$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$	$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$
Period	$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$	$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$



Two pendula have the same length, but different mass. The force of gravity, F=mg, is larger for the larger mass. Which will have the longer period?

A. the larger mass

B. the smaller mass

C. neither

A person swings on a swing. When the person sits still, the swing oscillates back and forth at its natural frequency. If, instead, two people sit side-by-side on the same swing, the natural frequency of the swing is

A. greater

B. the same

C. smaller



A person swings on a swing. When the person sits still, the swing oscillates back and forth at its natural frequency. If, instead, the person stands on the swing, the natural frequency of the swing is



- B. the same
- C. smaller



Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)

• If the net force on an object is a linear restoring force (ie a mass on a spring, or a pendulum with small oscillations), then the position as a function of time is related to cosine:

 $x = A\cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$

Cosine is a function that goes forever, but

in real life, due to friction or drag, all oscillations eventually slow down.





Driven Oscillations and Resonance

• Consider an oscillating system that, when left to itself, oscillates at a frequency f_0 . We call this the **natural frequency** of the oscillator.

• Suppose that this system is subjected to a *periodic* external force of frequency f_{ext} . This frequency is called the **driving frequency**.

- The amplitude of oscillations is generally not very high if $f_{\rm ext}$ differs much from f_0

• As f_{ext} gets closer and closer to f_0 , the amplitude of the oscillation rises dramatically.





Before Next Class (the last class!):

- Read Chapter 15, sections 15.1 to 15.4 only.
- Note we are skipping sections 15.5 and 15.6 for this course.
- Complete MasteringPhysics.com Problem Set 9
 due tomorrow by 11:59pm
- Something to think about: If you stand on a waterproof bathroom scale in a wading pool, so that part of your legs are immersed in the water, will your measured weight be different than normal? If so, why?

