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## University Physics 226N/231N Old Dominion University Starting Oscillatory Motion (Chap 13)

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Dave and Shankar and Audience Participation!

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Monday November 5, 2012 (Continued on Wednesday w/Dr. Godunov)

Happy Birthday to William Daniel Phillips (Nobel 1997, laser slowing), Famke Janssen, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox!

Happy National Donut Day and Guy Fawkes Night!

**Get your quizzes/midterm back from Dave!**

**More questions added to this week's homework today**

**Next exam and HW journal due: The Monday before Thanksgiving!**



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# Review: Conditions for Static Equilibrium

- A system in static equilibrium undergoes no angular or linear acceleration.
  - Basically Newton's first law
    - Hint: A system that is moving at constant velocity is still in equilibrium since its linear and angular accelerations are zero!

- The conditions for static equilibrium are

- No net force: 
$$\sum_i \vec{F}_i = \vec{0}$$

- No net torque: 
$$\sum_i \vec{\tau} = \sum_i \vec{r}_i \times \vec{F}_i = \vec{0}$$

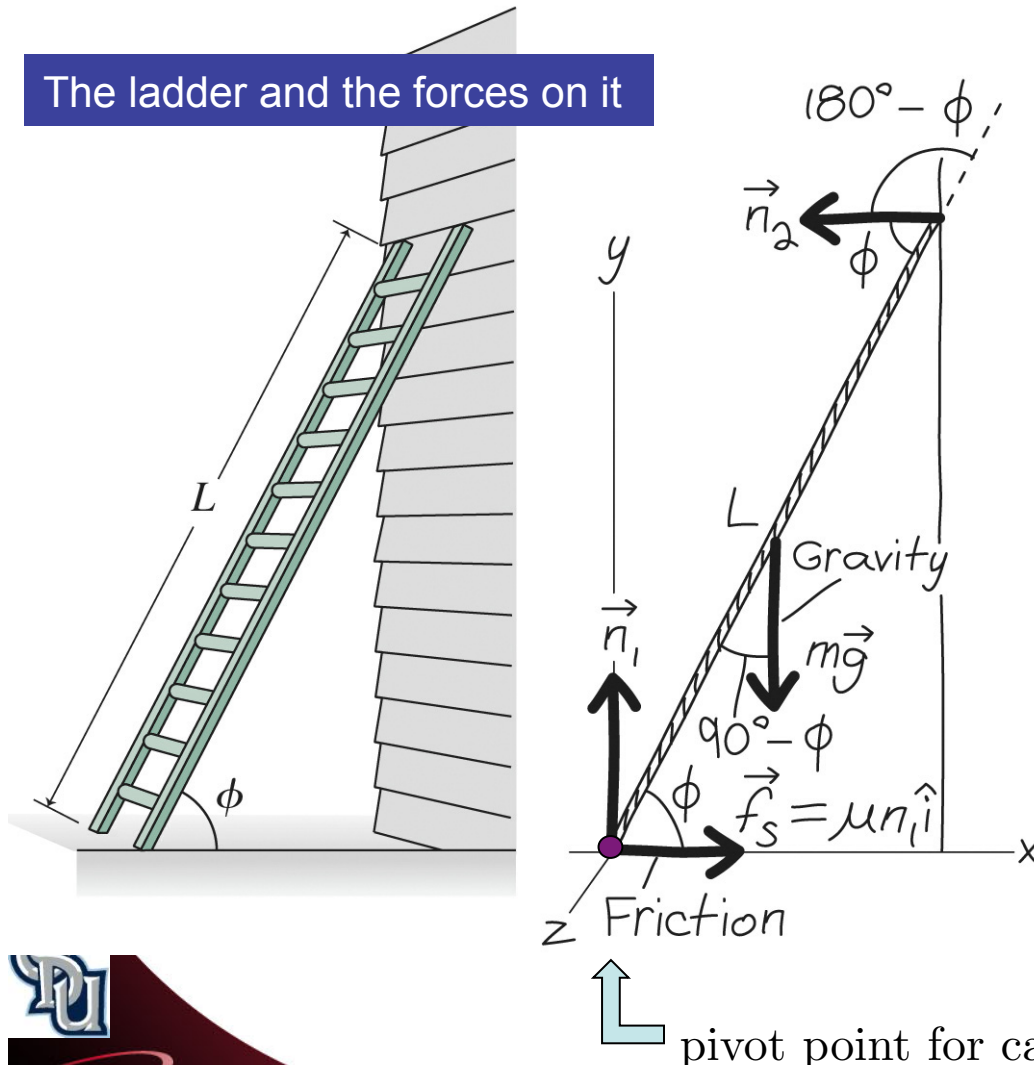
- Torques can be evaluated about **any** convenient pivot point
  - Hint: Eliminate extra (even extraneous) unknown forces from torque equation by choosing pivot point on line of that unknown force



# Review Example: A Leaning Ladder

- At what angle will a leaning ladder slip?

The ladder and the forces on it



Forces in both directions sum to zero:

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow \mu n_1 - n_2 = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow n_1 - mg = 0$$

Torques are all perpendicular to the plane of the page, so there is only one torque equation:

$$\sum \tau = 0$$

$$Ln_2 \sin(180^\circ - \phi) - \frac{L}{2} mg \cos \phi = 0$$

$$Ln_2 \sin(\phi) - \frac{L}{2} mg \cos \phi = 0$$

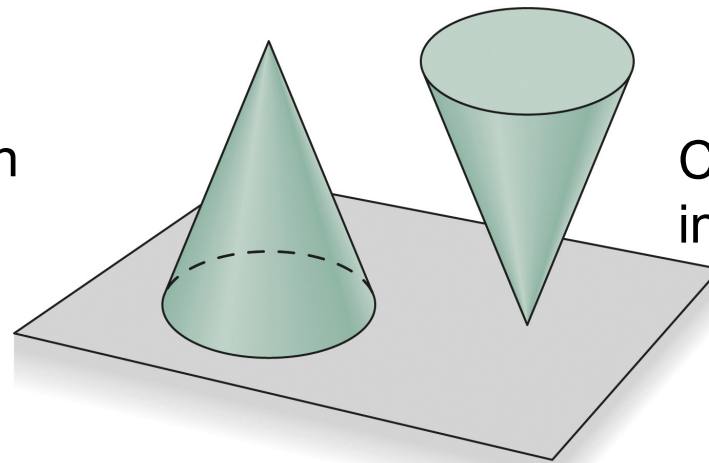
Solve the three dotted boxed equations to get

$$\tan \phi = \frac{1}{2\mu}$$

# Stability

- An equilibrium is **stable** if a slight disturbance (a “perturbation”) from equilibrium results in forces and/or torques that tend to restore the equilibrium.
- An equilibrium is **unstable** if a slight disturbance causes the system to move away from the original equilibrium.

Cone on its base is in **stable equilibrium**



Cone balanced on its tip is in **unstable equilibrium**

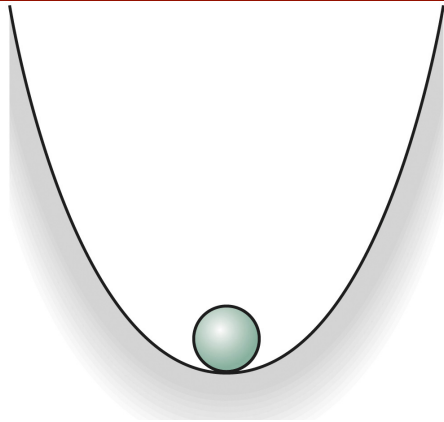


Meter stick balanced on finger is in unstable equilibrium...

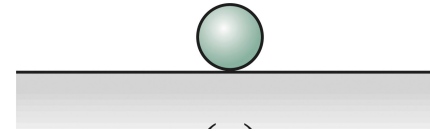
Leaning ladder could be in stable or unstable equilibrium



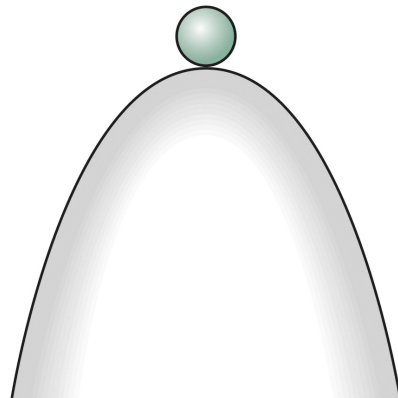
# Kinds of Stability



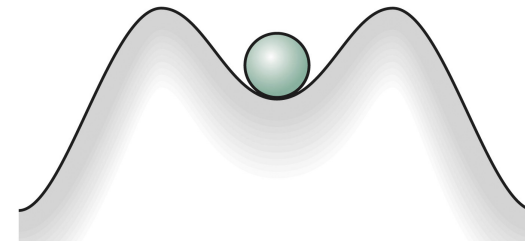
**Stable equilibrium:** perturbed ball will return to equilibrium



**Neutrally stable equilibrium:** no forces push the ball back into equilibrium **or** away from it



**Unstable equilibrium:** perturbed ball will move away from its original equilibrium

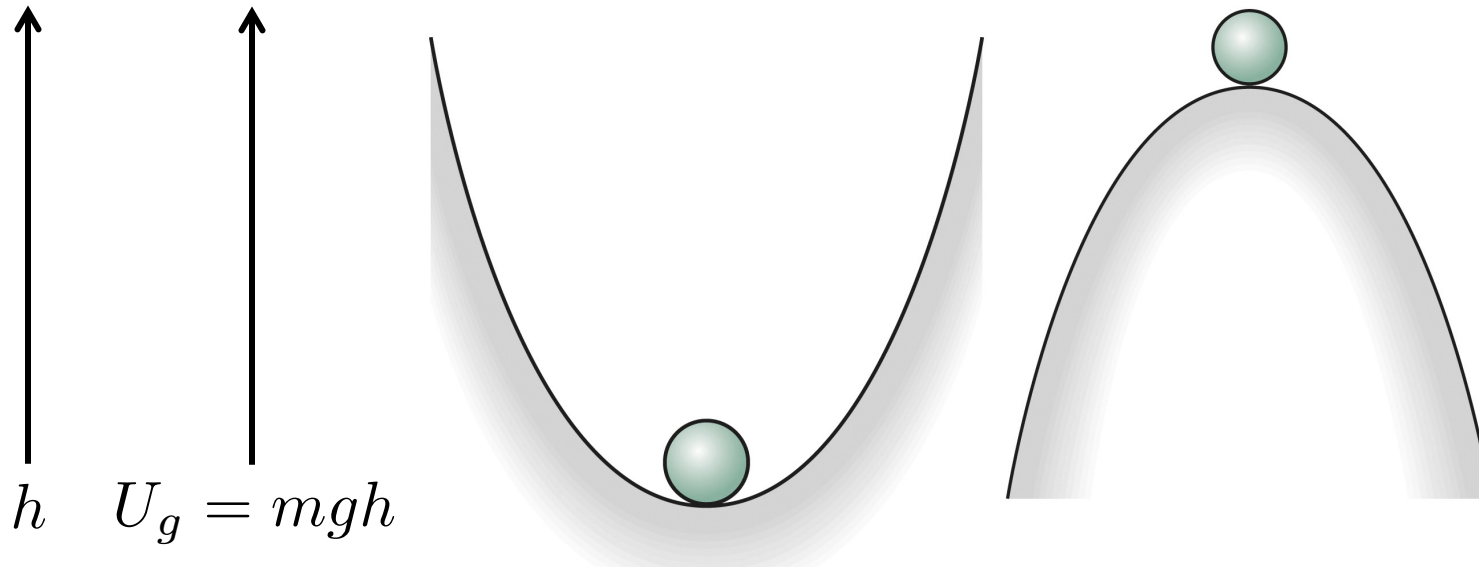


**Metastable or conditionally stable equilibrium:** ball returns for small disturbances, but not for large ones



# Conditions for Equilibrium and Stability

- To be in equilibrium, there must be zero net force on an object.
  - The object must be at a maximum or minimum of its **potential energy curve** (like on top of a hill or bottom of a well)



- But move off this maximum or minimum and the ball will experience a force
  - This force always pushes the ball **downhill** in these pictures
  - In general, an object moving on a potential energy curve feels a force that is proportional to the curve's **slope** or **derivative**  $F = dU/dx$



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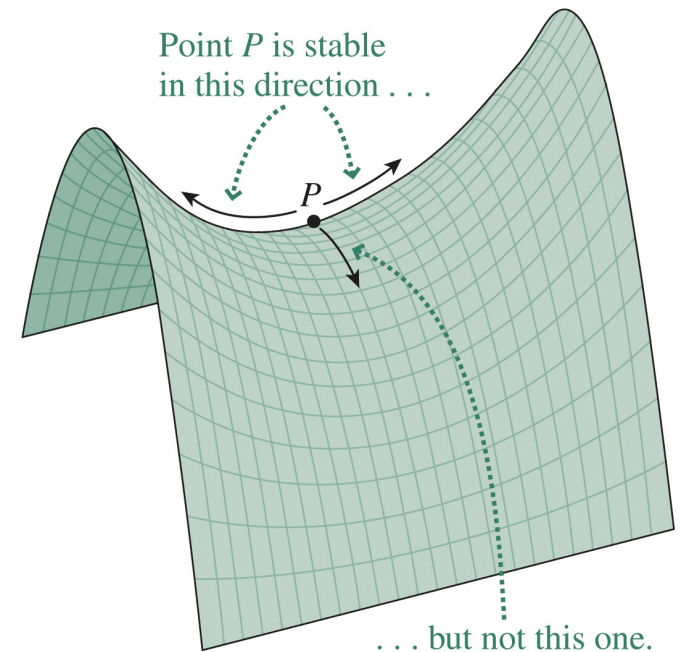
- For stable equilibrium, the object must be at a minimum:

$$\frac{d^2U}{dx^2} > 0 \quad (\text{stable equilibrium})$$

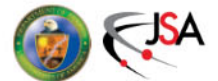
- The condition for unstable equilibrium is

$$\frac{d^2U}{dx^2} < 0 \quad (\text{unstable equilibrium})$$

- In two and three dimensions, an object can be stable in one direction but not another.



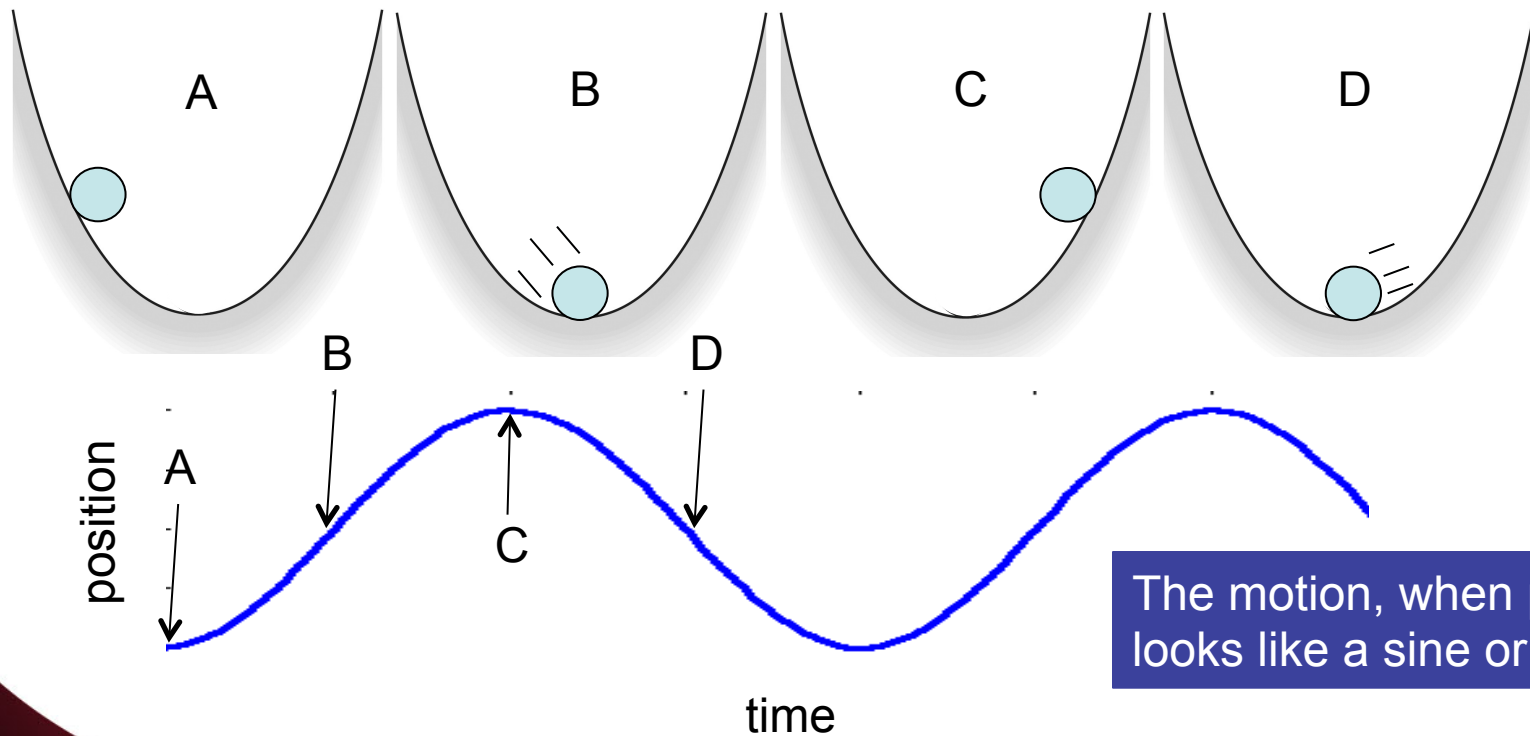
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# Simple Harmonic Motion

- Objects in small motions around a stable equilibrium point are ubiquitous in physics and engineering – they're everywhere!
  - In these problems, the **restoring force is proportional to displacement from the equilibrium point  $x=0$** :  $F = -kx$ 
    - Negative sign is there because the direction of the force  $F$  is opposite to the object's displacement  $x$  from equilibrium (at  $x=0$ )

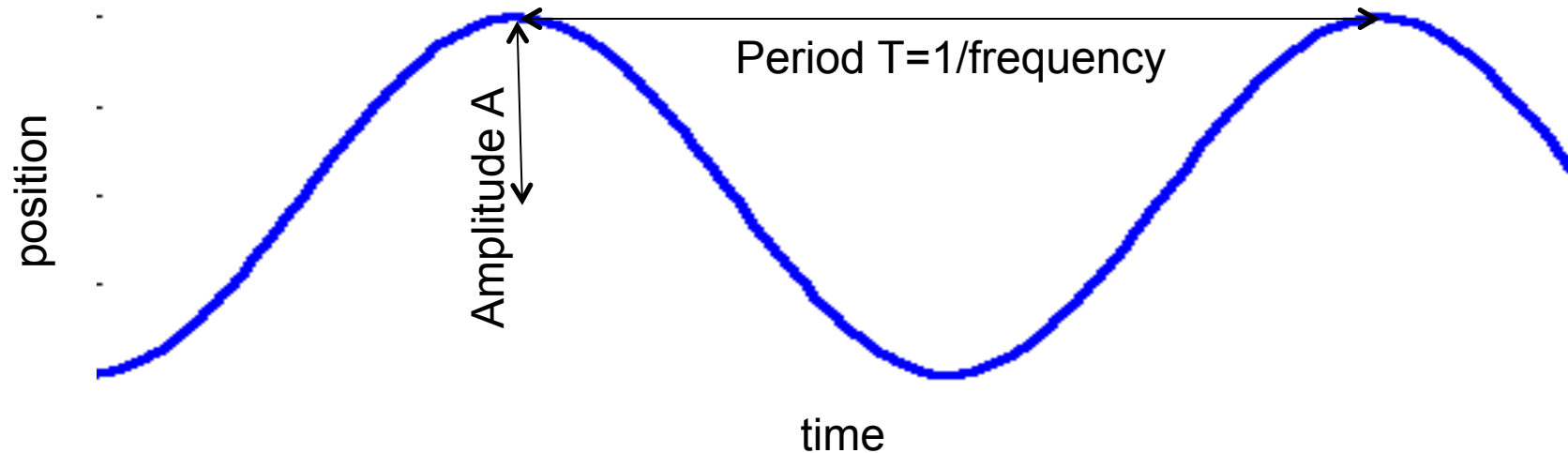


The motion, when plotted, looks like a sine or cosine!





# Period, Frequency, Amplitude, Phase



- We use standard terms to describe sine- and cosine-like curves
  - **Amplitude A** is the height of the curve below and above zero.
    - Amplitude has the same units as position
  - **Period T** is the time the curve takes for one oscillation
  - **Frequency**  $f=1/T$  (in units of Hz where 1 Hz is 1 cycle/s)
    - **Angular frequency**  $\omega$  is often used where  $\omega=2\pi f$
  - **Phase**  $\phi_0$  is phase of the curve at the time  $t=0$
  - Then the periodic motion here is written as

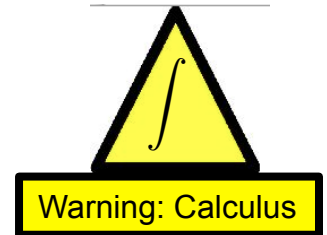
$$x = A \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) = A \sin(2\pi f t + \phi_0) = A \sin(2\pi t/T + \phi_0)$$



# Simple Harmonic Motion: Springs

- Wait, that force back there looked familiar...  $F = -kx$ 
  - That's just **the restoring force of a spring**
  - We also know Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law:

$$F = ma = m \frac{dv}{dt} = m \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)$$



- Set these equal and guess that the solution looks like a general sine or cosine-like function

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

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A\omega \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right) = -A\omega^2 \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) = -\omega^2 x(t)$$



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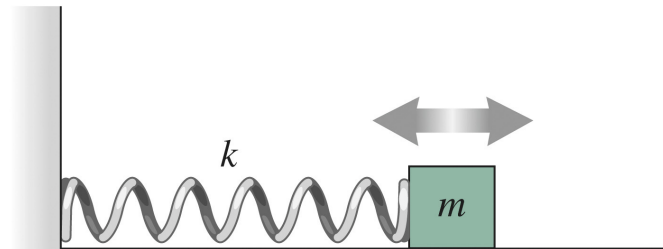
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$$F = -kx = m(-\omega^2 x) \Rightarrow$$

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

- This is the frequency of oscillations of a mass attached to a stretched spring



# Tangible: Play with Springs!

[http://phet.colorado.edu/sims/mass-spring-lab/mass-spring-lab\\_en.html](http://phet.colorado.edu/sims/mass-spring-lab/mass-spring-lab_en.html)

Turn off friction

Hang weights and time period  $T$ , frequency  $f$ , ang freq  $\omega$   
How can you measure  $k$  for each spring?

