

University Physics 226N/231N Old Dominion University Reviewing Periodic Motion (Chapter 13)

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Happy Birthday to Lord Rayleigh (1904 Nobel), Auguste Rodin, Anne Hathaway, and Ryan Gosling! Happy Belated Veterans Day!

There will be homework this week, but no quiz (Review Fri Nov 16) Next exam and homework journal due: Mon Nov 19

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- 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 ω is often used where $\omega=2\pi f$
 - **Phase** ϕ_0 is phase of this periodic motion at the time t=0
 - Then the periodic motion here is written as

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



Periodic Motion Refresher

We had described periodic motion in one dimension with the equation

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

- Sometimes this is written with a cosine which is okay – that's just like the sine but with a different phase ϕ_0 at time t=0.



Another example





time

 $A = 1.0 \quad \phi_0 = 0.0 \quad \omega = 1.5$ $A = 1.0 \quad \phi_0 = 0.0 \quad \omega = 1.0$ $A = 1.5 \quad \phi_0 = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \omega = 1.5$

 $=rac{1}{T}=rac{\omega}{2\pi}$



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)



Simple Harmonic Motion: Springs

- Remember the restoring force of a spring... F = -kx
 - That's just the restoring force of a spring
 - We also know Newton's 2nd law:

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



- Position: $x(t) = A\sin(\omega t + \phi_0)$
- Velocity:

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

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



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 $F = ma = m(-\omega^2 x) = -m\omega^2 x = -kx$
 $k = m\omega^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega = \sqrt{k/m}$



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Tangible: Play with Springs!

http://phet.colorado.edu/sims/mass-spring-lab/mass-spring-lab_en.html



Measure period T for 100 g weight, spring 1 What is spring k?

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

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{m/k}$$
$$k = 4\pi^2 m/T^2$$

How much bigger is T for the 250 g weight?

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Ponderable: Grandfather Clock

- You are asked to build a pendulum clock
 - You want the period of the pendulum of the clock to be 2 seconds (counting 1s each half-swing).
 - How long does the pendulum bob need to be to swing freely with a period of T=2 seconds?
 - Is this reasonable for, say, a 6 foot wall clock? A 1 foot mantel clock?
 - Does this depend on the pendulum bob's mass?
 - How does your answer qualitatively change if the pendulum rod has non-negligible mass?



(Insert Todd's pendulum demo here)



Simple Harmonic Motion and Circular Motion

- Simple harmonic motion (SHM) can be viewed as one component (or a projected shadow) of uniform circular motion.
 - Angular frequency ω in SHM is the same as angular velocity ω in circular motion.



Simple Harmonic Motion is Everywhere!

- Most systems near stable equilibrium have potential energy curves that are approximately parabolic
 - That is, restoring forces are approximately linear $F \approx -kx$ $U \approx \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$
- **Examples include**
 - Ideal springs and pendulums
 - Intermolecular forces in a solid
 - Gravitational motion near stable orbits
 - Waves (water, sound, light...) to be covered in chapter 14



Damped Harmonic Motion

- With nonconservative forces (like friction) present, the motion of a simple harmonic oscillator "dies out"
 - Energy is "drained" from the system into heat and friction
 - Oscillation amplitude goes down over time (Slinky demo)





Damped Harmonic Motion Physics

- Damping is usually because of a force that resists the object's motion
 - So the usual model is to include a force that is proportional to the object's velocity and acts against it
 - This makes sense: the damping force is zero when the object is not moving (or v=0)

$$a \equiv \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \quad v \equiv \frac{dx}{dt} \quad F = ma = m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx - b\frac{dx}{dt}$$
Restoring Damping force Damping

 For small b, the motion is like before except the amplitude declines exponentially towards zero (see pic on previous page)

$$x(t) = A e^{-bt/2m} \sin(\omega t + \phi_0)$$

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Different Types of Damping



- (a) Underdamped $b < 2\sqrt{mk}$
 - Amplitude goes down slowly over many oscillations
- (c) **Overdamped** $b > 2\sqrt{mk}$
 - No oscillation, amplitude just gradually settles to equilibrium
- (b) Critically damped $b = 2\sqrt{mk}$
 - The fastest the oscillator can return to equilibrium without overshooting and continuing to oscillate
 - "The perfect shock absorber"

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Driven Oscillations

- Often we're interested in what happens when an external periodic force acts on our oscillatory system
 - Pumping a swing, shining laser light on an atom...
 - Here we naturally add an extra force to our Newton's 2nd law!



• The system now oscillates with a rather complicated amplitude!

$$\omega_0 \equiv \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \qquad A(\omega) = \frac{F_0}{m\sqrt{(\omega_d^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + b^2\omega_d^2/m^2}}$$

- The important thing is that this amplitude is largest when $\omega_d = \omega_0$
 - That is, when the drive frequency matches the natural frequency



Take-Home Tangible





- Setup and turn driver on, then adjust frequency by typing in new numbers
 - How do motions vary for different m/k values as you adjust f?
 - At f=3 Hz, which mass is moving the most? If you turn off the driver, is it underdamped or overdamped?

