

Chapter 15: Oscillations

- Oscillations are motions that repeat themselves.
springs, pendulum, planets, molecular vibrations/rotations
- Frequency f : number of oscillations in 1 sec.
unit: 1 hertz (Hz) = 1 oscillation per second
= 1 s^{-1}
- Period T : the time for one complete oscillation. It is the inverse of frequency.
 $T = 1/f$ or $f = 1/T$

Simple Harmonic Motion

- Simple harmonic motion (SHM) is the oscillation in which the displacement $x(t)$ is in the form of

$$x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

x_m , ω and ϕ are constants

x_m : amplitude or maximum displacement, $x_{\max} = A$

$\omega t + \phi$: phase; ϕ : phase constant

What is ω ? since $x(t) = x(t + T)$

so $x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) = x_m \cos(\omega(t+T) + \phi)$

thus $\omega(t+T) + \phi = (\omega t + \phi) + 2\pi \rightarrow \omega T = 2\pi$

therefore: $\omega = 2\pi/T = 2\pi f$

ω is called angular frequency (unit: rad/s)

- Displacement of SHM:

$$x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

- Velocity of SHM:

$$v(t) = dx(t)/dt = -\omega x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

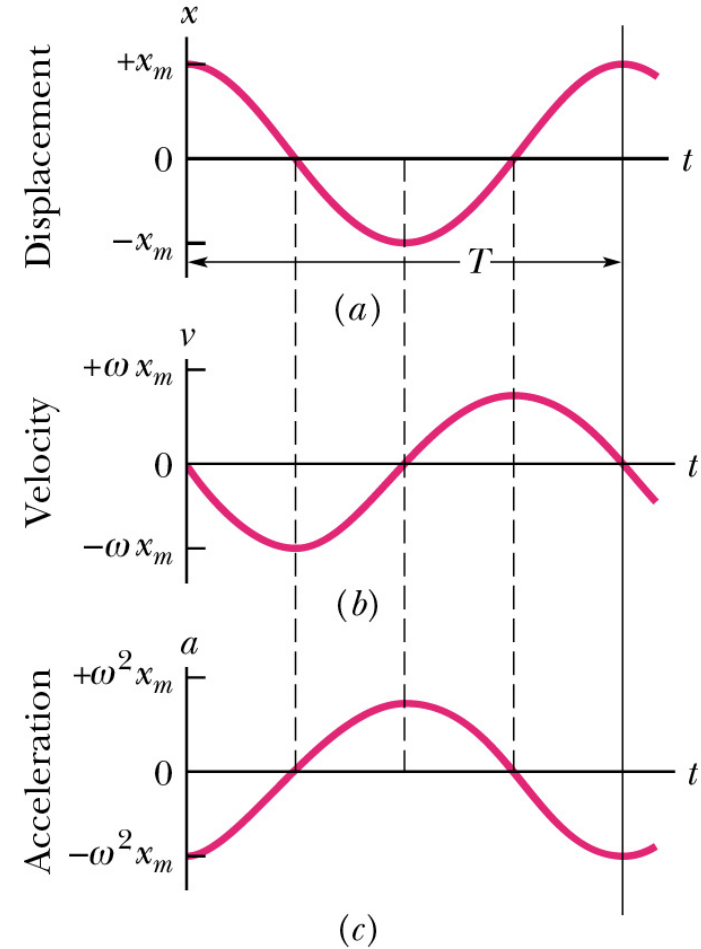
velocity amplitude: $v_{\max} = \omega x_m$

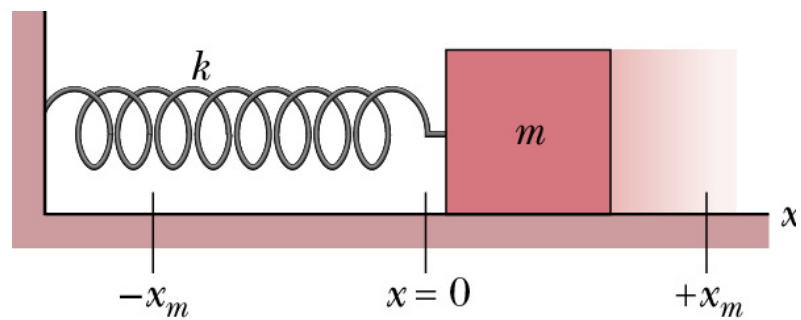
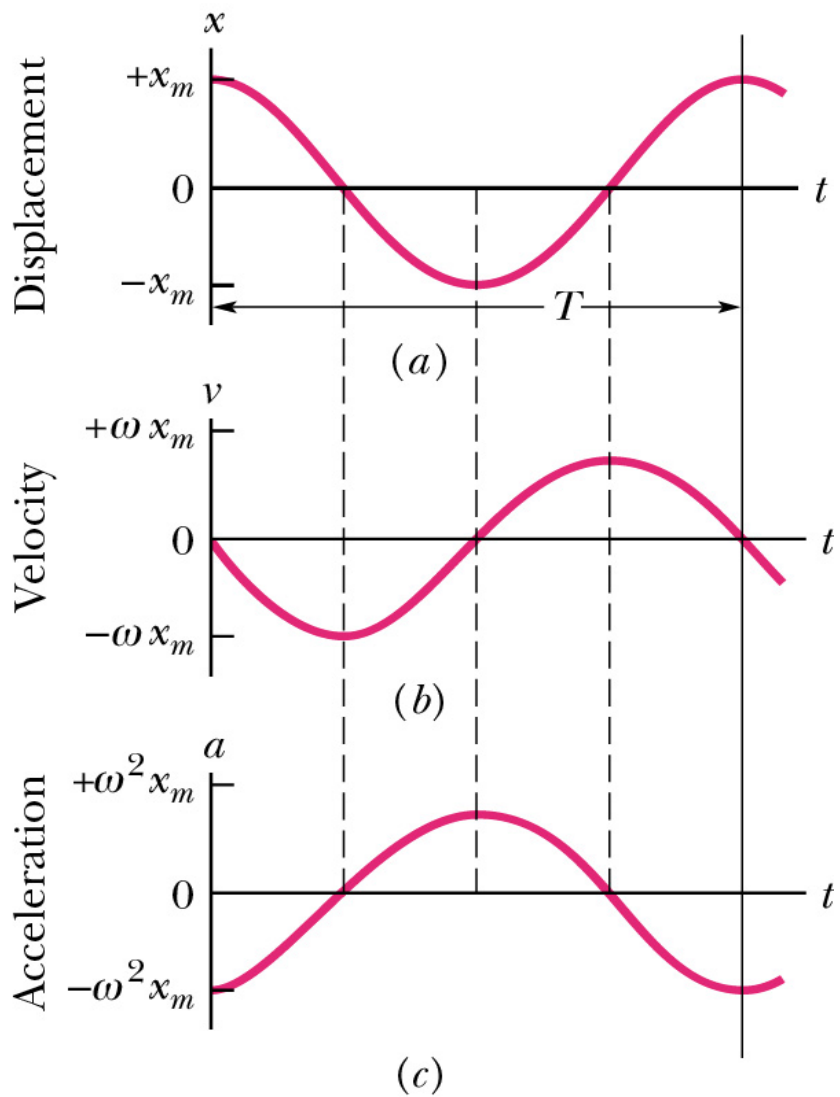
- Acceleration of SHM:

$$a(t) = dv(t)/dt = -\omega^2 x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

thus: $a(t) = -\omega^2 x(t)$

maximum value of acceleration: $a_{\max} = \omega^2 x_m$



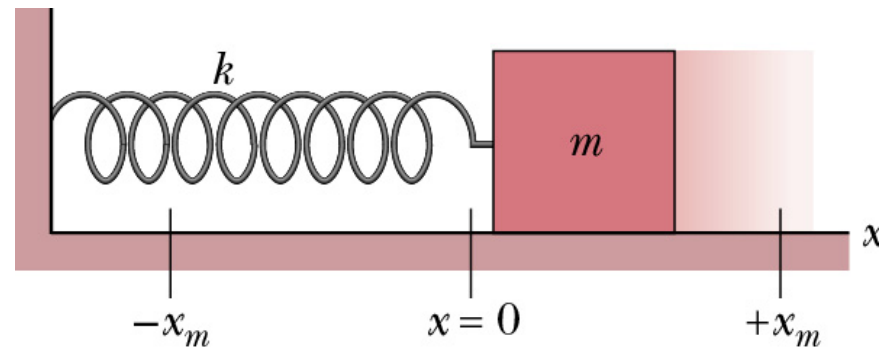


- The force law for SHM:
since $a(t) = -\omega^2 x(t)$, $F = ma = -m\omega^2 x = -(m\omega^2)x$
spring force fits this criteria: $F = -kx$
- Therefore, the block-spring system is a linear simple harmonic oscillator

$$k = m\omega^2$$

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

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



A Quiz

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2) $F = -400x^2$

3) $F = 10x$

4) $F = 3x^2$

5) none of the above

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$$m\omega^2 = 5.0$$

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- Energy in SHM

Potential energy:

$$U(t) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 \cos^2 (\omega t + \phi)$$

Kinetic energy:

$$K(t) = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x_m^2 \sin^2 (\omega t + \phi)$$

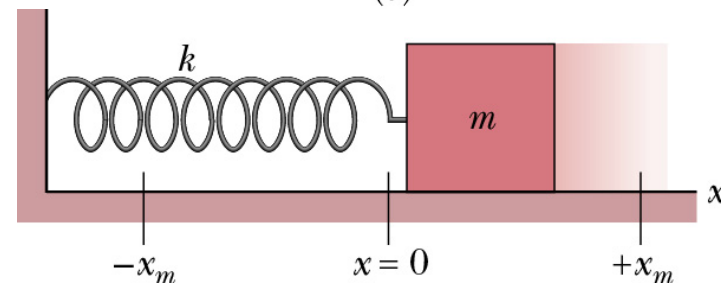
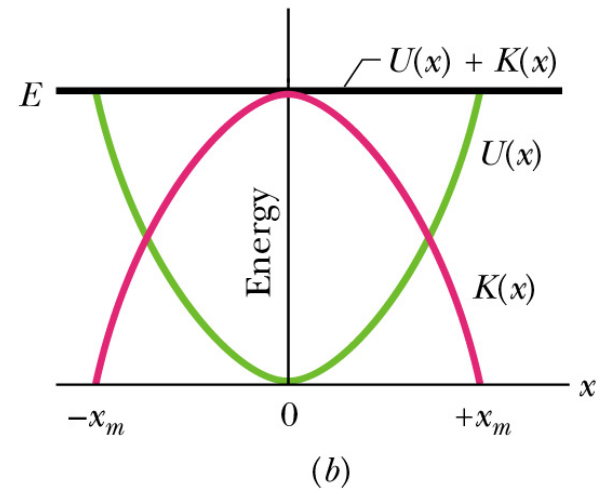
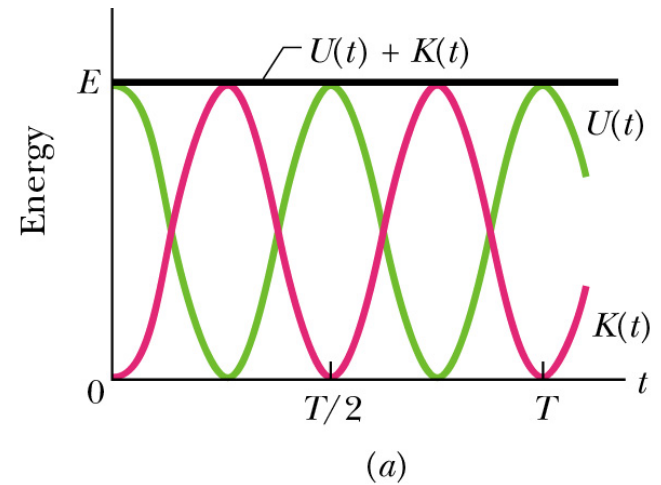
since $k/m = \omega^2$

$$K(t) = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 \sin^2 (\omega t + \phi)$$

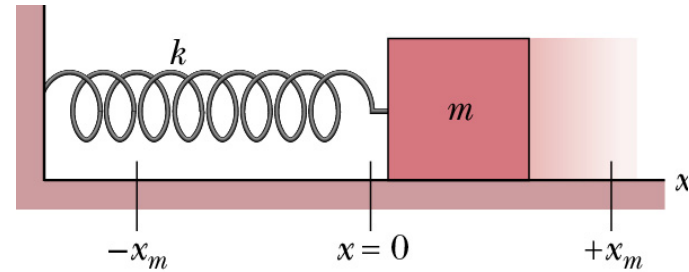
Mechanical energy:

$$E = U + K = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 [\cos^2 (\omega t + \phi) + \sin^2 (\omega t + \phi)] = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2$$

Mechanical energy is indeed a constant and is independent of time .



The block has a kinetic energy of 3.0J and the spring has an elastic potential energy of 2.0J when the block is at $x = +2.0$ m.



A) What is the kinetic energy when the block is at $x = 0$?

$$E = \underset{2.0}{U(x,t)} + \underset{3.0}{K(x,t)} = 5.0\text{J} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + \underset{0}{U(0,t)}$$

B) What is the potential energy when the block is at $x = 0$?

$$U(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 \cos^2 (\omega t + \phi) = 0$$

C) What is the potential energy when the block is at $x = -2.0\text{m}$?

$$U(x,t) = U(-x,t') = 2.0\text{J}$$

D) What is the potential energy when the block is at $x = -x_m$?

$$E = \underset{0}{U(t)} + \cancel{K(t)} = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 [\cos^2 (\omega t + \phi) + \sin^2 (\omega t + \phi)] = \frac{1}{2} kx_m^2 = 5.0\text{J}$$

An angular simple harmonic oscillator

- Torsion(twisting) pendulum
restoring torque:

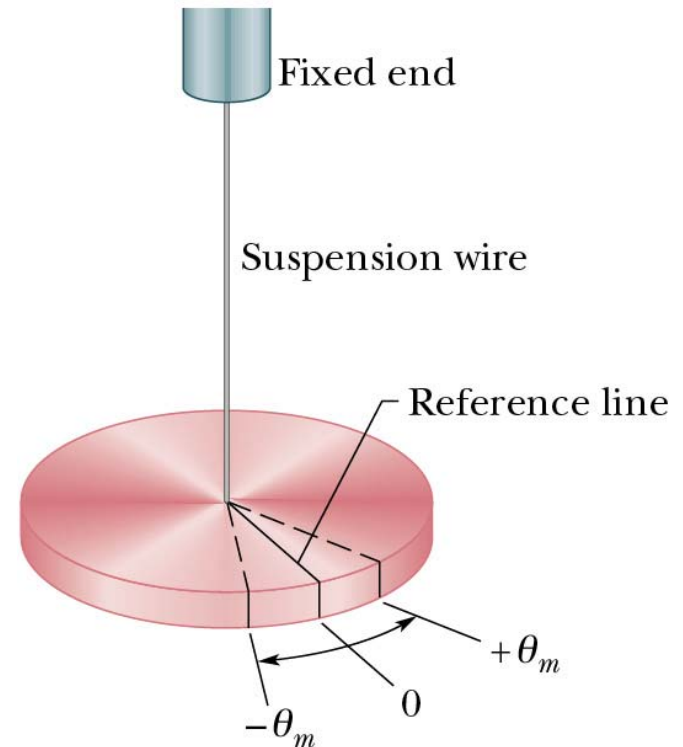
$$\tau = -\kappa\theta$$

compare to $F = -kx$ and

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

we have for angular SHM:

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{\kappa}}$$



Pendulum

- **The simple pendulum**

restoring torque:

$$\tau = -L(mg \sin\theta)$$

“-” indicates that τ acts to reduce θ .

For small θ , $\sin\theta \sim \theta$

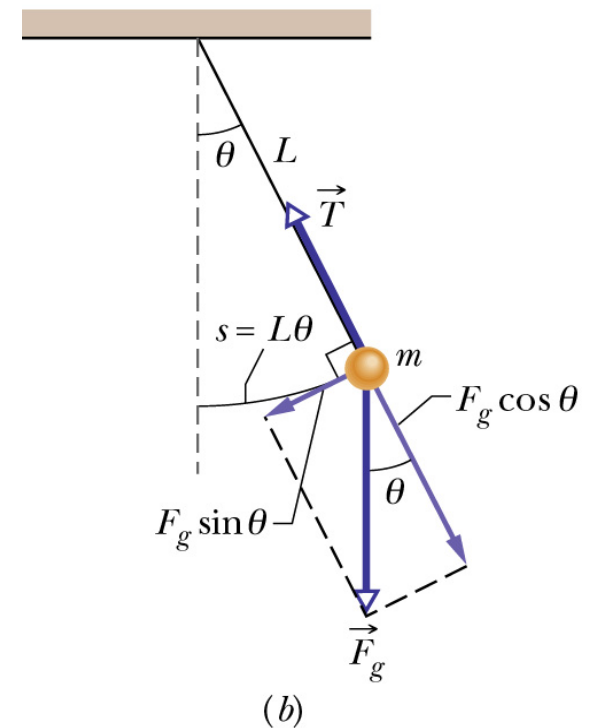
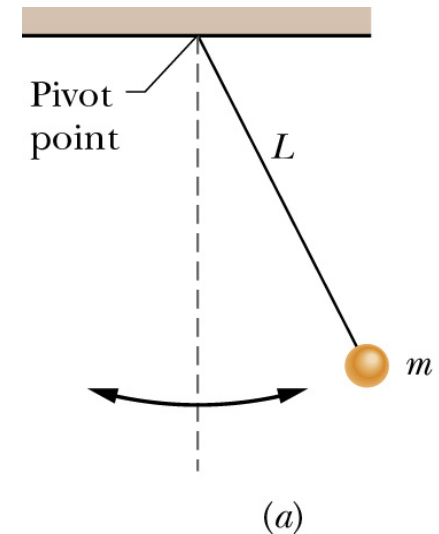
thus: $\tau = -Lmg\theta$

so: $\kappa = mgL$,

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{\kappa}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgL}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{mL^2}{mgL}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

This can be used to measure g

$$g = (2\pi/T)^2 L$$



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restoring force:

$$F = -mg \sin\theta = -mg \theta = -mg x/L$$

when θ is small: $\sin \theta = \theta$

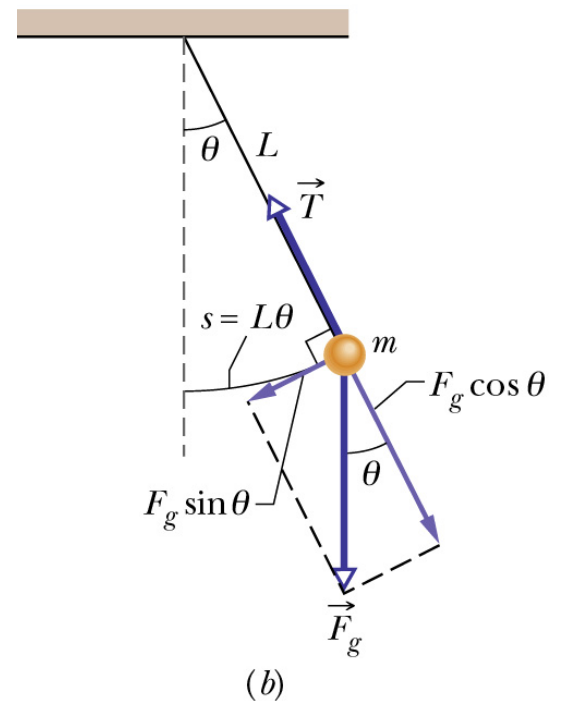
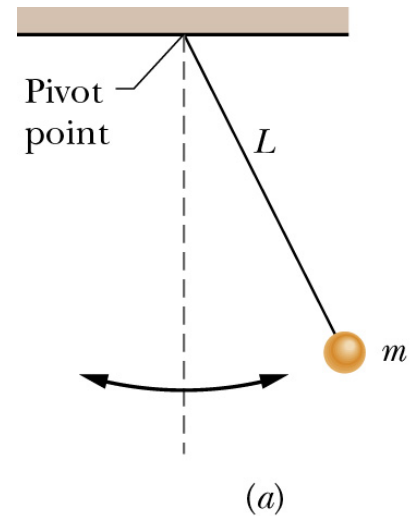
“-” indicates that F acts to reduce θ .

so: $k = mg/L$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{mg/L}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

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- **The physical pendulum** (real pendulum with arbitrary shape)

h : distance from pivot point O to the center of mass.

Restoring torque:

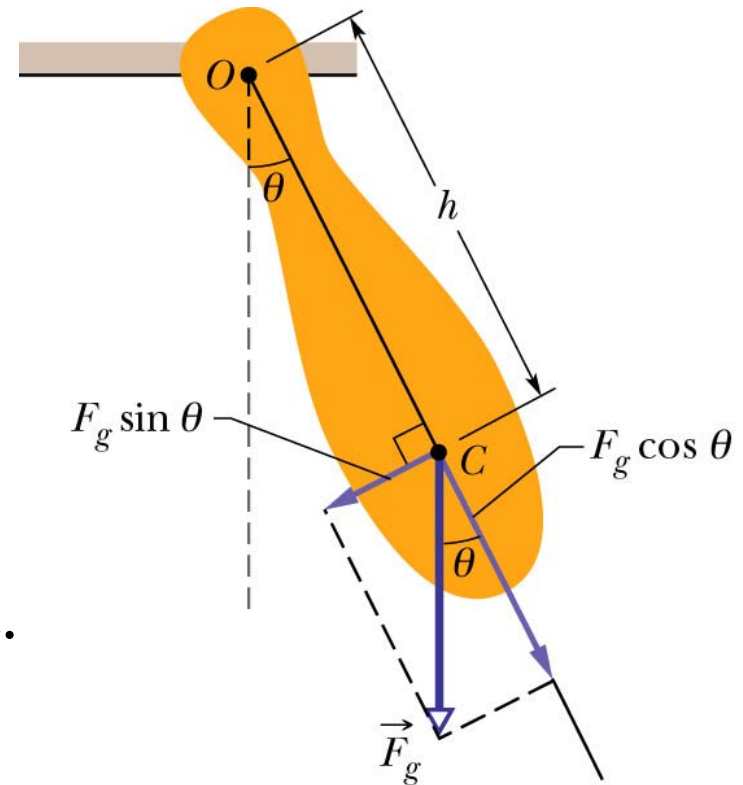
$$\tau = -h (mg \sin \theta) \sim (mgh)\theta \quad (\text{if } \theta \text{ is small})$$

$$\kappa = mgh$$

therefore:

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{\kappa}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgh}}$$

I : rotational inertia with respect to the rotation axis thru the pivot.



Simple harmonic motion and circular motion

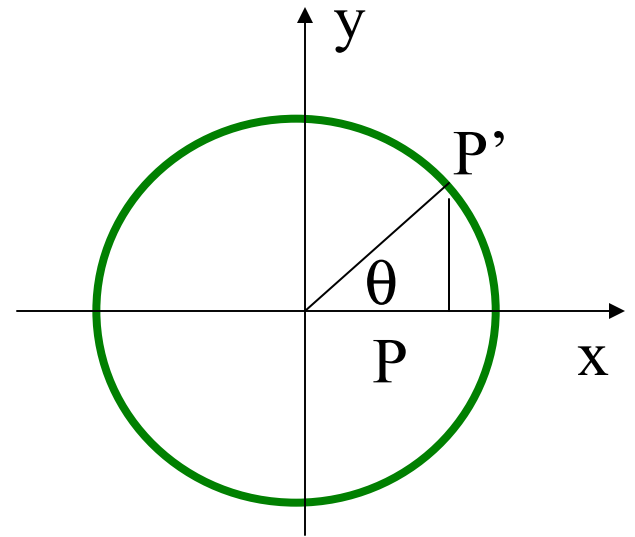
- Circular motion of point P':

angular velocity: ω

$$\theta = \omega t + \phi$$

P is the projection of P' on x-axis:

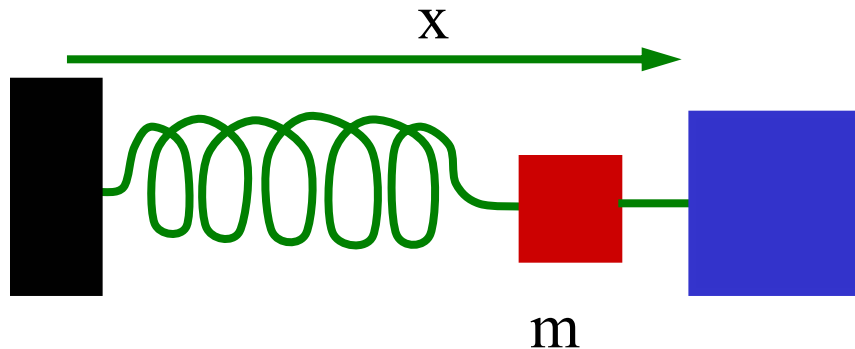
$$x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{SHM}$$



- P': uniform circular motion
- P: simple harmonic motion

Damped simple harmonic motion

- When the motion of an oscillator is reduced by an external force, the oscillator or its motion is said to be damped.
- The amplitude and the mechanical energy of the damped motion will decrease exponentially with time.



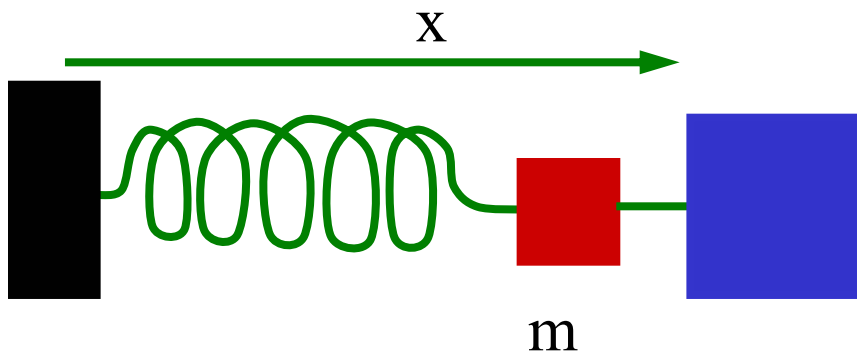
Damped simple harmonic motion

Spring Force $F_s(x, t) = -kx$

Damping Force $F_d(x, t) = -b v(t) = -b \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)$

Response (Newton's Second Law)

$$\sum_i F_i(x, t) = ma = m \left(\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \right) \Rightarrow -kx - b \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) = m \left(\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \right)$$



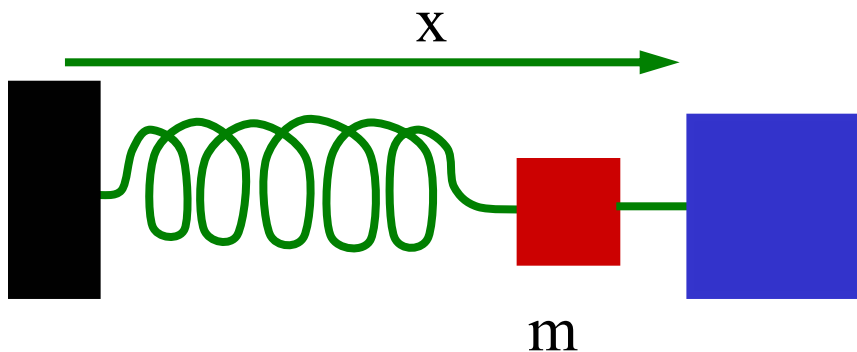
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Rearranging:
$$m \left(\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \right) + b \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) + kx = 0$$

$$x(t) = x_m e^{-bt/2m} \cos(\omega' t + \phi)$$

where,
$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$$



Forced Oscillation and Resonance

- Free oscillation and forced oscillation
- For a simple pendulum, the natural frequency $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$
- Now, apply an external force: $F = F_m \cos(\omega_d t)$
 ω_d , driving frequency
 x_m depend on ω_0 and ω_d ,
when $\omega_d = \omega_0$, x_m is about the largest
this is called **resonance**.
examples : push a child on a swing, air craft design,
earthquake