

# Mechanics week 3 - Ch 3 - oscillations

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- 3.1 A guitar string vibrates harmonically with a frequency of 512 Hz (one octave above middle C on the musical scale). If the amplitude of oscillation of the centerpoint of the string is 0.002 m (2 mm), what are the maximum speed and the maximum acceleration at that point?

$$f = 512 \frac{1}{s}$$

$$A = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

Harmonic oscillation:  $x = A \sin(\omega_0 t + \phi_0)$ ,  $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$

amplitude  $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$  phase given by  $x(0)$

angular frequency  $\omega_0 = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{\text{period}}$

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi \cdot 512 \frac{1}{s} = \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$\text{Speed } v = \frac{dx}{dt} =$$

$$v_{\text{max}} =$$

$$\text{acceleration } a =$$

$$a_{\text{max}} =$$

- 3.5 A particle undergoing simple harmonic motion has a velocity  $\dot{x}_1$  when the displacement is  $x_1$  and a velocity  $\dot{x}_2$  when the displacement is  $x_2$ . Find the angular frequency and the amplitude of the motion in terms of the given quantities.

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

$$v(t) = A\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$x_1 = A \cos(\omega t_1 + \phi)$$

$$v_1 = A\omega \sin(\omega t_1 + \phi)$$

$$x_2 = A \cos(\omega t_2 + \phi)$$

$$v_2 = A\omega \sin(\omega t_2 + \phi)$$

How to solve these for  $A$  and  $\omega$ ? Easier with

ENERGY:  $T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ ,  $V = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$  can be used for any simple harmonic oscillator

Recall relation between  $\omega$ ,  $k$ ,  $m$ :

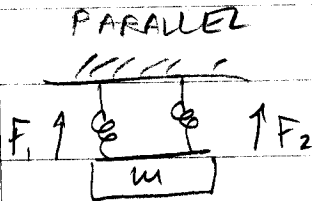
$$F = -kx = ma = m\ddot{x} = -m\omega^2 x$$

$$k = m\omega^2 \rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$\text{Total energy} = T_1 + V_1 = T_2 + V_2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx_2^2$$

3.7 Two springs having stiffness  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , respectively, are used in a vertical position to support a single object of mass  $m$ . Show that the angular frequency of oscillation is  $[(k_1 + k_2)/m]^{1/2}$  if the springs are tied in parallel, and  $[k_1 k_2 / (k_1 + k_2) m]^{1/2}$  if the springs are tied in series.



$$\sum F = ma$$

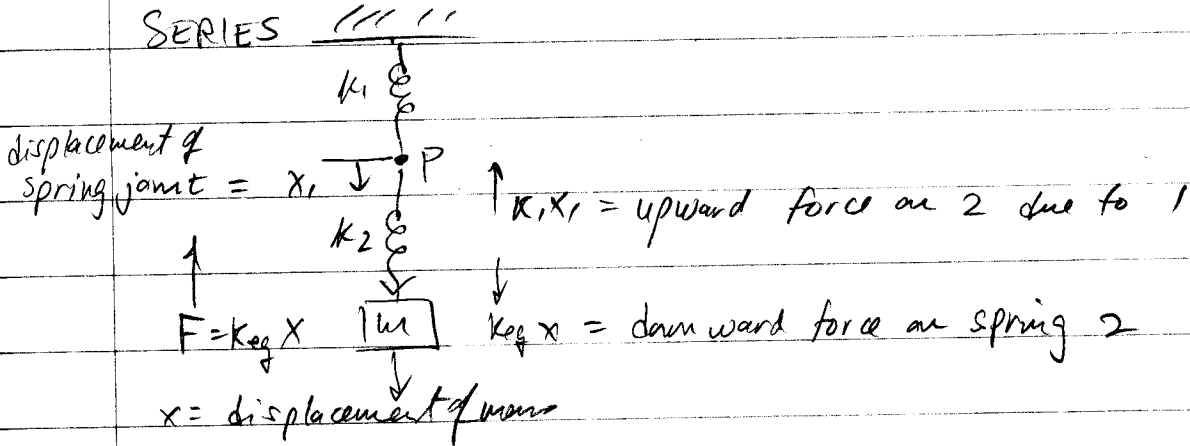
$$F_1 + F_2 = m\ddot{x}$$

$$-k_1 x - k_2 x = -m\omega^2 x \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \int F x = A \cos \omega t \\ \text{then } \ddot{x} = -A\omega^2 \cos \omega t = -\omega^2 x \end{array} \right)$$

$$k_1 + k_2 = m\omega^2$$

$$\omega_{\text{par}} = \sqrt{\frac{k_1 + k_2}{m}}$$

SERIES



Consider forces when springs join at P

Spring 2 stretches a distance  $(x - x_1)$

Equal & opposite forces :  $k_1 x_1 = k_2 (x - x_1)$

Forces on Spring 2 :

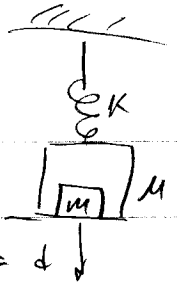
$$k_{\text{eq}} x = k_1 x_1 = k_1 \left( \frac{k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \right) x$$

$$x_1 (k_1 + k_2) = k_2 x$$

$$x_1 = \frac{k_2}{k_1 + k_2} x$$

$$k_{\text{eq}} = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{k_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{1}{k_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{like} \\ \text{resistors} \\ \text{in parallel} \end{array} \right)$$

- 3.8 A spring of stiffness  $k$  supports a box of mass  $M$  in which is placed a block of mass  $m$ . If the system is pulled downward a distance  $d$  from the equilibrium position and then released, find the force of reaction between the block and the bottom of the box as a function of time. For what value of  $d$  will the block just begin to leave the bottom of the box at the top of the vertical oscillations? Neglect any air resistance.



$$\sum_{M+m} F = (M+m)a$$

$$-kx = (M+m)\ddot{x}$$

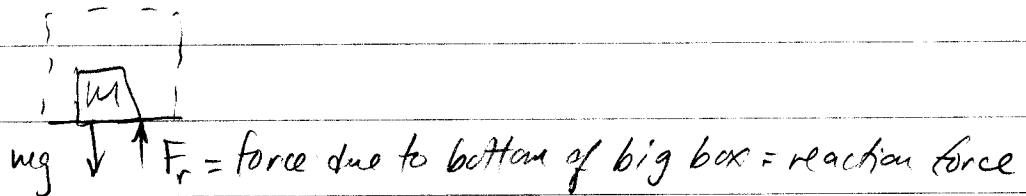
$$x_0 = 0$$

$$x(0) = d$$

Solve for  $x(t)$  = position of bottom of either block:

①  $x(t) =$   $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m+M}}$

Now consider the forces on inner mass alone:



$$\sum F_m = ma$$

$$mg - F_r = m\ddot{x} \quad \text{Sub in ①}$$

Solve for

②  $F_r = mg + m\omega^2 d \cos \omega t$

When the mass  $m$  just loses contact with box  $M$  at  $x =$

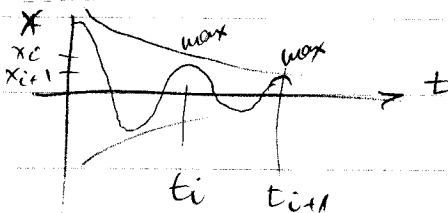
$$F_r = 0 \quad \text{solve for } d$$

- 3.9 Show that the ratio of two successive maxima in the displacement of a damped harmonic oscillator is constant. (Note: The maxima do not occur at the points of contact of the displacement curve with the curve  $Ae^{-\delta t}$ .)

Damped harmonic oscillator:

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$$x = Ae^{-\delta t} \cos(\omega_d t + \phi)$$



$$\frac{dx}{dt} =$$

$$\text{Max at } \frac{dx}{dt} = 0 =$$

which boils down to

$$\tan(\omega_d t + \phi) = -\frac{\delta}{\omega_d}$$

So relative maxima happen once per period, where  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_d}$

$$i\text{-th max : } x_i = Ae^{-\delta t_i} A \cos(\omega_d t_i + \phi)$$

$$(i+1)\text{-th max : } x_{i+1} = Ae^{-\delta t_{i+1}} A \cos(\omega_d t_{i+1} + \phi) \quad (\text{where})$$

$$= Ae^{-\delta(t_i + T)} A \cos(\omega_d t_i + \phi) \quad t_{i+1} = t_i + T$$

$$\frac{x_{i+1}}{x_i} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$