SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION: NEWTON'S LAW

PRIOR READING: Main 1.1, 2.1 Taylor 5.1, 5.2



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Energy approach
$$\int t' = \int \frac{d\theta'}{\sqrt{2}}$$





This is NOT a restoring force proportional to displacement (Hooke's law motion) in general, but IF we consider small motion, IT IS! Expand the sin series ...

$$\sin\theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} + \dots$$



The simple pendulum in the limit of small angular displacements

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{L}\sin\theta \rightarrow$$
$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{L}\theta \quad \text{or} \quad \ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{L}\theta = 0$$

Compare with $\ddot{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$

What is $\theta(t)$ such that the above equation is obeyed? θ is a variable that describes position *t* is a parameter that describes time "dot" and "double dot" mean *differentiate w.r.t. time g*, *L* are known constants, determined by the system.



$$\overrightarrow{\theta} + \frac{g}{L}\theta = 0$$

$$\theta(t) = \mathbf{C}e^{pt}$$

C, *p* are unknown (for now) constants, possibly complex

$$\ddot{\theta}(t) = p^2 C e^{pt} = p^2 \theta(t)$$

Substitute:

$$p^{2}\theta + \frac{g}{L}\theta = 0 \qquad p = \pm i\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} = \pm i\omega_{0}$$

p is now known (but *C* is not!). Note that ω_0 is NOT a new quantity! It is just a rewriting of old ones - partly shorthand, but also " ω " means "frequency" to physicists!



TWO possibilities general solution is the sum of the two and it must be real (all angles are real).

$$\theta(t) = \mathbf{C}e^{i\omega_0 t} + \mathbf{C}' e^{-i\omega_0 t}$$

If we force $C' = C^*$ (complex conjugate of *C*), then *x* (*t*) is real, and there are only 2 constants, Re[*C*], and Im[*C*]. A second order DEQ can determine only 2 arbitrary constants.

$$\theta(t) = \mathbf{C}e^{i\omega_0 t} + \mathbf{C}^* e^{-i\omega_0 t}$$

Simple harmonic motion





Re[C], Im[C] chosen to fit initial conditions. Example: $\theta(0) = 0$ rad and $d\theta dt(0) = 0.2$ rad/sec

$\theta(0) = \underbrace{e}_{1} \underbrace{e}_{1} + \underbrace{e}_{1} \underbrace{e}_{1}$
$0 = \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^* = 2\operatorname{Re}[C]$
$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}[C] = 0$

$$\dot{\theta}(0) = i\omega_0 C \underbrace{e^{i\omega_0 0}}_{1} - i\omega_0 C * \underbrace{e^{-i\omega_0 0}}_{1}$$
$$0.2rad / s = i\omega_0 (C - C *) = i\omega_0 2i \operatorname{Im}[C]$$
$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Im}[C] = \frac{0.2}{-2\omega_0} = \frac{0.1}{\omega_0}$$

$$C = 0 + i \frac{0.1}{\omega_0} = \frac{0.1}{\omega_0} e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}; \quad C^* = ?$$



$$\theta(t) = \mathbf{C}e^{i\omega_0 t} + \mathbf{C}^* e^{-i\omega_0 t}; \quad \mathbf{C} = \frac{0.1}{\omega_0} e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

mg

Remember, all these are equivalent forms. All of them have a known $\omega_0 = (g/L)^{1/2}$, and all have 2 more undetermined constants that we find ... how?

$$\theta(t) = A\cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

$$\theta(t) = B_p \cos \omega_0 t + B_q \sin \omega_0 t$$

$$\theta(t) = C\exp(i\omega_0 t) + C * \exp(-i\omega_0 t)$$

$$\theta(t) = \operatorname{Re}\left[D\exp(i\omega_0 t)\right]$$

Do you remember how the A, B, C, D constants are related? If not, go back and review until it becomes second nature!



The simple pendulum

("simple" here means a point mass; your lab deals with a plane pendulum)

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{L}\theta$$

$$\theta(t) = \theta_{\max} \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

simple harmonic motion (*N* potential confusion!! A "simple" pendulum does not always execute 'simple harmonic motion"; it does so only in the limit of small amplitude.)





• The following slides simply repeat the previous discussion, but now for a mass on a spring, and for a series LC circuit

REVIEW MASS ON IDEAL SPRING



What is x(t) such that the above equation is obeyed?
x is a variable that describes position
t is a parameter that describes time
"dot" and "double dot" mean *differentiate w.r.t. time*m, k are known constants

REVIEW MASS ON IDEAL SPRING



$$\overrightarrow{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$$

$$x(t) = \mathbf{C}e^{pt}$$

C, *p* are unknown (for now) constants, possibly complex

$$-\ddot{x}(t) = p^2 C e^{pt} = p^2 x(t)$$

Substitute:

$$p^{2}x + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$$
 $p = \pm i\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \pm i\omega_{0}$

p is now known. Note that ω_0 is NOT a new quantity! It is just a rewriting of old ones - partly shorthand, but also " ω " means "frequency" to physicists!



$$x(t) = \mathbf{A}\cos(\boldsymbol{\omega}_0 t + \boldsymbol{\phi})$$

A, ϕ chosen to fit initial conditions: $x(0) = x_0$ and $v(0) = v_0$

$$x_0 = A\cos\phi$$
$$v_0 = -\omega_0 A\sin\phi$$

Square and add:

$$x_0^2 + \frac{v_0^2}{\omega_0^2} = A^2 \left(\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi \right) = A^2$$

Divide:

$$\frac{-v_0}{\omega_0 x_0} = \tan\phi$$

$$x(t) = A\cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$
$$x(t) = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{v_0^2}{\omega_0^2}}\cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t + \arctan\left(\frac{-v_0}{\omega_0 x_0}\right)\right)$$

$$x(t) = A\cos\phi\cos\omega_0 t - A\sin\phi\sin\omega_0 t$$

$$x(t) = \frac{Ae^{i\phi}}{2}e^{i\omega_0 t} + \frac{Ae^{-i\phi}}{2}e^{-i\omega_0 t}$$
$$x(t) = \operatorname{Re}\left[Ae^{i\phi}e^{i\omega_0 t}\right]$$

2 arbitrary constants
(A, φ) because 2nd
order linear
differential equation

Position:
$$x(t) = A\cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

• A, ϕ are **unknown** constants - must be determined from **initial conditions**

• ω_0 , in principle, is known and is a characteristic of the physical system

Velocity:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \dot{x}(t) = -\omega_0 A \sin(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$
Acceleration:

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = \ddot{x}(t) = -\omega_0^2 A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

$$= -\omega_0^2 x(t)$$

This type of pure sinusoidal motion with a single frequency iscalledSIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION

THE LC CIRCUIT

