

## Thursday April 2

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### Topic for this Lecture:

#### • Simple Harmonic Motion

Mass-Spring system:

$$\omega_{spring} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \quad T_{spring} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad f_{spring} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Note:  $T$ ,  $f$ ,  $\omega$  are independent of amplitude!

$$x = A \cos(\omega t) \quad x_{\max} = A$$

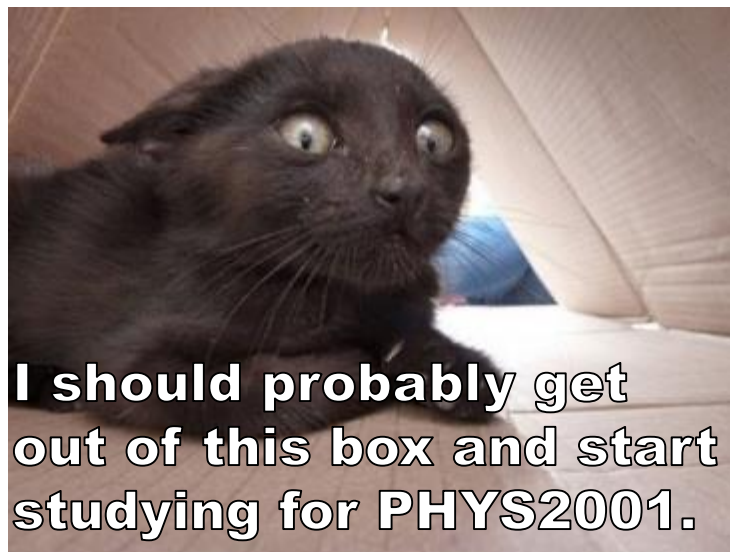
$$v = -A\omega \sin(\omega t) \quad v_{\max} = A\omega$$

$$a = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t) \quad a_{\max} = A\omega^2$$

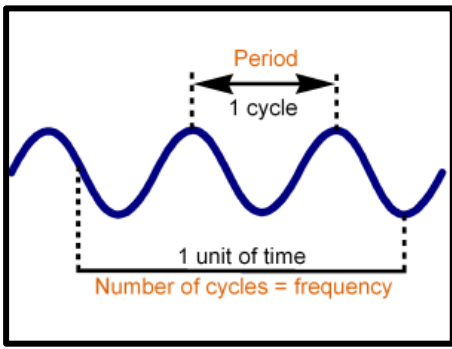
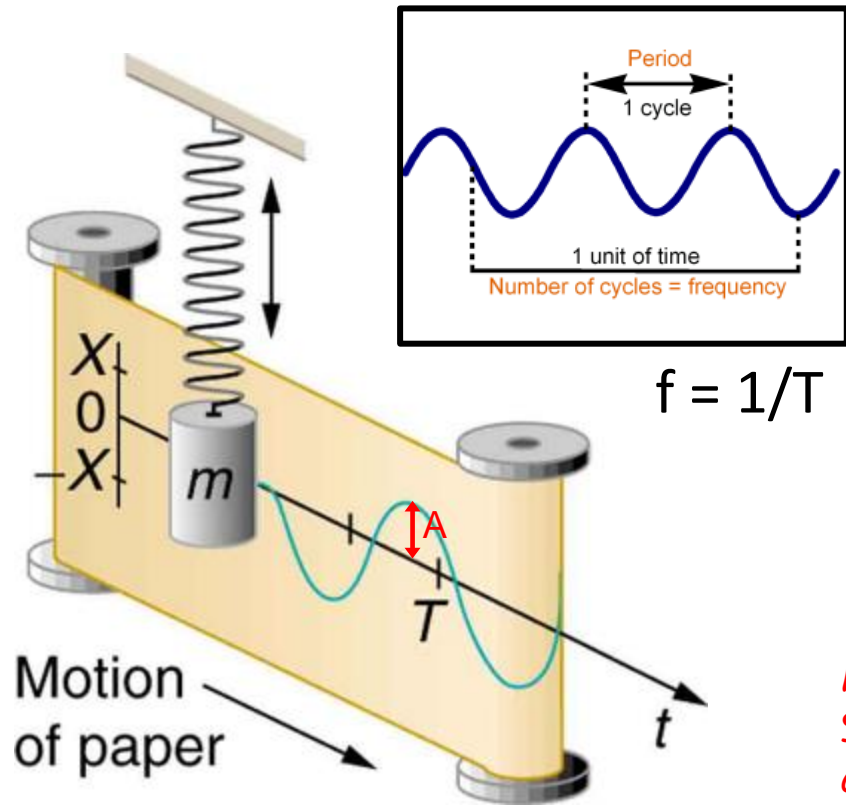
Pendulum system:

$$F \approx -mg \theta \quad \omega_{pendulum} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l_{pendulum}}} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$$
$$F \approx -(mg/L)s$$

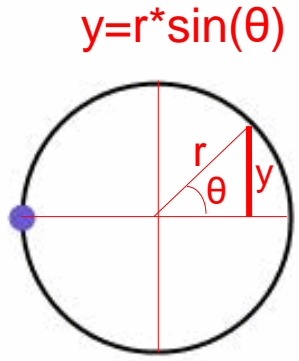
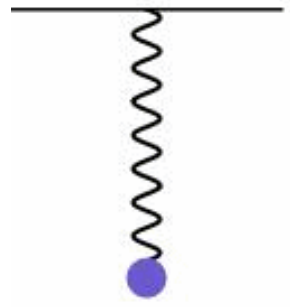
- Assignment 10 due Friday
- **Midterm 2: Open from Noon April 6 through 6pm April 7, but only 90min to complete once started.**  
(Less traffic expected Late Monday & on Tuesday)  
*...contact me ([Meisel@ohio.edu](mailto:Meisel@ohio.edu)) ASAP if you run into technical problems*
- Exam 2 will be through circular motion
- If your circumstances hinder your completion of any of this class's assignments, please let me know



**Oscillations:** Displacement vs Time is described by the sinusoid function



$$f = 1/T$$

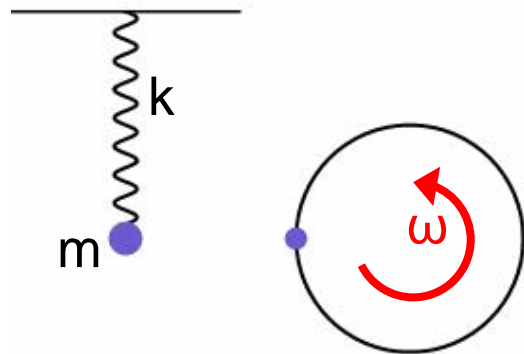


*Note that  $y/r = \sin(\theta)$ .  
So how far an oscillator is through one cycle is independent of the amplitude.  
I.e. the oscillation period is independent of the oscillation amplitude.*

The largest displacement during the oscillation is called the **amplitude**.  
The book uses “X” for amplitude ... “A” is more common.

# Oscillations: Physical properties

- How does an oscillator's properties depend on the system that is oscillating?
- Quantities of interest are:
  - How many cycles are completed per second?
    - Frequency:  $f$  [unit: Hz]
  - If we map the oscillation into cycles on a circle, how many radians do we trace per second?
    - Angular frequency:  $\omega = 2\pi \cdot f$  [unit: rad/s]
  - How long does it take to complete one cycle,
    - Period:  $T$  [unit: s]



- With calculus & patience, it can be shown that, for an oscillating spring with spring constant  $k$  and attached weight of mass  $m$ :

- $\omega_{spring} = \sqrt{\frac{k_{spring}}{m_{weight}}} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
- $f_{spring} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
- $T_{spring} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$

*\*Since  $f = 1/T = \omega/2\pi$  ...you really only need to remember one of the above formulas.*

*\*Note: Frequency, angular frequency, and period are independent of amplitude!*

A mass is hung from a spring and set into oscillation.

It oscillates with a given frequency  $f_1$ .

Now a second identical spring is also attached to the mass (same  $k$ , same length).

How does the new frequency,  $f_2$ , compare to the old frequency,  $f_1$ ?

A.  $f_2 = 2*f_1$

B.  $f_2 = \text{sqrt}(2)*f_1$

C.  $f_2 = f_1$

D.  $f_2 = (1/\text{sqrt}(2))*f_1$

E.  $f_2 = (1/2)f_1$

*A larger spring constant will give a stiffer ride. This is great for handling/responsiveness ...but bad for comfort. So, larger  $k$  is good for race cars, but smaller  $k$  is good for sedans.*

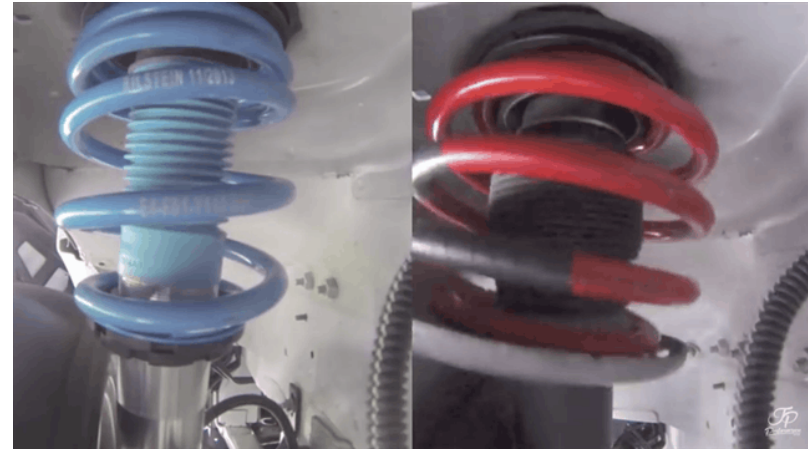
1. The second spring doubles the spring force, effectively doubling the spring constant.

2.  $k_2 = 2*k_1$

3. The new spring is stiffer & so will have a greater oscillation frequency.

4.  $f_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m}}$

5.  $f_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k_2}{m}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2k_1}{m}} = \sqrt{2}f_1$

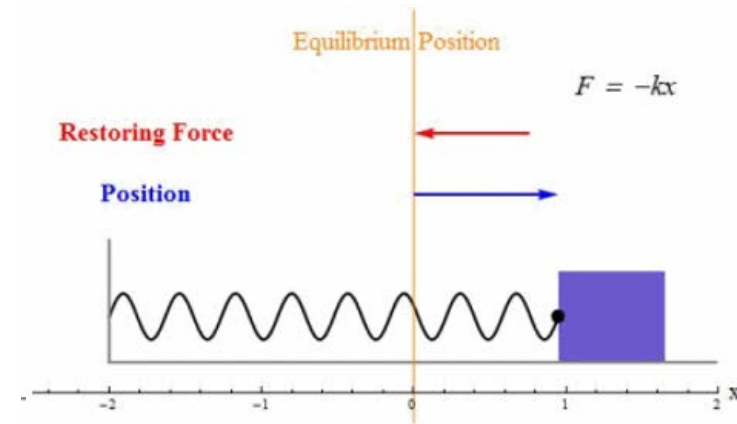
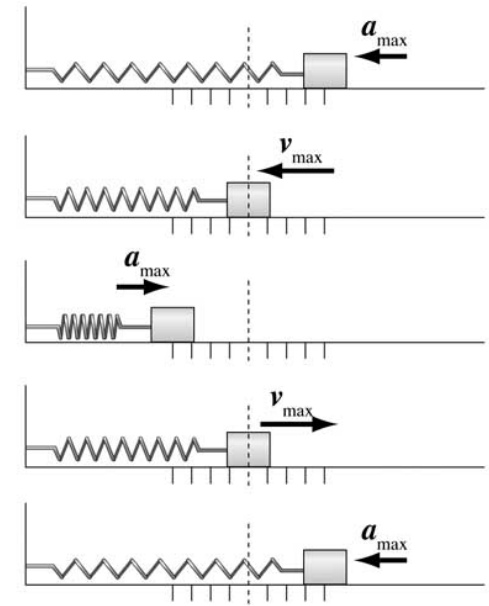


**OPTIMUM**

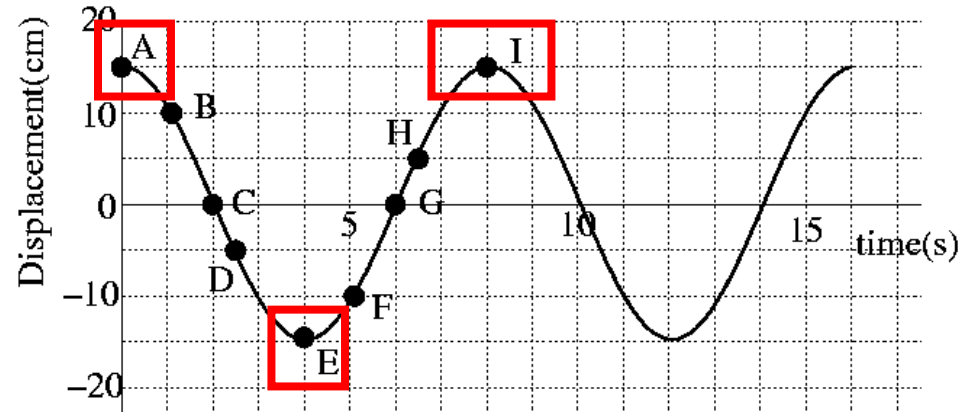
- 0.5 - 1.5 Hz for passenger cars
- 1.5 - 2.0 Hz for sedan racecars and moderate downforce formula cars
- 3.0 - 5.0+ Hz for high downforce racecars

# Mass & Spring system: Velocity & Acceleration

- $F_{\text{spring}} = -k \cdot x$
- Therefore, force is greatest at place where the displacement is the largest (the amplitude)
- Since,  $F = m \cdot a$ ,  $ma = -k \cdot x$ ,
  - $a = -k \cdot x / m$
  - **acceleration is greatest at the amplitude & velocity is zero at the amplitude**
- The mass accelerates from zero velocity at one amplitude (the extreme point in its motion) to a **maximum velocity at zero displacement** and then experiences large negative acceleration approaching the other extreme.
  - At zero displacement,  $x = 0$ , so  $F = k \cdot x = m \cdot a = 0$ .  
i.e. **acceleration is zero at zero displacement**



This graph represents the displacement of a mass in a mass-spring system. At which point(s) is the magnitude of the force at a maximum?

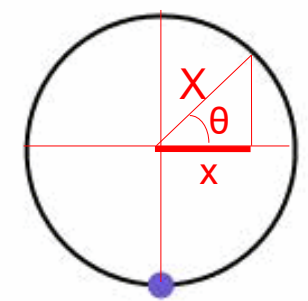
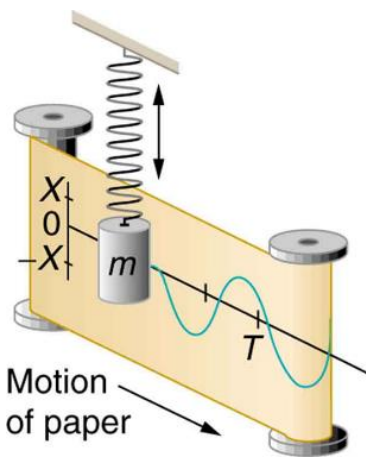


- (A) A
- (B) C
- (C) E
- (D) G
- (E) I
- (F) A and I
- (G) A, E, and I**
- (H) C and G
- (I) A, C, G, and I

1.  $F_{\text{spring}} = -k \cdot x$
2. The maximum force is at the maximum displacement (the amplitude).
3. This is at points A, E, & I.

# Oscillation Temporal Properties: Analogy to circular motion

- If we start a spring at the position  $x = X$ , where  $X$  is the positive amplitude, at time  $t=0$
- Then the spring position vs time oscillates at a rate of the angular frequency,  $\omega = 2\pi \cdot f$

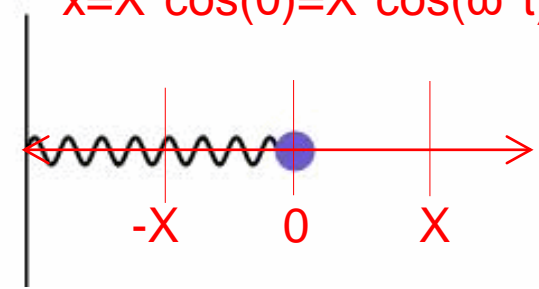
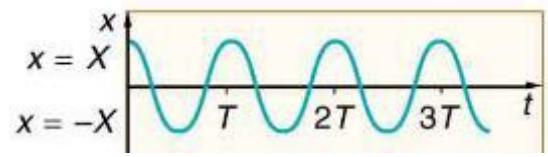


$$x = X \cdot \cos(\theta) = X \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t)$$

- $x(t) = X \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t)$

• a.k.a.

$$x(t) = A \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t)$$



- Recall that velocity  $v = \Delta x / \Delta t$  and acceleration  $a = \Delta v / \Delta t = (\Delta(\Delta x)) / (\Delta(\Delta t))$ .
- In calculus, these are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> derivatives of position in time, respectively.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> derivative of  $\cos(\omega \cdot t)$  is  $-\omega \cdot \sin(\omega \cdot t)$  and the 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative is  $-\omega^2 \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t)$ .
- So, the velocity and acceleration of an oscillator are described by:

$$v(t) = -\omega \cdot A \cdot \sin(\omega \cdot t)$$

$$a(t) = -\omega^2 \cdot A \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t)$$

# Formula summary for mass-spring system:

$$\omega_{spring} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

angular frequency =  $\omega = 2\pi f$  [SI units: rad/s]

frequency =  $f = 1/T$  [SI units: Hz]

period =  $T =$  time per oscillation cycle [SI units: s]

$$f_{spring} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$T_{spring} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

*T, f,  $\omega$  are independent of oscillation amplitude!*

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

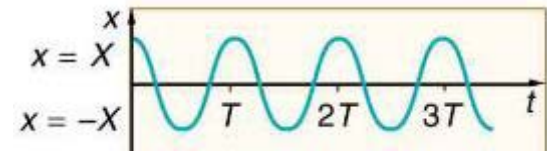
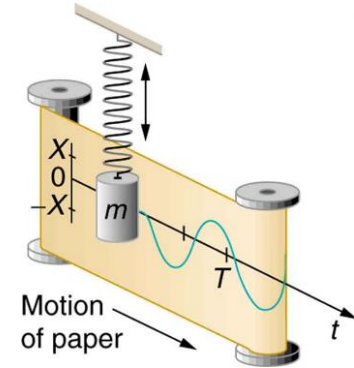
$$x_{\max} = A$$

$$v = -A\omega \sin(\omega t)$$

$$v_{\max} = A\omega$$

$$a = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t)$$

$$a_{\max} = A\omega^2$$



*\*Sine and cosine can only take on values between -1 and 1.*



Which of the following situations will have the greatest **maximum force**?

- A. A mass  $M$  is attached to a spring with a spring constant  $k$ , pulled back a distance  $d$  and released.
- B. A mass  $2M$  is attached to a spring with a spring constant  $(1/2)k$ , pulled back a distance  $2d$  and released.
- C. A mass  $(1/2)M$  is attached to a spring with a spring constant  $2k$ , pulled back a distance  $(1/2)d$  and released.
- D. A, B, & C**

1.  $F_{\text{spring}} = -k \cdot x$

2. The maximum force will be at the amplitude,  $x = A$ .

3.  $F_{\text{max}} = k_{\text{spring}} \cdot A$

4. For A:  $F_{\text{max,A}} = k \cdot d$

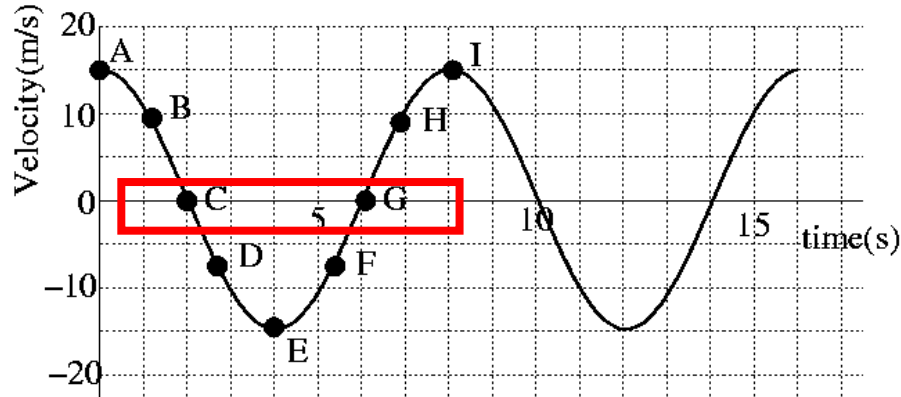
5. For B:  $F_{\text{max,B}} = (1/2)k \cdot (2d) = k \cdot d$

6. For C:  $F_{\text{max,C}} = (2k) \cdot (1/2)d = k \cdot d$

7.  $F_{\text{max,A}} = F_{\text{max,B}} = F_{\text{max,C}}$

The graph represents **velocity** of a mass in a mass-spring system.

At what point(s) is the magnitude of the force at a maximum?



(A) A

(F) A and I

(B) C

(G) A, E, and I

(C) E

(H) C and G

(E) G

(I) A, C, G, and I

1.  $F_{\text{spring}} = -k \cdot x$

2. The force is maximum for largest displacement,  $x = x_{\text{max}} = A$

3. At the amplitude, the mass is turning around and so is stopped for an instant.

4. Therefore, velocity is zero at the amplitude.

5. C and G correspond to zero velocity, therefore the amplitude, where the force is maximum.

A mass attached to a spring is sliding back and forth on a horizontal frictionless table.

The kinetic energy is a maximum:

1. At maximum compression
2. At maximum extension
3. At equilibrium
4. At both extremes (compression & extension)

1.  $KE = (1/2)mv^2$
2. Maximum  $v$  will lead to maximum KE.
3.  $v$  is maximum at equilibrium

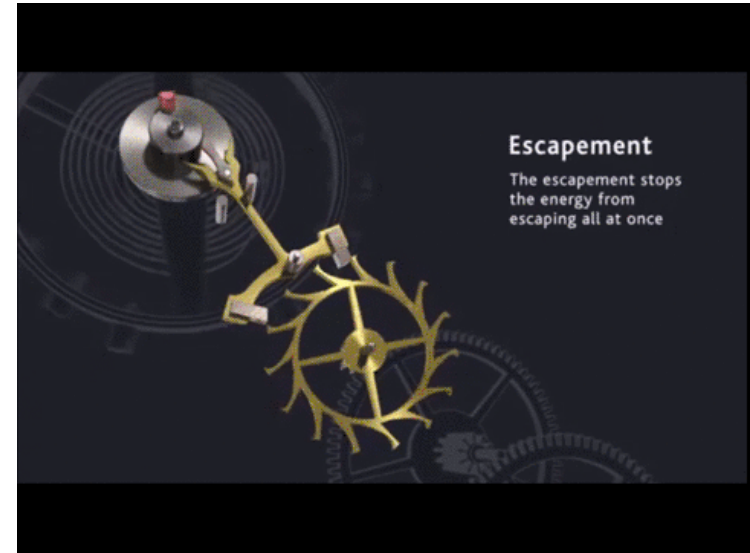
## Mass-spring system: Energy

- Energy can be stored in a spring and released later as kinetic energy
- After some calculus (derivative of the force):

$$PE = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

- Work done by a spring:  $W = \Delta PE$ 
  - stretching or compressing will do negative or positive work
- Since no non-conserving forces are present, Total Energy (KE + PE) is constant
  - We can use this to find velocity at a given displacement:  $v(x)$

## Spring-powered watch mechanism



## Mass-spring system: Energy

- When there are rotating bits (e.g. pendulum), the total energy is:  $E_{\text{tot}} = PE_{\text{height}} + PE_{\text{spring}} + KE_{\text{trans}} + KE_{\text{rot}}$

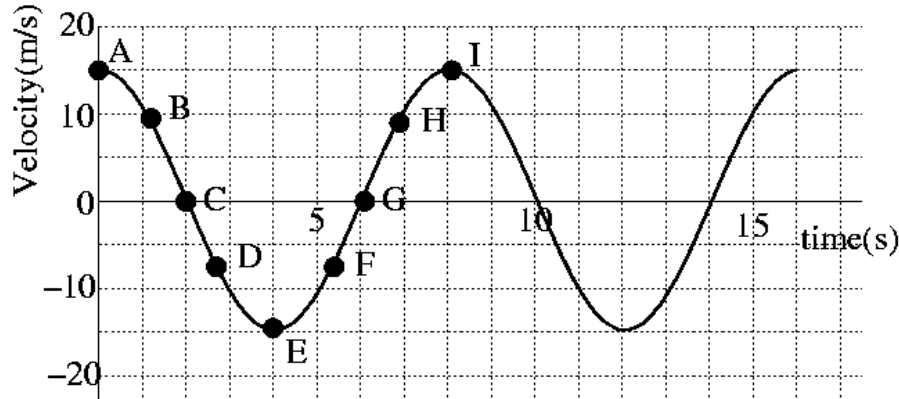
- $E = mgh + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$

- For a horizontal mass & spring, life is simpler:
  - No changes in height, so can ignore  $PE_{\text{height}}$
  - No rotating pieces, so can ignore rotational energy
  - $E_{\text{horiz-spring}} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
  - This gives us a way to relate velocity & position!
    - For  $x = A$ , total energy is:  $\frac{1}{2}kA^2$ , since velocity is zero. This is conserved.
    - So,  $\frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$  *\*For the horizontal mass-spring system*

- ...after some algebra:

$$v = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}(A^2 - x^2)}$$

The graph represents **velocity** of a mass in a mass-spring system.  
 At what point(s) is the magnitude of the **Potential Energy** at a maximum?

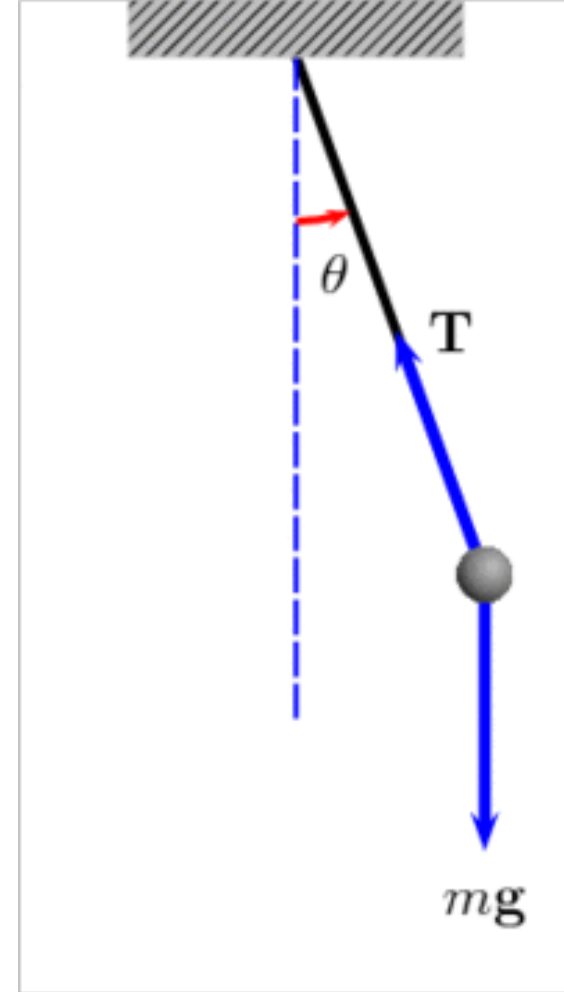


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| (C) E | <b>(H) C and G</b> |
| (E) G | (I) A, C, G, and I |

1.  $E = PE + KE = (1/2)kx^2 + (1/2)mv^2$
2. Energy will be conserved throughout motion, so KE will be converted to PE and back.
3. Minimum KE means maximum PE.
4. When  $v=0$  (at the amplitude),  $KE = 0$
5.  $v=0$  at C and G, so PE is maximized there.

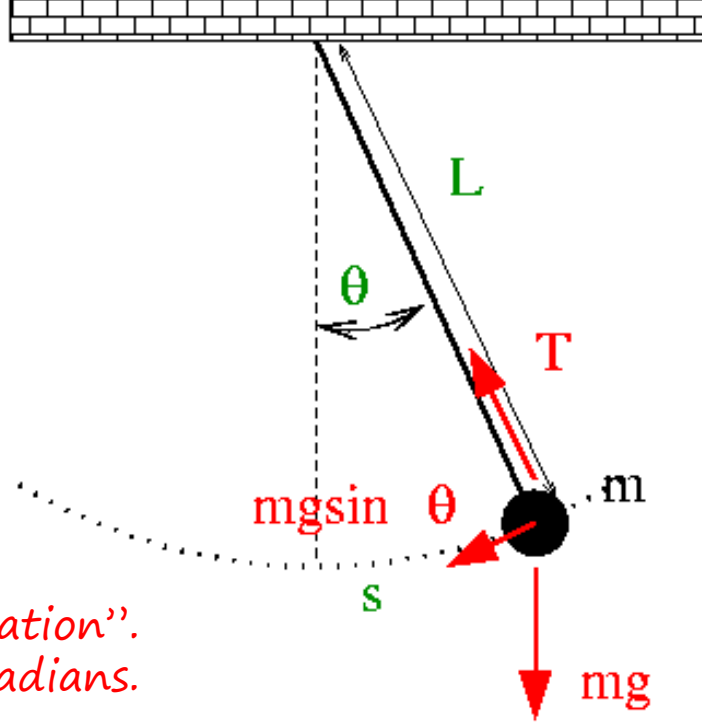
# Pendulum

- Pendulum: a periodic swinging thing
  - physical pendulum: arm with weight on the end
  - “simple pendulum”: most mass concentrated at one point
    - we’ll mostly stick to this, because it’s simpler since you can ignore the moment of inertia of the pendulum arm
- Like the mass on the spring, the pendulum oscillates.
- *For small angles*, the pendulum undergoes simple harmonic motion, analogous to the mass & spring
  - We’ll work with small angle cases
  - “Small” means  $\sim < 0.244$  radians, which is  $\sim < 14^\circ$
  - (Justification comes from when  $\sin(\theta) \sim \theta$ )



# Pendulum: Forces

- The pendulum weight experiences a downward force from gravity and an upward tension from the pendulum cable.
- The net force experienced in the swinging direction is:
  - $F_{net} = -mg \cdot \sin(\theta)$
  - For  $\theta < 0.244$  radians (~14 degrees),  $\sin(\theta) \approx \theta$ , so *This is the "small angle approximation". It only works when using radians.*  
 $F_{net} \approx -mg \cdot \theta$
  - Since  $\theta = (\text{arc length}) / \text{radius} = s / r$ , and  $r$  is the pendulum length  $L$ ,  
 $F \approx -(mg/L)s$
- Recalling that for a spring,  $F = -kx$ , it is apparent that pendulums for small swinging-angles undergo simple harmonic motion!



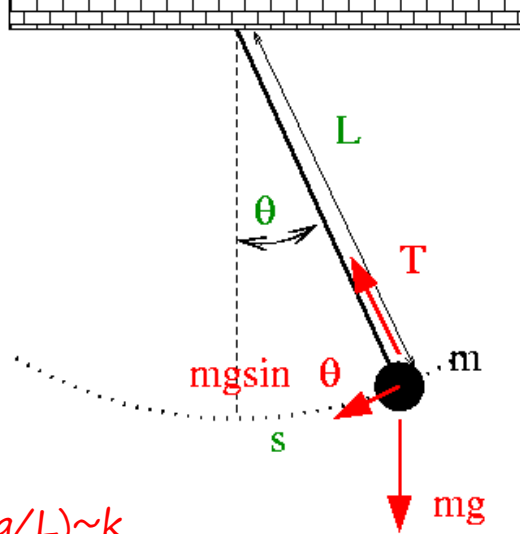


# Pendulum-Spring Comparison

Quantity	Mass-Spring	Pendulum
Stiffness	$k$	$mg/L$
inertia	$m$	$m$
$\omega$	$\sqrt{k/m}$	$\sqrt{g/L}$

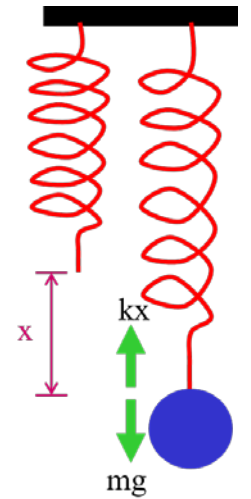
Note:  $\omega = 2\pi f$  and  $f = 1/T$

from the fact that  $(mg/L) \sim k$



The pendulum period only depends on the pendulum length & the local gravity!

$$\omega_{pendulum} = \sqrt{g/L}$$





Two identical pendulum clocks are set in motion, one on the Earth and one on the Moon. The acceleration due to gravity on the Moon is  $1.67 \text{ m/s}^2$  (1/6 that of Earth).

Which of the following statements is true?

- A. The clock on the Moon runs faster than the clock on Earth
- B. The clock on the Moon runs the same speed as the clock on Earth
- C. The clock on the Moon runs slower than the clock on Earth

1.  $\omega = \sqrt{g/L}$

2. On the moon, “g” is smaller, so  $\omega$  will be smaller.

3.  $T = 2\pi/\omega$

4. So, smaller  $\omega$  means larger  $T$ , i.e. a longer period.

5. The clock will take longer for one “tick” on the Moon & therefore runs slower.



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How much do we have to shorten the Moon clock pendulum to get it to tick at the same rate as the Earth clock?

A.  $1/6$

B.  $1/\sqrt{6}$

C.  $0.6$

D.  $6/(2\pi)$

1.  $\omega = \sqrt{g/L}$

2.  $g_{\text{Moon}} = (1/6)g_{\text{Earth}}$ ,

3. So, need  $L_{\text{Moon}} = (1/6)L_{\text{Earth}}$

4.  $\omega = \sqrt{(\frac{1}{6}g)/(\frac{1}{6}L)} = \sqrt{g/L}$

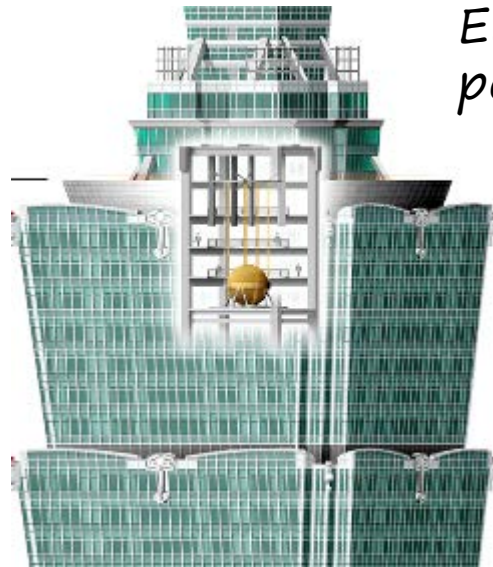
# Resonances

- Most oscillatory systems have a frequency at which they easily oscillate.
- This is referred to as the “natural” or “resonant” frequency.
- If a force is applied periodically, matching the resonant frequency, the system will be driven “on the resonance” and energy will build-up.
- This can be good (musical instruments) or bad (Tacoma Narrows bridge)

*Example:  
Kid being pushed on a swing*



*Object designs often try to counteract motion at the resonant frequency*



*E.g. the 728-ton pendulum in Taipei 101*



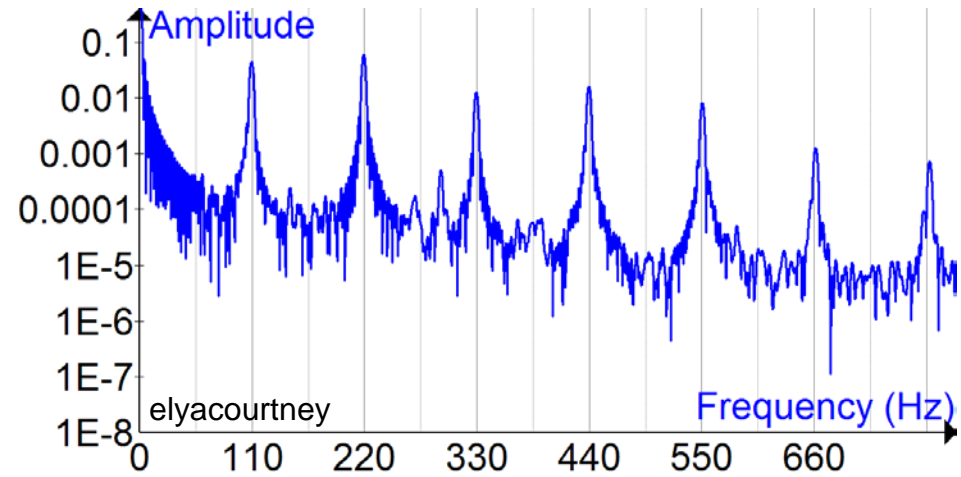
# Resonances

*Shattering a glass with a high-pitched noise*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2VoR1lorqQ>

*Notes for a base guitar*





A car rests on springs and has a certain resonant frequency.

If a driver picks up passengers, how will the resonant frequency be affected?

A. Increase with passengers in the car.

B. Stay the same.

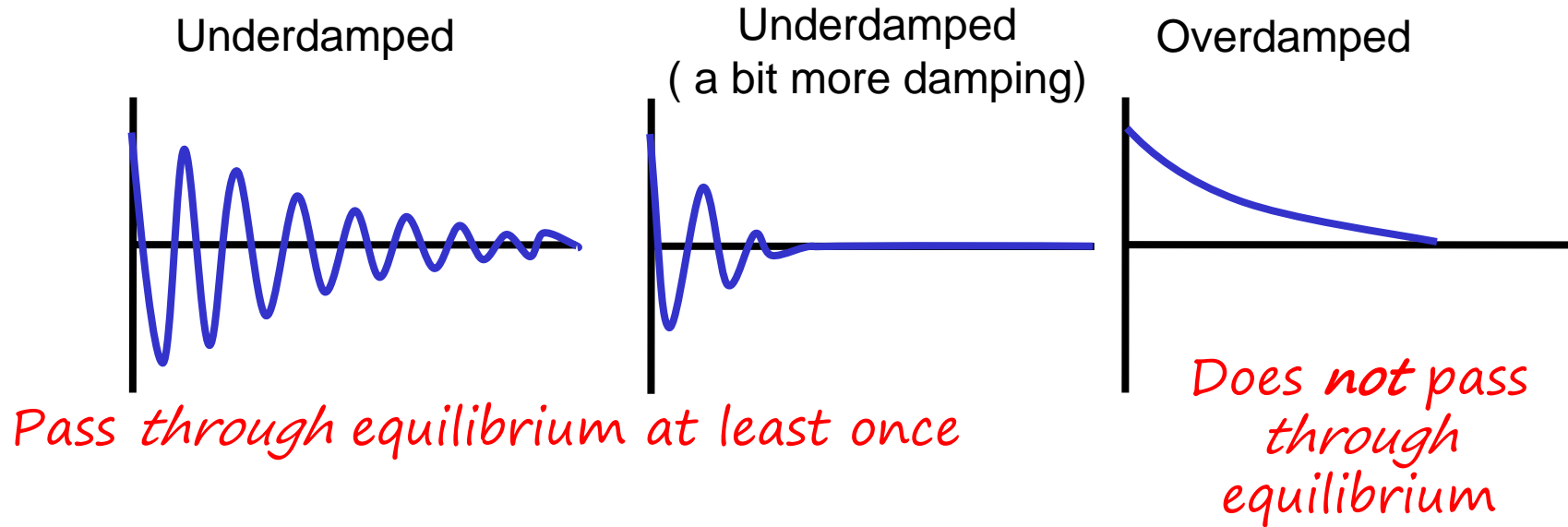
C. Decrease with passengers in the car.

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

2. Increasing  $m$ , means decreasing  $\omega$

# Damped Motion

“Damping” is removing energy from a system (e.g. via friction, air resistance,...), removing energy from a system & therefore decreasing the oscillation amplitude.



“Critically damped”:

The least amount of damping where, when applied, a system will not oscillate. This will return the system to equilibrium as quickly as possible.