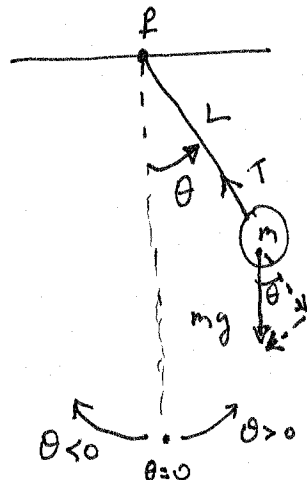


Solution set 1

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Problem 1



2 methods of deriving EOM

Method (1): Using torque & angular momentum.

Recalling that $\tau = \frac{dS}{dt}$

$S \equiv$ Angular momentum

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

$\tau \equiv$ torque about the pivot P.

(Tension & $mg \cos\theta$ component of gravity don't contribute to torque since both act parallel / anti-parallel to the string: line of moment.)

$$S = I\dot{\theta} = mL^2\dot{\theta}$$

$I = mL^2 \leftarrow$ moment of inertia of mass m about the pivot point P.

$$\therefore -mgL\sin\theta = \frac{dS}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow -mgL\sin\theta = mL^2\ddot{\theta} \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq'n (1)}$$

But assuming small oscillations of pendulum: i.e. $|\theta(t)| \ll 1$ (in radians)

we have: $\sin\theta \approx \theta$ \leftarrow By Taylor approximation. (i.e. Assuming small amplitude θ_0 at all t .)

\therefore Eq'n (1) becomes:

$$-mgL\theta \approx mL^2\ddot{\theta} \Rightarrow \boxed{\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{L}\theta = 0} \quad \leftarrow \text{EOM for simple pendulum}$$

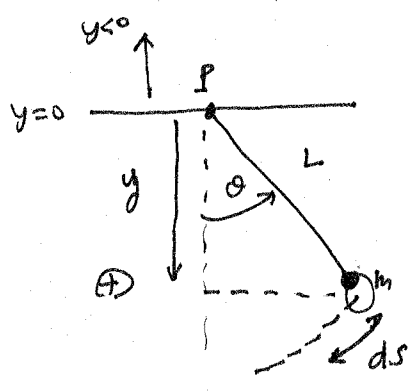
\hookrightarrow we can identify $\omega_0^2 = g/L$

$$\therefore \text{Angular frequency is } \omega_0 = \sqrt{g/L}$$

Solving the EOM yields: $\theta(t) = \theta_0 \cos(\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}t - \phi)$

where $\theta_0 \equiv$ Amplitude and $\phi \equiv$ phase shift are 2 free parameters

Method ②: Using Conservation of Energy:



$y = L \cos \theta > 0$ indeed. (thus my sign convention) for y .

U_{grav} = potential energy of bob due to gravity.

$= -mgy$ ← (-) since as bob goes lower, ~~its~~ ~~energy~~ potential energy should decrease. But since $y > 0$ below ceiling, mgy would actually increase as y gets larger. so we need (-) in front to get $U_{grav} = -mgy$.

$= -mgL \cos \theta$

Kinetic energy:

$KE = \frac{m}{2} v^2$

To get v : ds = small (infinitesimal) arc length swept by bob.

$= L d\theta$

$\Rightarrow v = \frac{ds}{dt} = L \frac{d\theta}{dt} = L \dot{\theta}$

$\therefore KE = \frac{m}{2} v^2 = \frac{m L^2}{2} \dot{\theta}^2$ ← "rotational KE" ($\frac{I \dot{\theta}^2}{2}$)

$E_{tot} = U_{grav} + KE = \frac{m L^2}{2} \dot{\theta}^2 - mgL \cos \theta$

Conservation of energy:

$0 = \frac{dE_{tot}}{dt} = \frac{m L^2}{2} \times \dot{\theta} \frac{d\dot{\theta}}{dt} + mgL (\sin \theta) \dot{\theta}$

$\Rightarrow 0 = \dot{\theta} \left\{ \frac{m L^2}{2} \ddot{\theta} + mgL \sin \theta \right\}$

$\Rightarrow 0 = \ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{L} \sin \theta$ ← [Eqn (2)]

But assuming small oscillations (so that $|\theta(t)| \ll 1$ at all times):

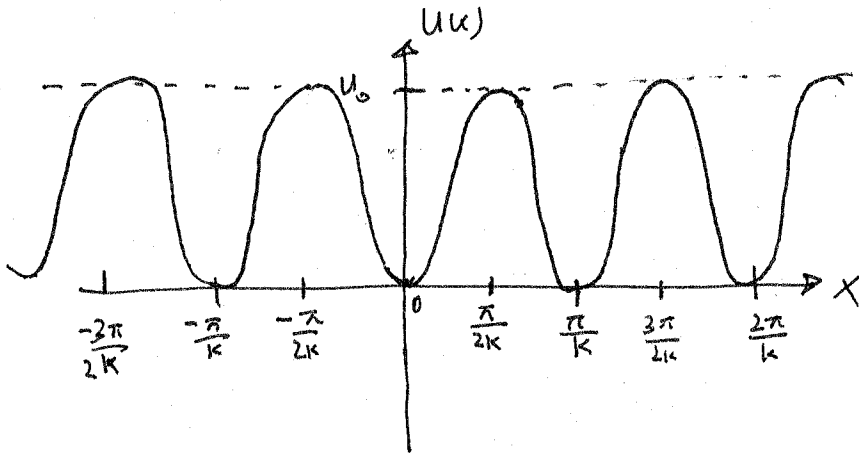
$\sin \theta \approx \theta$ ← By Taylor approx.

\therefore Eqn (2) becomes:

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

Problem 2

(a) $U(x) = U_0 \sin^2(kx)$



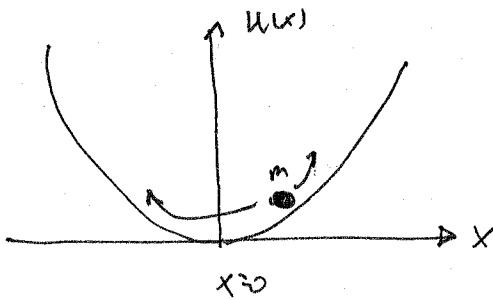
$k \equiv$ wave number of the standing wave intensity pattern.

(Note: wave # is defined as: $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$)

$\lambda \equiv$ wave length of standing wave.

$U_0 \equiv$ Maximum intensity of the optical trap.

(b) Zooming into $x=0$ neighborhood in above diagram:



← looks like a quadratic well.

Using the hint: $\sin(z) \approx z$ (for $|z| \ll 1$),

we have: $\sin(kx) \approx kx$ (for $|kx| \ll 1$).
↑ "approx."

$\therefore \sin^2(kx) \approx (kx)^2 = k^2 x^2$

This is valid for the small oscillations we're interested in

(We're interested in oscillations with amplitude δx : where ~~the amplitude is small~~)

Again, use conservation of energy to

derive EOM:

$E_{tot} = \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2} + U(x)$

$\approx \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2} + \frac{k^2 x^2}{2} U_0$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dE_{tot}}{dt} = 0 = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2} + k^2 x^2 U_0 \right)$

$\Rightarrow 0 = \dot{x} \left\{ m\ddot{x} + k^2 x U_0 \right\}$

$\Rightarrow \left[0 = \ddot{x} + \left(\frac{k^2 U_0}{m} \right) x \right] \leftarrow \underline{\text{EOM}}$

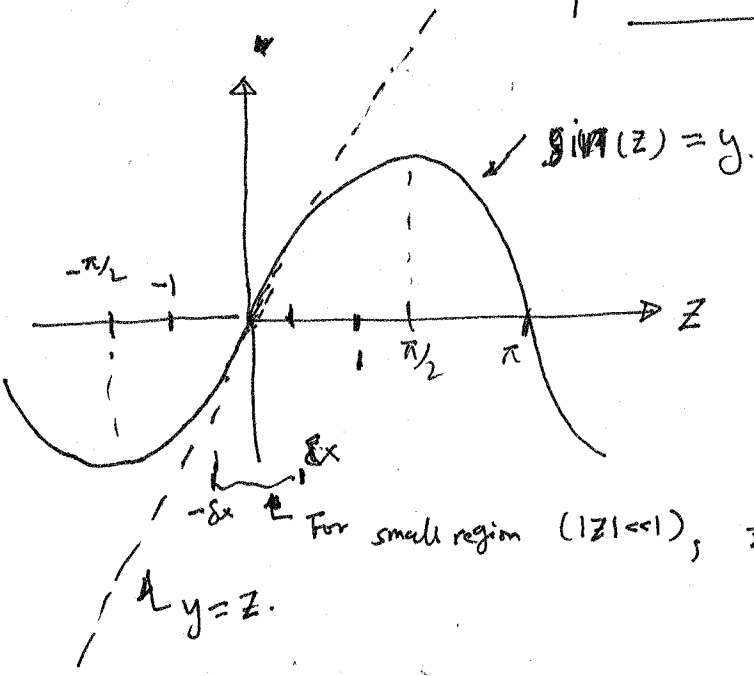
$|k\delta x| \ll 1$
 $\Rightarrow |\delta x| \ll \frac{1}{k}$ (small oscillation approx.)

From the EOM, we identify: $\omega_0^2 = \frac{k^2 U_0}{m}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k^2 U_0}{m}}} \leftarrow \underline{\text{Angular frequency.}}$

Solving the EOM yields:

$\boxed{x(t) = \delta x \cos\left(k \sqrt{\frac{U_0}{m}} x - \phi\right)}$



$\delta x \equiv$ Amplitude of small oscillation

For small region ($|z| \ll 1$), $z \approx \sin(z)$. \leftarrow result of Taylor approx.

Problem 3

(a) Recall that $m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + kx = 0$ was derived for SHO

in class, starting from Newton's 2nd law in $F = ma$ format.

If, indeed, $F = ma$ was still true even when the mass of particle is changing, then indeed we'd get $m(t) \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + kx = 0$ for this

problem. But in fact, $F \neq ma$ when the mass is changing!

Recall that the real definition of force F is: $\boxed{\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}}$ \leftarrow Newton's 2nd law.

And since $\vec{p} = m\vec{v} = m\dot{x}$, where $\vec{p} \equiv$ momentum of particle.

$F = \frac{d(m\dot{x})}{dt} = m \frac{d\dot{x}}{dt} + \dot{x} \frac{dm}{dt}$

Hence,

$$F = m \frac{dx}{dt} + \dot{x} \frac{dm}{dt}$$

$$= m \ddot{x} + \dot{x} \frac{dm}{dt}$$

Typically, this is zero in many problems we solve since m of particle usually constant. In that case, we get $F = m \ddot{x} = ma$.

But in our example, $\frac{dm}{dt} \neq 0$

(b) \therefore EOM of the "sand-filling bucket-oscillator" is:

~~$F = m \ddot{x} + \dot{x} \frac{dm}{dt}$~~ $F = m \ddot{x} + \dot{x} \left(\frac{dm}{dt} \right)$

$F = -kx$ \leftarrow \therefore The only force that acts on the block is spring force. (gravity & normal force cancel each other out)

$\therefore -kx = m \ddot{x} + \left(\frac{dm}{dt} \right) \dot{x}$

\Rightarrow $0 = \ddot{x} + \left(\frac{dm/dt}{m} \right) \dot{x} + \left(\frac{k}{m} \right) x$ \leftarrow EOM

$\frac{b}{2m}$

ω_0^2 $\omega_0 \equiv$ Natural ang. frequency

$\frac{dm}{dt} > 0$ since sand is filling up the bucket.

so $\frac{(dm/dt)}{m} > 0$; just like damping coefficient 2γ .

Looking at the EOM, this is indeed a damped oscillator with damping coefficient b , where:

$\gamma = \frac{b}{2m}$; but $\gamma = \frac{(dm/dt)}{2m}$

\therefore $b = dm/dt > 0$ \leftarrow damping constant

(c) Total energy of system : Since EOM is that of damped oscillator, the total energy $E_{tot}(t)$ should decrease over time. Let's see how this comes about by writing down $E_{tot}(t)$:

$$E_{tot}(t) = PE(t) + KE(t) = \frac{kx^2}{2} + \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2}$$

Then,

(d)

$$\frac{dE_{tot}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{kx^2}{2} + \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2} \right) = \frac{2kx}{2} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{2m\dot{x}}{2} \ddot{x} + \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2} \left(\frac{dm}{dt} \right)$$

$$= \dot{x} \left\{ kx + m\ddot{x} + \frac{(dm/dt)}{2} \dot{x} \right\}$$

$$= m\dot{x} \left\{ \ddot{x} + \frac{(dm/dt)\dot{x}}{2m} + \omega_0^2 x \right\}$$

{...} ← Almost looks like EOM (not exactly the EOM due to the " $\frac{1}{2m}$ " instead of " $\frac{1}{m}$ ".)

$$= m\dot{x} \left\{ \underbrace{\left(\ddot{x} + \frac{(dm/dt)\dot{x}}{m} + \omega_0^2 x \right)}_{\substack{|| \\ 0 \\ \text{EOM}}} - \frac{(dm/dt)\dot{x}}{2m} \right\}$$

$$= -m\dot{x} \frac{(dm/dt)\dot{x}}{2m}$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{\dot{x}^2}{2} \left(\frac{dm}{dt} \right)} = \frac{dE_{tot}}{dt}$$

$\dot{x}^2 \rightarrow 0$, $dm/dt > 0$ $\therefore \frac{dE_{tot}}{dt} = -(\dots) < 0$

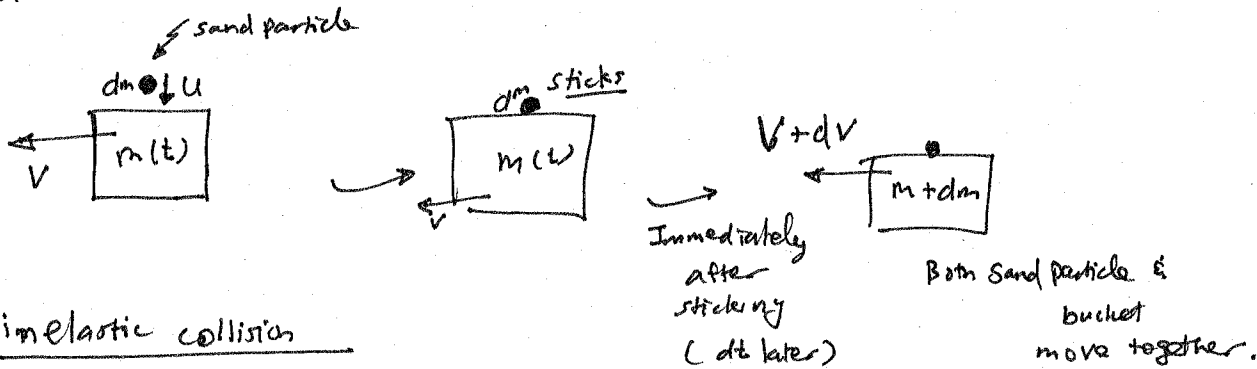
E_{tot} is decreasing over time

• $E(t)$ decreasing over time. Where's this energy going?

Ans: Heat: energy is being dissipated.

But why is there heat?

• Think about what's happening to the sand particles as they land within the bucket.



This is an inelastic collision

↳ Sand particle sticks to a moving bucket immediately after landing within the bucket, and then immediately afterwards, the sand particle moves with the bucket at the same velocity as the bucket.

• In such inelastic processes (i.e. sticking, then immediately afterwards, acquiring new velocity) inherently energy is always dissipated as heat.

(e) We have EOM: $0 = \ddot{x} + \frac{(dm/dt)}{m} \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x$ $\omega_0^2 \equiv k/m$

Now, If $m(t) = M + \beta t$: $dm/dt = \beta$, $\beta > 0$ since sand is filling up bucket

$\therefore 0 = \ddot{x} + \frac{\beta}{m} \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x$

Let $2\gamma \equiv \beta/m$, then we have:

$0 = \ddot{x} + 2\gamma \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x$ ← familiar damped EOM.

• We know how to solve this from class. But let's solve it again to get practice.

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To solve the EOM, we solve the \mathbb{C} -equivalent EOM:

(since $\mathbb{C} \#$ easier to do calculations w/ $(x \mapsto z)$)

$$0 = \ddot{Z} + 2\delta \dot{Z} + Z\omega_0^2 \leftarrow \text{EOM to solve.}$$

Let $Z(t) = Ae^{i\omega t}$, then plugging into EOM we get:

$$0 = -\omega^2 Z + \omega_0^2 Z + i\omega 2\delta Z$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \omega^2 - 2i\delta\omega - \omega_0^2 \leftarrow \text{quadratic eq'n in } \omega$$

Car of now, unknown quantity.

Solving for ω :

$$\omega_{\pm} = \frac{2\delta i \pm \sqrt{4\delta^2 + 4\omega_0^2}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{\pm} = i\delta \pm \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \delta^2}$$

|||
let $\tilde{\omega}$

\therefore 2 values of ω obtained: ω_+ & ω_- .

so $Z_1(t) = Ae^{i\omega_+ t}$ and $Z_2(t) = Be^{i\omega_- t}$ are both sol'n.

And so is $Z(t) \equiv Z_1(t) + Z_2(t)$

$$= Ae^{i\omega_+ t} + Be^{i\omega_- t}$$
$$= e^{-\gamma t} [Ae^{i\tilde{\omega} t} + Be^{-i\tilde{\omega} t}]$$

2 free parameters $(A \ \& \ B)$
so this must be the general sol'n to EOM

Let's now take a look at various regimes:

\rightarrow
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Regime 1: Underdamped: $\omega_0^2 > \gamma^2 \Rightarrow \tilde{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}, > 0$.

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(This corresponds to $\frac{k}{m} > \frac{\beta^2}{4m^2} \Rightarrow 4mk > \beta^2 \Rightarrow \beta < 2\sqrt{km} = 2\sqrt{\omega_0^2 m^2} = 2\omega_0 m$)

So, if rate of sand filling the bucket (and sticking to the bucket, thus being an inherently inelastic process) is not too fast (i.e. $\beta < 2\omega_0 m$), the bucket + sand follows underdamped SHM.

Its motion is described by $x(t)$ (NOT $Z(t)$): $Z \in \mathbb{C}$, so need to find the real part of this:

To find $x(t) = \text{Re}(Z(t))$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } Z(t) &= e^{-\gamma t} [Ae^{i\tilde{\omega}t} + Be^{-i\tilde{\omega}t}] \quad A, B \in \mathbb{R} \\ &= e^{-\gamma t} \left[\underbrace{(A \cos(\tilde{\omega}t) + B \sin(\tilde{\omega}t))}_{\tilde{B}} + i \underbrace{(A \sin(\tilde{\omega}t) - B \cos(\tilde{\omega}t))}_{\tilde{B}} \right] \\ &= e^{-\gamma t} \left[\underbrace{(A \cos(\tilde{\omega}t) + \tilde{B} \sin(\tilde{\omega}t))}_{\text{Re}} + i \underbrace{(A \sin(\tilde{\omega}t) + \tilde{B} \cos(\tilde{\omega}t))}_{\text{Im}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

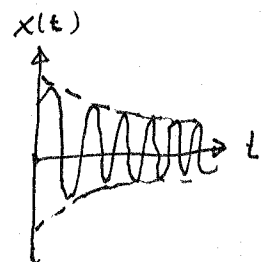
So: $x(t) = \text{Re}(Z(t)) = e^{-\gamma t} [A \cos(\tilde{\omega}t) + \tilde{B} \sin(\tilde{\omega}t)]$

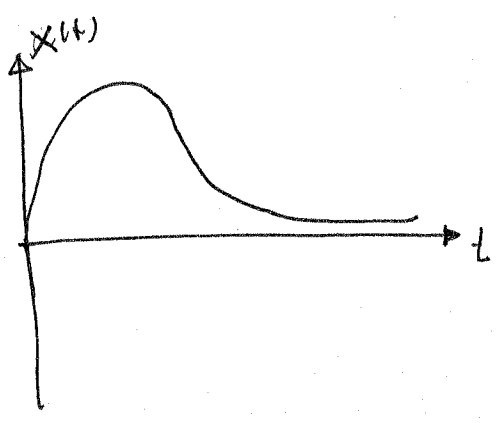
From lecture, we know that we can rewrite this as $C \cos(\tilde{\omega}t - \phi)$

$x(t) = e^{-\gamma t} C \cos(\tilde{\omega}t - \phi)$

(more "physical" part)

position of bucket + sand when $\beta < 2\omega_0 m$ (underdamped).





← critically damped.

Regime 3 : Overdamped motion : Occur when $\omega_0^2 < \gamma^2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k}{m} < \frac{\beta^2}{4m^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta > 2\omega_0 m}$$

• Occur when the rate of sand filling the bucket β is larger than $2\omega_0 m$.

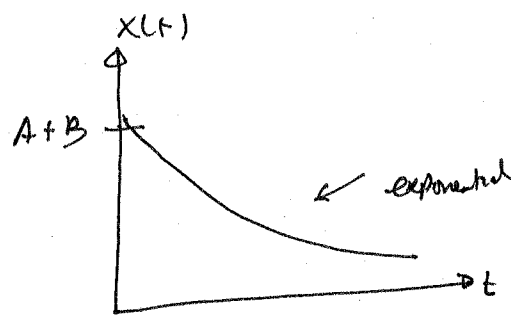
In this case, $\tilde{\omega} \equiv \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}$ is imaginary so,
 $= i \tilde{\omega}$ where $\tilde{\omega} \equiv \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega_0^2} \in \mathbb{R}$
 > 0 .

So, $Z(t)$ on (Pg 8) becomes :

$$Z(t) = e^{-\gamma t} [A e^{-\tilde{\omega} t} + B e^{\tilde{\omega} t}]$$

$$\boxed{X(t) = A \exp [-(\gamma + \tilde{\omega}) t] + B \exp [-(\gamma - \tilde{\omega}) t]}$$

↑ Already red, so call it "x(t)".



← exponential decay.

Since $\gamma + \tilde{\omega} > \gamma - \tilde{\omega}$,

$e^{-(\gamma + \tilde{\omega}) t}$ decays to zero first,

Hence, at large t, $e^{-(\gamma - \tilde{\omega}) t}$ is the

dominant term (\because it's the slowly decaying term.)

Problem 4

(a)

(i)

$M \equiv$ total mass of Earth.

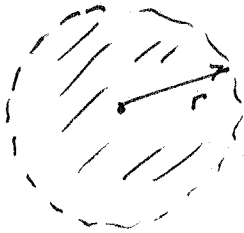
$R \equiv$ radius of Earth.

In this problem, we assume that the Earth has uniform ~~mass~~ density.

So $\rho \equiv \frac{M}{\text{Volume of Earth}} = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = \frac{3M}{4\pi R^3}$

← mass density (per volume)

Hence: within sphere of radius r embedded within Earth:



$$M(r) = \rho \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$= \frac{3M}{4\pi R^3} \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \boxed{M\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^3}$$

\therefore Mass enclosed within the dashed sphere of radius r

is $\boxed{m(r) = M\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^3}$

(ii)



• Gravity points towards center of the dashed sphere as shown. (i.e. ~~radially~~ radially inwards.)

So, by Newton's law of gravity:

$$F_{\text{grav}}(r) = \frac{G(M(r))m}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{GM\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^3 m}{r^2}$$

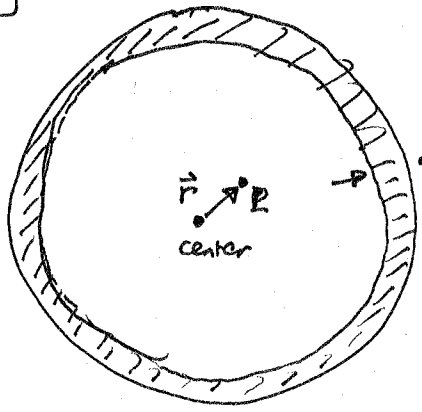
$$= \boxed{\frac{GMm}{R^3} r}$$

$m \equiv$ mass of person standing at position \vec{r} .
(i.e. on surface of dashed sphere.)

points (radially towards center)

Sanity check: When $r = R$, we get the familiar $F_{\text{grav}}(R) = \frac{GMm}{R^2}$

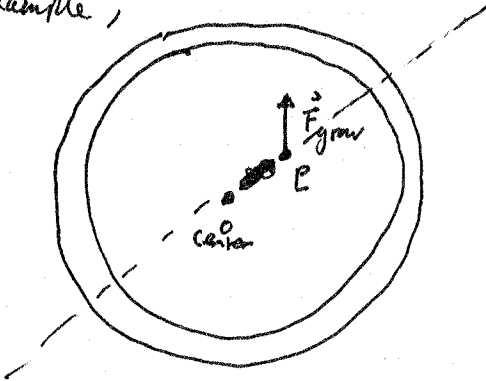
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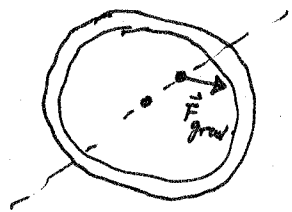
$dr \equiv$ infinitesimal thickness of ~~shell~~ spherical slab.

By rotational symmetry of sphere (i.e. sphere looks the same from all directions), the gravitational force at point P, due to the slab of mass must point ~~to~~ radially towards or away from the center of sphere. (If the force is non-zero.)

For example,



\vec{F}_{grav} cannot be pointing in the direction shown in this diagram since your friend standing behind this page and looking at the same sphere as you would see:



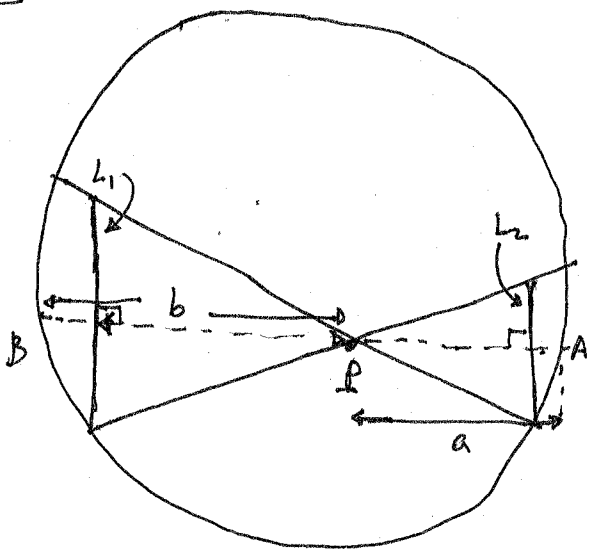
But since sphere looks the same in all directions, this cannot be!

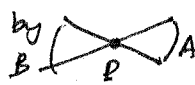
Why should gravity prefer left hand side of dashed line shown, instead of right hand side?

Usage of symmetry such as this is important in physics.



(iv)



Let B & A be the ends of ~~some~~ sphere that
 are spanned by 

Let b be distance from P to piece B
 and a be distance from P to piece A,
 As shown, draw 2 perpendicular
 bases of 2 cones.

(L₁ and L₂). Call these bases
 B' & A' respectively.
 The ratio of the areas of
 A' and B' is then a^2/b^2 .

The key here is to note that the angle between the planes of A and A'
 is the same as that between B and B'.

This is because the chord between A & B meets the circle at equal
 angles at its ends.

Hence, the ratio of the areas of A & B is also a^2/b^2 .

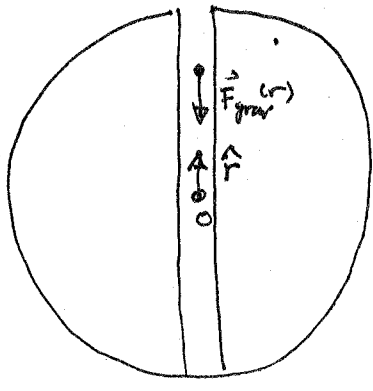
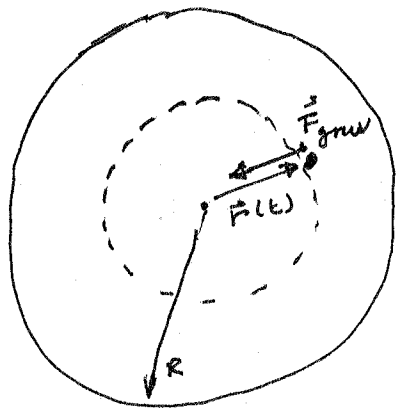
But gravitational force decrease ~~as~~ as $\frac{1}{r^2}$.

∴ Forces at P due to A & B are equal in magnitude
 but opposite in direction. Thus, net force at P = 0.

Since our Earth can be thought of as being made up of a series of
 concentric spherical shells, this proves that the net force at position \vec{r}
 on Fig 1 on Part 1 handout must be due to only the mass
 enclosed within the dashed sphere.



(V) Since only the mass enclosed within the dashed sphere exerts net force on the person at position \vec{r}



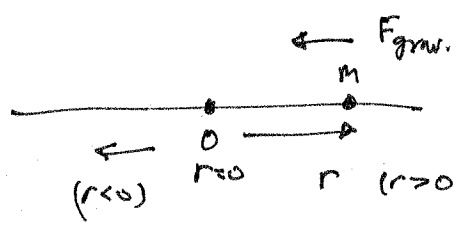
$$\vec{F}_{grav}(r) = -\frac{GMm}{R^3} r \hat{r}$$

$\hat{r} \equiv$ unit vector (i.e. $|\hat{r}|=1$)
pointing radially outwards from the center of Earth.

Or, if you prefer not to think about radial vector, (this comes up when dealing w/ polar coordinates. You'll learn in calculus.)

Note that this is actually a 1D problem:

Note that $r=0$ (center of Earth) is equilibrium position since $F_{grav}(r=0)=0$.



\therefore EOM is:

$$m\ddot{r} = -\left(\frac{GMm}{R^3}\right)r$$

$m \equiv$ mass of person

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{r} + \left(\frac{GM}{R^3}\right)r = 0$$

\leftarrow EOM of SHO!

constant $\equiv \omega_0^2$

\therefore Indeed, the person would oscillate simple harmonically back & forth between the 2 poles in the tunnel, with angular frequency

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R^3}}$$

\Rightarrow w/ frequency f : $f = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R^3}}$

and \therefore period $T = \frac{1}{f} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R^3}{GM}}$

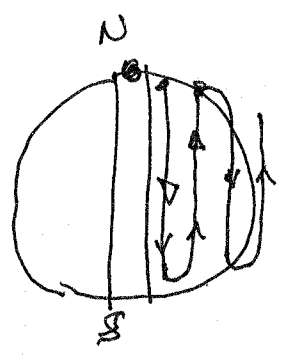
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Since $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R^3}}$

- If mass of Earth M increases: ω_0 increases like $\sim \sqrt{M}$.
(so person oscillates ~~at~~ between 2 poles faster.)
- If mass of person m changes: no effect on ω_0 . (~~longer~~ shorter period)
- If radius of Earth R increases: ω_0 decreases like $\sim \frac{1}{R^{3/2}}$.
→ person oscillates between the 2 poles slower.
(longer period.)

(b) period $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R^3}{GM}}$

But,



← show the path of ~~person~~ person in tunnel.

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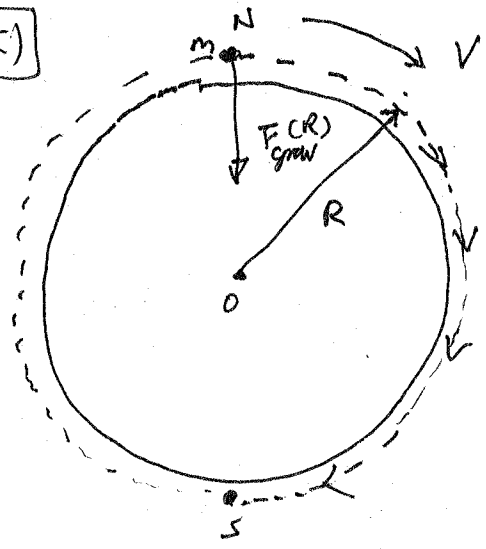
From this diagram, time taken by the person to travel from N to S is $\frac{T}{2}$.

⇒
$$t_{\text{tunnel}} = \pi \sqrt{\frac{R^3}{GM}}$$

← time taken to go from N to S pole through tunnel.



(c)



Centripetal motion

orbit speed = V

$$\Rightarrow \frac{mV^2}{R} = F_{grav.}(R)$$

$$= \frac{GMm}{R^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R}}} \leftarrow \text{orbital speed.}$$

- If Earth's radius increases, V decreases like $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}}$ (assuming M doesn't change.)

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Distance from N to S pole in the circular orbit case is $\frac{1}{2}$ circumference of circle.

$$\Rightarrow \text{distance} = \frac{2\pi R}{2} = \pi R.$$

\therefore time taken to get from N to S pole using circular orbit :

$$t_{orbit} = \frac{\pi R}{V} = \pi R \sqrt{\frac{R}{GM}} = \boxed{\pi \sqrt{\frac{R^3}{GM}}}$$

(e)

Hence, $\boxed{t_{orbit} = t_{tunnel}} !$

\therefore Both modes of travel take the same time.

• To see why the tunnel is so dangerous, consider (and calculate) the maximum speed reached in the tunnel. Max. speed is obtained when the person reaches the center of Earth.

$r(t) = R \cos(\omega_0 t)$ \leftarrow position of person (rad' of SHM).

so, $\dot{r}(t) = -R\omega_0 \sin(\omega_0 t)$

↑ Max. speed. Obtained when $t = \frac{\pi}{2\omega_0}$ ← when person at center of Earth.

$\dot{r}_{max} = R\omega_0 = R \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R^3}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{10^{24} \cdot 10^{-11}}{10^3}} \text{ m/s} \approx 10^5 \text{ m/s}$

↑ plug in the actual #'s (order of magnitudes would do -)
 $M \approx 10^{24} \text{ kg}$
 $G \approx 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$
 $R \approx 10^3 \text{ km} = 10^6 \text{ m}$

Order of magnitude estimation gives: $\dot{r}_{max} = \dot{r}_{max} \approx \boxed{100 \text{ km/sec.}} (!!)$

In fact, $10^5 \text{ m/s} \sim \frac{1}{1000} \times \text{speed of light.}$ † dangerous speed to be traveling within tunnel

(speed of light $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$),



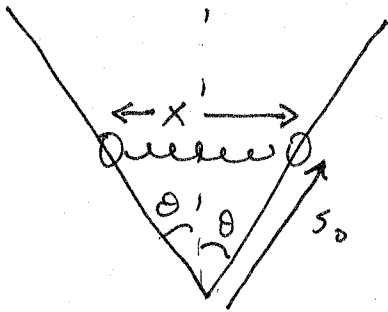
Problem 5

(a) Want to find the equilibrium position of the 2 blocks.

Let $X_0 \equiv$ rest length of spring.

Intuition tells us that in equilibrium, spring is compressed.

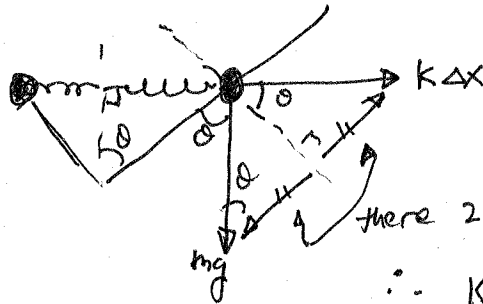
Let $X_0 - X \equiv \Delta X > 0$
 \uparrow length of spring in equilibrium. $\uparrow \therefore$ compressed from ~~equilibrium position~~ rest length.



Goal: Find s_0 in terms of X_0

Since motion only along rail, break all forces into component \parallel and \perp to rail, then only think about \parallel component. (parallel to rail)

So:



these 2 cancel out in equilibrium.

$$\therefore K(\Delta X) \sin \theta = mg \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta X = \frac{mg}{K} \cot \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow X_0 - X = \frac{mg}{K} \cot \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow X = X_0 - \frac{mg}{K} \cot \theta \quad ; \quad \text{but} \quad X = 2s_0 \sin \theta$$

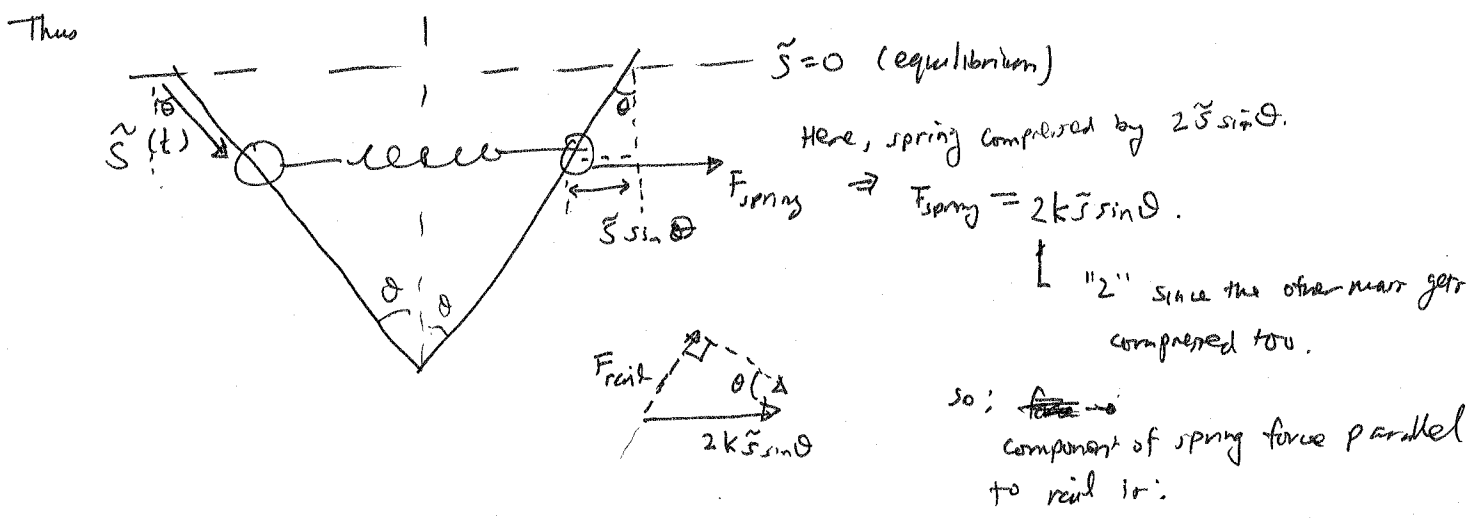
$$2s_0 \sin \theta = X_0 - \frac{mg}{K} \cot \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{s_0 = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \left[X_0 - \frac{mg}{K} \cot \theta \right]}$$

distance from vertex of rail to mass when in equilibrium.

(b) Let $\tilde{s}(t) \equiv s(t) - s_0$ ← change of ~~variable~~ variable.
 ↑ displacement from equilibrium s_0
 ↑ portion of m from vertex of wedge.

As we found in class, (lesson on forced oscillation (w/ constant force) (here, $mg \cos \theta$)) we can ignore $mg \cos \theta$ acting on the bead as long as we're only concerned w/ displacement $\tilde{s}(t)$ from equilibrium. (see lecture note #3 if this is not clear.)



Hence: EOM:

$$m \ddot{\tilde{s}} = -2k\tilde{s} \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{\tilde{s}} + \left(\frac{2k \sin^2 \theta}{m} \right) \tilde{s} = 0$$

↳ EOM is that of SHO.

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{2k \sin^2 \theta}{m} \Rightarrow f = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{2k \sin^2 \theta}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{\sin \theta} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{k}}$$

↳ frequency of oscillation.

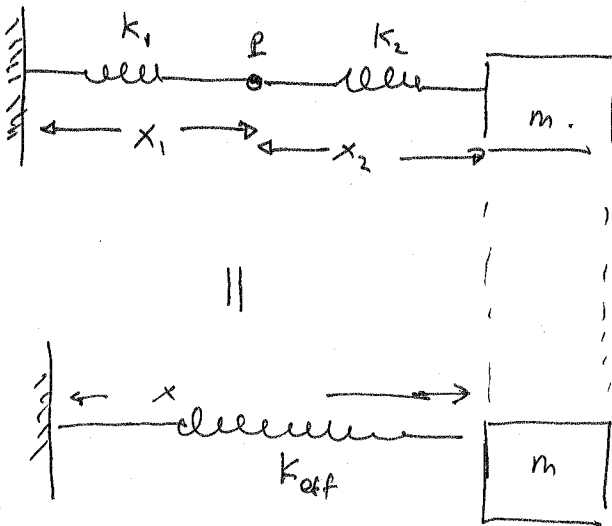
Solving above EOM: we get:

displacement from equilibrium

$$\tilde{s}(t) = \tilde{s}_0 \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) = \tilde{s}_0 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{2k}{m} \sin^2 \theta} t + \phi\right)$$

Problem 6

(a)



Without loss of generality, we assume that the rest length of spring 1 & spring 2 are both zero.
 (Note: you don't have to assume this: you can instead say z_1 and z_2 are the rest lengths of 2 springs respectively, and you'll still get the same answer in the end. Try it!)

$k_{eff} X = \text{force acting on block } m.$ want to know what k_{eff} is.

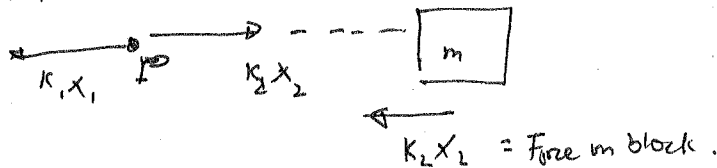
Consider point P in the diagram above: Joining spring 1 (stretched by x_1) and spring 2 (stretched by x_2).

Since P is massless, we need $F_{net} = 0$ there.

so:

$$k_1 x_1 = k_2 x_2$$

where $x_1 + x_2 = X$



so:

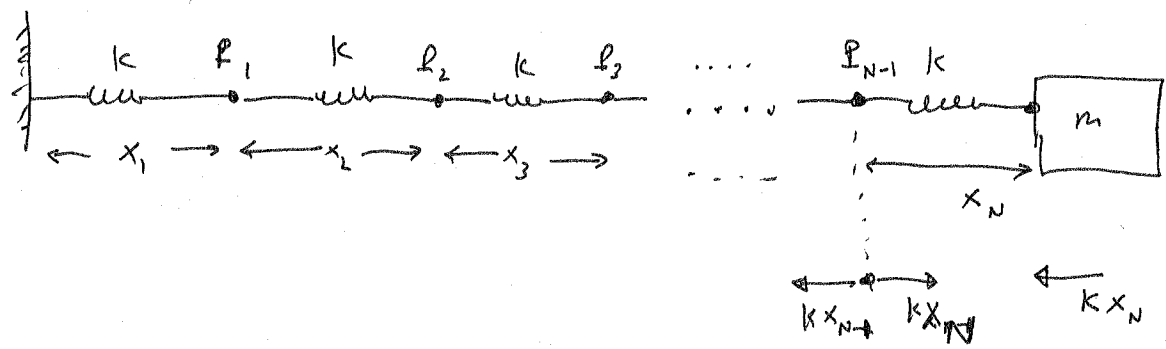
$$x_1 = \frac{k_2 x_2}{k_1}$$

$$\therefore k_{eff} X = \text{force on block } m = k_2 x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow k_{eff} \left(\frac{k_2 x_2}{k_1} + x_2 \right) = k_2 x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow k_{eff} = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_1 + k_2}$$

(b) N identical springs, each w/ spring constant k.



Again, on the block, force = kx_N .

At marker point P_{N-1} , $F_{net} = 0$. \Rightarrow

\Rightarrow $x_{N-1} = x_N$

In fact, you can see that for any j:

(At P_j): $kx_j = kx_{j+1} \Rightarrow x_j = x_{j+1}$.

Then:

$$X = \sum_{j=1}^N x_j = Nx_N$$

And

$$k_{eff} X = \text{Force on block} = kx_N$$

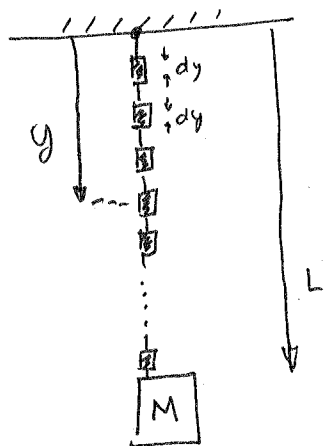
$$\Rightarrow k_{eff} N x_N = kx_N$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k_{eff} = \frac{k}{N}} \leftarrow \text{effective spring constant.}$$

Problems 7

(a) Consider our argument on ps 22 -

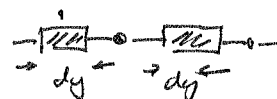
We can think of the spring to be made up of N identical springs attached to one another (end-to-end) in series. (where N is very large, and each spring has infinitesimal length dy).



Assuming uniform mass density (mass/length),

$$\lambda \equiv \frac{m}{L} \leftarrow \text{linear mass density.}$$

$$\Rightarrow dm = \lambda dy$$



\uparrow infinitesimal mass of the infinitesimal element of spring.

If the block at $y=L$ moves by distance y_0 , then the mass element at

$$y = y_1 \text{ must move by } \left(\frac{y_1}{L}\right) y_0$$

(e.g. if $y_1 = 0$, (at the ceiling), then it doesn't move at all.)

$$\text{If } y_1 = L, \text{ then } \left(\frac{L}{L}\right) y_0 = y_0. \quad \frac{y_1}{L} y_0 \rightarrow 0$$

\therefore The mass element at y must move w/ speed $= \frac{y}{L} v$, where $v =$ speed of block at bottom.

\therefore KE of ^{infinitesimal} mass element of spring is: $V_{\text{mass element}}$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} (dm) V_{\text{mass element}}^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\lambda dy) \left(\frac{y}{L} v\right)^2$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \frac{m}{L} dy \left(\frac{yv}{L}\right)^2}$$

(b)

$$E_{tot} = KE_{spring} + KE_{block} + \frac{kx^2}{2}$$

↑
PE of spring.

$$KE_{spring} = \sum KE \text{ of each infinitesimal mass element}$$

$$= \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m}{L} dy \right) \left(\frac{yV}{L} \right)^2 = \frac{m}{2L} \frac{V^2}{L^2} \int_0^L y^2 dy$$

$$= \frac{mV^2}{2L^3} \frac{y^3}{3} \Big|_0^L$$

$$= \frac{mV^2}{6L^3} L^3 = \frac{mV^2}{6}$$

$$\therefore E_{tot} = \frac{mV^2}{6} + \frac{MV^2}{2} + \frac{kx^2}{2}$$

$$v = \dot{y}$$

$$= \left(\frac{m}{6} + \frac{M}{2} \right) \dot{y}^2 + \frac{kx^2}{2}$$

Energy conservation:

$$\frac{dE_{tot}}{dt} = 0 = \left(\frac{m}{6} + \frac{M}{2} \right) 2\dot{y} \ddot{y} + kx \dot{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \left[\left(\frac{m}{3} + M \right) \ddot{y} + kx \right] \dot{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{0 = \ddot{y} + \frac{k}{(M + m/3)} y}$$

← EOM of SHO

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k}{M + m/3}$$

Hence:

$$\boxed{\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{M + m/3}}}$$

□

Problem 8

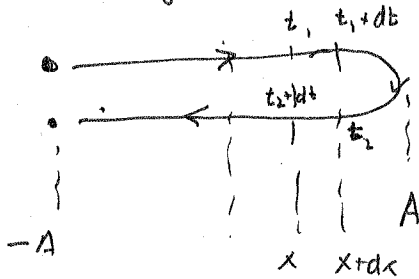
$X(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$. ← describes SHO position.

say it takes time dt to go from x to $x+dx$ (infinitesimal displacement).

The probability of finding the oscillating particle between position x and $x+dx$ is equal to the probability that you'll be watching the particle between time t and $t+dt$

where the particle is at x at time t ,
and is at $x+dx$ at time $t+dt$.

But since the particle is simple harmonically oscillating, the particle actually passes through the interval $[x, x+dx]$ twice in one cycle.



(Once at t_1 and the other at t_2).

So: Probability of finding particle within $[x, x+dx]$

$$= \frac{2 dt}{T}$$

$T =$ period of SHM

$$\omega T = 2\pi$$

$$= \frac{2 dt}{2\pi/\omega}$$

$$= \frac{\omega dt}{\pi}$$

← eqn (1)

Now, $dx = \left| \frac{dx}{dt} \right| dt$
 $\Rightarrow dt = \frac{dx}{|\dot{x}|} = \frac{dx}{\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)}$
 "|\dot{x}|" ← Absolute value since I want the speed (not velocity)

So, eqn (1) becomes:

$$\left(\text{Probability of finding particle within } [x, x+dx] \right) = \frac{\omega dt}{\pi} = \frac{\omega dx}{\pi \omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)}$$

But, $A \sin(\omega t + \phi) = \sqrt{A^2 - A^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)}$

$$= \frac{dx}{\pi \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}}$$

Problem 9 : see lecture notes on damped spm.

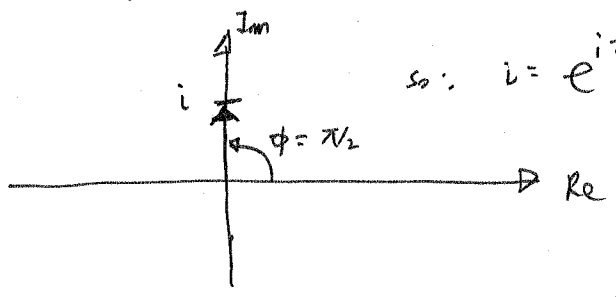
(or, look at pgs 9, 10, 11 of this solution set.)



Problem 10

$i^i = ?$

First, in \mathbb{C} -plane we studied in class:



so: $i = e^{i\pi/2} = \underbrace{\cos(\pi/2)}_0 + i \underbrace{\sin(\pi/2)}_1$ indeed.

Hence, $i^i = (e^{i\pi/2})^i = e^{-\pi/2} \approx \underline{0.2079} < 1.$

Hence, ~~the~~ you should keep your \$1 instead of accepting i^i \$.

