

# Sound

Lecture No. 2

Topics: Energy of a Simple Harmonic Oscillator, Examples of SHM

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# Total energy of a particle executing SHM

- If no non-conservative forces (like friction) act on the oscillator the total energy of the particle will be,

$$E = K + U = \text{constant}$$

- Kinetic energy,  $K = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} m [\omega a \cos(\omega t + \varphi)]^2$ 

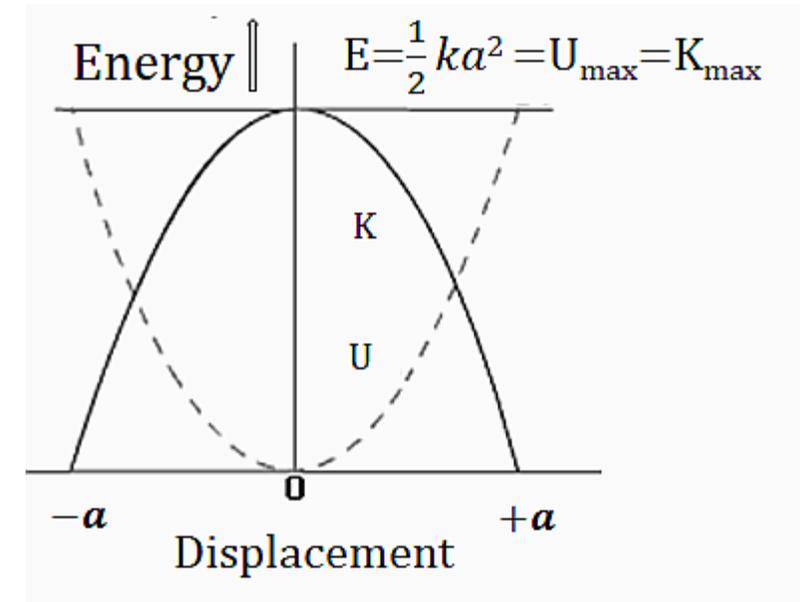
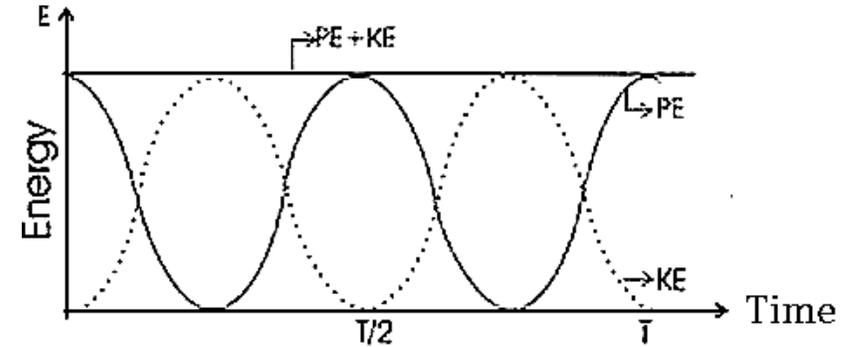
$$= \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 a^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \varphi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} k a^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \varphi) \quad [\because m\omega^2 = k]$$
- Potential energy,  $U = \int_0^y m \left( \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \right) dy$ 

$$= \int_0^y m(\omega^2 y) dy = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 y^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 a^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \varphi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} k a^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \varphi)$$
- $E = \frac{1}{2} k a^2 [\cos^2(\omega t + \varphi) + \sin^2(\omega t + \varphi)] = \frac{1}{2} k a^2 = \text{constant}$



# Average energy of a particle executing SHM

- Average kinetic energy,  $K_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} ka^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \varphi) dt = \frac{ka^2}{4T} \int_0^T 2\cos^2(\omega t + \varphi) dt$ 

$$= \frac{ka^2}{4T} \int_0^T [1 + \cos 2(\omega t + \varphi)] dt$$

$$= \frac{ka^2}{4T} \left[ \int_0^T dt + \int_0^T \cos 2(\omega t + \varphi) dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{ka^2}{4T} [t]_0^T + \frac{ka^2}{4T} \times 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} ka^2$$

- Average potential energy,  $U_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} ka^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \varphi) dt = \frac{ka^2}{4T} \int_0^T 2\sin^2(\omega t + \varphi) dt$ 

$$= \frac{ka^2}{4T} \int_0^T [1 - \cos 2(\omega t + \varphi)] dt$$

$$= \frac{ka^2}{4T} \left[ \int_0^T dt - \int_0^T \cos 2(\omega t + \varphi) dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{ka^2}{4T} [t]_0^T - \frac{ka^2}{4T} \times 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} ka^2$$

$$\int_0^T \cos 2(\omega t + \varphi) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\sin 2(\omega t + \varphi)]_0^T$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\sin 2(\omega T + \varphi) - \sin 2\varphi]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\sin 2\left(\omega \frac{2\pi}{\omega} + \varphi\right) - \sin 2\varphi]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\sin 2(2\pi + \varphi) - \sin 2\varphi]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\sin 2\varphi - \sin 2\varphi]$$

$$= 0$$

# Spring-mass System

Hooke's law for extended spring,  $F = -k\Delta l$

$K$ =spring constant,  $\Delta l$ =extension,  $l$ =length of the spring

[Fig (a)]

From Fig (b) Weight,  $mg = k\Delta l$

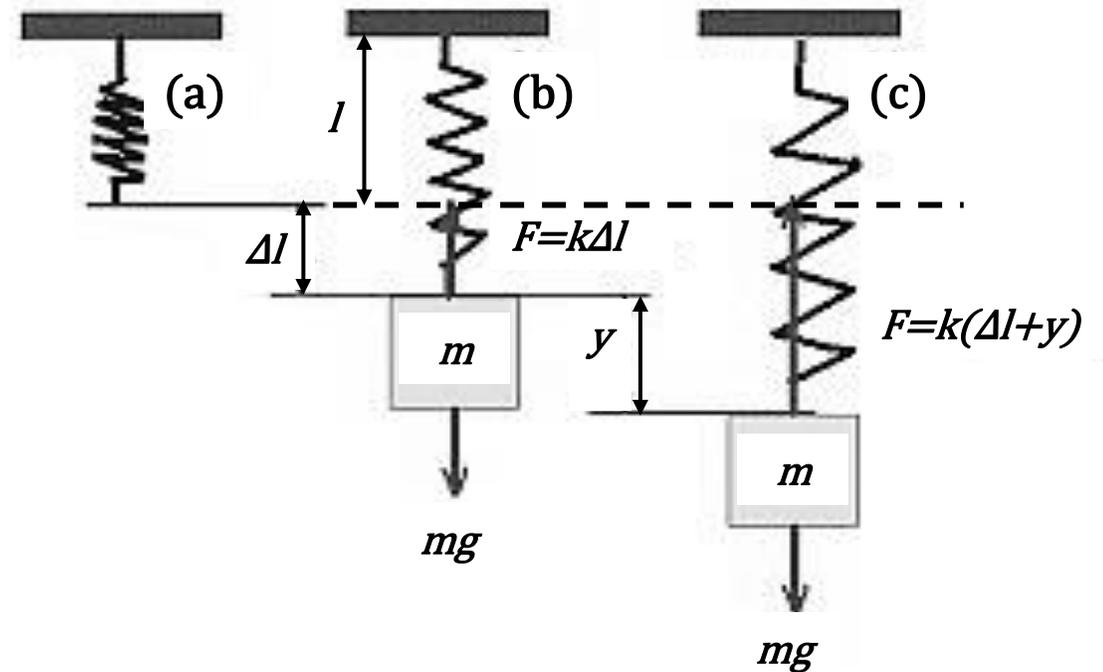
The Fig (c), The upward force the spring exerts on the body is  $k(\Delta l + y)$

The downward force acting on the body is  $mg$ .

So, The resultant force on the body,

$$F = mg - k(\Delta l + y) = -ky$$

Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law of motion gives,  $F = m \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$



Finally,  $m \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -ky$

$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{k}{m} y = 0$ ; Same as the Diff. equation of SHM.

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

# Torsional pendulum

**Differential equation:**

Hooke's law for angular motion,

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

$\kappa$ =torsional spring constant

Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law for angular motion,

$$\tau = I\alpha = I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

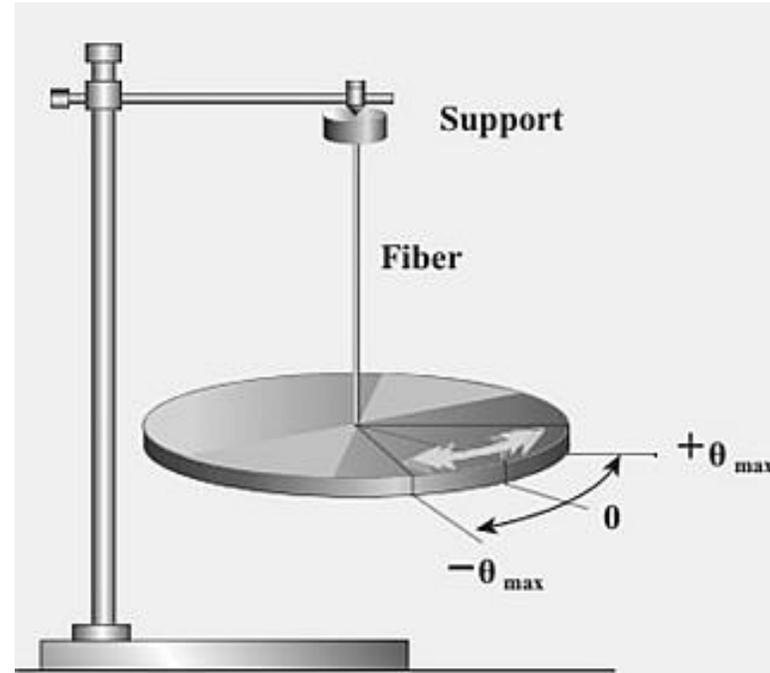
Equating expressions,

$$-\kappa\theta = I \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{\kappa}{I} \theta = 0$$

**Solution of the diff. equation**

$$\theta = \theta_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$



$\theta$  = angular displacement

$\theta_m$  = angular amplitude

$\omega$  = angular frequency =  $\sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{I}}$

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

# Two-Body Oscillations

- In microscopic world, many objects such as nuclei, atoms, molecules, etc. execute oscillations that are approximately SHM.
- Example: Diatomic molecule in which 2 atoms are bonded together with a force. Above absolute zero temperature, the atoms vibrate continuously about their equilibrium positions.
- We can compare such a molecule with a system where the atoms can be considered as two particles with different masses connected by a spring.

Let the molecules can be represented by two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  connected to each other by a spring of force constant  $k$  as shown in Fig 4(a).

The motion of the system can be described in terms of the separate motions of the two particles which are located relative to the origin  $O$  by the two coordinates  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in Fig. 4(a).

The relative separation  $(x_1 - x_2)$  gives the length of the spring at any time.

The un-stretched length of the spring is  $L$ .

The change in length of the spring is given by,

$$x = (x_1 - x_2) - L \quad (4.1)$$

The magnitude of the force that the spring exerts on each particle is,

$$F = kx \quad (4.2)$$

If the spring exerts a force  $-\vec{F}$  on  $m_1$ , then it exerts a force  $\vec{F}$  on  $m_2$ .

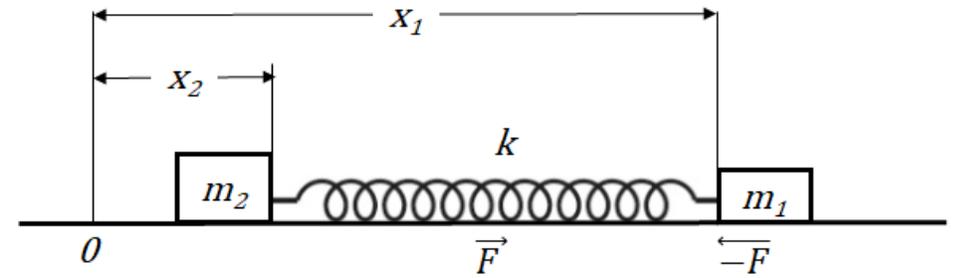


Fig. 4(a)



Fig. 4(b)

Taking the force component along the X-axis, let us apply Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law of motion separately to the two particles,

$$m_1 \frac{d^2x_1}{dt^2} = -kx \quad (4.3)$$

$$m_2 \frac{d^2x_2}{dt^2} = kx \quad (4.4)$$

Multiplying equation (4.3) by  $m_2$  and equation (4.4) by  $m_1$

$$m_1 m_2 \frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} = -m_2 kx \quad (4.5)$$

$$m_1 m_2 \frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} = m_1 kx \quad (4.6)$$

Subtracting, equation (4.6) from equation (4.5),

$$m_1 m_2 \frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} - m_1 m_2 \frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} = -m_2 kx - m_1 kx$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 m_2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} (x_1 - x_2) = -kx(m_1 + m_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} (x_1 - x_2) = -kx \quad (4.7)$$

The quantity  $\frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)}$  has the dimension of mass. This quantity is known as the reduced mass of the system and it is denoted by  $\mu$ .

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)} \quad (4.8)$$

Reduced mass of a system is always smaller than either of the masses of the system. ( $\mu < m_1$  and  $\mu < m_2$ )

Since, the un-stretched length of the spring is constant the derivative of  $(x_1 - x_2)$  are the same as the derivative of  $x$ .

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} (x_1 - x_2) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} (x + L) = \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \text{ [from equation (4.1)]}$$

So, from equation (4.7) we get,

$$\mu \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -kx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{k}{\mu} x = 0 \quad (4.9)$$

Here, angular frequency is,  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{\mu}}$ ; So, time period,  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{k}}$

Equation (4.9) is identical to the differential equation of SHM of a single body oscillator.