

SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION PROBLEMS (RD SEC 12-1, 12-2 first)

Simple Harmonic Oscillators/Waves/

Pendulum Period= $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$

Spring: Period= $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$

where k is the spring constant $k = \text{Force/distance} = ma/x$

Period $T = 1/f$, $f = 1/T$, $v = f * \lambda$ for any wave

*** $x = A_0 \sin \omega t$ where $\omega^2 = k/m$, $\omega = \text{angular frequency} = 2\pi f$

1 A clown is rocking on a rocking chair in the dark. His glowing red nose moves back and forth a distance of 0.42 m exactly 30 times a MINUTE, in



a simple harmonic motion.

Draw a picture

a) What is the amplitude of this motion? **Amplitude is .21 m**

b) What is the period of this motion? **30 times a minute...**

Period (T) = time/wave

= 1 min/30 times = 60 sec/30 times = 2 sec/wave

c) What is the frequency of this motion?

f = wave/time = 1 wave/2sec=.5 Hz



d. The top of the clown's hat contains a small light bulb that shines a narrow light beam. The beam makes a spot on the wall that goes back and forth between two dots placed 1.00 m apart as the clown rocks. What are the amplitude, period, and frequency of the motion?

Period and Frequency are the same! (T = 2 sec, f= .5 Hz)

Amplitude is 0.5 m



2) a 5.00 kg block hung on a spring causes a 10.0 cm elongation of the spring.

a) What is the restoring force exerted on the block by the spring?

$$F_{\text{restoring}} = \text{Weight} = mg = 5 (9.8) = 49 \text{ N}$$

b) What is the spring constant? $K = F/x = 49 / (.1 \text{ m}) = 490 \text{ N/m}$

c) What force is required to stretch this spring 8.5 cm horizontally?

$$F = kx = 490 (.085) = 41.65 \text{ N}$$

d) What will the spring's elongation be when pulled by a force of 77.7 N?

$$F = kx$$

$$77.7 = 490 x$$

$$x = .1586 \text{ m} = 15.86 \text{ cm}$$

e) According to Section 12-2, what is the period of this oscillation?

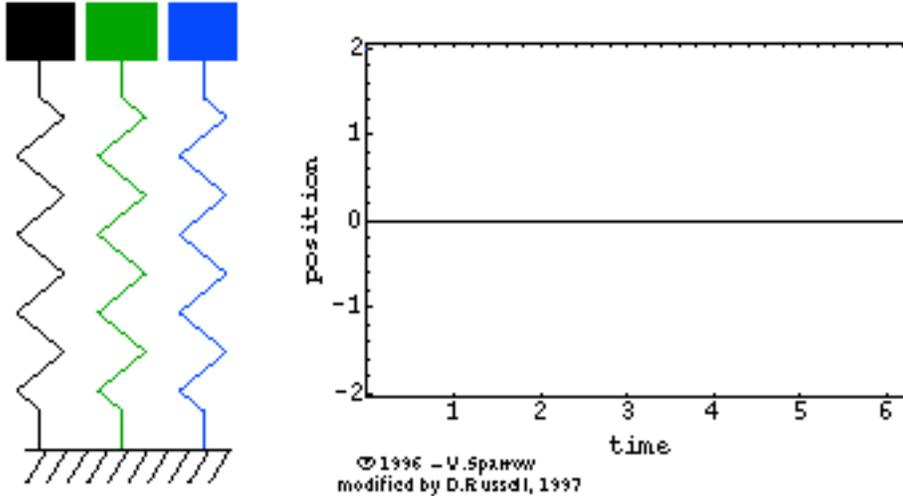
$$T = 2\pi \text{ sqrt } (m/k)$$

$$T = 2 * 3.14159 * \text{ sqrt } (5 / 490) = .6347 \text{ sec}$$

Pg. 451 Sec Review:

1) Two mass-spring systems vibrate with simple harmonic motion. If the spring constants of each system are equal and the mass of one is twice that of the other, which system has a greater period?

The one with twice the mass has a greater period by $\sqrt{2} = 1.41$ times



2. A child swings on a playground swing with a 2.5 m long chain.



a) What is the period of the child's motion?

for a pendulum $T = 2\pi\sqrt{l/g}$

$$= 2 \cdot 3.14 \cdot \sqrt{2.5/9.8}$$

$$T = 3.1735 \text{ sec/swing}$$

b) What is the frequency of the vibration?

$$f = 1/T = 1/3.17 = .315 \text{ swings/sec} = .315 \text{ Hz}$$

3. A pendulum swings from maximum displacement on one side of equilibrium to maximum displacement on the opposite side of equilibrium. If the pendulum swings through a total of 24° , what is the amplitude of this vibration?

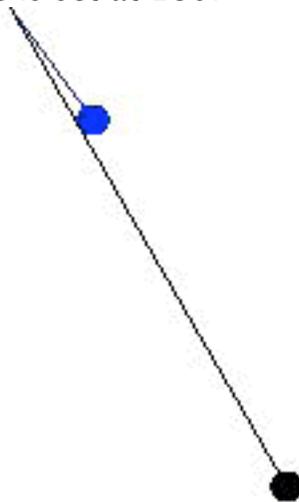
$$\text{Amplitude} = 12^\circ$$

Sketch a graph of how the horizontal displacement and velocity would change over time. **Displacement = cos curve, Vel = sin curve**

****Honors* Find the equation that shows this.**



4. The reading on a metronome indicates the number of oscillations per minute. What are the period and frequency of the metronome's vibration when the metronome is set at 180?



$$180 \text{ beats/min} = 180 \text{ beats}/60\text{sec} = 3 \text{ beats/sec} = 3 \text{ Hz}$$

By what factor should the length of a simple pendulum be changed if the period of vibration were to be tripled?

A) 3 B) 1/3 C) 9 D) 27

A pendulum with a mass of 0.1 kg was released. The string made an angle of 7° with the vertical. The bob of the pendulum returns to its lowest point every 0.1 seconds.

What is the period, frequency, amplitude?

$$\text{Amplitude} = 7^\circ, T = 0.2 \text{ seconds}, f = 1/.2 = 5 \text{ Hz}$$

The pendulum is replaced by one with a mass of 0.3 kg and set to swing at a 15° angle. How do the period and frequency change? Why or why not?

T and f do not change.... Period of a pendulum is NOT affected by mass or amplitude....

If this pendulum was set to keep time and then brought to the moon (gravity is $1/6^{\text{th}}$ of Earth), what property would you have to change to make sure it kept the same accurate time? ***Period is affected by length, you would need to change the length by 6 (longer)***

*** Honors**By how much?