

Chapter one

Harmonic oscillators

1.1: Introduction:

In every daily life we come across numerous things that move. These motions are of two types;

The motion in which the body moves about a mean position i.e. a fixed point.

The motion in which the body moves from one place to the other with respect of time.

The first type of motion is called oscillatory motion (example; oscillating pendulum, vibration of a stretched string, movement of water in a cup, vibration of electron, movement of light in a laser beam etc.)

A moving train, flying aero plane, moving ball etc. correspond to the second type of motion.

Sometimes both the types of motion are exhibited in the same phenomenon depending on our point of view.

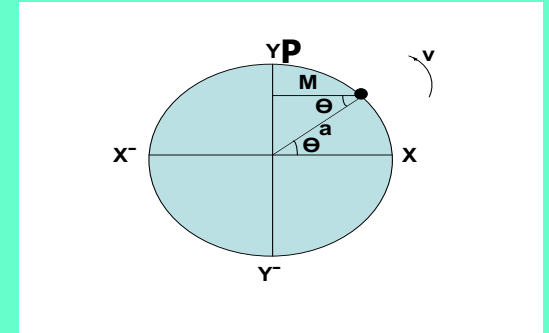
1.2: Simple harmonic motion:

Let **P** be a particle moving on the circumference of a circle of radius **a** with a uniform velocity **v**

Let $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{a}\omega$

a is radius ω is angular velocity

(The circle along which **P** moves is called the circle of reference.)



* (As the particle **P** moves round the circle continuously with uniform velocity **v** , the foot of the Perpendicular **M**, vibrates along the diameter. If the motion of **P** is uniform, then the motion of **M** is periodic (i.e., it takes the same time to vibrate once between the points **y** and **y'**))

At any instant the distance of **M** from the center **O** of the circle is called the **displacement**.

* If the particle moved from **X** to **p** in the time **t**, then

$$\text{LPOX} = \text{LMPO} = \theta = \omega t$$

From the $\triangle MPO$

$$\sin \theta = \sin \omega t = \frac{OM}{a}$$

$$OM = y = a \sin \omega t$$

OM is called the **displacement**

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Amplitude: the maximum displacements of vibrating particle is called its amplitude.

$$\text{Displacement} = y = a \sin wt$$

- The rate of change of displacement is called its velocity of the vibrating particle.

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{dy}{dt} = aw \cos wt$$

- * The rate of change of velocity is called its acceleration.

$$A \text{ Acceleration} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) = \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -aw^2 \sin wt = -w^2 y$$

Angle	Position of the vibrating particle	Displacement	Velocity	Acceleration
wt	M	$Y = a \sin wt$	$dy/dt = aw \cos wt$	$d^2y/dt^2 = -aw^2 \sin wt$
0	O	0	$+aw$	0
$\pi/2$	Y	$+a$	0	$-aw^2$
π	O	0	$-aw$	0
$3\pi/2$	y	$-a$	0	$+aw^2$
2π	O	0	$+aw$	0

Oscillatory behavior;

The process repeats itself periodically. Thus the system Oscillates. In this process, Y , dy/dt , d^2y/dt^2 Continuously change with respect to time.

[Thus, the velocity of the vibrating particle is maximum at the mean position of rest and zero at the maximum position of vibration.

The acceleration of the vibrating particle is zero at the mean position of rest and maximum at the maximum position of vibration. The acceleration is always directed towards the mean position of rest and is directly proportional to the displacement of the vibrating particle.]

(This type of motion where the acceleration is directed towards a fixed point (the mean position of rest) and is proportional to the displacement of the vibrating particle is called simple harmonic motion)

$$\text{Acceleration} = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -w^2 y = -w^2 \times \text{displacement}$$

Numerically

$$w^2 = \frac{\text{Acceleration}}{\text{Displacement}}$$

$$w = 2\pi n = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Acceleration}}{\text{Displacement}}} = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\text{Displacement}}{\text{Acceleration}}} = 2\pi \sqrt{K}$$

The time period of a particle vibrating simple harmonically
Where K is the displacement per unit acceleration

If the particle P revolves round the circle, n times per second, then the angular velocity w is given by;

$$n = \frac{1}{T}$$

Where T is the time period

$$w = 2\pi n = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

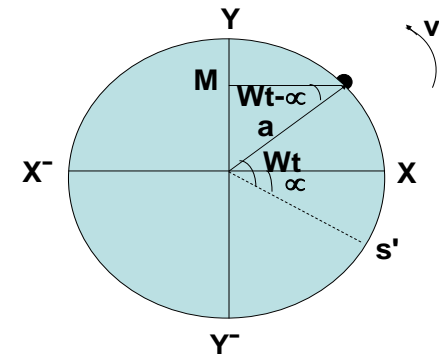
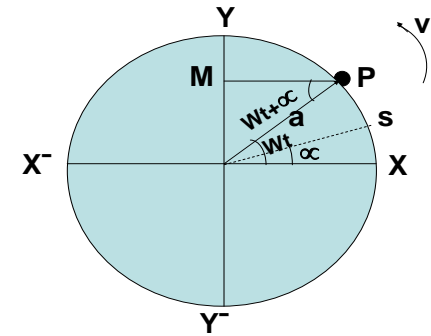
On the other hand, if the time is counted from the instant P is at S ($\angle sox = \alpha$) Then the displacement;

$$y = a \sin 2\pi n t = a \sin 2\pi \frac{t}{T}$$

If the time is counted from the instant P is at then;

$$y = a \sin(\omega t + \alpha) = a \sin\left(2\pi \frac{t}{T} + \alpha\right)$$

$$y = a \sin(\omega t - \alpha) = a \sin\left(2\pi \frac{t}{T} - \alpha\right)$$



Phase of the vibrating particle:

1-The phase of a vibrating particle is defined as the ratio of the displacement of the vibrating article at any instant to the amplitude of the vibrating particle (y/a).

2-It is also equal to the angle by the radius vector since the vibrating particle last crossed its mean position of rest e.g., in the above equations wt , $(wt+\alpha)$ or $(wt-\alpha)$ are called phase angle.

The initial phase angle when $t=0$ is called the **epoch**.

Thus α is called the **epoch** in the above expressions.

1.3: Differential Equation of SHM;

For a particle vibrating simple harmonically, the general equation of displacement is,

$$y = a \sin(\omega t + \alpha) \text{ --- (1)}$$

Where y is displacement, a is amplitude and α is epoch of the vibrating particle.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = a \omega \cos(\omega t + \alpha) \text{ --- (2)}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -a \omega^2 \sin(\omega t + \alpha) \text{ --- (3)}$$

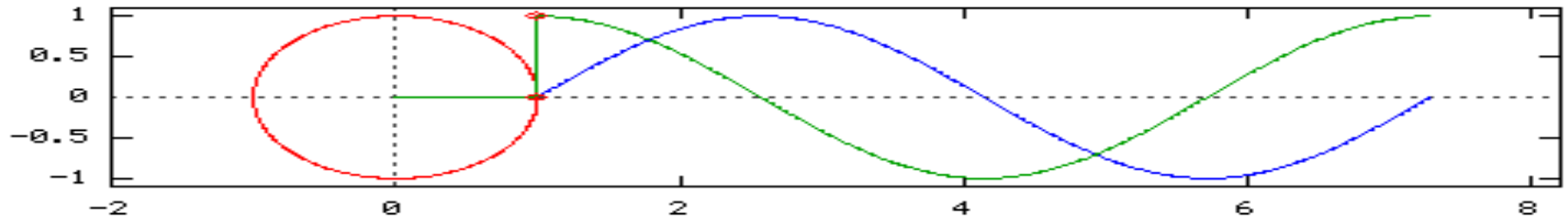
$$y = a \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 y$$

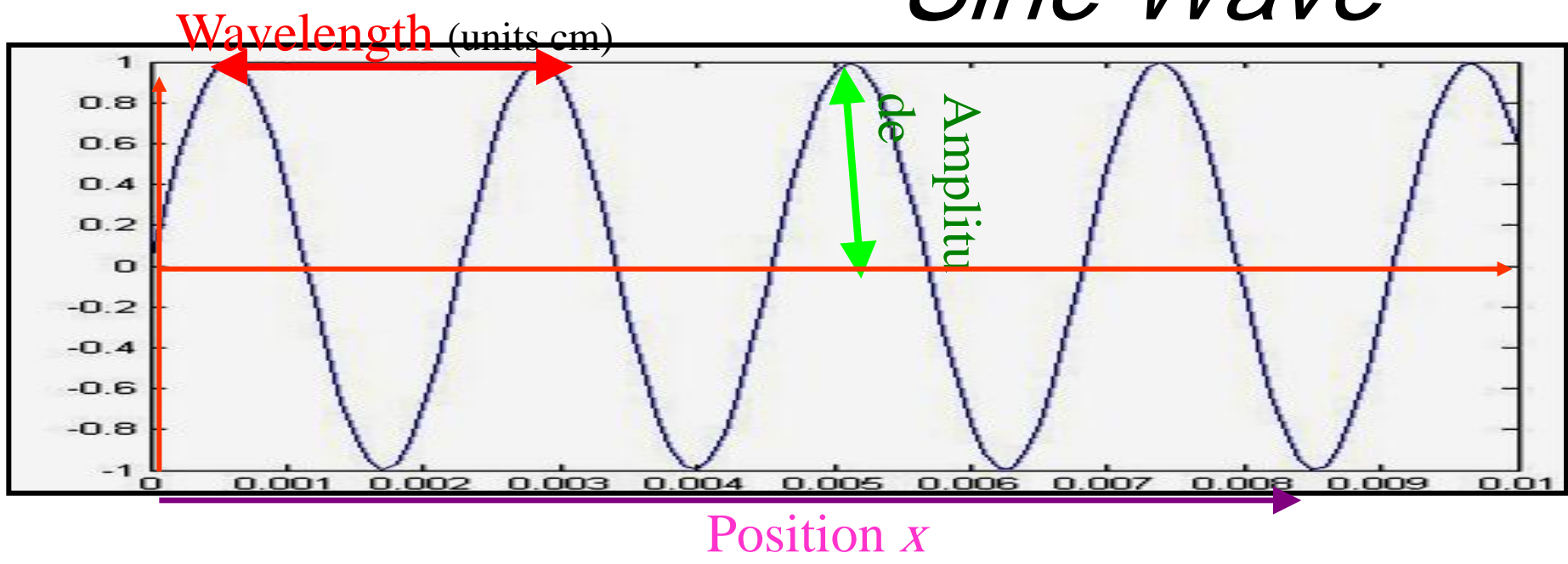
But

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \omega^2 y = 0 \text{ --- (3)}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$$



Sine Wave

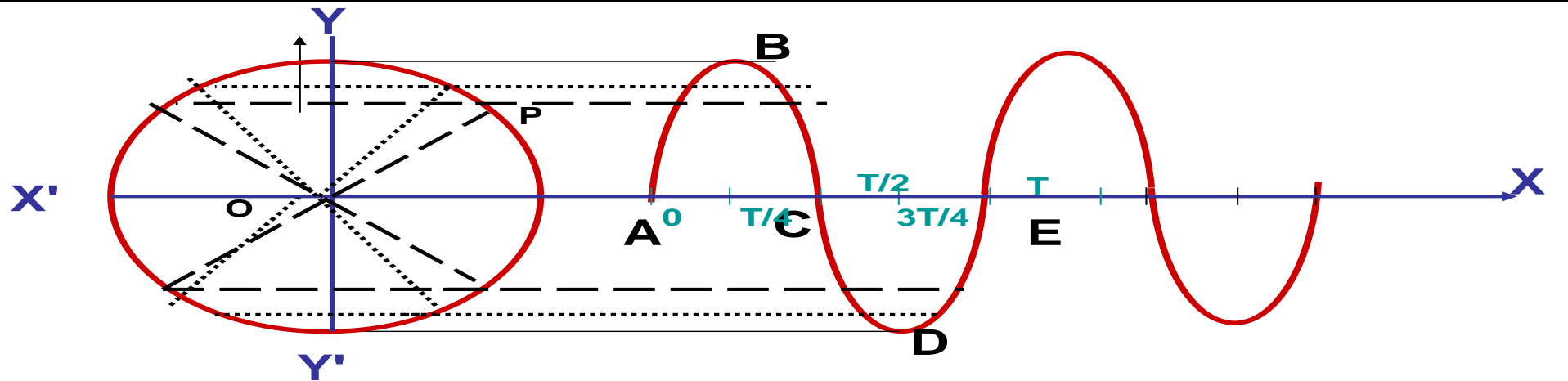


$$y = a \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\text{Displacement}}{\text{Acceleration}}}$$

1.4: Graphical Representation of SHM:

$$y = a \sin(\omega t) = a \sin\left(2\pi \frac{t}{T}\right)$$



The velocity of a particle moving with SHM is

$$v = \frac{dy}{dt} = aw \cos(\omega t)$$

The velocity – time graph is shown in figure (*) It is cosine curve.

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -a\omega^2 \sin(\omega t)$$

1.5: Average Kinetic Energy of a Vibrating Particle:-

$$y = a \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$v = \frac{dy}{dt} = a \omega \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$K.E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

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$$\text{Average K.E} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (K.E) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} m a^2 \omega^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \alpha) dt$$

$$\text{Average K.E} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{m a^2 \omega^2}{4} \int_0^T 2 \cos^2(\omega t + \alpha) dt$$

$$\text{Average K.E} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{m a^2 \omega^2}{4} \int_0^T (1 + \cos 2(\omega t + \alpha)) dt$$

$$\text{Average K.E} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{m a^2 \omega^2}{4} \left(\int_0^T dt + \int_0^T \cos 2(\omega t + \alpha) dt \right)$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos 2(\omega t + \alpha) dt = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Average K.E} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{m a^2 \omega^2}{4} (T + 0)$$

$$\therefore \text{Average K.E} = \frac{m a^2 4 \pi^2 n^2}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{Average K.E} = \pi^2 m a^2 n^2$$

1.6: Total Energy of Vibrating Particle;

$$y = a \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\sin(\omega t + \alpha) = \frac{y}{a}$$

$$\sin^2(\omega t + \alpha) = \frac{y^2}{a^2}$$

$$\therefore \sin^2(\omega t + \alpha) + \cos^2(\omega t + \alpha) = 1$$

$$\sin^2(\omega t + \alpha) = 1 - \cos^2(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\therefore 1 - \cos^2(\omega t + \alpha) = \frac{y^2}{a^2}$$

$$\cos^2(\omega t + \alpha) = 1 - \frac{y^2}{a^2}$$

$$\cos(\omega t + \alpha) = \sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{a^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 - y^2}{a^2}}$$

$$\cos(\omega t + \alpha) = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - y^2}}{a}$$

$$v = \frac{dy}{dt} = a \omega \cos(\omega t + \alpha) = a \omega \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - y^2}}{a} = \omega \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}$$

$$v = \frac{dy}{dt} = \omega \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}$$

$$K.E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 (a^2 - y^2)$$

1.7: Energy of Vibration:

Work done = Force \times displacement

$$y = a \sin(\omega t - \phi)$$

Let the periodic force be;

$$F = F_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$W = \int F dy$$

$$W = \int F_0 \sin \omega t (a \cos(\omega t - \phi)) d(\omega t)$$

The Total Work done is

$$y = a \sin(\omega t - \phi) \rightarrow dy = a \cos(\omega t - \phi) d(\omega t)$$

$$W = a F_0 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \omega t \cos(\omega t - \phi) d(\omega t)$$

Since, $\cos(\omega t - \phi) = \cos \omega t \cos \phi + \sin \omega t \sin \phi$

Work done per cycle of motion,

$$W = a F_0 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \omega t (\cos \omega t \cos \phi + \sin \omega t \sin \phi) d(\omega t)$$

But $W = a F_0 \cos \phi \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \omega t \cos \omega t d(\omega t) + a F_0 \sin \phi \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \omega t d(\omega t)$

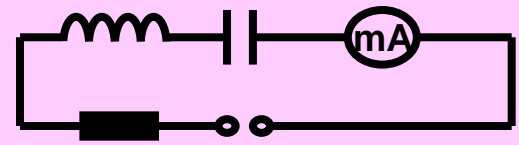
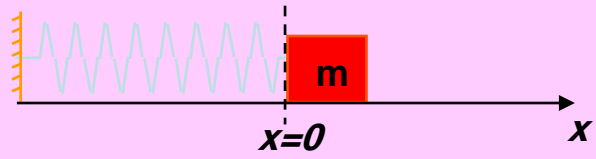
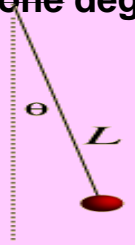
Then $W = a F_0 \cos \phi \left(\frac{\sin 2\omega t}{2} \right) \Big|_0^{2\pi} + a F_0 \sin \phi \left(\frac{\omega t}{2} - \frac{\sin 2\omega t}{4} \right) \Big|_0^{2\pi}$

$$W = a F_0 \sin \phi (\pi)$$

$$W = \pi a F_0 \sin \phi$$

1.8: Oscillation with One Degree of Freedom;

System with one degree of freedom



Loaded spring

LC circuit

In the case of simple pendulum

These oscillations take place about the mean position. All these systems have one degree of freedom. For oscillatory with one degree of freedom, the displacement the "Moving particles" depends upon the SHM

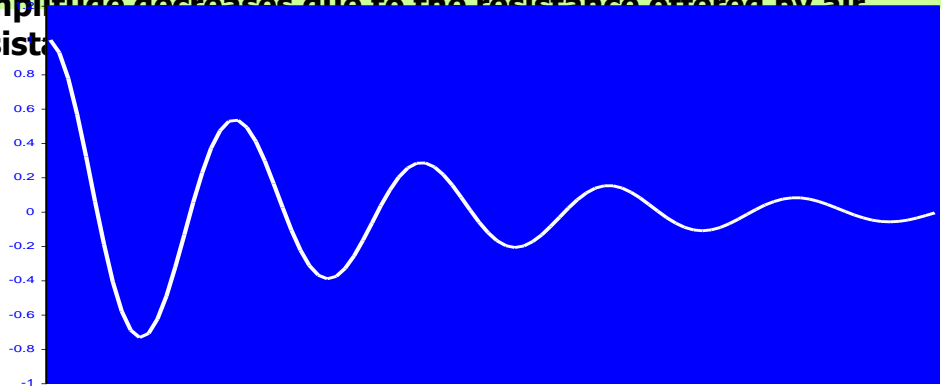


Damped Oscillations;

In actual particle the oscillatory system experiences frictional or resistive forces. Due to these reasons the oscillations get damped.

In the case of pendulum, the amplitude decreases due to the resistance offered by air

In the case of LC circuit, the resist



1.9: Linearly and Superposition Principles:

$$M \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -Mg \sin \theta$$

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

$$M \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -Mg \left(\theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots \right)$$

linear homogeneous equation.

non-linear.

non-homogeneous

non-linear

The equations (7) and (8) are identical only if

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} (y_1 + y_2) = \frac{d^2 y_1}{dt^2} + \frac{d^2 y_2}{dt^2} \text{ --- (9)}$$

$$-w^2 (y_1 + y_2) = -w^2 y_1 - w^2 y_2 \text{ --- (10)}$$

$$A(y_1^2 + y_2^2) = A(y_1 + y_2)^2 \text{ --- (11)}$$

$$B(y_1^3 + y_2^3) = B(y_1 + y_2)^3 \text{ --- (12)}$$

$$C(y_1^4 + y_2^4) = C(y_1 + y_2)^4 \text{ --- (13)}$$

Equations (9) and (10) are true, But equations (11),(12) and (13) are true only, A=0,B=0, and C=0.

When A,B,C,...etc are Zero, the equation become linear. Hence superposition principle is true only in the case of homogeneous linear equation.

Also the sum of any two solutions is also a solution of the homogenous linear equation.

All harmonic oscillators given in equation (9) and (10) obey superposition principle.

1.11: Simple Pendulum:



Force along the string = $Mg \cos\theta$

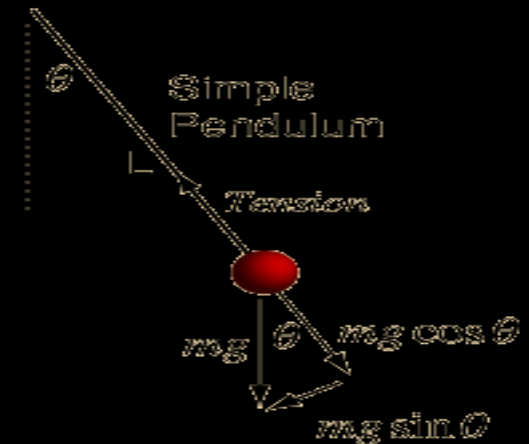
Force perpendicular to the string = $Mg \sin\theta$

$$Mg \cos\theta$$

$$Mg \cos\theta = T$$

$$F = -Mg \sin\theta$$

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



For small angular displacement θ ;

Tangential force, $F = -Mg\theta$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = l \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

The linear displacement, $y = l\theta \rightarrow$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = l \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2}$$

Acceleration,

$$F = ma' = Ml \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2}$$

$$Ml \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = -Mg\theta$$

\therefore Force,

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{l} \theta \quad \text{Hooke's law;}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{l} \theta = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \omega^2 \theta = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$\omega^2 = \frac{g}{l}$ is similar to the $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$ of SHM

$$\therefore T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

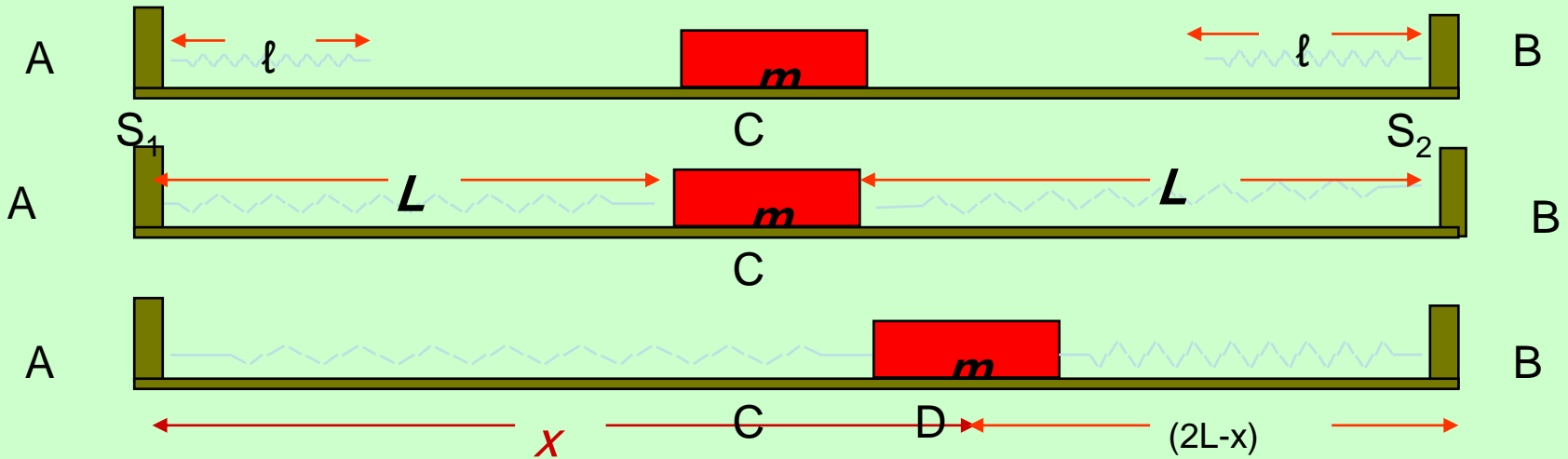
$$\therefore t = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l + \frac{2}{5} r^2}{g}}$$

$$l + \frac{2}{5} r^2$$

In case of a simple pendulum

If the size of the bob is large, a correction to be applied

1.12: Simple Harmonic Oscillation of a Mass between two springs:-



Here $AC=BC=L$

At C the mass is equally pulled by both the springs and it is the equilibrium position.

When the mass M is displaced from its equilibrium position and left, it excites SHO.

Let, at any instant, D be the displaced position of the mass M .

Here $AD=x$, and $BD=(2L-x)$

Let the tension per unit displacement in the spring be K .

The displacement of the spring of S_1 is $(x-L)$ and it extends a force $=K(x-L)$ in the direction DA .

* The displacement of the spring of S_2 is $(2L-x-l)$ and it extends a force $=K(2L-x-l)$ in the direction DB .

The resultant force on the mass $M= K(2L-x-L)- K(x-L)$ in the direction DB

$$= 2Lk-xk-Lk-kx+kL$$

$$=2Lk-2xk=2k(L-x)$$

$$= -2k (x-L) \text{ in the direction } DB$$

According to Newton's second law of motion;

$$F = M \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -2k(x - L) \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\frac{2k}{M}(x - L)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{2k}{M}(x - L) = 0 \text{ ----- (2)}$$

Taking the displacement from the natural length as y , $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt}$; $\rightarrow \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$
 $x - L = y \rightarrow x = y + L$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{2k}{M}y = 0 \text{ ----- (3)}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \omega^2 y = 0 \text{ ----- (4)}$$

The equation (3) is similar to the equation (4)

$$\omega^2 = \frac{2k}{M} \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{M}}$$

From eqs(3) and (4);

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{M}{2k}} \text{ ----- (5)}$$

Consider two spring S1 and S2 each having a length l in the relaxed position.

Mass M is placed midway between the two springs on a frictionless surface.

One end of the spring S1 is attached to a rigid wall A and the other end is attached to the Mass M. Similarly one end of the spring S2 is attached to a rigid wall at B and the other end is connected to the mass M.