



Simple Harmonic Motion

Checklist statement



I can describe the key characteristics of simple harmonic motion (SHM). ☐

I can state the condition for SHM, that acceleration is proportional to and in the opposite direction to displacement. ☐

I can apply $a = -\omega^2 x$, define all terms and know their standard units. ☐

I can apply $x = A \cos \omega t$, define all terms and know their standard units. ☐

I can apply $v = \pm \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$, define all terms and know their standard units. ☐

I can describe how displacement, velocity and acceleration vary with time for SHM. ☐

I can explain how the velocity–time graph is related to the displacement–time graph. ☐

I can explain how the acceleration–time graph is related to the velocity–time graph. ☐

I can apply the expression for maximum speed, $v_{\max} = \omega A$, define all terms and know their standard units. ☐

I can apply the expression for maximum acceleration, $a_{\max} = \omega^2 A$, define all terms and know their standard units. ☐

Simple Harmonic Systems

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I can describe the mass–spring system as an example of SHM.

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I can apply $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$, define all terms and know their standard units

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I can describe the simple pendulum as an example of SHM for small angles.

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I can apply $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$, define all terms and know their standard units.

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I can describe how kinetic energy, potential energy and total energy vary with displacement and time in SHM.

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I can describe the effects of damping on oscillations.

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I can describe a required practical investigating SHM using a mass–spring system and a simple pendulum.

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Forced Vibrations and Resonance

Checklist statement

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I can describe free vibrations and forced vibrations.

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I can explain resonance.

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I can describe how damping affects the sharpness of resonance.

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I can give examples of resonance and damping in mechanical systems and in situations involving stationary waves.

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