

## 4. Oscillations

- Periodic motion → Motion which repeats itself after regular intervals of time
- Oscillatory motion → A body in oscillatory motion moves to and fro about its mean position in a fixed time interval.
- Period ( $T$ ): It is the interval of time after which a motion is repeated. Its unit is seconds (s).
- Time period → Time required for one complete oscillation

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

where,  $\nu \rightarrow$  Frequency

- Frequency : Number of oscillations in one second. The unit is Hertz.
- An oscillatory motion is said to be simple harmonic, when the displacement ( $x$ ) of the particle from origin varies with time given as,

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

- Displacement is sinusoidal function of time.
- Displacement – A continuous function of time for SHM
- Non-harmonic oscillation is a combination of two or more harmonic oscillation.
- SHM is defined as the projection of uniform circular motion on the diameter of a circle of reference.
- Amplitude – Maximum displacement on either side of the mean position
- **Displacement** → It is indicated by sinusoidal trigonometric function.

$$x = A \sin \omega t \text{ and } \omega = 2\pi f$$

$$x = A \cos \omega t$$

- **Velocity** → If  $x = A \sin(\omega t \pm \phi)$ , then  $v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \omega A \cos(\omega t \pm \phi)$

$$\begin{aligned} v &= \omega A \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)} \\ &= \omega A \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x^2}{A^2}\right)} = \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2} \end{aligned}$$

- **Acceleration** →  $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -\omega^2 A \sin(\omega t \pm \phi) = -\omega^2 x$

- **Time period of a pendulum** →  $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -\omega^2 A \sin(\omega t \pm \phi) = -\omega^2 x$



- $l$  is the length of the pendulum.
- **Restoring force** → It is the force that is responsible for maintaining SHM.

$$F = -kx$$

Here,  $k$  is the force constant.

- A particle of mass  $m$  oscillating under the influence of Hooke's law of restoring force given by  $F = -kx$  exhibits simple harmonic motion with

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \text{ and } T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

- The maximum velocity of the particle in SHM is at mean position and it is given by  $v_{\max} = \pm a\omega$ .
- The minimum velocity of the particle in SHM is at extreme position and it is 0.
- At mean position, the particle has minimum acceleration and its magnitude is 0.
- At extreme position, the particle has maximum value of acceleration and its magnitude is  $\omega^2 a$ .
- The frequency of SHM is given by  $f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$ .
- The period of SHM is given by  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ .
- The physical quantity that describes the state of oscillation is known as the phase of SHM.
- The physical quantity that describes the state of oscillation of the particle performing SHM at the beginning of the motion is called the epoch of SHM.

### Energy in Simple Harmonic Motion

- Potential energy  $= \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$  or  $\frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 \cos^2 \omega t$
- Kinetic energy  $= \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 (A^2 - x^2)$  or  $\frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 \sin^2 \omega t$
- Total energy  $= \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 \sin^2 \omega t + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 \cos^2 \omega t = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2$

- The instantaneous displacements of two SHMs travelling along the same straight line, with same time period and different amplitudes and phases are  $x_1 = a_1 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_1)$  and  $x_2 = a_2 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_2)$ .
- The resultant displacement is given by

$$x = R \sin \omega t + \delta$$

- $R$  is the resultant amplitude and is given by

$$R = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1a_2 \cos \alpha_1 - \alpha_2}$$

- $\delta$  represents the resultant phase of the S.H.M and is given by

$$\delta = \tan^{-1} \frac{a_1 \sin \alpha_1 + a_2 \sin \alpha_2}{a_1 \cos \alpha_1 + a_2 \cos \alpha_2}$$



- **Special cases:**

- When  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = 0$ ,
  - $R = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$
- When  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = \pi$ ,
  - $R = \alpha_1 - \alpha_2$
- When  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = \pi/2$ ,
  - $R = \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2$

- A simple pendulum is a heavy point mass suspended by a weightless, inextensible, flexible string attached to a rigid support from where it moves freely.
- The periodic motion of a simple pendulum for small displacements is simple harmonic.
- Time period of simple pendulum:

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

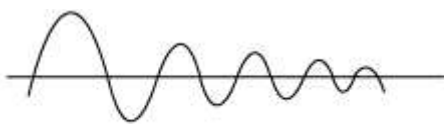
**Laws of simple pendulum:**

- The time period of the pendulum is directly proportional to the square root of its length.
- The time period of the pendulum is inversely proportional to the square root of the acceleration due to gravity of the place.
- The time period of the pendulum is independent of the mass of the bob.
- The time period of the pendulum does not depend upon its amplitude of oscillations.

**Seconds Pendulum**

- It is a simple pendulum that has a time period equal to 2 seconds.

- **Damped oscillation** → When the motion of an oscillator is reduced by an external force



Damped oscillation

Angular frequency of the damped oscillation

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$$

Where,  $b$  is a damping constant

- Damping force ( $F_d$ ) depends on the nature of the surrounding medium; it is proportional to the velocity ( $v$ ) of the bob, and acts opposite to the direction of velocity.

$$F_d \propto -v$$

$$\therefore F_d = -bv$$