

Chapter review

1 a $F = ma$

$$-\frac{k}{(x+2)^2} = 0.6a$$

$$0.6v \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{k}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$0.6 \int v \, dv = -\int \frac{k}{(x+2)^2} \, dx$$

$$0.3v^2 = \frac{k}{(x+2)} + c$$

$$x = 2, v = 8 \quad 0.3 \times 8^2 = \frac{k}{4} + c$$

$$x = 10, v = 2 \quad 0.3 \times 2^2 = \frac{k}{12} + c$$

$$\text{Subtract: } 0.3(8^2 - 2^2) = \frac{k}{4} - \frac{k}{12}$$

$$0.3 \times 60 = \frac{k}{6}$$

$$k = 0.3 \times 60 \times 6 = 108$$

The force is a function of x so use $a = v \frac{dv}{dx}$.

Separate the variables and integrate.

Use the given information to obtain a pair of simultaneous equations in k and c .

Solve to find k .

b From above $0.3 \times 4 = \frac{k}{12} + c$

$$c = 1.2 - \frac{108}{12} = -7.8$$

$$\therefore 0.3v^2 = \frac{108}{(x+2)} - 7.8$$

$$v = 0 \quad 0 = \frac{108}{x+2} - 7.8$$

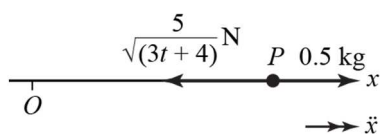
$$7.8(x+2) = 108$$

$$x = \frac{108}{7.8} - 2 = 11.84\dots$$

The distance OB is 11.8 m (3 s.f.).

Find c to complete the expression for v^2 .

2 a



$$F = ma$$

$$-\frac{5}{\sqrt{(3t+4)}} = 0.5\ddot{x}$$

$$\ddot{x} = -10(3t+4)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\dot{x} = -\frac{10}{\frac{1}{2} \times 3} (3t+4)^{\frac{1}{2}} + c$$

$$t=0 \quad \dot{x}=12 \quad 12 = -\frac{20}{3} \sqrt{4+c}$$

$$c = 12 + \frac{40}{3} = \frac{76}{3}$$

$$\therefore \dot{x} = -\frac{20}{3} (3t+4)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{76}{3}$$

$$\text{b} \quad x = -\frac{20}{3 \times \frac{3}{2} \times 3} (3t+4)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{76}{3}t + A$$

$$t=x=0 \therefore A = \frac{40}{27} \times 4^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{320}{27}$$

$$P \text{ at rest} \Rightarrow \frac{76}{3} = \frac{20}{3} (3t+4)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{76}{20}\right)^2 = 3t+4$$

$$t = \frac{1}{3} \left[\left(\frac{76}{20}\right)^2 - 4 \right]$$

$$t = 3.48$$

When $t = 3.48$

$$x = -\frac{40}{27} \left(\frac{76}{20}\right)^3 + \frac{76}{3} \times 3.48 + \frac{320}{27}$$

$$x = 18.72$$

 P is 18.7 m from O (3 s.f.)

Integrate line above.

Using result from a.

 $3t+4 = \left(\frac{76}{20}\right)^2$, so use
the exact value here.

$$3 \text{ a } F = \frac{k}{x^2}$$

$$\text{when } x = R, F = mg$$

$$\therefore \frac{k}{R^2} = mg, k = mg R^2$$

When $x = R$, S is on the surface of the Earth and the force exerted by the Earth on S is mg .

$$b \quad \text{Force} = \frac{mg R^2}{x^2}$$

$$F = ma$$

$$-\frac{mgR^2}{x^2} = mv \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$-\int \frac{gR^2}{x^2} dx = \int v dv$$

$$\frac{1}{2}v^2 = \frac{gR^2}{x} + c$$

$$x = 5R, v = 0 \quad c = \frac{-gR^2}{5R}$$

$$\therefore v^2 = 2g \frac{R^2}{x} - \frac{2gR^2}{5R}$$

$$\text{When } x = R \quad v^2 = 2g \frac{R^2}{R} - \frac{2gR^2}{5R}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{8Rg}{5}$$

The speed of the spacecraft is

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{8Rg}{5}\right)} = 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{2Rg}{5}\right)}$$

The force is in the direction of decreasing x .

The force is a function of x so use $a = v \frac{dv}{dx}$.

$$4 \quad \begin{array}{c} | \quad \quad \quad | \quad \quad \quad | \\ A \quad 0.2 \text{ m} \quad O \quad 0.2 \text{ m} \quad B \end{array}$$

$$a \quad \text{amplitude} = 0.4 \div 2 = 0.2 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{period} = 2 \times 2.5 = 5 \text{ s}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 5 \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{5}$$

$$v^2 = \omega^2(a^2 - x^2)$$

$$u^2 = \left(\frac{2\pi}{5}\right)^2 (0.2^2 - 0)$$

$$u = \frac{2\pi}{5} \times 0.2 = \frac{4\pi}{50} \text{ (or } 0.2513\dots)$$

$$\therefore u = \frac{4\pi}{50} \text{ (or } 0.251 \text{ (3s.f.))}$$

Find a and ω from the given information.

Now use $v^2 = \omega^2(a^2 - x^2)$ to find u .

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Solution Bank

4 b

$$x = a \sin \omega t$$

$$x = 0.2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}t\right)$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{2\pi}{5} \times 0.2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}t\right)$$

$$t = 3 \quad \dot{x} = \frac{0.4\pi}{5} \cos \frac{6\pi}{5} = -0.2033$$

When $t = 3$ P 's speed is 0.203 m s^{-1} (3 s.f.).

P is at the centre of oscillation when $t = 0$.

Differentiate x with respect to t to find \dot{x} .

Speed is positive.

c

$$x = a \sin \omega t$$

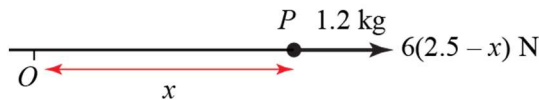
$$x = 0.2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}t\right)$$

$$t = 3 \quad x = 0.2 \sin\left(\frac{6\pi}{5}\right) = -0.1175\dots$$

$$\therefore \text{Distance from } A \text{ is } 0.2 + 0.1175\dots = 0.318 \text{ m (3 s.f.)}$$

P is moving towards A when $t = 0$, so x is negative between O and B .

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a $x = 2.5$

The acceleration (and therefore the resultant force) are zero when the speed is maximum.

b

$$F = ma$$

$$6(2.5 - x) = 1.2a$$

$$6(2.5 - x) = 1.2v \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$v \frac{dv}{dx} = 5(2.5 - x)$$

$$\int v dv = \int 5(2.5 - x) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2}v^2 = 5\left(2.5x - \frac{x^2}{2}\right) + C$$

$$x = 2.5 \quad v = 8$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 8^2 = 5\left(2.5 \times 2.5 - \frac{2.5^2}{2}\right) + C$$

$$C = 32 - 5 \times \frac{2.5^2}{2} = 16.375$$

$$v^2 = 10\left(2.5x - \frac{x^2}{2}\right) + 2 \times 16.375$$

$$v^2 = 25x - 5x^2 + 32.75$$

When the force is a function of x use $a = v \frac{dv}{dx}$.

Separate the variables.

Integrate. Don't forget the constant!

a gives the initial conditions.

$$6 \text{ a } x = 3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right)$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{3\pi}{4} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right)$$

$$\ddot{x} = -3\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right)$$

$$\ddot{x} = -\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 x$$

\therefore S.H.M.

Differentiate $x = 3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right)$ twice.

Obtain the equation of the form $\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$.

b amplitude = 3 m

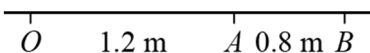
$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \times \frac{4}{\pi} = 8\text{s}$$

c From a $\dot{x} = \frac{3\pi}{4} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{maximum speed} = \frac{3\pi}{4} \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

(or 2.36 m s⁻¹ (3 s.f.))

Or use $v_{\max} = a\omega$.

d 

$$x = 3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right)$$

$$\text{At } A, x = 1.2 \quad 1.2 = 3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t_a\right)$$

$$t_a = \frac{4}{\pi} \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1.2}{3}\right)$$

$$\text{At } B, x = 2 \quad t_b = \frac{4}{\pi} \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time } A \rightarrow B &= \frac{4}{\pi} \left[\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1.2}{3}\right) \right] \\ &= 0.4051 \end{aligned}$$

Leave calculator work as late as possible.

The time to go directly from A to B is 0.405 s (3 s.f.)

7 a $\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$

When $x = 0.09$, $\ddot{x} = -1.5$

$$-1.5 = -\omega^2 \times 0.09$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{50}{3}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{50}{3}} = 4.08$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{3}{50}} = 1.54 \text{ s}$$

b $v^2 = \omega^2 (a^2 - x^2)$

$$0.3^2 = \frac{50}{3} (a^2 - 0.09^2)$$

Solve to give

$$a = 0.116$$

c To find the time from $O \rightarrow \frac{a}{2}$

$$x = a \sin \omega t$$

$$\frac{a}{2} = a \sin 4.08t$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \sin 4.08t$$

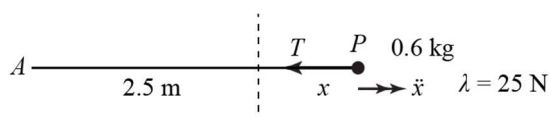
$$4.08t = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$t = 0.128 \text{ s}$$

Time for one oscillation is 1.540 s

Therefore the time required is $1.540 - 4 \times 0.1283 = 1.03 \text{ s}$

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a $F = ma$

$$-T = 0.6\ddot{x}$$

Hooke's Law: $T = \frac{\lambda x}{l}$

$$T = \frac{25}{2.5} x = 10x$$

$$\therefore 0.6\ddot{x} = -10x$$

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{10}{0.6} x$$

\therefore S.H.M.

8 b $\omega^2 = \frac{10}{0.6}$

period = $\frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{0.6}{10}} = 1.539\dots$

period = 1.54 s (3 s.f.)

amplitude = $(4 - 2.5) \text{ m} = 1.5 \text{ m}$

c $x = a \cos \omega t$

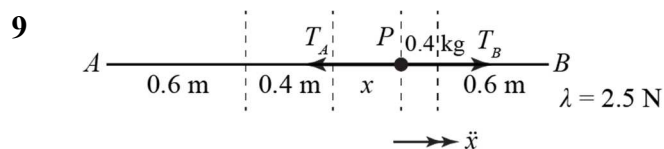
$$x = 1.5 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{10}{0.6}}t\right)$$

$$x = -0.5 \text{ m} \quad -0.5 = 1.5 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{10}{0.6}}t\right)$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{0.6}{10}} \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{0.5}{1.5}\right) = 0.4680\dots$$

P takes 0.468 s to move 2 m from B (3 s.f.).

B is an end-point.



a $F = ma$

$$T_B - T_A = 0.4\ddot{x}$$

Hooke's Law: $T = \frac{\lambda x}{l}$

$$T_A = \frac{2.5(0.4 + x)}{0.6}$$

$$T_B = \frac{2.5(0.4 - x)}{0.6}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2.5(0.4 - x)}{0.6} - \frac{2.5(0.4 + x)}{0.6} = 0.4\ddot{x}$$

$$-2 \times \frac{2.5x}{0.6} = 0.4\ddot{x}$$

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{2 \times 2.5}{0.6 \times 0.4} x$$

\therefore S.H.M.

Consider P to be attached to two strings, each of natural length 0.6 m and modulus 2.5 N.

b $\omega^2 = \frac{2 \times 2.5}{0.6 \times 0.4} = \frac{5}{0.24}$

$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{0.24}{5}} = 1.376\dots$$

The period is 1.38 s (3 s.f.)

9 c $x = a \cos \omega t$

At D , $x = 1 - 0.85 = 0.15$

$$0.15 = 0.3 \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{5}{0.24}} t \right)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{5}{0.24}} t = \cos^{-1} 0.5$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{0.24}{5}} \cos^{-1} 0.5$$

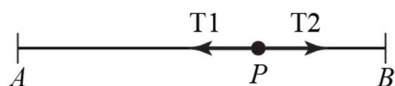
$$t = 0.2294 \dots$$

P takes 0.229 s (3 s.f.) to reach D .

← For time from B (an end-point)

← D and C are on the same side of the centre, so x is positive.

10 a



Hooke's law to AP :

$$T_1 = \frac{\lambda_1 x_1}{l_1} = \frac{20x_1}{5} = 4x_1$$

Hooke's law to BP :

$$T_2 = \frac{\lambda_2 x_2}{l_2} = \frac{18x_2}{3} = 6x_2$$

Resolving horizontally:

$$T_1 = T_2$$

So $4x_1 = 6x_2$

$$x_1 = \frac{3x_2}{2}$$

Length $AB = 12$

$$5 + 3 + x_1 + x_2 = 12$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 4$$

$$\frac{3x_2}{2} + x_2 = 4$$

$$\frac{5x_2}{2} = 4$$

So $x_2 = \frac{8}{5}$ and $x_1 = \frac{12}{5}$

Hence the AP spring extension is 2.4 m and the PB spring extension is 1.6 m.

10 b Consider P displaced a distance x to the right of its equilibrium position.

Equation of motion of P :

$$T_2 - T_1 = m\ddot{x}$$

$$\frac{18(1.6 - x)}{3} - \frac{20(2.4 + x)}{5} = 0.4\ddot{x}$$

$$9.6 - 6x - 9.6 - 4x = 0.4\ddot{x}$$

$$-10x = 0.4\ddot{x}$$

$$\ddot{x} = -25x$$

Hence P oscillates with SHM.

c $\ddot{x} = -25x$

$$\omega^2 = 25 \Rightarrow \omega = 5$$

$$x = a \sin \omega t$$

$$x = a \sin 5t$$

Time from $x = 0$ to $x = 0.4$ is given by

$$0.4 = a \sin 5t$$

$$\frac{0.4}{a} = \sin 5t$$

$$t = \frac{1}{5} \arcsin\left(\frac{0.4}{a}\right)$$

So P stays within 0.4 m of the equilibrium position for

$$\frac{4}{5} \arcsin\left(\frac{0.4}{a}\right) \text{ seconds.}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{5}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{T}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{15}$$

$$\therefore \frac{4}{5} \arcsin\left(\frac{0.4}{a}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{15}$$

$$\arcsin\left(\frac{0.4}{a}\right) = \frac{10\pi}{60} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\frac{0.4}{a} = 0.5$$

$$a = \frac{4}{5} = 0.8$$

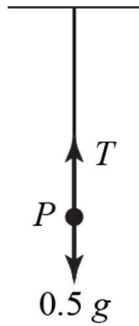
Initial speed of P

$$= v_{\max} = \omega a$$

$$= 5 \times \frac{4}{5}$$

$$= 4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

11 a



In equilibrium:

$$R(\uparrow)T = 0.5g$$

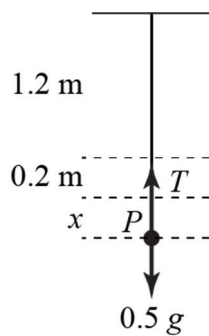
$$\text{Hooke's Law : } T = \frac{\lambda x}{l}$$

$$0.5g = \frac{\lambda \times 0.2}{1.2}$$

$$\lambda = 0.5 \times \frac{1.2}{0.2}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 3g \text{ (or } 29.4)$$

b



For oscillations:

$$F = ma$$

$$0.5g - T = 0.5\ddot{x}$$

$$\text{Hooke's Law : } T = \frac{\lambda x}{l}$$

$$T = \frac{3g(0.2+x)}{1.2}$$

$$\therefore 0.5g - \frac{3g(0.2+x)}{1.2} = 0.5\ddot{x}$$

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{3g}{0.5 \times 1.2}x = -5gx$$

 \therefore S.H.M.
Of form $\ddot{x} = \omega^2 x$.

c

$$\omega^2 = 5g$$

$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{5g}} = 0.8975\dots$$

The period is 0.898 s (3 s.f.).

From $\ddot{x} = -5gx$.d String becomes slack when $x = -0.2$ m.

amplitude = 0.35 m

$$v^2 = \omega^2 (a^2 - x^2)$$

$$v^2 = 5g(0.35^2 - 0.2^2)$$

$$v = 2.010\dots$$

The speed is 2.01 m s⁻¹ (3 s.f.).Use the exact value for ω^2 .e $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$

$$0 = 2.010^2 - 2 \times 9.8s$$

$$s = \frac{2.010^2}{2 \times 9.8} = 0.2061\dots$$

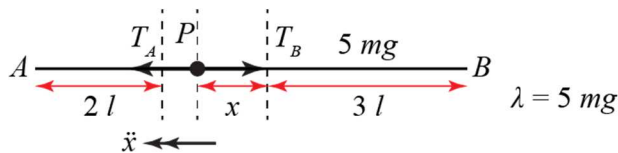
Distance above O = 0.2 + 0.2061...

$$= 0.406 \text{ m (3 s.f.)}$$

Once the string is slack the particle moves freely under gravity.

The particle is 0.2 m above O when the string becomes slack.

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a Hooke's Law :

$$T = \frac{\lambda x}{l}$$

$$T_A = \frac{5mg(l-x)}{2l}$$

$$T_B = \frac{5mg(l+x)}{2l}$$

$$F = ma$$

$$T_A - T_B = m\ddot{x}$$

$$\frac{5mg(l-x)}{2l} - \frac{5mg(l+x)}{2l} = m\ddot{x}$$

$$-\frac{5mgx}{l} = m\ddot{x}$$

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{5gx}{l}$$

 \therefore S.H.M.

$$\text{b } \omega^2 = \frac{5g}{l} \text{ period} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{5g}}$$

$$\text{The period is } 2\pi\sqrt{\left(\frac{l}{5g}\right)}$$

$$\text{c amplitude} = \frac{3l}{4}$$

$$v^2 = \omega^2(a^2 - x^2)$$

$$v_{\max} = \omega a = \sqrt{\frac{5g}{l}} \times \frac{3l}{4} = \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{5gl}$$

$$\text{The maximum speed is } \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{5gl}.$$

Consider the particle to be attached to two strings, AP and PB , both with natural length $2l$ and modulus $5mg$.

Find the amplitude from the given information.

Maximum speed when $x = 0$.

Challenge

- a The equation of motion for mass m is given by

$$ma = -\frac{mMg}{(R+x)^2}$$

$$a = -\frac{Mg}{(R+x)^2}$$

$$v \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{Mg}{(R+x)^2}$$

The mass reaches its maximum height H when $v = 0$.

Separating the variables and integrating:

$$\int_u^0 v dv = -\int_0^H \frac{MG}{(R+x)^2} dx$$

$$\left[\frac{v^2}{2} \right]_u^0 = \left[\frac{MG}{(R+x)} \right]_0^H$$

$$-\frac{u^2}{2} = \frac{MG}{R+H} - \frac{MG}{R}$$

$$-\frac{u^2}{2} = MG \left(\frac{1}{R+H} - \frac{1}{R} \right)$$

$$-\frac{u^2}{2} = MG \left(\frac{R - (R+H)}{R(R+H)} \right)$$

$$-\frac{u^2}{2} = -MG \left(\frac{H}{R(R+H)} \right)$$

$$\frac{u^2}{2} = MG \left(\frac{H}{R(R+H)} \right)$$

$$2MGH = u^2 (R^2 + RH)$$

$$2MGH - RHu^2 = u^2 R^2$$

$$H(2MG - Ru^2) = u^2 R^2$$

$$H = \frac{u^2 R^2}{2MG - Ru^2}$$

$$H = \frac{Ru^2}{\frac{2MG}{R} - u^2}$$

- b As $u^2 \rightarrow \frac{2MG}{R}$, $H \rightarrow \infty$

The escape velocity is therefore given by

$$u = \sqrt{\frac{2MG}{R}}$$

$$u = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 5.98 \times 10^{24} \times 6.7 \times 10^{-11}}{6.4 \times 10^6}}$$

$$u = 1.12 \times 10^4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$