

SHM Practice

1. A 0.50 kg block is attached to a spring with $k = 400\text{ N m}^{-1}$. It is placed on a horizontal surface, displaced 15 cm from equilibrium and released from rest.
 - a. Calculate the period of the resulting motion.
 - b. Calculate the value of the greatest acceleration.
 - c. Identify the position(s) where the block has this acceleration.
 - d. Calculate the maximum speed of the block during the motion.
 - e. Identify the position(s) where the block has this speed.

2. A 1.5 kg block is attached to a spring with $k = 300\text{ N m}^{-1}$. It is placed on a horizontal surface, displaced 20 cm from equilibrium and released from rest.
 - a. Sketch the position vs time, velocity vs time and acceleration vs time graphs for the first three cycles of motion.
 - b. Label the extreme positions and the time when the block is back at the equilibrium position.
 - c. Sketch the same set of graphs for the motion if you began taking data when the block first reached the equilibrium position.

3. A block on the end of a 200 N m^{-1} spring oscillates with a period of 1.5 s and has a maximum speed of 3.0 m s^{-1} . The block is on a horizontal surface with no friction.
 - a. Calculate the mass of the block.
 - b. Calculate the maximum kinetic energy in the system.
 - c. Calculate the maximum potential energy in the system.
 - d. Calculate the amplitude of the motion.
 - e. Calculate the speed when the block is halfway between the equilibrium point and the maximum position.
 - f. Sketch the graph of the potential energy vs time for the motion.
 - g. Sketch the corresponding graph of the kinetic energy vs time for the motion.

4. Two springs ($k_1 = 200 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ and $k_2 = 300 \text{ N m}^{-1}$) are connected in parallel to a 2.0 kg block that is on a horizontal frictionless surface. The block is pulled to a position 30 cm from the equilibrium position and released from rest.
- Show the combination of springs acts as a single spring.
 - Calculate the frequency of the system.
 - Calculate the maximum potential energy stored in each spring.
 - Calculate the maximum speed of the block.
5. Two springs ($k_1 = 200 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ and $k_2 = 300 \text{ N m}^{-1}$) are connected in series to a 2.0 kg block that is on a horizontal frictionless surface. The block is pulled to a position 30 cm from the equilibrium position and released from rest.
- Show the combination of springs acts as a single spring.
 - Calculate the frequency of the system.
 - Calculate the maximum potential energy stored in each spring.
 - Calculate the maximum speed of the block.
6. A 5.0 kg block is attached to 200 N m^{-1} spring and hung vertically from crossbar.
- Calculate the distance the block will extend the spring to hang at rest.
 - The block is displaced 10 cm from the position identified and released from rest.
 - Prove the block will exhibit simple harmonic motion about the equilibrium point.
 - Calculate the spring potential energy at the bottom of the motion.
 - Calculate the spring potential energy at the top of the motion.
 - Calculate the change in the gravitational potential energy between the bottom of the motion and the top of the motion.
 - Sketch the graphs of the potential energies vs position for the motion.