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Physics 122

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- Theme Music: Duke Ellington

*Take the A Train*

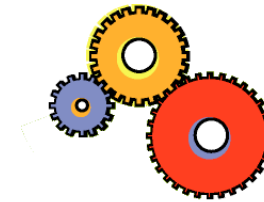
- Cartoon: Lynn Johnson

*For Better or for Worse*



# Knowledge Games

- Shopping for ideas
  - Choosing foothold ideas
  - Reconciling intuition
  - Multiple representations
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- Elaboration / Implication
  - Seeking consistency
  - Sense making



# Estimation:

## Some numbers I will expect you to know

- Numbers

– number of UG students at UMd	~ 25,000	$2.5 \times 10^4$
– number of people in MD	~ 4-5 million	$4.5 \times 10^6$
– number of people in USA	~ 300 million	$3.0 \times 10^8$
– number of people in world	~ 6 billion	$6.5 \times 10^9$

- Distances

– distance across DC	~10 miles
– distance across USA	~3000 miles
– distance around the world	~24,000 miles
– radius of the earth	$= 2/\pi \times 10^7 \text{ m}$

# Causes of Motion: Newton's Laws

- **N0:** Objects only respond to forces on themselves, at the time those forces are exerted.
- **N1:** Objects change their velocity (perhaps = 0) only if they are acted on by unbalanced forces.
- **N2:** Each object responds to the forces it feels by changing its velocity according to
- **N3:** When two objects touch, they exert equal and opposite forces on each other.

$$\vec{a} = \vec{F}^{net} / m$$

$$\vec{F}_{A \rightarrow B} = -\vec{F}_{B \rightarrow A}$$

# Kinds of forces

- There are 2 classes of forces

## — Touching

- Normal —  $N$  (perpendicular to surface and pressing in)
- Tension —  $T$  (pulling out of the surface)
- Friction —  $f$  (parallel to surface — opposing sliding)

## — Non-touching

- Gravity —  $W$
- Electric —  $F^{elec}$
- Magnetic —  $F^{mag}$

# Properties of Forces

- *Normal* — adjust to oppose compression (like a spring)
- *Tension* — t. force vs. t. scalar, analysis of the chain
- *Friction* — opposes sliding of surfaces over one another

$$T = k \Delta l$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{A \rightarrow B} &\leq f_{A \rightarrow B}^{\max} = \mu_{AB}^{\text{static}} N_{A \rightarrow B} && \text{not sliding} \\ f_{A \rightarrow B} &= \mu_{AB}^{\text{kinetic}} N_{A \rightarrow B} && \text{sliding} \\ \mu_{AB}^{\text{kinetic}} &\leq \mu_{AB}^{\text{static}} \end{aligned}$$

- Gravity — towards the center of the earth, proportional to mass

$$\vec{W} = -\frac{GmM}{R^2} \hat{R} \approx m\vec{g}$$

# Math

- Dimensional analysis
- Shifting functions
- Properties of trig functions, large angles
- Functions of two variables
- Small angle approximation

# Foothold ideas: Mass on a spring

- There is an equilibrium (balance) point where the mass can stay without moving.
- Whichever way the mass moves, the force is in the direction of pushing it back to its equilibrium position.
- When it gets back to its equilibrium, it's still moving so it overshoots.



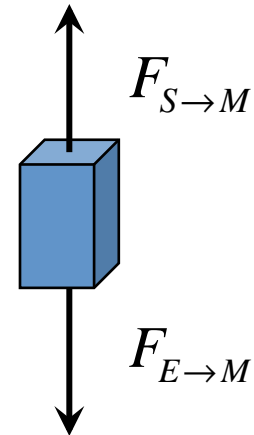


# Summary with Equations: Mass on a spring

$$a = \frac{1}{m} F^{net}$$

$$F^{net} = -kx$$

Measured  
from where?

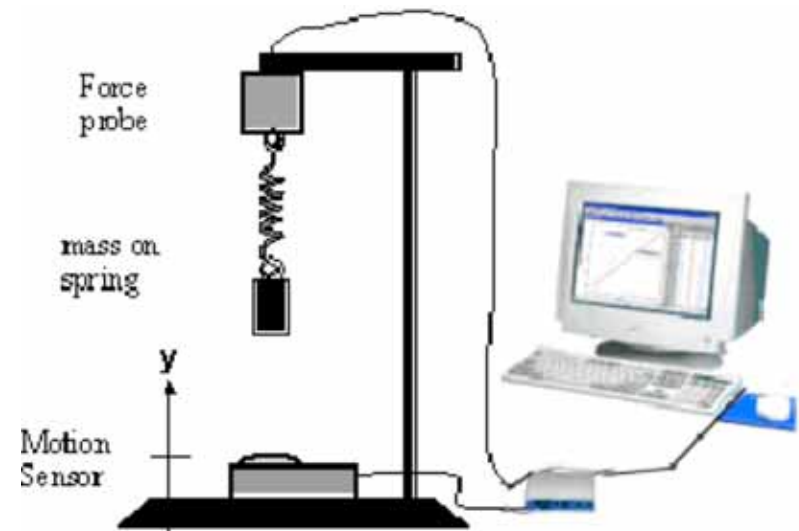


$$a = -\omega_0^2 x \quad \omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t - \phi)$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

Interpret!



# Foothold Ideas: Energy and Work



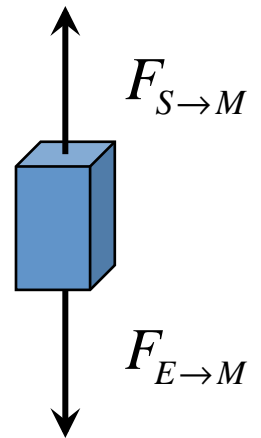
- We can rewrite N2 to focus on the part of the forces that change the object's speed.
- Define Kinetic Energy and Work

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad \text{Work} = \vec{F}^{net} \cdot \Delta\vec{r}$$

- Rewrite N2 by taking the dot product with the displacement (to select part of force acting along the motion)

$$\Delta\left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2\right) = \vec{F}^{net} \cdot \Delta\vec{r}$$

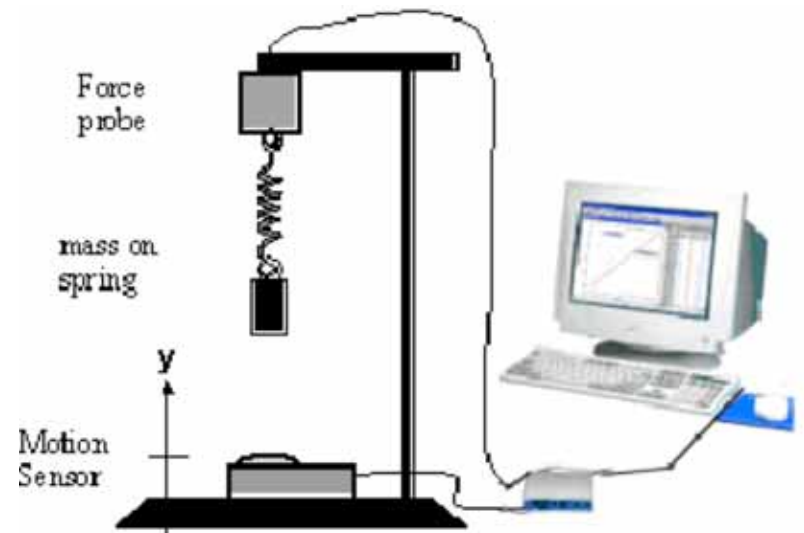
# Summary with Equations: Mass on a spring (Energy)



Measured  
from where?

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh + \frac{1}{2}k(\Delta l)^2$$

$$E_i = E_f$$



# The pendulum equations

$$\vec{a} = \frac{1}{m} \vec{F}^{net} = \frac{1}{m} (\vec{T} + m\vec{g})$$

$$F_x^{net} = T \sin \theta$$

$$F_y^{net} = T \cos \theta - mg$$

Very little up and down motion.

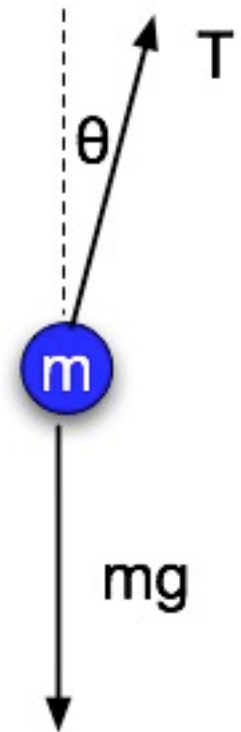
Mostly left and right.

$$a_x = -\frac{1}{m} T \sin \theta = -\frac{T}{m} \frac{x}{L}$$

$$a_y \approx 0 = \frac{1}{m} (T \cos \theta - mg)$$

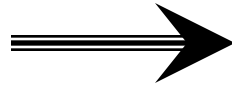


$$\begin{aligned} T &\approx mg \\ a_x &= -\frac{g}{L} x \end{aligned}$$



# Pendulum motion

$$a_x = -\frac{g}{L}x$$



$$a_x = -\omega_0^2 x$$
$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{g}{L}$$

Same as mass on a spring!  
Just with a different  $\omega_0$ .

What's the period?  
Why doesn't it depend on  $m$ ?  
What does the energy look like in this case?

# Foothold principles: Mechanical waves



- *Key concept*: We have to distinguish the motion of the bits of matter and the motion of the pattern.
- *Pattern speed*: a disturbance moves into a medium with a speed that depends on the properties of the medium (but not on the shape of the disturbance)
- *Matter speed*: the speed of the bits of matter depend on both the size and shape of the pulse and on the pattern speed.  $v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{TL}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$
- *Superposition*: when one or more disturbances overlap, the result is that each point displaces by the sum of the displacements it would have from the individual pulses. (signs matter)
- *Mechanism*: the pulse propagates by each bit of string pulling on the next.

# Sinusoidal waves

- Suppose we make a continuous wiggle. When we start our clock ( $t = 0$ ) we might have created shape something like

$$y = A \sin kx$$

- At later times this would look like

$$y = A \sin k(x - v_0 t)$$

Rewrite this as:

$$\longrightarrow y = A \sin(kx - kv_0 t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\omega = kv_0$$

# Interpretation



$$y = A \sin(kx - \omega t) \qquad \omega \equiv kv_0$$

Fixed time: Wave goes a full cycle when

$$kx : 0 \rightarrow 2\pi$$

$$x : 0 \rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{k} \equiv \lambda \quad (\text{wavelength})$$

Fixed position: Wave goes a full cycle when

$$\omega t : 0 \rightarrow 2\pi$$

$$t : 0 \rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \equiv T \quad (\text{period})$$



# Find the dog



$$\omega = kv_0 ?$$

Interpret

$$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T} \qquad k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$\omega = kv_0 \Rightarrow 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} v_0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$f\lambda = v_0 \quad (\text{famous wave formula})$$

Interpret

$$\frac{1}{T}\lambda = v_0 \Rightarrow \lambda = v_0 T$$

# Foothold Ideas

## Light: The Physics



- Certain objects (the sun, bulbs,...) give off light.
- In empty space light travels in straight lines.
- Each point on an object scatters light, spraying it off in all directions.
- A polished surface reflects rays back again according to the rule: *The angle of incidence equals the angle of reflection.*
- When a ray of light enters a transparent medium at an angle it bends by the rule

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

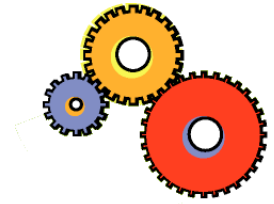
# Foothold Ideas

## Light: The Psycho-physiology



- We only see something when light coming from it enters our eyes.
- Our eyes identify a point as being on an object when rays traced back converge at that point.

# Kinds of Images



- Real
  - When the rays seen by the eye do converge at a point, the image is called *real*.
  - If a screen is put at the real image, the rays will scatter in all directions and an image can be seen on the screen, just as if it were an object.
- Virtual
  - When the rays seen by the eye extrapolate to a point but don't meet, the image is called *virtual*.
  - If a screen is put at the virtual image we see nothing on it since no rays are actually there.

# Mirrors and Ray Tracing

- Flat mirrors
  - The image is virtual, behind the mirror the same distance the object is in front of the mirror.
- Curved mirrors
  - Focal point  $f = R/2$
  - Three easy-to-figure rays
  - Real and virtual images

