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<u>Outline</u>

Oscillations and Waves

Office hours Thursday 4/4: 3-4.30

Oscillations

What is the solution to the following equation?

$$\frac{d^2 A(t)}{dt^2} = -\omega_0^2 A(t)$$

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 $A(t) = A_0 \cos(\omega_0 t)$ $A(t) = A_0 \sin(\omega_0 t)$

Interpretation: DRAW graph

Sketch in A=0

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Oscillations

A typical oscillation



Examples of oscillations

How general are the equations we just studied?





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Which graph could represent the **potential energy** of the spring?



When we pull the mass down from its equilibrium, what happens to the energies?

The gravitational PE

- A. increases
- B. decreases
- C. remains the same
- D. you can't tell from the information given.



When we pull the mass down from its equilibrium, what happens to the energies?

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