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■ **Theme Music: Fleetwood Mac**

Silver Springs

Cartoon: Pat Brady

Rose is Rose



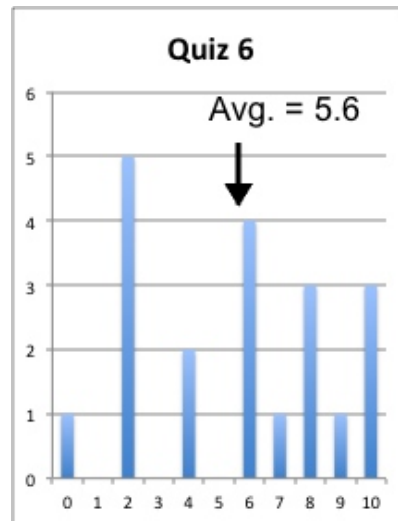
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Quiz 6

	6.1	6.2.1	6.2.2	6.2.3
A	0%	0%	10%	0%
B	5%	70%	25%	55%
C	45%	5%	45%	15%
D	10%	20%	15%	25%
E	45%	5%	5%	5%
F	65%			
G	5%			



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Foothold ideas: Kirchhoff's principles



1. **Flow rule:** The total amount of current flowing into any volume in an electrical network equals the amount flowing out.
 2. **Ohm's law:** in a resistor, $\Delta V = IR$
 3. **Loop rule:** Following around any loop in an electrical network the potential has to come back to the same value (sum of drops = sum of rises).
- **The Constant Potential Corollary:** Along any part of a circuit with 0 resistance, $\Delta V = 0$, i.e., V is constant.

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Foothold ideas: Harmonic oscillation



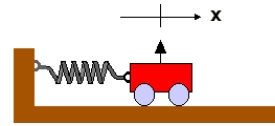
- There is an equilibrium (balance) point where the mass can stay without moving.
- Whichever way the mass moves, the force is in the direction of pushing it back to its equilibrium position.
- When it gets back to its equilibrium, it's still moving so it overshoots.

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Model system: Mass on a Spring



- Consider a cart of mass m attached to a light (mass of spring $\ll m$) spring.
- Choose the coordinate system so that when the cart is at 0 the spring is at its rest length
- Recall the properties of a (nice) spring.
 - When it is pulled or pushed on both ends it changes its length.

$$T = k\Delta l$$

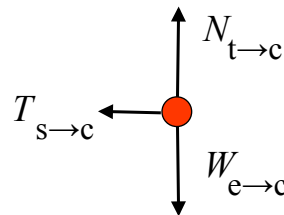
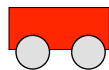
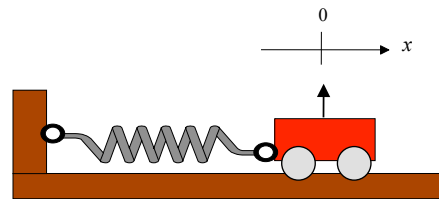
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Analyzing the forces: cart & spring

- FBD:
What are the forces acting on the cart?



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Doing the Math: The Equation of Motion

- The N2 equation for the cart is

$$a = F_{net}/m = -kx/m = -\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x$$

- What kind of a quantity is k/m ?

$$\left[\frac{k}{m}\right] =$$

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Mathematical structure

- Express $a = F^{net}/m$ in terms of derivatives.

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\omega_0^2 x$$

- Except for the constant, this is like having a functions that is its own second derivative.

$$\frac{d^2f}{dt^2} = -f$$

- In calculus, we learn that $\sin(t)$ and $\cos(t)$ work like this. How about: $x = \cos t$?

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