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Physics 132

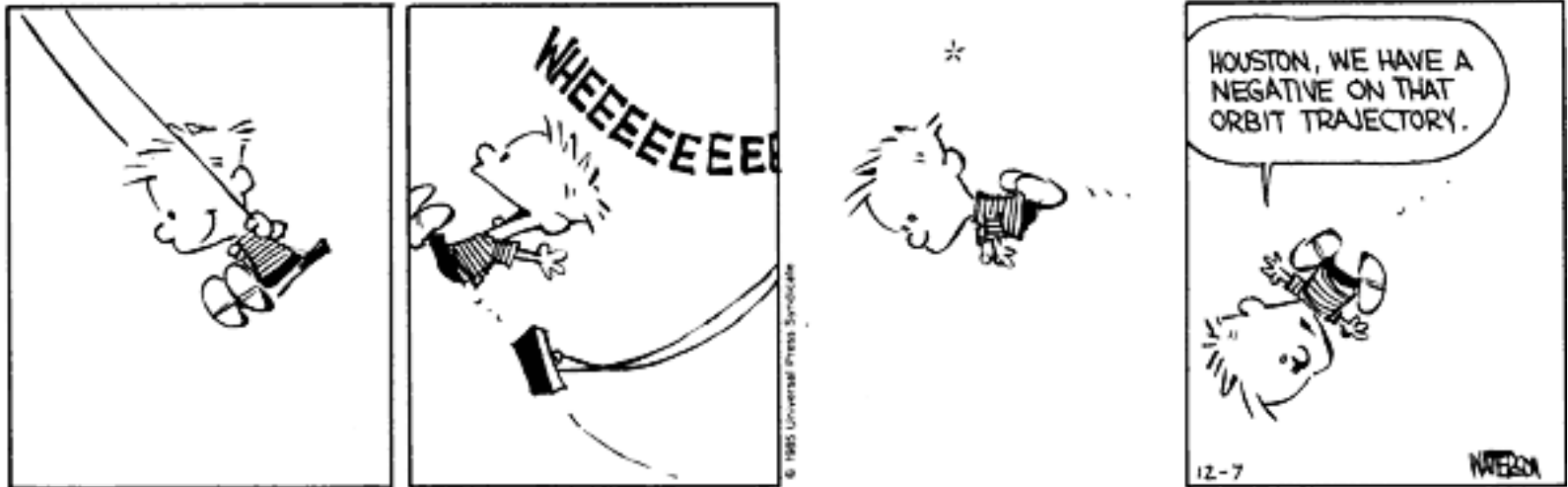
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■ Theme Music: Benny Goodman

Swing, Swing, Swing

■ Cartoon: Bill Watterson

Calvin & Hobbes



Mathematical structure

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

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

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

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

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

Interpreting the Result



- We can easily take the derivatives to show that our solution $x(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t)$ satisfies the N2 equations
- What do the various terms mean?
 - A is the maximum displacement — the *amplitude*.
 - What is ω_0 ? If T is the *period* (how long it takes to go through a full oscillation) then

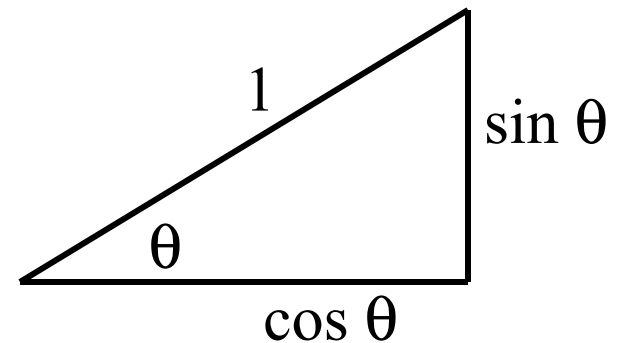
$$\omega_0 t : 0 \rightarrow 2\pi$$

$$t : 0 \rightarrow T$$

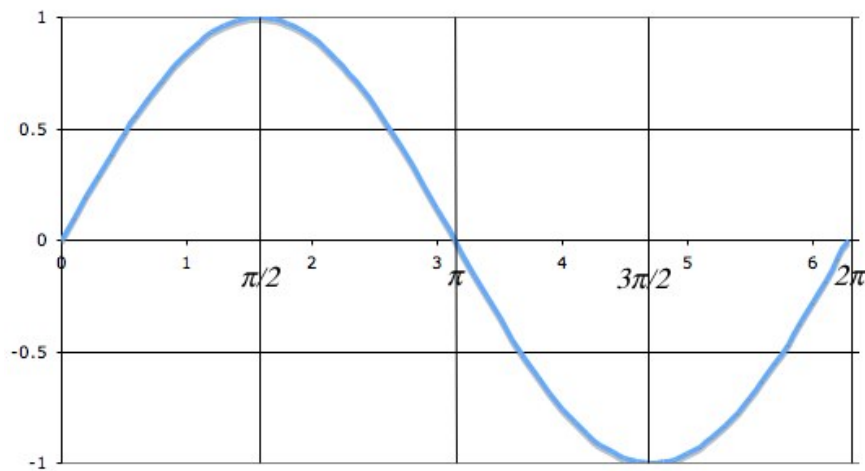
$$\omega_0 T = 2\pi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

Graphs: $\sin(\theta)$ vs $\cos(\theta)$

- Which is which? How can you tell?
- The two functions \sin and \cos are derivatives of each other (slopes), but one has a minus sign. Which one? How can you tell?

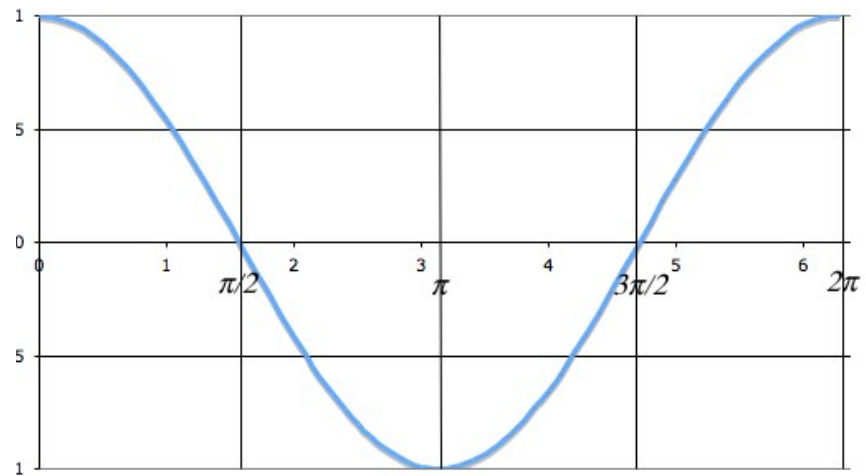


sin



theta (radians)

cos

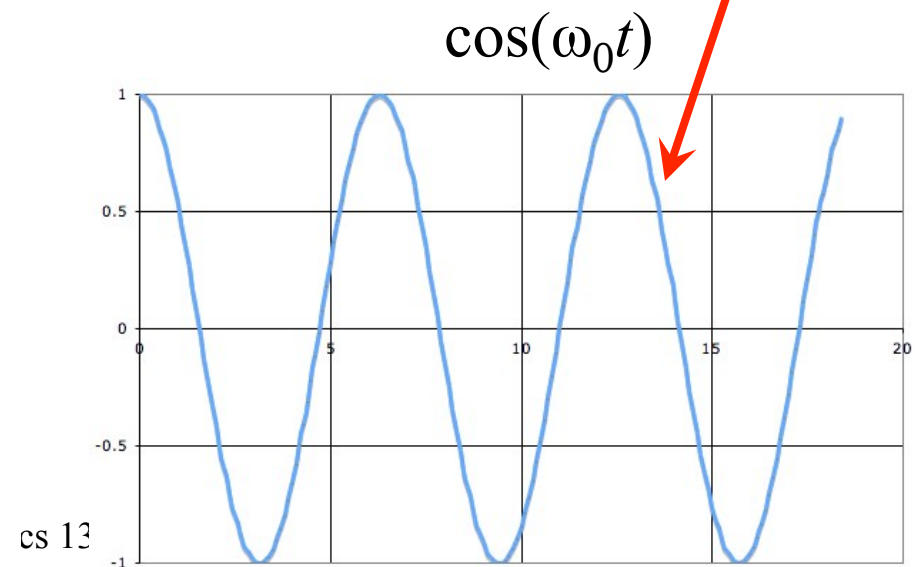
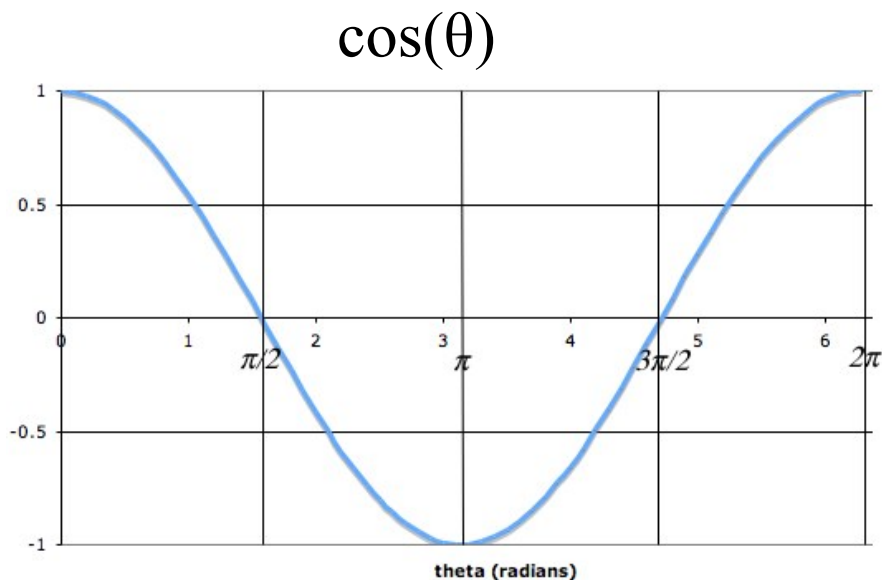


theta (radians)

Graphs: $\sin(\theta)$ vs $\sin(\omega_0 t)$

- For angles, $\theta = 0$ and $\theta = 2\pi$ are the same so you only get one cycle.
- For time, t can go on forever so the cycles repeat.

What does changing ω_0 do to this graph?

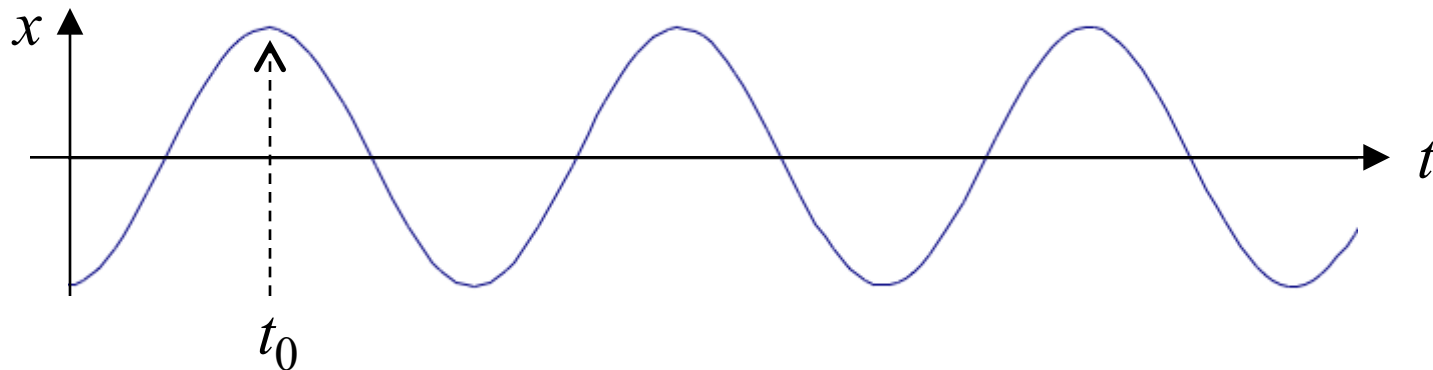


Interpreting the Result



- What about the starting point?

Using cos means you always start at a peak when $t = 0$. That might not always be true.



$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega_0(t - t_0))$$

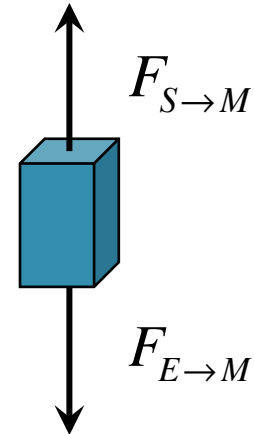
$$= A \cos(\omega_0 t - \omega_0 t_0) = A \cos(\omega_0 t - \phi)$$

Summary with Equations: Mass on a spring

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

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

Measured from where?



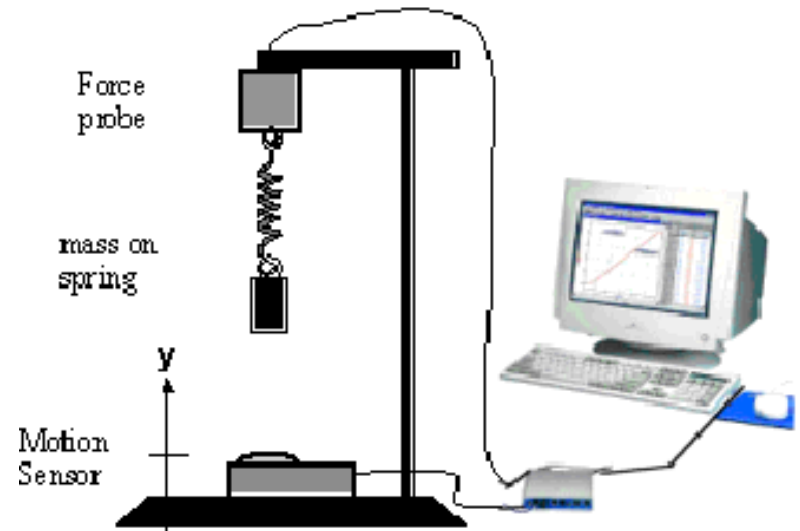
$$a = -\omega_0^2 x$$

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

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

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

Interpret!

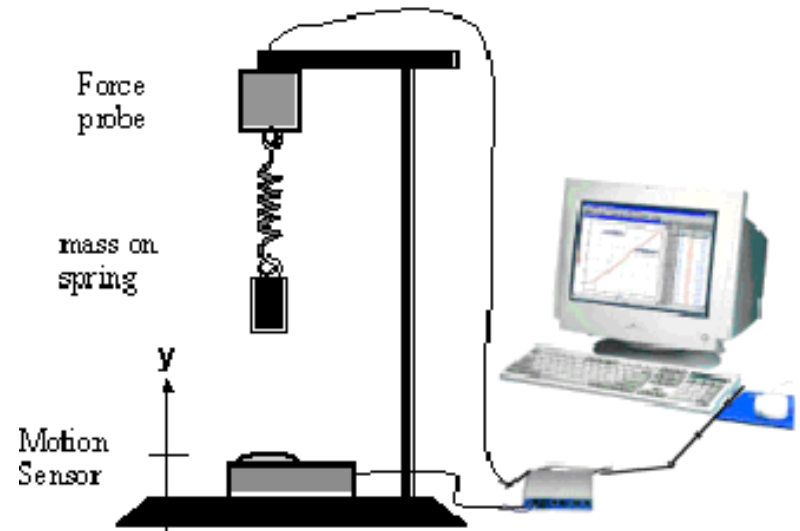
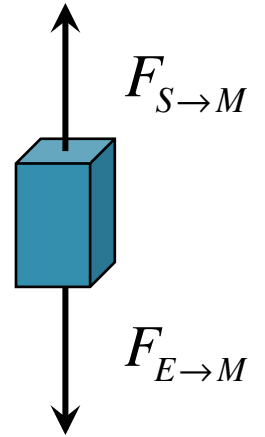


Summary with Equations: Mass on a spring (Energy)

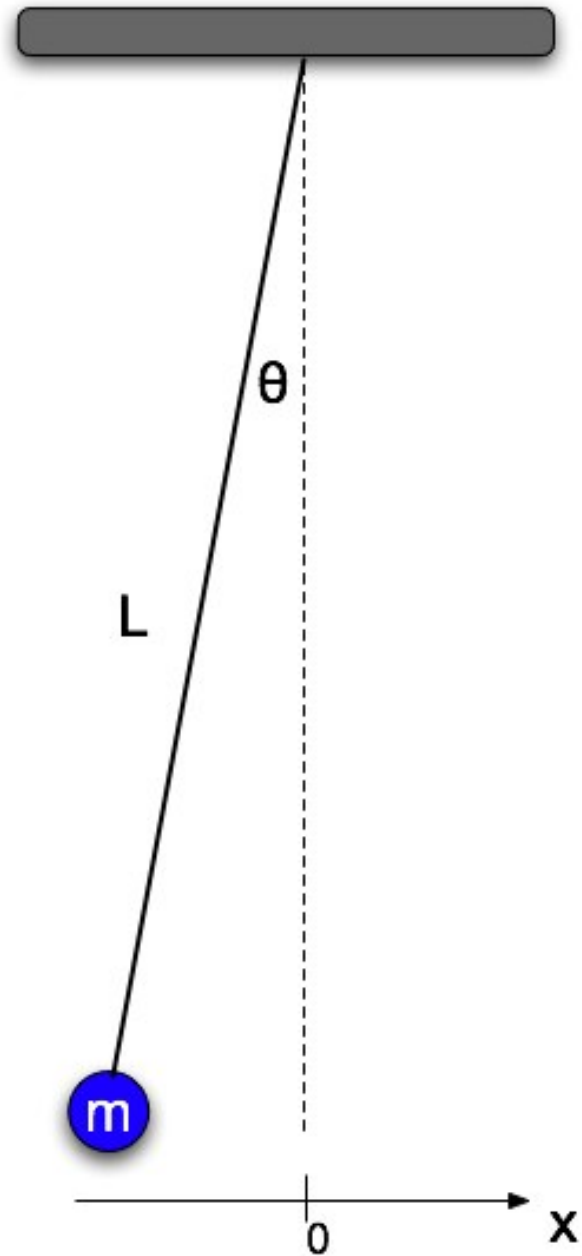
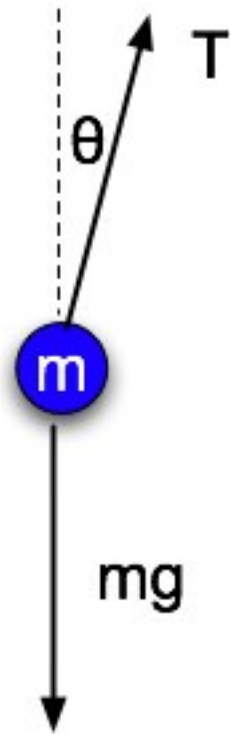
Measured
from where?

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

$$E_i = E_f$$



The Long Pendulum



Pendulum motion energy

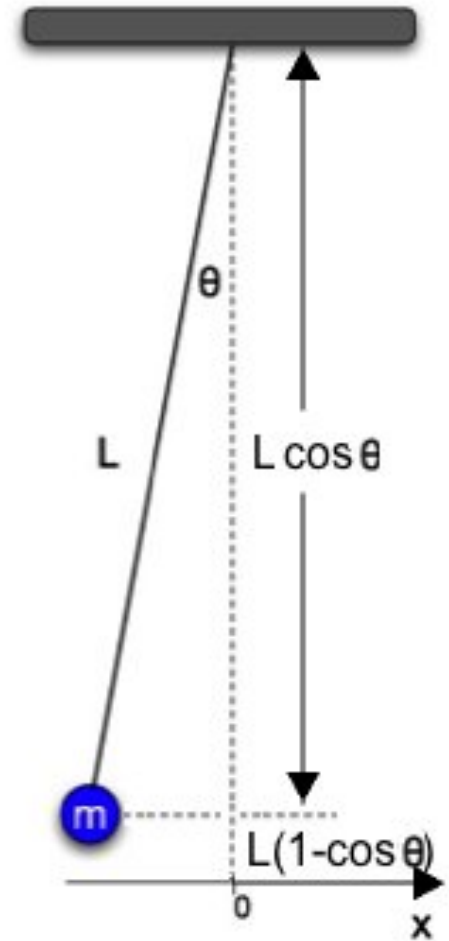
$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgL(1 - \cos\theta)$$

$$\cos\theta \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2$$

$$E_0 \approx \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}[mgL]\theta^2$$

$$\theta \approx \sin\theta = \frac{x}{L}$$

$$E_0 \approx \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \quad k = \frac{mg}{L}$$



Same as mass on a spring!

Just with a different $\omega_0^2 = k/m = g/L$

What's the period? Why doesn't it depend on m ?