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*Swing, Swing, Swing*

■ **Cartoon: Bill Watterson**

*Calvin & Hobbes*



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## Mathematical structure

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

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

- Except for the constant, this is like having a function 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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## 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  $\omega_0$ ? If  $T$  is the *period* (how long it takes to go through a full oscillation) then

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

$$t : 0 \rightarrow T$$

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

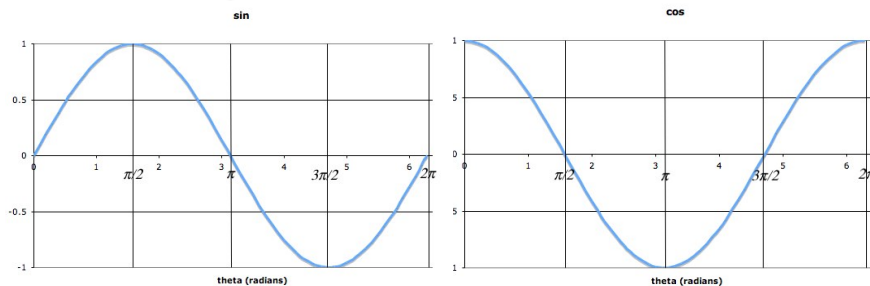
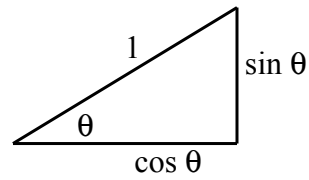
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## Graphs: $\sin(\theta)$ vs $\cos(\theta)$

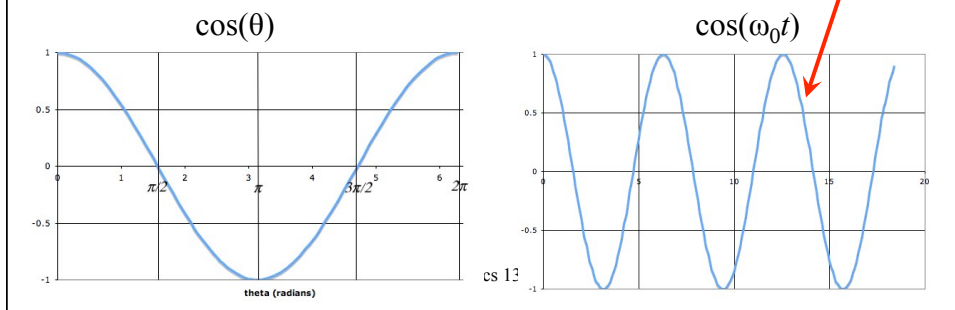
- Which is which? How can you tell?
- The two functions  $\sin$  and  $\cos$  are derivatives of each other (slopes), but one has a minus sign. Which one? How can you tell?



## 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.

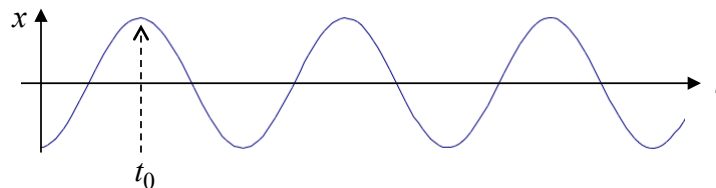
What does changing  $\omega_0$  do to this graph?



## 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

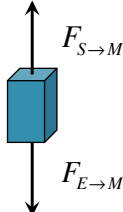
$$a = \frac{1}{m} F^{net} \quad F^{net} = -kx$$

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

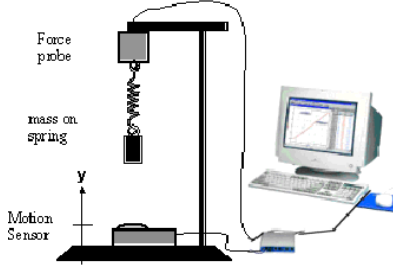
$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

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

Measured from where?



Interpret!



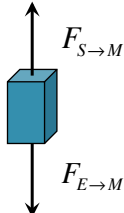
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### Summary with Equations: Mass on a spring (Energy)

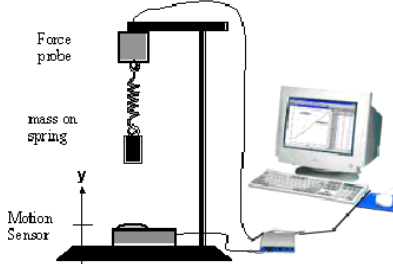
$$E = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + mgh + \frac{1}{2} k(\Delta l)^2$$

$$E_i = E_f$$

Measured from where?



Interpret!



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## The Long Pendulum

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## 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?**

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