UNIT 10

SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION AND WAVES

After studying this unit, the students will be able to:

- Define simple harmonic motion and give its examples and characteristics
- Derive the equation of simple harmonic motion
- Derive the time period of a simple harmonic motion
- Explain the working principle of a simple pendulum and a spring pendulum
- Understand the derivation of the time period of a simple pendulum and a spring pendulum
- Solve basic numerical problems related to simple harmonic motion, including the combination of both springs
- Explain the concept of energy in a vibrating mechanical system
- Distinguish between mechanical and electromagnetic waves
- Identify the various wave properties such as transverse or longitudinal waves
- Explain the concept of wavefronts and rays
- Understand the principle of superposition of waves
- Define interference
- Explain the conditions for the formation of constructive and destructive interference
- Derive the expressions of constructive and destructive interference with the help of a ripple tank.

Simple harmonic motion

Definition

Simple harmonic motion is the motion in which the acceleration of the body is directly proportional to its displacement from the mean position and is always directed towards the mean position.

Necessary conditions for motion to be called simple harmonic motion:

- The motion must be to and fro or vibratory or oscillatory.
- Its acceleration must be directed towards the mean position.
- The magnitude of its acceleration is always directly proportional to its displacement from the mean position. Hence, the acceleration is zero at the mean position where displacement of the particle is zero and maximum at the extreme positions where displacement is maximum.

Are Every Periodic motion of wave vibrations by a spring or SHM?

Answer

No, not every periodic motion is simple harmonic motion. For example, the motion of a bouncing ball is periodic but not simple harmonic.



The spring is fixed from its one end and a mass is attached to its other end. It is then pulled downwards and released.

According to Hook's law the force is directly proportional to the change in length ‘x’ of the spring.

$$F \propto -x$$

$$F = -kx \quad \ldots (i)$$



Where ‘-’ is the direction of the force that is from position ‘x’ to the mean position ‘O’ and ‘k’ is the spring constant.

The regular ‘x’ is in reverse of the diffuse of the spring. SHM is the motion in which the restoring force is directly proportional to the displacement and always directed towards the mean position.

The negative sign in equation (i) means that the force acts in the opposite direction of displacement. Also, the force will be zero when the displacement is zero.

It is because it takes nothing force.

Qualitative Analysis

Let us consider a mass ‘m’ on a frictionless surface connected to a spring.



Initially the mass is at its mean position ‘O’. Now, if the mass is displaced to the right position ‘A’ by a distance ‘x’ from its mean position ‘O’, then the spring will be stretched and it will exert a restoring force on the mass towards the mean position ‘O’. As the mass is displaced towards the right, the restoring force will also increase with the increase in displacement.



Now, if the mass is released from position ‘A’, it will start moving towards the mean position ‘O’ under the restoring force. As the mass moves towards the mean position ‘O’, the restoring force decreases and becomes zero at the mean position ‘O’.

However, the mass will not stop at the mean position ‘O’ due to inertia of motion. It will continue moving towards the left side of the mean position ‘O’ and will start compressing the spring. Now, the spring will exert a restoring force on the mass towards the right side. This restoring force will increase with the increase in compression of the spring.



Finally, the mass will stop momentarily at position ‘B’ when the restoring force will be equal to the maximum force. The restoring force will start moving towards the mean position ‘O’ and the mass will start moving towards the right side.



The mass will again cross the mean position ‘O’ and will start compressing the spring. The restoring force will start increasing with the increase in compression of the spring.



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Thus, the mass will continue to oscillate between the positions ‘A’ and ‘B’ about the mean position ‘O’ as long as there is no friction. Hence, the motion of the mass is simple harmonic motion.

Is it only matter of simple pendulum a simple harmonic motion. Why it is?

Answer

A simple pendulum exhibits SHM. It consists of a particle of mass ‘m’ suspended from a fixed point ‘O’ by a light inextensible string of length ‘l’. Here ‘m’ is given mass of the pendulum’s position. If the ball is displaced to one side and released, it oscillates about its mean position ‘A’ under the action of the gravitational force. There is no loss of energy during the motion. Hence, the motion of the pendulum is simple harmonic. The time period of the simple pendulum is given by $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$, where ‘l’ is the length of the pendulum and ‘g’ is the acceleration due to gravity. The time period is independent of the mass of the bob and the amplitude of oscillation. Hence, the motion of the simple pendulum is simple harmonic.



MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Choose the correct answer from the following choices:

i) Which of the following is an example of simple harmonic motion?

a) Motion of a simple pendulum **b)** The motion of ceiling fan

c) The spinning of the Earth on its axis **d)** A bouncing ball on a floor

ii) If the mass of the bob of a pendulum is increased by a factor of 3, the period of the pendulum's motion will:

a) be increased by a factor of 2 **b)** remain the same

c) be decreased by a factor of 7 **d)** be decreased by a factor of 4

iii) Which of the following devices can be used to produce both a transverse and longitudinal wave?

a) a string **b)** a ripple tank

c) a helical spring (slinky) **d)** a tuning fork

iv) Waves transfer:

a) Energy **b)** frequency

c) wavelength **d)** velocity

v) Which of the following is a method of energy transfer?

a) Conduction **b)** Radiation

c) Wave motion **d)** All of these

vi) In a vacuum all electromagnetic waves have the same:

a) Speed **b)** frequency

c) amplitude **d)** wavelength

vii) A large ripple tank with a vibrator working at a frequency of 30 Hz produces 25 complete waves in a distance of 50cm. The velocity of the wave is:

a) 53 cms^{-1} **b)** 60 cms^{-1}

c) 750 cms^{-1} **d)** 1500 cms^{-1}

viii) Which of the following characteristics of a wave is independent of the others:

a) speed **b)** frequency

c) amplitude **d)** wavelength

ix) The relation between v, f and A of a wave is:

a) $vf = \lambda$ **b)** $f\lambda = v$

c) $v\lambda = f$ **d)** $v = \frac{\lambda}{f}$

Answers

(i) a **(ii)** b **(iii)** c **(iv)** a **(v)** d **(vi)** a

(vii) b **(viii)** a **(ix)** b

Conceptual Questions

10. 1 If the length of a simple pendulum is doubled what will be the change in its time period?

Answer

Let the initial length of simple pendulum is ' l ', and after making it double, it becomes

'l' ', i.e, $L' = 2L$

Time period of simple pendulum is given by,

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

And $$T' = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l'}{g}}$$

Or $$T' = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{2l}{g}}$$

$$T' = \sqrt{2}\left[2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}\right]$$

Where, $$2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} = T$$

So, $$T' = \sqrt{2}T$$

$$T' = 1.41T$$

It shows that the time period of simple pendulum will increase by 1.41 times by making the length double.

10. 2 A ball is dropped from a certain height onto the floor and keeps bouncing. Is the motion or the ball simple harmonic? Explain.

Answer

No, in case of a bouncing ball, when it hits the floor then there will be no restoring force or acceleration opposite to the downward displacement. So, it does not fulfil the condition of simple harmonic motion. Secondly, in case of bouncing ball, the acceleration due to gravity remains the same, while for SHM the acceleration should vary at different points during the motion of the body.

10. 3 A student performed two experiments with a simple pendulum. He/She used two bobs of different masses by keeping other parameters constant. To his/her astonishment the time period of the pendulum did not change! Why?

Answer

Time period of simple pendulum only depends upon the length of simple pendulum as given in its formula, i.e.

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

The value of 'g' will remain constant up to a certain height. So, by changing mass of the bob or amplitude, there will be no effect on the time period, of simple pendulum.

10. 4 What type at waves do not require any material medium for their propagation?

Answer

Mechanical waves: like sound waves, water waves, waves produced in strings or springs etc.

10. 5 Plane waves in the ripple tank undergo refraction when they move from deep to shallow water. What change occurs in the speed of the waves?

Answer

In case of plane waves in the ripple tank when refraction takes place while moving from deep to shallow water. The speed of the wave is decreased due to decrease in wave length while frequency remains the same, as given by wave equation below,

$$v = f\lambda$$

Review Questions

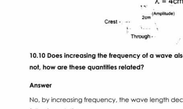
10. 2 Think of several examples in our daily life of motion that are simple harmonic?

Answer

1. Pendulum used in a clock.
2. A boy swinging on a swing.
3. See-saw; when his moved up & down.
4. Human ear drum oscillating back & forth.

10. 6 Draw a transverse wave with an amplitude of 2cm and a wavelength of 4cm. Label a crest and trough on the wave.

Answer



10.10 Does increasing the frequency of a wave also increase its wave length? If not, how are these quantities related?

Answer

No, by increasing frequency, the wave length decreases as given by the following relation,

$$v = f\lambda$$

Or $$f = \frac{v}{\lambda}$$

Or $$f \propto \frac{1}{\lambda}$$ (for constant value of velocity)

[Note: The answer of the remaining questions is given in the topics.]

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OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q1. Give short lessons.
1. What is a lesson?
Answer
A lesson is a plan of scheduling energy from one place to another.

2. Differentiate between flow pattern and frequency.
Answer
Flow pattern
Flow pattern refers to a study to complete one direction is called the flow pattern. It is also known as the pattern of flow.
Frequency
It is the electrical term and it is cycle per second or Hertz (Hz).

3. Give some importance of stress.
Answer
Some importance of stress is
- Stress is important in the application of bearing.
- Axial and length and hence the force.
- Monitoring of cracks and fabricate programmers is also in the form of stress.

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- Idea of stresses are called the defects in the human body.

4. Find the flow period of one metre length of simple pendulum on the surface of earth?
Answer

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

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5. Find the flow period of one metre length of simple pendulum on the surface of moon?
Answer

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$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{0.625}$$

$$T = 2 \times 3.14 \times 0.790$$

$$T = 4.96 \text{ sec}$$

6. Is Mass considered in static or in dues going action?
Answer
Mass is considered in static which is depicted through a delta momento. Then according to Hook law.

$$F \propto x$$

$$F = kx$$

$$k = \frac{F}{x}$$

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Where k is spring constant?
7. Give some characteristics of tide.
Answer
Some characteristics of tide are as follows:
- Income data along the Indian Ocean identifies about its position of oscillations.
- Accumulation is always observed from the Arctic position.
- Tides are also observed from the Pacific Ocean which is also known as Indian Ocean tides position.
- Tides are also observed from the tidal position and can be observed in Maldives.

8. Write Hooke's law.
Answer
According to Hooke's law

The stress is directly proportional to the strain produced in the body.

$$\frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}} = \text{Constant}$$

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Where Stress = Young modulus of elasticity.
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$$l = \frac{gT^2}{4\pi^2}$$

Where T is the time period of simple pendulum.
26. What is the length of simple pendulum in cm?
Answer
If the time period of simple pendulum is 2 sec.

$$l = \frac{gT^2}{4\pi^2}$$

$$l = \frac{9.8 \times 2^2}{4 \times 3.14^2}$$

$$l = \frac{9.8 \times 4}{4 \times 9.86}$$

$$l = \frac{39.2}{39.44}$$

$$l = 0.99 \text{ m} = 99 \text{ cm}$$

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c. Between equilibrium and extreme position d. All of them

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a. 1/∞ b. 0.1
c. 0 d. 1/0

3) If the mass of bob of a simple pendulum is doubled, its period:
a. is doubled b. becomes four times
c. remains the same d. none of the above

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a) T/2 b) T/√2
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5) In terms of wave length (λ), the distance between two neighboring nodes or antinodes is:
a) λ b) λ /2
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6) Which of the following waves is not electromagnetic?
a. X-rays b. radio waves
c. light waves d. water waves

7) Which is the correct formula to find the frequency?
a. f=1 b. f=1/t
c. f=2π $\sqrt{L/g}$ d. f=2π $\sqrt{M/f}$

8) Hertz is the unit of:
a. frequency b. wavelength
c. mass d. acceleration

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a. It always vibrates about its position of equilibrium
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c. Its velocity is minimum at mean position
d. Its velocity IS maximum at its mean position

10) The Waves in which the particles of the medium vibrate perpendicular to the direction of motion of waves are called:
a. electromagnetic waves b. transverse waves
c. compressional waves d. longitudinal waves

11) Energy can be transferred from one place to another:
a. through matter b. through waves
c. both of them d. none of these

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a. ripple tank b. water tank
c. electric bulb d. galvanometer

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a. reflection b. refraction
c. diffraction d. none of above

14) The up and down motion of hand produces waves in string known as:
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a. distance b. displacement
c. amplitude d. velocity

23) The motion which repeats itself in equal intervals of time is called:
a. rotatory motion b. circular motion
c. angular motion d. vibratory motion

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25) The number of vibrations completed in one second is called:
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