

Wave and Oscillation

What is simple harmonic motion? derive the differential equation of it.

Simple harmonic motion: Whenever a force acting on a particle and hence the acceleration of the particle is proportional to its displacement from its equilibrium position or any other fixed point in its path but is always directed in a ^{direction} opposite direction to the direction of the displacement and if the maximum displacement of the particle is same on either side of the mean position.

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Differential equation of SHM:

The general equation of displacement of a particle vibrating simple harmonically is

$$y = a \sin(\omega t + \alpha) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Here, y is the displacement and a is the amplitude and α is epoch of the vibrating particle.

Differentiating eq (i) with respect to time, we get,

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \omega a \cos(\omega t + \alpha) \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Here, $\frac{dy}{dt}$ represents the velocity of the vibrating particle.

Differentiating equation (2) with respect to time, we get,

$$\frac{d\dot{y}}{dt} = -\omega^2 a \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\ddot{y}}{dt} = -\omega^2 y \quad \left[\text{Since, } y = a \sin(\omega t + \alpha) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\ddot{y}}{dt} + \omega^2 y = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{d\ddot{y}}{dt} + \omega^2 y = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Here, $\frac{d\ddot{y}}{dt}$ represents the acceleration of the particle.

Equation (3) represents the differential equation of Simple harmonic motion.

Q. Find the value of ω and T from the differential equation of SHM.

From the differential equation of SHM, we get,

$$\text{Numerically, } \frac{d\ddot{y}}{dt} = -\omega^2 y$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{(d^2y/dt^2)}{y}}$$

$$\therefore \omega = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Acceleration}}{\text{displacement}}}$$

$$\text{Again, we know, } T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$= 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{Acceleration}}}$$

Calculate the average kinetic energy of a body executing simple harmonic motion.

Ans: The displacement of vibrating particle is given by

$$y = a \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\therefore v = \frac{dy}{dt} = a\omega \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$$

If ~~is~~ m is the mass of the particle, the kinetic energy at any instant

$$K.E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m a^2 \omega^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \alpha)$$

The average K.E of the particle in one complete vibration.

Average,

$$K.E = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} m a^2 \omega^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \alpha) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \frac{m a^2 \omega^2}{4} \int_0^T 2 \cos^2(\omega t + \alpha) dt$$

$$= \frac{m a^2 \omega^2}{4T} \int_0^T (1 + \cos 2(\omega t + \alpha)) dt$$

$$= \frac{m a^2 \omega^2}{4T} \left[\int_0^T dt + \int_0^T \cos 2(\omega t + \alpha) dt \right]$$

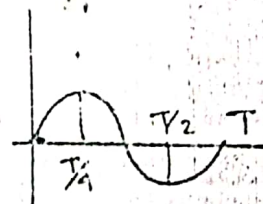
$$= \frac{m a^2 \omega^2}{4T} \cdot T + 0$$

$$\left[\text{here, } \int_0^T \cos 2(\omega t + \alpha) dt = 0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{m a^2 \omega^2}{4T} T$$

$$[\omega = 2\pi n]$$

$$= m \pi^2 a^2 n^2$$



Where,

$$m \omega^2 = \text{constant}$$

a = amplitude

n = frequency of particle.

\therefore Average K.E \propto a constant $\cdot a^2$ [Here, $m \omega^2 n^2 = \text{constant}$]

Average \therefore K.E $\propto a^2$ (proved)

Q] Calculate the total energy of a body executing simple harmonic motion. or show that the total energy at any instant is constant.

Ans: The displacement of a particle executing simple harmonic motion is

$$y = a \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\omega t + \alpha) = \frac{y}{a}$$

$$\text{Again, } \cos(\omega t + \alpha) = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(\omega t + \alpha)}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{a^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{a^2 - y^2}{a^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - y^2}}{a}$$

Velocity of the particle,

$$\begin{aligned}v &= \frac{dy}{dt} \\&= \frac{d}{dt} (a \sin(\omega t + \alpha)) \\&= \omega a \cos(\omega t + \alpha) \\&= \omega \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}\end{aligned}$$

The kinetic energy of instant displacement is

$$\begin{aligned}K.E &= \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \\&= \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 (a^2 - y^2)\end{aligned}$$

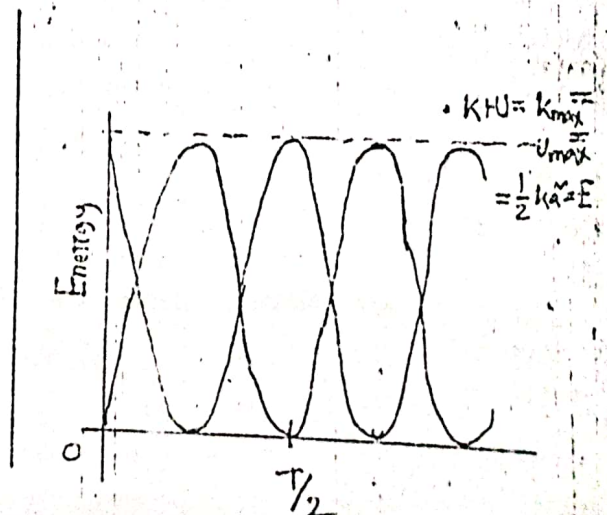
potential energy of the vibrating particle is the amount of work done over coming the force through a displacement y .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Acceleration} &= -\omega^2 y \\ \text{force} &= -m\omega^2 y\end{aligned}$$

potential energy for a displacement dy is, $dE_p = -F dy$

\therefore Total amount of potential energy for a displacement y is

$$\begin{aligned}P.E &= \int_0^y m\omega^2 y \, dy \\&= m\omega^2 \int_0^y y \, dy \\&= m\omega^2 \left[\frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^y \\&= \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 y^2\end{aligned}$$



∴ Total Energy,

$$E_T = K.E + P.E$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 (a^2 - y^2) + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 y^2$$

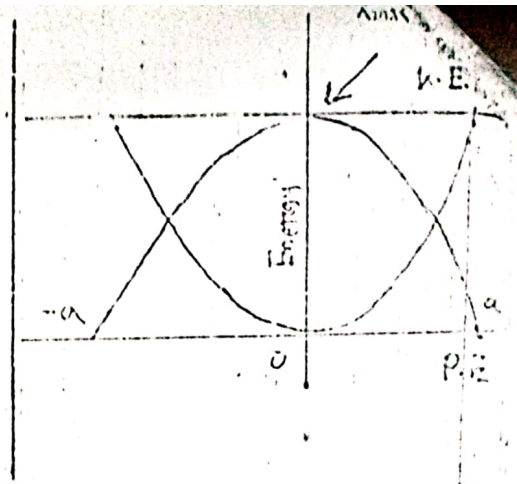
$$= \frac{1}{2} m a^2 \omega^2$$

$$\boxed{E_T = \frac{1}{2} m a^2 \omega^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m a^2 4\pi^2 n^2$$

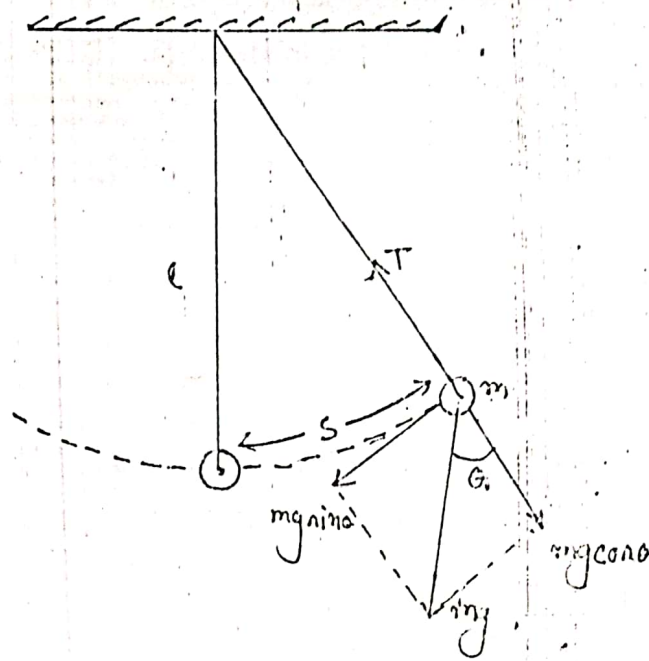
$$\boxed{E_T = 2\pi^2 a^2 n^2 m}$$

$$[\because \omega = 2\pi n]$$



As the average kinetic energy of the vibrating particle is $\frac{1}{2} m a^2 n^2$, and the average potential energy is $\frac{1}{2} m a^2 n^2$, so the total energy at any instant is a constant.

Show that the motion of a pendulum is SHM.



Let the mass of the bob be m and the length of the string be l . The path of the bob is not a straight line. The necessary condition for the motion to be simple harmonic is that the restoring force F shall be directly proportional to the co-ordinates and oppositely directed. i.e.

$$F = -kx$$

where k is the force constant.

The weight (mg) is resolved into components along the radius and along the tangent to the circle. The restoring force F is

$$F = -mg \sin \theta.$$

However, if the angle θ is small, $\sin \theta$ is very nearly equal to θ . i.e. $\sin \theta \approx \theta$.

$$F = -mg \theta.$$

$$\Rightarrow F = -mg \frac{s}{l} \quad \left[\because \theta = \frac{s}{l} \right]$$

$$\therefore F = -\frac{mg}{l} \cdot s \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Again, we know, $F = ma$, $a = \text{tangential acceleration}$

$$\Rightarrow F = m \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} \quad \text{--- (ii)} = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$$

From equation (i) and (ii) we get,

$$m \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = -\frac{mg}{l} \cdot s$$

$$\Rightarrow m \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} + \frac{mg}{l} \cdot s = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{l} \cdot s = 0$$

Which is similar to the equation $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + \omega^2 y = 0$, so the motion of a pendulum is SHM.