



Precalculus

Topic: Modeling Harmonic Motion

Instructions

Solve the following problems related to modeling harmonic motion. Show all work clearly and check your solutions.

Practice Problems

1. Write the equation for simple harmonic motion:

- (i) A mass attached to a spring oscillates with an amplitude of 5 cm and a period of 2 seconds. Write the equation modeling its motion, assuming the initial displacement is 0 and the initial velocity is 0.
- (ii) A pendulum swings with a maximum displacement of 3 meters and a period of 4 seconds. Write the equation for its motion assuming it starts from its maximum displacement.
- (iii) A tuning fork vibrates with a frequency of 512 Hz and an amplitude of 2 mm. Write the equation for its motion assuming the initial displacement is 0.

2. Determine the amplitude, period, and phase shift:

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| (i) $y(t) = 6 \sin \left(2\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$ | (iii) $y(t) = 5 \sin \left(4\pi t + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$ |
| (ii) $y(t) = 3 \cos \left(\pi t + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$ | (iv) $y(t) = 7 \cos \left(6\pi t - \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$ |

3. Solve for the following based on the harmonic motion equation:

- (i) The period of the function $y(t) = 2 \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{3} t \right)$

- (ii) The amplitude and period of the function $y(t) = 4 \cos(\pi t + 2)$
- (iii) The phase shift of the function $y(t) = 5 \sin(6t - \frac{\pi}{4})$
- (iv) The amplitude and phase shift of the function $y(t) = 3 \cos(2t + \frac{\pi}{6})$

4. Given the equation of motion, determine the displacement at a specific time:

- (i) Find the displacement at $t = 2$ seconds for the motion modeled by $y(t) = 10 \cos(2\pi t)$
- (ii) Find the displacement at $t = 3$ seconds for the motion modeled by $y(t) = 7 \cos(2\pi t + \frac{\pi}{4})$
- (iii) Find the displacement at $t = 5$ seconds for the motion modeled by $y(t) = 2 \sin(4\pi t - \frac{\pi}{3})$

5. Given the period of harmonic motion, calculate the frequency and angular frequency:

- (i) If the period of the motion is 4 seconds, calculate the frequency and angular frequency.
- (ii) If the period of the motion is 2 seconds, calculate the frequency and angular frequency.
- (iii) If the period of the motion is $\frac{\pi}{2}$ seconds, calculate the frequency and angular frequency.

Multiple-Choice Questions

1. What is the period of the function $y(t) = 5 \sin(6t)$?

A. $\frac{\pi}{3}$	C. $\frac{\pi}{2}$
B. 2	D. 1
2. What is the amplitude of the function $y(t) = 3 \cos(4t - \frac{\pi}{3})$?

A. 3	C. 2
B. 4	D. 5
3. What is the phase shift of the function $y(t) = 2 \sin(3t + \frac{\pi}{4})$?

A. $-\frac{\pi}{4}$	C. $-\frac{\pi}{2}$
B. $\frac{\pi}{4}$	D. $\frac{\pi}{2}$