

87. ORGANIZE AND PLAN The peak force exerted by a spring on a mass in a SHO is attained when the displacement from equilibrium is at its maximum:

$$F_m = -kA$$

If we know the peak force and the amplitude of the oscillation we can deduce the spring constant in a

straight-forward manner $k = \frac{F_m}{A}$

Given a known oscillation frequency we can deduce the effective mass as follows:

$$2\pi f = \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \rightarrow 4\pi^2 f^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

Isolating for mass:

$$m = \frac{k}{4\pi^2 f^2}$$

The wrinkle in this problem is the units. The unit $\text{pN} = 10^{-12} \text{ N}$ while the unit $\text{nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ m}$.

SOLVE Plugging in numbers with mks units:

The inferred spring constant is $k = \frac{10^{-12} \text{ N}}{15 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = 6.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N/m}$

The effective mass is

$$m = \frac{6.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N/m}}{4\pi^2 (70 \text{ Hz})^2} = 3.4 \times 10^{-10} \text{ kg}$$

$$m = \frac{k}{4\pi^2 f^2}$$

REFLECT The mass of a single hydrogen atom is roughly $2 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ so the effective mass is well beyond the single atom limit. The effective mass is equivalent to approximately 10^{17} hydrogen atoms.

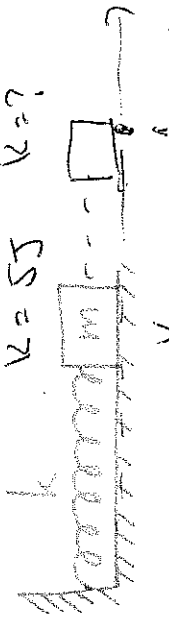
33. A particle is in simple harmonic motion along the x axis. The amplitude of the motion is A . At one point in its motion its kinetic energy is $K = 5\text{J}$ and its potential energy is $U = 3\text{J}$. When it is at $x = A$

the kinetic and potential energies are:

- 1) $K = 5\text{J}$ and $U = 3\text{J}$
- 2) $K = 5\text{J}$ and $U = -3\text{J}$
- 3) $K = 8\text{J}$ and $U = 0$
- 4) $K = 0$ and $U = 8\text{J}$
- 5) $K = 0$ and $U = -8\text{J}$

$$U = 3\text{J} \quad U = ?$$

$$K = 5\text{J} \quad K = ?$$



$$E = K + U = 5\text{J} + 3\text{J} = 8\text{J} = \text{const}$$

$$\text{at } x = x_m, \quad v = 0 \Rightarrow K = 0\text{J}$$

$$8\text{J} \text{ at } x = x_m, \quad U = 8\text{J}$$

Ans: 4

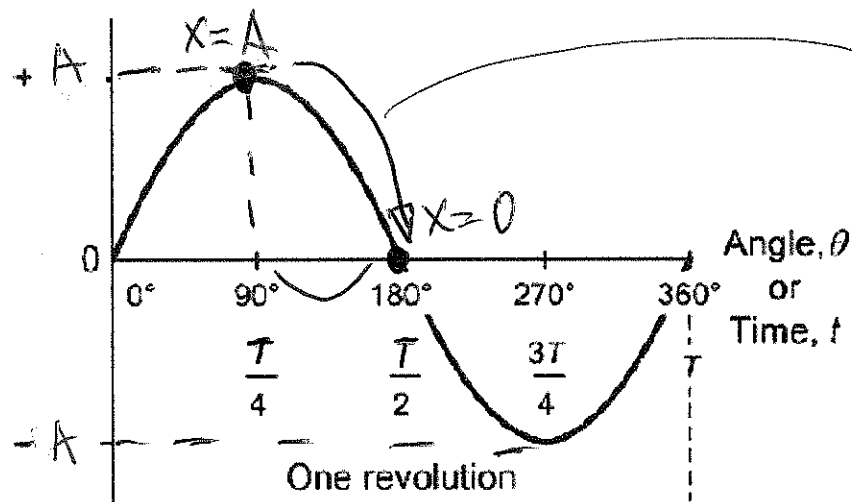
Quiz 2

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The position, x , of a simple harmonic oscillator with period $T = 12$ sec is

$$x = A \cos(\omega.t) = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}.t\right)$$

Find the time it takes the oscillator to go from $x = A$ to $x = 0$.



The time it takes an oscillator to go from the maximum displacement $x = A$ back to the same position at $x = A$ is one period T . The time it takes to go from

$$x = A \rightarrow -A \text{ is } t_{1/2} = \frac{T}{2}$$

Because the motion about the $x = 0$ position is symmetrical in time, the time point of the zero displacement lies halfway between the maximum positive displacement and the maximum negative displacement which is

$$t = \frac{T}{4}$$

So if $T = 12$ sec then $t = 3$ sec