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Lec.2: Energy considerations in harmonic motion

Energy Considerations in Harmonic Motion:-

Let us calculate the work W done by an external force (F_a) in moving the particle from the equilibrium position ($x=0$) to some position x .

applied force
القوة المطبقة

$$F_a = -F = +kx$$

$$W = \int_0^x F_a dx = \int_0^x (kx) dx = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

The work W is stored in the spring as potential energy

$$V(x) = W = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

restoring force
القوة استرجاعية

$$F = -\frac{dV}{dx} = -kx$$

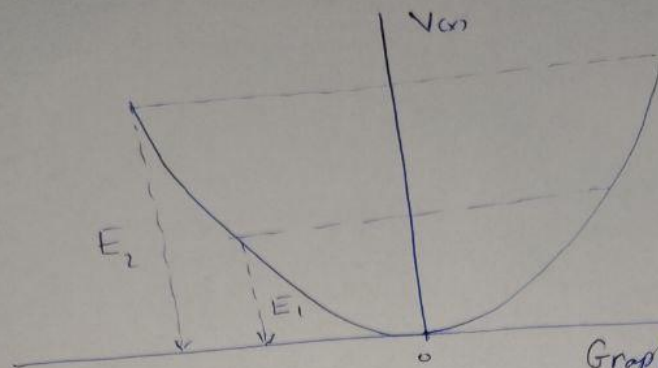
$$\text{Total energy } E = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

$$\dot{x} = \left(\frac{2E}{m} - \frac{k}{m} x^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{velocity as a function of displacement}$$

Integrate to obtain t as a function of x

$$t = \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\frac{2E}{m} - \frac{k}{m} x^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{A} \right) + C$$

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{k}}, \quad C \text{ is constant of integration.}$$



Graph of the potential energy function of H.O

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

When $x = 0$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\max}^2$$

When $\dot{x} = 0$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} kA^2$$

From the energy eq.

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\max}^2 = \frac{1}{2} kA^2$$

$$\text{or } v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} A = \omega_0 A$$