

$$x(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi_0)$$

University Physics 226N/231N Old Dominion University Starting Oscillatory Motion (Chap 13)

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Dave and Shankar and Audience Participation!

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Monday November 5, 2012 (Continued on Wednesday w/Dr. Godunov)

Happy Birthday to William Daniel Phillips (Nobel 1997, laser slowing), Famke Janssen, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox!

Happy National Donut Day and Guy Fawkes Night!

Get your quizzes/midterm back from Dave!

More questions added to this week's homework today

Next exam and HW journal due: The Monday before Thanksgiving!



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Review: Conditions for Static Equilibrium

- A system in static equilibrium undergoes no angular or linear acceleration.
 - Basically Newton's first law
 - Hint: A system that is moving at constant velocity is still in equilibrium since its linear and angular accelerations are zero!

- The conditions for static equilibrium are

- No net force:
$$\sum_i \vec{F}_i = \vec{0}$$

- No net torque:
$$\sum_i \vec{\tau} = \sum_i \vec{r}_i \times \vec{F}_i = \vec{0}$$

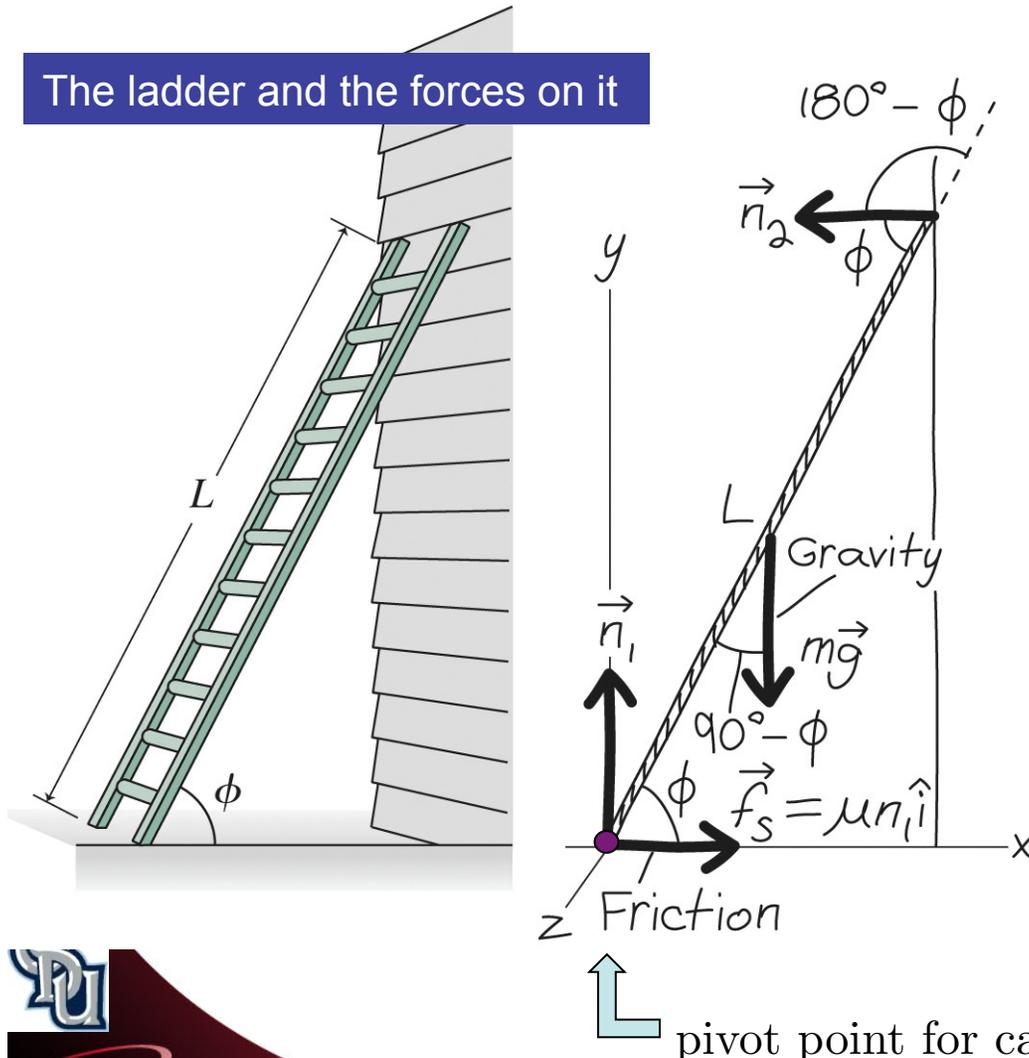
- Torques can be evaluated about **any** convenient pivot point
 - Hint: Eliminate extra (even extraneous) unknown forces from torque equation by choosing pivot point on line of that unknown force



Review Example: A Leaning Ladder

- At what angle will a leaning ladder slip?

The ladder and the forces on it



Forces in both directions sum to zero:

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow \mu n_1 - n_2 = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow n_1 - mg = 0$$

Torques are all perpendicular to the plane of the page, so there is only one torque equation:

$$\sum \tau = 0$$

$$Ln_2 \sin(180^\circ - \phi) - \frac{L}{2} mg \cos \phi = 0$$

$$Ln_2 \sin(\phi) - \frac{L}{2} mg \cos \phi = 0$$

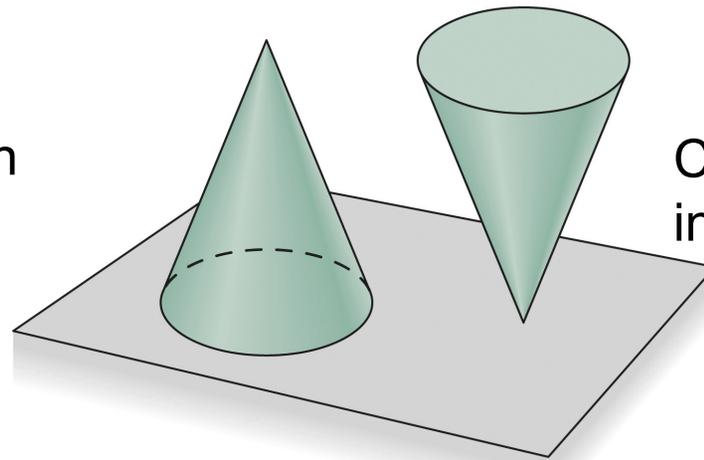
Solve the three dotted boxed equations to get

$$\tan \phi = \frac{1}{2\mu}$$

Stability

- An equilibrium is **stable** if a slight disturbance (a “perturbation”) from equilibrium results in forces and/or torques that tend to restore the equilibrium.
- An equilibrium is **unstable** if a slight disturbance causes the system to move away from the original equilibrium.

Cone on its base is in **stable equilibrium**



Cone balanced on its tip is in **unstable equilibrium**

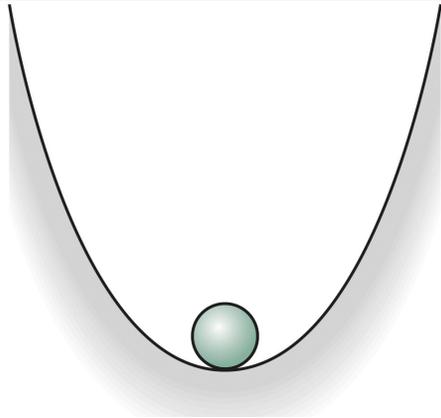


Meter stick balanced on finger is in unstable equilibrium...

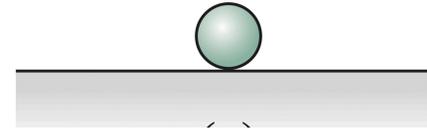
Leaning ladder could be in stable or unstable equilibrium



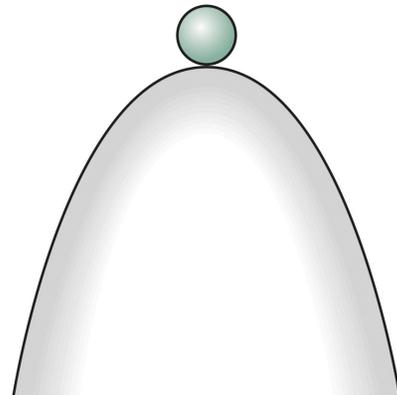
Kinds of Stability



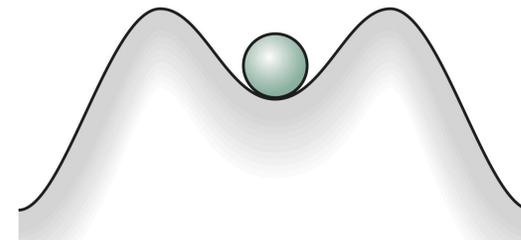
Stable equilibrium: perturbed ball will return to equilibrium



Neutrally stable equilibrium: no forces push the ball back into equilibrium **or** away from it



Unstable equilibrium: perturbed ball will move away from its original equilibrium

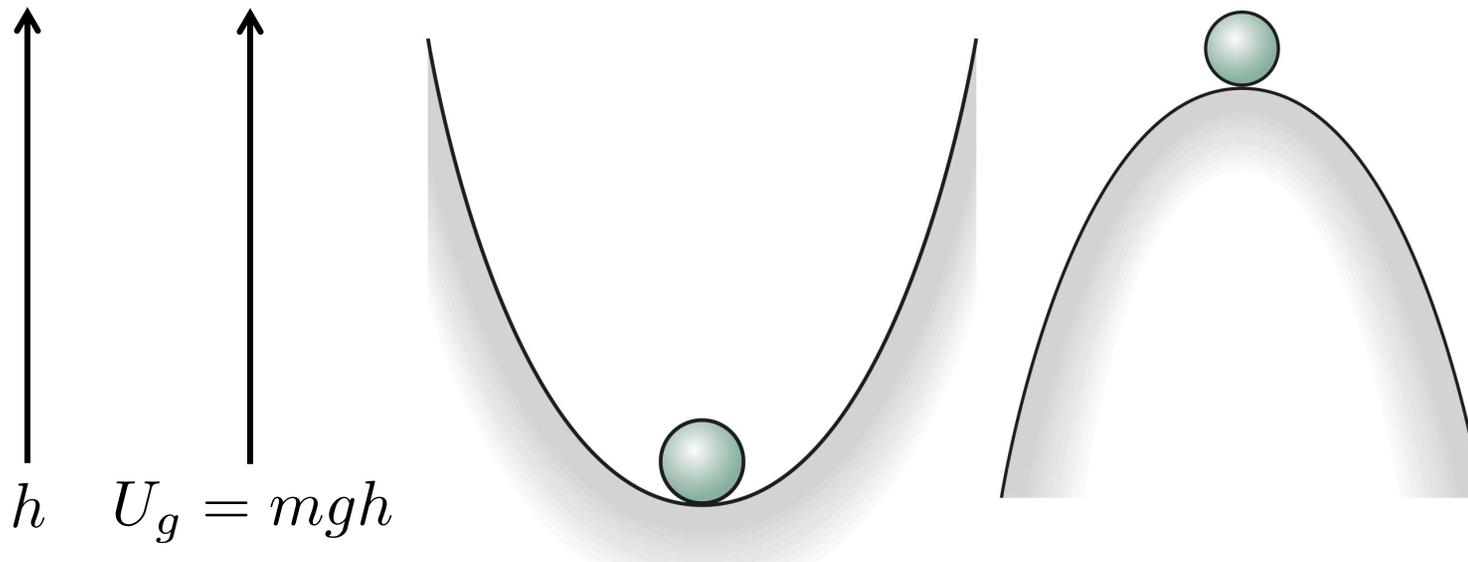


Metastable or conditionally stable equilibrium: ball returns for small disturbances, but not for large ones



Conditions for Equilibrium and Stability

- To be in equilibrium, there must be zero net force on an object.
 - The object must be at a maximum or minimum of its **potential energy curve** (like on top of a hill or bottom of a well)



- But move off this maximum or minimum and the ball will experience a force
 - This force always pushes the ball **downhill** in these pictures
 - In general, an object moving on a potential energy curve feels a force that is proportional to the curve's **slope** or **derivative** $F = dU/dx$



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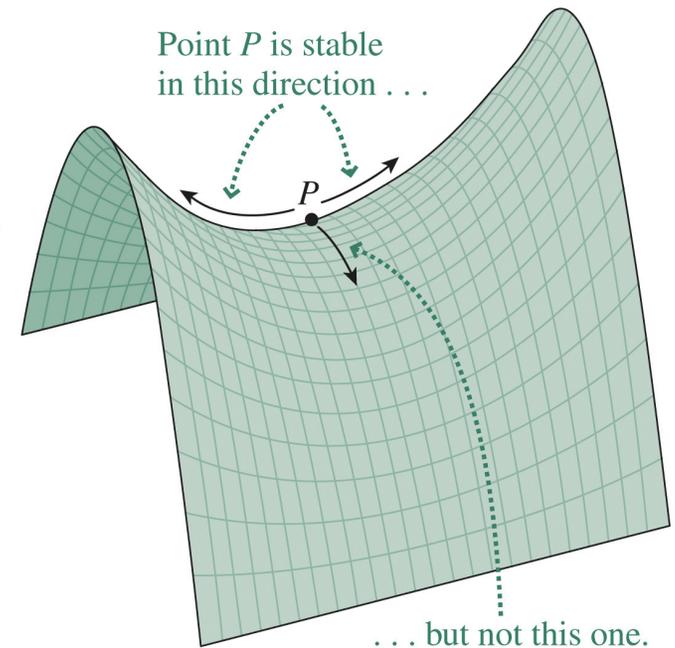
- For stable equilibrium, the object must be at a minimum:

$$\frac{d^2U}{dx^2} > 0 \quad (\text{stable equilibrium})$$

- The condition for unstable equilibrium is

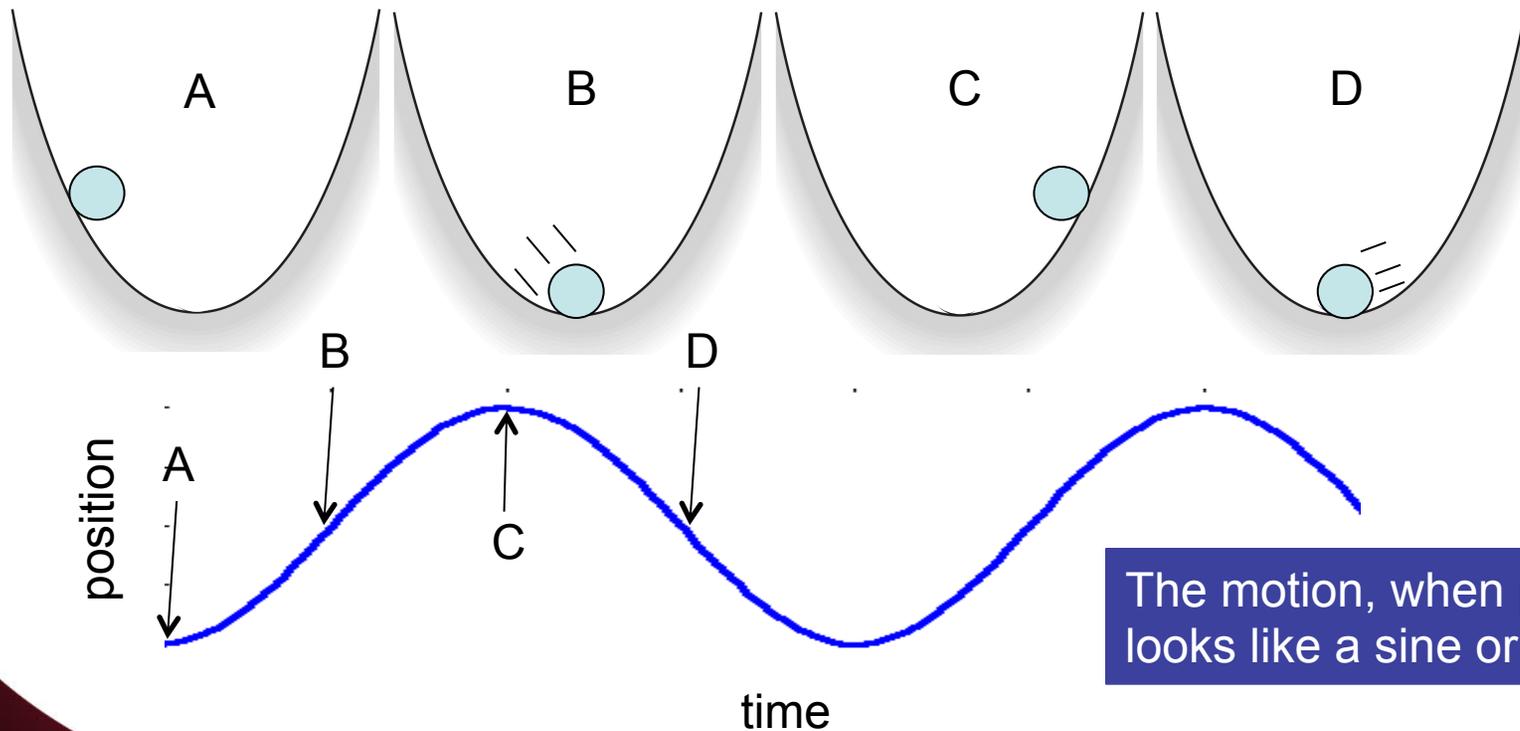
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- In two and three dimensions, an object can be stable in one direction but not another.

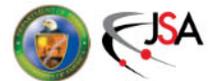


Simple Harmonic Motion

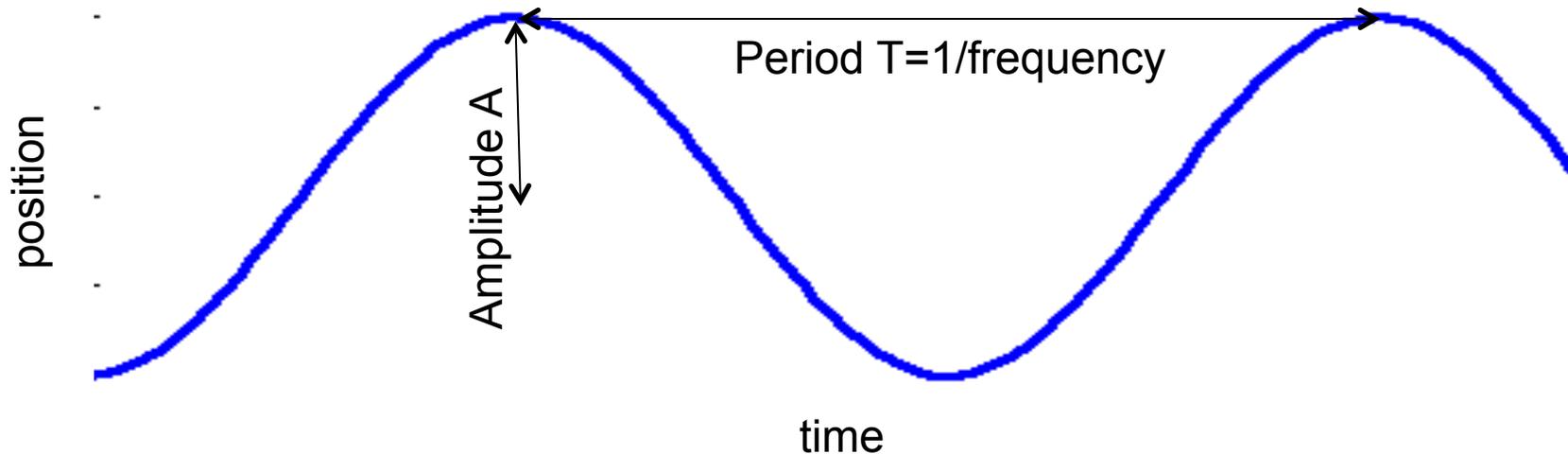
- Objects in small motions around a stable equilibrium point are ubiquitous in physics and engineering – they're everywhere!
 - In these problems, the **restoring force is proportional to displacement from the equilibrium point $x=0$** : $F = -kx$
 - Negative sign is there because the direction of the force F is opposite to the object's displacement x from equilibrium (at $x=0$)



The motion, when plotted, looks like a sine or cosine!

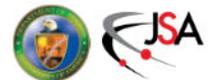


Period, Frequency, Amplitude, Phase



- We use standard terms to describe sine- and cosine-like curves
 - **Amplitude** A is the height of the curve below and above zero.
 - Amplitude has the same units as position
 - **Period** T is the time the curve takes for one oscillation
 - **Frequency** $f=1/T$ (in units of Hz where 1 Hz is 1 cycle/s)
 - **Angular frequency** ω is often used where $\omega=2\pi f$
 - **Phase** ϕ_0 is phase of the curve at the time $t=0$
 - Then the periodic motion here is written as

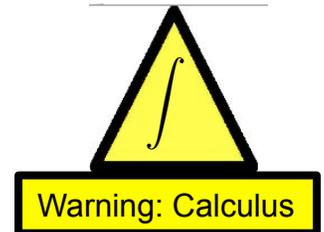
$$x = A \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) = A \sin(2\pi f t + \phi_0) = A \sin(2\pi t/T + \phi_0)$$



Simple Harmonic Motion: Springs

- Wait, that force back there looked familiar... $F = -kx$
 - That's just **the restoring force of a spring**
 - We also know Newton's 2nd law:

$$F = ma = m \frac{dv}{dt} = m \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)$$



- Set these equal and guess that the solution looks like a general sine or cosine-like function

$$x(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi_0)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A\omega \cos(\omega t + \phi_0) \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) = -A\omega^2 \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) = -\omega^2 x(t)$$



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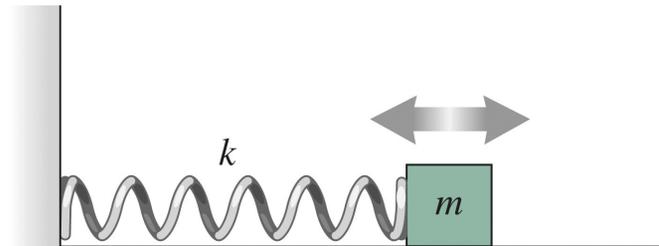
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$$F = -kx = m(-\omega^2 x) \Rightarrow$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

- This is the frequency of oscillations of a mass attached to a stretched spring



Tangible: Play with Springs!

http://phet.colorado.edu/sims/mass-spring-lab/mass-spring-lab_en.html

The screenshot shows the PhET Mass Spring Lab simulation interface. On the left, a vertical ruler is marked from 0 to 50 cm. Three springs, labeled 1, 2, and 3, are shown. Spring 1 has a 100 gram mass attached. A dashed horizontal line indicates the equilibrium position for all three springs. Below the springs, there are three mass hangers: a 100 gram mass, a 250 gram mass, and a 50 gram mass. A stopwatch shows a time of 00:00:59. A control panel on the right includes a 'friction' slider set to 'none', a 'softness spring 3' slider set to 'soft', and a 'Show Energy of' section with radio buttons for '1', '2', '3', and 'No show'. There are also radio buttons for 'real time', '1/4 time', '1/16 time', and 'pause', and a 'Show Help' button. A bar chart at the bottom right shows energy levels for 'total E', 'KE', 'PEgrav', 'Thermal', and 'Eelas'. The PhET logo is in the bottom right corner of the simulation area.

Turn off friction

Hang weights and time period T , frequency f , ang freq ω
How can you measure k for each spring?

