

Answer on Question #77240, Physics / Other

a) A particle undergoes simple harmonic motion with an angular velocity of 5 rad s^{-1} and an amplitude of 50 cm. If it starts with maximum forward amplitude at $t = 0$, find:

- i) the displacement at $t = 10 \text{ s}$;
- ii) the acceleration at $t = 6 \text{ s}$.
- iii) the velocity at $t = 2 \text{ s}$.

Solution:

In one-dimensional simple harmonic motion, the position of the particle can be found by

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$$

Here

$$A = 50 \text{ cm} = 0.5 \text{ m},$$

$$\omega = 5 \text{ rad/s},$$

i) The displacement at $t = 10 \text{ s}$ is

$$x(10) = 0.5 \times \cos(5 \times 10) = 0.482 \text{ m}$$

ii) The acceleration is the 2nd derivative of $x(t)$, or

$$a(t) = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t)$$

$$a(6) = -0.5 \times 5^2 \times \cos(5 \times 6) = -10.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

iii) The velocity is the 1st derivative, or

$$v(t) = -A\omega \sin(\omega t)$$

$$v(2) = -0.5 \times 5 \times \cos(5 \times 2) = -2.46 \text{ m/s}$$

Answer: 0.482 m ; -10.8 m/s^2 ; -2.46 m/s .

b) i) A 5 kg mass undergoes simple harmonic motion on a spring with a force constant of 70 Nm^{-1} . If the amplitude is 3 m, calculate the maximum velocity.

Solution:

The angular velocity is

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{70}{5}} = 3.74 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

The maximum values of velocity is

$$v_{\max} = \omega A = 3.74 \times 3 = 11.2 \text{ m/s}$$

Answer: 11.2 m/s .

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