

Waves and Motions : Simple Harmonic Motion- Part II

Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM) is climax of mechanics and as one ascends in complexity of problems and attempts to solve them it becomes integral part of not only other branches of physics but every observation of life. Philosophically also life is a cycle having two nodes birth and death.

Such a realization of universality of SHM occurs only when one attempts to answer questions beyond mere application of formulae. One would reveal oscillation is inherent to every system and SHM is the most fundamental to it.

Solving typical problems on a gradual degree of complexity helps to build power of visualization of concepts that are essential in understanding a problem/n observation and evolving solution/answer. At this stage simpler calculations are being skipped in elaboration, with a hope that reader would be able to decipher intermediate steps..

Competitive examinations and more particularly in real life rarely expose to problems solved. Yet ability to solve such problems one groomed, it enhances competence to handle unknown problems speedily and correctly with a greater degree of clarity and confidence, an essential attribute of thought process needed for success in life.

Mentors' Manual is one of the dimensions of the Gyan Vigyan Sarita through which efforts are being made to reach out to remote teachers through our experience of mentoring unprivileged children who are disconnected from us by virtue of multiple barriers. Direct interaction has been possible through Interactive Online Mentoring Sessions (IOMS) a working model of connecting unprivileged children in a selfless manner. This experience is being disseminated to the teachers spread out by writing of chapters of an open source Mentors' Manual. Simple Harmonic Motion is First of the Three parts of chapter Three covering Sound and Optics..

Science is a subject not to learn but a matter of realization through experiments and its visualization in surrounding. Every student is not equipped either to conduct experiment or an environment for visualization of science in his surroundings. This is where simulation is a technique to verify the concepts and study effect of variation in parameters related to the concept. There are various simulalition tools leading to virtual laboratories.

India, growing digital, provides optimism to every student to be able to have an access to virtual laboratory, where without any physical laboratory, involving consumption of equipment and material, it is possible to carry out experiments in an e-environment. There are some excellent videos available on the web either free or on price which provide an experiences of kind in simulation of the concepts, The only problem with this is of sequencing and scaling of concepts and selection of an appropriate video out of a big list of search results. But, it is neither possible

nor affordable for a student to first make a survey to select most suitable video and then view it for gaining proficiency in the concepts.

It creates a question, can one wait for suitable virtual labs to become available to each student to gain proficiency in concepts? Definitely not! then the only way to get going on acquiring proficiency in concepts and their applications, soon after learning them, is solving problems of variety. This is a key, have patience and perseverance, to acquire proficiency without consumption of any other resource except time which is available with students. All that they miss is the direction in which they can deploy their efforts. Problem solving in mathematics and physics is inevitable to gain necessary proficiency.

Here, Question Banks include problems from various sources and they are being supported with illustrations. These are not just solutions but an attempt to bring home use of basics involved in solving a problem. In an effort to compile problem there some good text books including those authored by Prof. H.C. Verma and a team of authors Robert Resnick, David Halliday and Kenneth S. Krane and many more. Questions in these books are graded and authors have attempted to incorporate all concepts covered in the book. Thus it necessitates a student to read each chapter carefully before taking up questions.

In the illustrations to the problems, supported with each question bank, some student may find them to be a bit lengthy and dwelling into basics more than what one requires. Since it targets students, who are in abundance, not directly connected to us, patience of well versed students is requested. Few question with their illustrations are drawn from the set-1, on Waves and Motion : Simple Harmonic Motion, covering and appended here. The complete set of 50 questions is being uploaded as a free web-resource.

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