Physics 1B • Worksheet 2 Solutions

- 1. The amplitude is 5 [cm], so $x_{\min} = x_0 A = 15$ [cm]
- 2. Energy is conserved, so $1/2kA^2 = 1/2mv^2$, or $v = \omega A = 2\pi f A = 0.44$ [m]
- 3. $v = \omega r$, so $\omega = v/r = 114$ [rad/s]
- 4. $v = dx/dt = -A \exp(-\lambda t) [\lambda \cos(\omega t) + \omega \sin(\omega t)] \hat{x}$
- 5. $K = mv^2/2 = mA^2 \cos^2(\omega t) \exp(-2\lambda t)/2$
- 6. If the motion is uniform, then there is no change in velocity after one cycle, so the work is 0:

$$W = \int_{\ell} F \cdot d\ell = \int_{\ell} -\frac{mv^2}{r} \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r}_{\perp} \, d\ell = -\frac{mv^2}{r} \int_{\ell} \cos(\pi/2) \, d\ell = -\frac{mv^2}{r} \int_{\ell} 0 \, d\ell = 0$$

- 7. Using energy conservation $kA^2/2 = kx_0^2/2 + mv_0^2/2$, or $A = \sqrt{(kx_0^2 + mv_0^2)/k}$
- 8. $v = dx/dt = A\omega \cos(\text{stuff that ranges from } -\pi \text{ to } \pi)$, so $v_{\text{max}} = A\omega$, or see (2)
- 9. $K = mv^2/2 = m^2v^2/2m = p^2/2m$
- 10. $T = 1/f = 2\pi/\omega = 2\pi\sqrt{\ell/g} \approx 2\sqrt{\ell}$, so $\ell = 1/4$, and we demand m > 0 and $\theta > 0$
- 11. Forces balance so ky mg = 0, or with $y = \ell \ell_0$, $\ell \ell_0 = mg/k$. Subsequent oscillations are:

$$y(t) = \ell + (\ell_0 - \ell) \cos(\sqrt{k/m} t)$$

12. F = ma and $F = -kx - ax^3$, so $m\ddot{x} + 0\dot{x} + (k + ax^2)x = 0$, which is a nonlinear differential equation 13. Use the method of characteristic equations:

$$F = ma = -kx - bv$$
$$m\lambda^{2} + b\lambda + k = 0$$
$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2} - 4mk}}{2m}$$
$$x(t) = \alpha_{+}e^{\lambda_{+}t} + \alpha_{-}e^{\lambda_{-}t}$$

With initial conditions:

$$\alpha_{+} + \alpha_{-} = 0$$

$$\alpha_{+}\lambda_{+} + \alpha_{-}\lambda_{-} = 1$$

$$\alpha_{+} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{+} - \lambda_{-}}; \qquad \alpha_{-} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{-} - \lambda_{-}}$$

14. As $\omega_d \to \omega$, $(k - m\omega_d) \to 0$, so if b is small, the amplitude of oscillations may become (catastrophically) large 15. $\omega_d = 2\pi f_d = 2\pi 120/60 = 4\pi$, with $g \approx 10$, $F_d = mg = 40 \cdot 60 \cdot 10$, so:

$$A = \frac{2400}{\sqrt{(10^6 - 10^5 (4\pi)^2)^2 + (4\pi \ 10^4)^2}} = 0.000162 \text{ [m]}$$