

7. Consider a particle moving in simple harmonic motion according to the equation

$$x = 2.0 \cos(50 \pi t + \tan^{-1} 0.75)$$

where x is in centimetre and t in second. The motion is started at $t = 0$. (a) When does the particle come to rest for the first time ? (b) When does the acceleration have its maximum magnitude for the first time ? (c) When does the particle come to rest for the second time ?

SOLUTION:

(a) finding when particle comes to rest.

i.e. velocity = 0.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v = -2 \times 50\pi \sin(50\pi t + \tan^{-1}(0.75)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(50\pi t + \tan^{-1}(0.75)) = 0$$

So, $\sin x = 0$ when $x = \pm n\pi$

Since 't' cannot be negative, so taking +ve values.

$$50\pi t + \tan^{-1}(0.75) = n\pi$$

We need to find minimum 't', so taking

$n=1$ of for $n=0$, t becomes -ve.

$$50\pi t + \tan^{-1}(0.75) = \pi$$

$$t = \frac{\pi - \tan^{-1}(0.75)}{50\pi} = 0.0158$$

$$\approx 1.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ sec.}$$

(b) acceleration max for first time

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -2 \times 50\pi \times 50\pi \cos(50\pi t + \tan^{-1}(0.75)) = 0$$

So, for a_{\max} , we need $\cos x = \pm 1$

and for minimum value $x=0$ of here $t < 0$

$$\text{so, } x = \pi$$

$$\text{i.e. } 50\pi t + \tan^{-1}(0.75) = \pi$$

$$t = \frac{\pi - \tan^{-1}(0.75)}{50\pi} = 1.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ sec}$$

So, when particle comes to rest $\{v=0\}$ acceleration is max.

(c) for second time rest,
from (a), we have

$$50\pi t + \tan^{-1}(0.75) = n\pi$$

here $n=2$. { first time $n=1$ }

so,

$$t = \frac{2\pi - \tan^{-1}(0.75)}{50\pi} = 0.0358$$

$$\approx 3.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ sec.}$$

Second way:

After first rest, we know that particle will rest again after $\frac{T}{2}$

$$\text{so, } T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \quad \text{where } \omega = 50\pi \text{ (from equation)}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{50\pi} \Rightarrow 2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ sec}$$

$$\text{so, } \frac{T}{2} = 2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ sec.}$$

$$\text{so, final answer} = T_{\text{first time rest}} + \frac{T}{2}$$

$$= 1.6 \times 10^{-2} + 2 \times 10^{-2} = 3.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ sec.}$$

