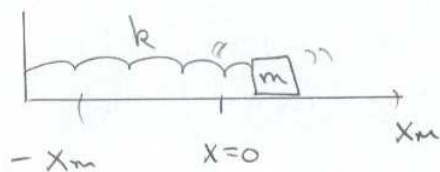


Let's go back to our Simple Harmonic Oscillator (SHO):

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we found: $x(t) = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$,

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

so $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$,

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

∴ $f = \frac{1}{T}$ gives us

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

★ This is another property of a SHO:

f is independent of _____.

So now we have ANOTHER method to find an object's inertial mass.



Measure T ∴ k to find m :

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

so $m = \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} k$