

Energy of Harmonic Oscillator

The kinetic energy of system is given by $T = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2$ The potential energy of system is given by

$$V = -\int F dx = -\int -kx dx = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 + c \text{ we have initial condition as } x = 0, V = 0 \text{ so } c = 0$$

So potential energy is given by $V = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

Total energy $E = T + V = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$ where $k = m\omega^2$ so $E = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$

$x = A \cos(\omega t + \delta)$ then the velocity is given by $\dot{x} = -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \delta)$

Total energy is given by $E = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \delta) + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \delta) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2$

We can see total energy of harmonic oscillator is constant

So, one can write $\frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 A^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

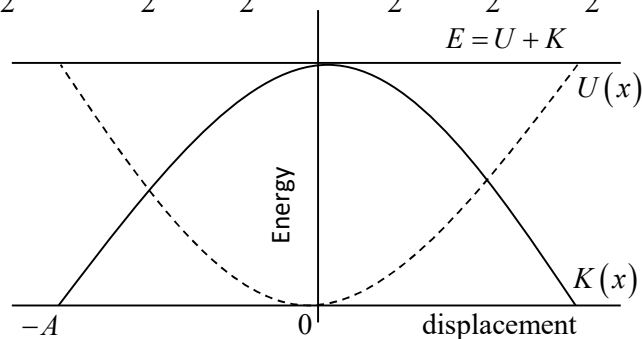
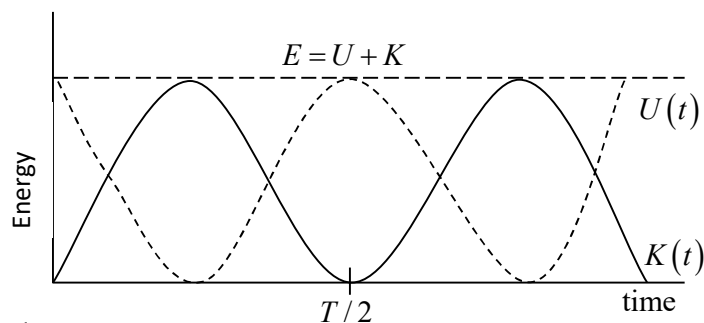


Figure: - Energy Diagram



Time average of potential energy

$$\langle V \rangle = \frac{\int_0^T V(t) dt}{\int_0^T dt} = \frac{\int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} \frac{1}{2} kx^2 dt}{\int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} dt} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} kA^2 \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} \cos^2(\omega t + \delta) dt}{\int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} dt} = \frac{1}{4} kA^2$$

Time average of kinetic energy

$$\langle T \rangle = \frac{\int_0^T T(t) dt}{\int_0^T dt} = \frac{\int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} \frac{1}{2} m\dot{x}^2 dt}{\int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} dt} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 A^2 \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} \sin^2(\omega t + \delta) dt}{\int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{\omega}} dt} = \frac{1}{4} m\omega^2 A^2 = \frac{1}{2} kA^2$$

Time average of total energy

$$\langle E \rangle = \langle T \rangle + \langle V \rangle = \frac{1}{4} kA^2 + \frac{1}{4} kA^2 = \frac{1}{2} kA^2$$

The expression for power of damped harmonic oscillator can be written as follows

$$\langle E \rangle = \langle T \rangle + \langle V \rangle = \frac{1}{4} kA^2 + \frac{1}{4} kA^2 = \frac{1}{2} kA^2$$