

# Ch. 15 Oscillatory Motion

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~~motion~~ — back & forth motion.

More ~~generally~~, any motion that repeats

— it can repeat exactly

or approximately

↖ on ideal at the macro level.

— more nearly so at the micro level in Q.M.

if the motion repeats in equal or

nearly equal time periods (which usual for oscillation & though not always true)

then it is periodic

or approximately periodic.

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~~Not~~  $F = ma$

& the linear force  
on linear restoring  
force  
on spring force  
on Hooke's law force  
on simple-harmonic  
oscillator force.

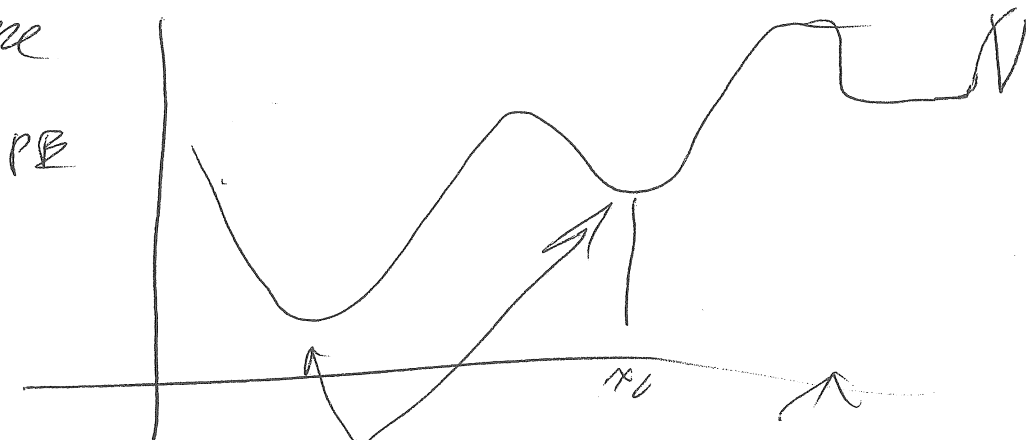
1-d only in this chapter

$$F = -kx$$

it is a conservative  
force

$$PE = \frac{1}{2} k x^2 \text{ is its PE}$$

PE landscape



Many PE minima  
which are stable  
equilibria are approximately

~~PE = 1/2 kx^2~~

$$PE = \frac{1}{2}k(x - x_0)^2 + PE_0$$

In fact nearly all, except those that are flat-bottomed

or  
kinked.



a Taylor's series expansion of PE around a minimum has 1st order term zero because the point is a minimum

$$PE = PE_0$$

$$+ 0$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}(x-x_0)^2 \frac{d^2P}{dx^2}$$

+ ...

So there fore

$$F = - \frac{dPE}{dx} = -kx$$

a linear restoring force.

this is true in analogous multi-d cases

So the linear force for small perturbations

from stable equilibrium

is extremely common and

what makes the linear force so important and not

just for springs.

Say  $F_{net} = F = -kx$

The only force is the linear force.

There are usually frictional forces too that dissipate energy to waste heat.

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then from  $F = ma$

$$ma = -kx$$

but  $a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx$$

Called  
the  
simple harmonic  
oscillatory  
differential  
equation  
since the  
resulting  
motion  
is SHM.

How many have  
heard of D.E.s?

— So for some this is the first  
one — at least the first  
one you know is one.

— A D.E. is an equation involving  
a function ~~and its~~ derivatives whose solution  
is the function which is  
the unknown.

→ This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> order  
linear D.E. for  $x(t)$

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- $2^{\text{nd}}$  order because  
the highest derivative is  
the  $2^{\text{nd}}$  derivative
  - linear because neither  $x(t)$   
nor its derivatives appear  
as power explicitly or implicitly

~~In this class~~

## §15.2 Solution of the SHM DE

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -kx$$

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

→ Greek small omega.

— we call it the angular frequency

(not angular velocity)  
in this context.

— angular velocity  
& angular frequency  
are related  
sometimes

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 x$$

is our  
simplified. DE

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We solve it by knowing the solution in this case. this in fact is simple harmonic motion.

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t) + \omega B \cos(\omega t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} &= -\omega^2 (A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)) \\ &= -\omega^2 x \end{aligned}$$

and so the DE is satisfied.

→ A & B are arbitrary constants as far as the DE alone is concerned.

Initial conditions of the physical problem set them as we'll see in a minute.

Math tells us that  $\cos(\omega t)$  and  $\sin(\omega t)$  are the 2 independent

solution every 2<sup>nd</sup> order (5-1)  
linear DE must have.

— independent means you  
can + make one out of the other.

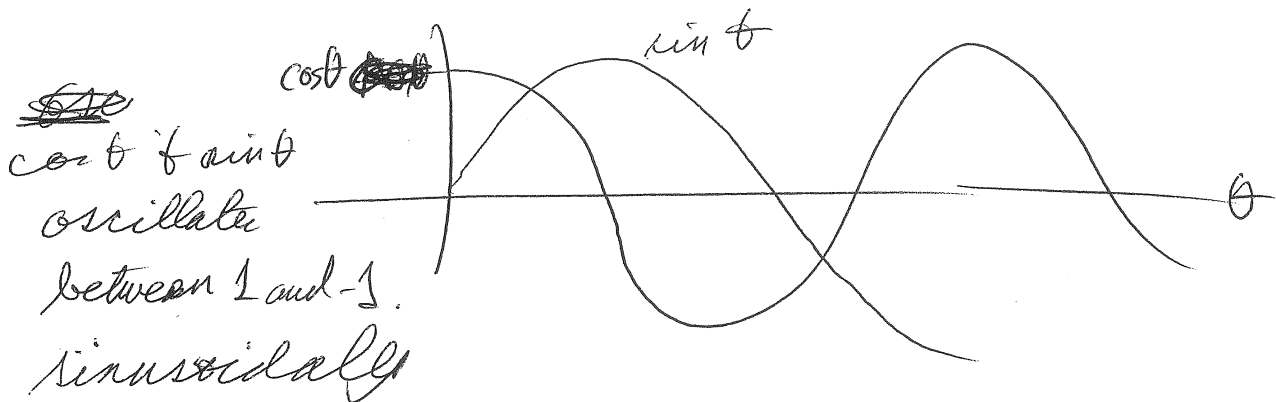
But you can combine them  
as the text does into

$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$  which gives a sinusoidal oscillation.

$$\begin{aligned} &= A [\cos \omega t \cos \phi - \sin \omega t \sin \phi] \\ &= \underbrace{(A \cos \phi)}_A \cos \omega t + \underbrace{(\cancel{A} \sin \phi)}_B \sin \omega t \end{aligned}$$

Let's analyse.

a)  $A$  is amplitude of the oscillation



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So  $x(t)$  oscillator  
oscillates sinusoidally  
between  $A$  &  $-A$ .

(i) How  $\omega$ ? the angular frequency.

$\cos \theta$  &  $\sin \theta$  repeat  
every  $2\pi$  increase  $\theta$

$$\cos(\theta + 2\pi) = \cos(\theta)$$
$$\sin(\theta + 2\pi) = \sin(\theta)$$

So does  $\cos(\cancel{\omega t} + \cancel{\phi} + 2\pi)$   
 $= \cos(\omega t + \phi)$

~~if~~ if  $\omega T = 2\pi$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \text{ is the period}$$

every  $T$ , the motion repeats.

The frequency is oscillations per  
unit time  $f = \frac{1 \text{ oscillation}}{T} = \frac{1}{T}$

$T$  is  
independent  
of amplitude.  
- A special  
feature of  
S.H.M.



$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi/\omega} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

$f$  and  $\omega$  are amplitude independent.

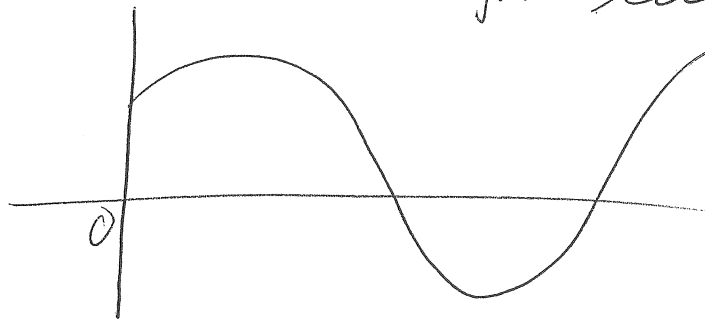
or  $\omega = 2\pi f$

So angular frequency is <sup>just</sup> frequency times  $2\pi$

— it's the number of radians per unit time that the argument of  $\cos$  (argument) goes thru.

Nothing necessarily is going around in an angular sense, but the ~~the~~ repeated motion is abstractly cyclic.

c)  $\phi$  is the phase. It really just tells you where



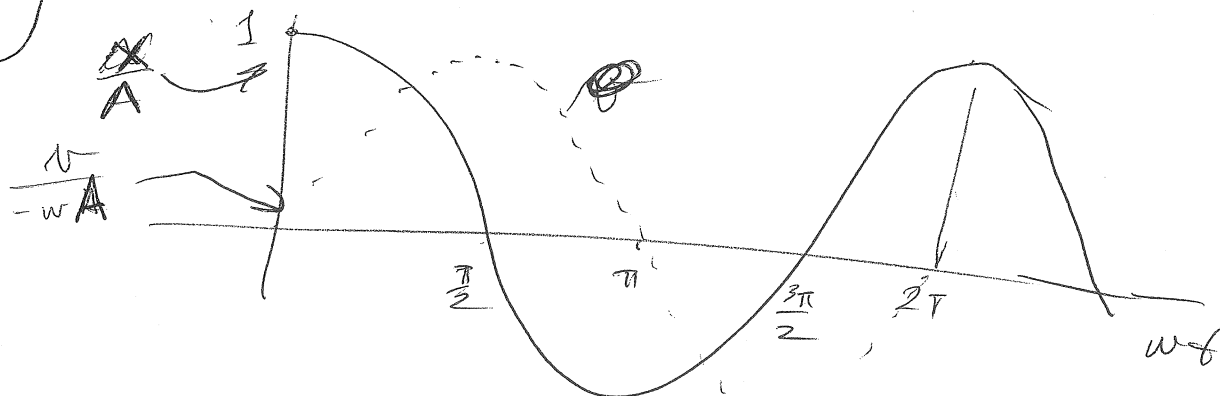
in the cycle you are at time zero.

### Examples

1)  $\phi = 0$

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$$

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At  $wt = 0$ ,  $x(t) = A$

at  $wt = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and no on.

What of velocity?

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega A \sin \omega t$$

It also oscillates with amplitude  
 $v_0 = |-\omega A| = \omega A$  and the same  
angular frequency.

but the velocity is out of phase  
with  $x$  by  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  or  $90^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } v &= \omega A \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= \omega A \left[ \cos \omega t \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin(\omega t) \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right] \\ &= -\omega A \sin \omega t \end{aligned}$$

The main qualitative result  
to keep in mind is

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that when  $|x| = A$

particle body  
at rest  
at turning  
points  
of motion

$$v = 0$$

when  $v_0 = |v| = \omega A$

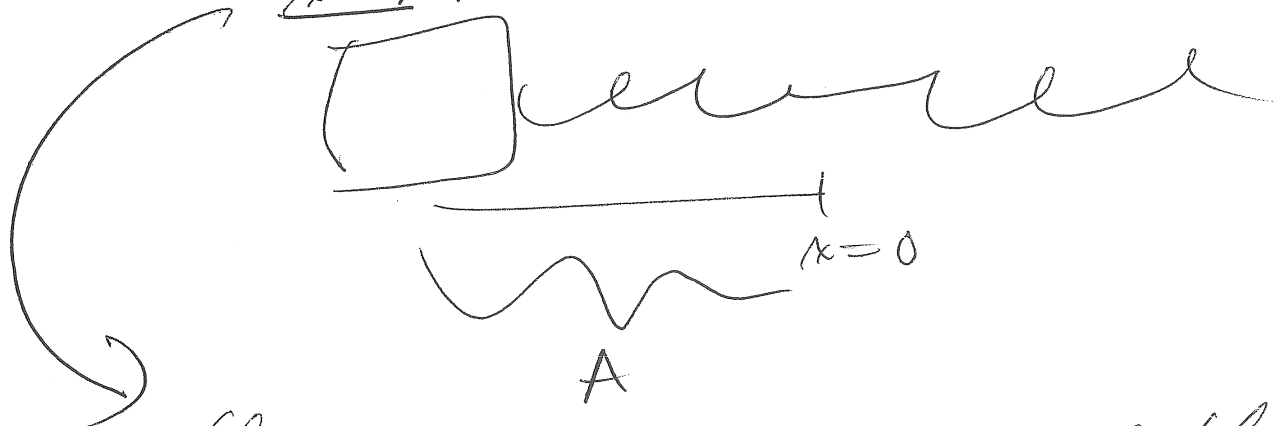
the initial  
amplitude  
sets the  
velocity  
amplitude.

body moving fastest  
at equilibrium  
point.

$$x = 0$$

Say you start a spring oscillator  
at  $t = 0$

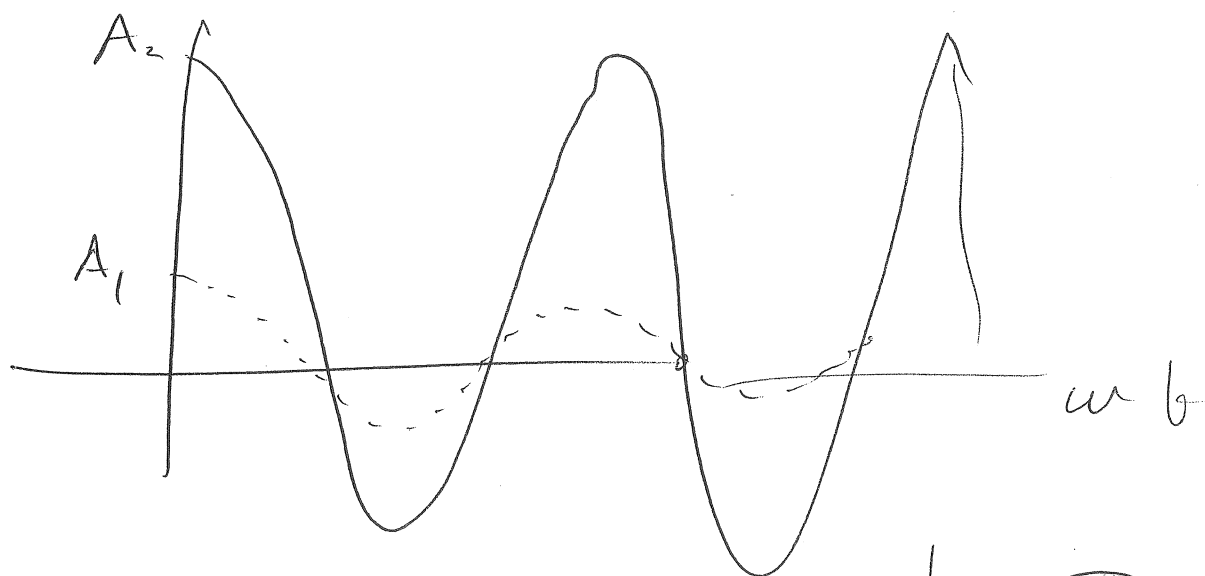
by releasing it from rest  
 $x = A$  from the  $x = 0$  equilibrium position.



then you've imposed the  
initial condition:  $A$  is amplitude  
and  $\phi = 0$ .

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Again it is interesting to note that period  $T$  and  $\omega$  are amplitude independent



— a remarkable feature of SHM

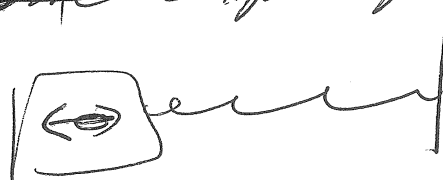
$x = A \cos \omega t$   
 $v = -A \omega \sin \omega t$   
in the

Ex 2

Say at  $t = 0$

$$x = 0$$

and you give a block on  
~~a~~ a spring an initial  
velocity  $v_0$



$$x = 0$$

$$x = A \sin(\omega t)$$

is the solution.

$$v = \underbrace{-\omega A \cos(\omega t)}_{v_0}$$

and so  $A = \frac{v_0}{\omega}$

(the initial  $v_0$  sets the amplitude in this case.)

Ex 3

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = A \\ v = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ at } t = 0$$

$$A = .05 \text{ m}$$

$$m = .200 \text{ kg}$$

$$k = 5.00 \text{ N/m}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{.2}} = \sqrt{25} = 5 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{\omega/2\pi} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$\approx \frac{6.28}{5} = 1.26 \text{ s}$$

Ans 1.26 s.

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velocity  
amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\text{max}} &= \omega A \\ &= 5.05 \\ &= .25 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

$a_0$  the acceleration amplitude.

$$a = \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 A \cos \omega t$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \omega^2 A \\ &= 25.05 \\ &= 1.25 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

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Energy of SHM

— really simple.

Since  $F = -kx$  is a conservative force.

$E_{\text{mech}} = KE + PE$  should be constant.

- we don't need 115-15  
to do a calculation  
to prove this — it was proven  
in general long ago.

But to confirm and evaluate  
the  $E_{\text{med}}$  let's solve

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$v = -\omega A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$E_{\text{med}} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2 \sin^2(\dots) + \frac{1}{2} k A^2 \cos^2(\dots)$$

energy

$$= m \omega^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \right)^2$$

$$= k^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cancel{m} A^2 \sin^2(\dots) + \frac{1}{2} k A^2 \cos^2(\dots)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} k A^2 \text{ since } \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

by trig identity.

since  $v_0 = \omega A$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k \frac{v_0^2}{\omega^2} = \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2$$

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What is  $v$  at  $t=0$

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~~A=1~~

- the instantaneous speed? 18-41

Do  
- an example  
from book  
- and you all  
can think of any  
question on this  
material  
- as we are about  
to leave it.

$$= \frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \cdot 2t - 4$$

$$= 4t - 4$$

This is general.  
true for all time

$$v(t=0) = -4$$

$$v(t=2.5s) = 4 \cdot \left(\frac{5}{2}\right) - 4$$

Taylor's series  
~~approximation~~

$$= 10 - 4$$

$$= 6 \text{ m/s} \text{ as in text.}$$

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Taylor's series Problem — Extraneous to Ch. 15 mostly.

At this point since we are  
on the subject of differentiation  
I'll do one of the book problems  
as an example.

— It's no problem for those  
who've already completed a  
calculus course.

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~~#542~~) but for those just starting  
it's too much, too soon.

Taylor's series problem.

Say you have a general  
function  $f(x)$  that is sufficiently  
differentiable (smooth)  
— you can expand

The jargon word

this function about a  
general point  $x_0$ .

$$f(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-x_0)^l}{l!} f^{(l)}(x_0)$$

means  $l$ th  
order derivative

$$l! = l \cdot (l-1) \cdot (l-2) \cdots 1$$

the factorial function

— no proof  $\Rightarrow$  Just accept it.

in general the equality  
holds only for  $(x-x_0)$  sufficiently

small.

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How small?

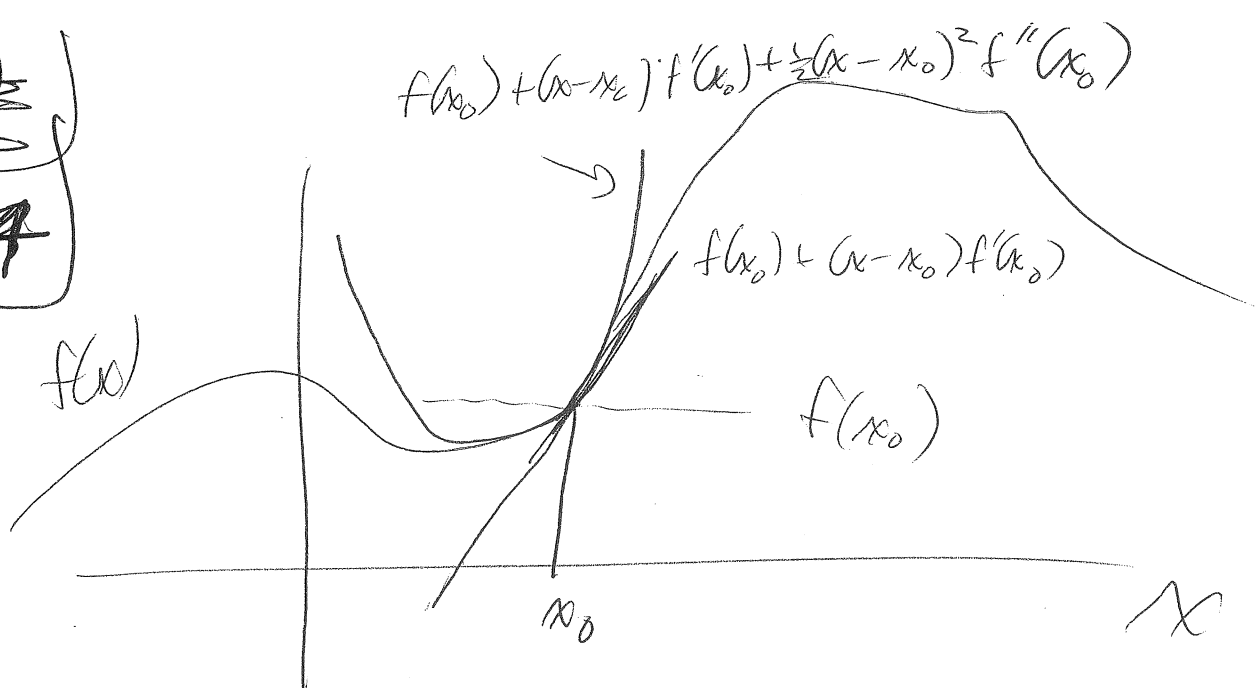
Depends on the function  
- anywhere from almost  
nothing to all  $x$ -axis.

Usually the series can be truncated  
to approximate  $f(x)$  in a region  
around  $x_0$ .

$$f(x) \cong \begin{cases} f(x_0) & 0^{\text{th}} \text{ approximation} \\ & \text{as a constant} \\ f(x_0) + (x-x_0)f'(x_0) & 1^{\text{st}} \text{ order} \\ & - \text{approximate} \\ & \text{as a line} \\ f(x_0) + (x-x_0)f'(x_0) + \frac{1}{2}(x-x_0)^2f''(x_0) & 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order} \\ & \text{or approximate} \\ & \text{as a quadratic} \end{cases}$$

a) Schematic of <sup>diagram</sup>  
how these ~~approximation~~  
approximation approximate a function

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~~to each~~

- as you go up in order you get a better approximation in vicinity of  $x_0$
- but far away from  $x_0$  none of the approximation may be any good.

b) Taylor expand

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} \quad \text{to 2nd order about } x_0 = 0$$

~~$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$~~

$$\begin{aligned} f &= 1 + x \frac{1}{1!}(-1) + x^2 \frac{1}{2!}(-1)(-2) + \dots \\ &= 1 - x + x^2 - \dots \end{aligned}$$