



A 4.00 kg mass is attached to a spring with a spring constant of 9.87 N/m. It is initially lifted away from its equilibrium position by 0.150 m in the positive direction and released from rest.

- A) What is the angular frequency for this oscillator? (4 pts)
First calculate the angular frequency for a mass/spring oscillator.

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{9.87 \text{ N/m}}{4.00 \text{ kg}}} = 1.57 \text{ rad/s}$$

- B) What is the time period for one oscillation for this oscillator? (2 pts)

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{1.57 \text{ rad/s}} = 4.00 \text{ s}$$

- C) Draw out the motion of the oscillator on the graph at the top of the page. (2 pts)

- D) What is the speed of the mass as it passes through the equilibrium point ($x=0$)? (2 pts)

The max speed of the oscillator occurs while it goes through the equilibrium point.

$$v = A\omega = (0.150 \text{ m})(1.57 \text{ rad/s}) = 0.236 \text{ m/s}$$