

PROBLEM SET 2 Due Friday October 7

Physics 115B- FALL 2011

Points assigned

Analytic:

10 [1.] Griffiths Problem 4.2

10 [2.] Griffiths Problem 4.3

10 [3.] A piano manufacturing company is accidentally sent piano wire whose thickness gradually tapers off, so that its mass per unit length is  $\mu - \mu'x/L$ . (Here  $L$  is the length of the wire.) Fortunately for the piano company,  $\mu'$  is small. This is also fortunate for you, because you can use perturbation theory to compute the frequency shifts of the different modes. Do so. Look up typical values for the tension  $T$ , length  $L$ , and mass per unit length  $\mu$  of piano wires, and select values that give middle  $C$  for the fundamental mode  $n = 1$ . How much is the frequency shifted if  $\mu' = 10^{-3}\mu$ ? Could your ear tell the difference?

20 [4.] Compute the first and second order shifts of the energy levels of the 3D harmonic oscillator for a perturbation  $H' = Bxz$ . Assume the levels are nondegenerate, that is,  $\omega_x, \omega_y$ , and  $\omega_z$  are all non-equal. Then compute the first order shifts for the isotropic case  $\omega_x = \omega_y = \omega_z$ . In what way do the two cases fundamentally differ?

10 [5.] Show that, if you use the Euler method in Molecular Dynamics, then the energy of a simple harmonic oscillator increases by the factor  $1 + k dt^2/m$  in each iteration. Suppose  $t = Ndt$ , how is  $E(t)$  related to  $E(0)$ ? Show that this growth is exponential (terrible!) but that even so the argument of the exponential can be driven to zero by making  $dt$  small. Note: Leapfrog, as you will see below, completely avoids this instability.

Numeric:

Comment: For the first part of the course, as you develop skill in programming, the computational problems will not necessarily have anything to do with quantum mechanics.

10 [6.] Write a C or C++ program to solve the classical harmonic oscillator  $F = -kx$  using the leapfrog Molecular Dynamics method. Make a plot of your results for  $k = 3, m = 0.8, x_0 = 1.4, v_0 = 0$ . Plot  $x(t)$  for 4 or 5 periods. Using your plot, and what you know about the analytic result for the period  $T$ , argue why you think your code is working properly.

10 [7.] Then make a plot of your results for  $k = 3, m = 0.8, x_0 = 1.4, v_0 = 2$ . Again plot  $x(t)$  for 4 or 5 periods. Using your plot, and what you know about using energy conservation to compute the amplitude, argue why you think your code is working properly.

80 Total

## #1 Griffiths 4.2

 3D cubic infinite well:  $V(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0 & |x|, |y|, |z| < a \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

TISE:  $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V(x, y, z) \psi = E \psi$ 

$= 0$  inside box!

 Let  $\psi(x, y, z) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$  Separation of variables method

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( YZ \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + XZ \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + XY \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} \right) = E \psi$$

Divide by  $XYZ$ : 
$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} + \frac{1}{Z} \frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} \right) = E_x + E_y + E_z$$

$\parallel_2$                        $\parallel_2$                        $\parallel_2$                        $\parallel_2$   
 $-k_x^2$                        $-k_y^2$                        $-k_z^2$                        $\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k_x^2$                        $\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k_y^2$                        $\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k_z^2$

So equations separate into:

Solution

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = -k_x^2 X$$

$$X(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin(k_x x) \quad k_x = \frac{n_x \pi}{a}$$

$$\frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = -k_y^2 Y$$

$$Y(y) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin(k_y y) \quad k_y = \frac{n_y \pi}{a}$$

$$\frac{d^2 Z}{dz^2} = -k_z^2 Z$$

$$Z(z) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin(k_z z) \quad k_z = \frac{n_z \pi}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(x, y, z) = XYZ = \left(\frac{2}{a}\right)^{3/2} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi}{a} x\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi}{a} y\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_z \pi}{a} z\right)$$

$$E_{n_x, n_y, n_z} = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2)$$

#1 (b) Energy levels:

	$n_x$	$n_y$	$n_z$	Total energy	# of Degeneracies
$E_1$	1	1	1	$3 \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2}$	1X
$E_2$	2	1	1	6 "	3X
	1	2	1		
	1	1	1		
$E_3$	2	2	1	9 "	3X
	2	1	2		
	1	2	2		
$E_4$	3	1	1	11 "	3X
	1	3	1		
	1	1	3		
$E_5$	2	2	2	12 "	1X
$E_6$	3	2	1	14 "	6X
	+ permutations				
$E_7$	3	2	2	17 "	3X
	+ perm				
$E_8$	4	1	1	18	3X
$E_9$	3	3	1	19	3X
$E_{10}$	4	2	1	21	6X
$E_{11}$	3	3	2	22	3X
$E_{12}$	4	2	2	24	3X
	+ perm				
$E_{13}$	4	3	1	26	6X
$E_{14}$	3	3	3	27	1X + 3X = 4X
	5	1	1		

$E_{14}$  has permutations from two different groups of states

## #2 Graffiths problem 4.3

Use  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_l^m(x) = (1-x^2)^{|m|/2} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{|m|} P_l(x) \\ P_l(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^l (x^2-1)^l \\ Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = (-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)}{4\pi} \frac{(l-|m|)!}{(l+|m|)!}} e^{im\phi} P_l^m(\cos\theta) \end{array} \right.$

$$Y_0^0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}} (1) P_0^0(\cos\theta) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}} (1) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi}}$$

$$Y_2^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{5}{4\pi}} \frac{1}{3!} e^{i\phi} P_2^1(\cos\theta) \quad P_2^1(x) = (1-x^2)^{1/2} \frac{d}{dx} P_2(x)$$

$$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^2 (x^2-1)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (3x^2-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2^1(x) = (1-x^2)^{1/2} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = (1-x^2)^{1/2} 3x$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_2^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{5}{24\pi}} e^{i\phi} (1-\cos^2\theta)^{1/2} 3\cos\theta$$

$$Y_2^1 = -\sqrt{\frac{5}{24\pi}} e^{i\phi} 3\sin\theta \cos\theta$$

Normalizing functions:

$$\textcircled{1} \iint \sin\theta d\theta d\phi |Y_0^0|^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = \frac{4\pi}{4\pi} = \boxed{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \iint \sin\theta d\theta d\phi |Y_2^1|^2 &= \frac{5}{24\pi} (9) \left[ \int_0^\pi \sin^3\theta \cos^2\theta d\theta \right] \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \right] \\ &= \frac{45}{24\pi} (2\pi) \left[ \int_0^\pi \cos^2\theta \sin\theta d\theta - \cos^4\theta \sin\theta d\theta \right] \\ &= \frac{15}{4} \left[ -\frac{1}{3} \cos^3\theta \Big|_0^\pi + \frac{1}{5} \cos^5\theta \Big|_0^\pi \right] = \frac{15}{4} \left( \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{5} \right) = \boxed{1} \end{aligned}$$

Are  $Y_0^0$  &  $Y_2^1$  orthogonal?

$$\langle Y_0^0 | Y_2^1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{5}{24\pi}} (3) \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\phi} d\phi \right] \left[ \int_0^\pi \sin\theta \cos\theta d\theta \right] = 0!$$

$\int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\phi} d\phi = 0$   
 $\int_0^\pi \sin\theta \cos\theta d\theta = 0$

### #3 Piano manufacturer!

Mass per unit length perturbed =  $\mu - \mu' \left(\frac{x}{L}\right)$   $\mu' \ll \mu$

Let  $y(x,t)$  represent vertical displacement of string. Wave

eqn is:  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\mu}{T} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$  where  $\frac{\mu}{T} = \frac{1}{v^2}$   $v =$  wave velocity

Separate variables & solve for "x" equation:  $V = f(x)g(t)$

$$v^2 \frac{1}{f} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = - \frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial t^2} = -\omega^2$$

$$\frac{T}{\mu} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = -\omega_n^2 f_n \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} = -\frac{\omega^2}{v^2} f(x)$$

Soln  $f(x) = A \sin\left(\frac{\omega}{v} x\right)$  where  $\frac{\omega}{v} L = n\pi$

or  $f_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$  eigenstates for  $H_0$

Following class notes; perturbation is in  $\mu_0 \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{T}{\mu_0} \rightarrow \frac{T}{\mu_0 - \mu' \frac{x}{L}} = \frac{T}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\mu' x}{\mu_0 L}} \right) \approx \frac{T}{\mu_0} \left( 1 + \frac{\mu' x}{\mu_0 L} \right)$$

$$H = \underbrace{\frac{T}{\mu_0} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}}_{H_0} + \underbrace{\frac{T}{\mu_0} \frac{\mu'}{\mu_0} \frac{x}{L} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}}_{H'} = -\omega_{\text{new}}^2 f$$

$$\delta(-\omega^2) = \langle f_n | H' | f_n \rangle = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L dx \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) \left( \frac{T \mu'}{\mu_0^2} \frac{x}{L} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

for  $n=1$  (continued)

#3 (Continued)

$$\delta(-\omega^2) = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L dx \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) x \left( -\frac{T\mu'}{\mu_0^2 L} \frac{x^2}{L^2} \right) ; \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{L} x\right)$$

$$= -\frac{2T\mu'\pi^2}{\mu_0^2 L^4} \int_0^L dx x \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{L} x\right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^L dx ; \frac{x}{2} (1 + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L} x\right))$$

$$= \frac{-2T\mu'\pi^2}{\mu_0^2 L^4} \left[ \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{L^2}{8\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{L} x\right) - \frac{xL^2}{8\pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{L} x\right) \right] \Big|_0^L$$

$$= \frac{-2T\mu'\pi^2}{\mu_0^2 L^4} \left( \frac{L^2}{4} \right) = \frac{-T\mu'\pi^2}{2\mu_0^2 L^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu'}{\mu_0} \left( \frac{T\pi^2}{\mu_0 L^2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu'}{\mu_0} \omega_0^2$$

$$\delta(-\omega_0^2) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu'}{\mu_0} (-\omega_0^2) \Rightarrow \delta(\omega_0) = \left( \frac{\mu'}{2\mu_0} \right)^{1/2} \omega_0$$

Since  $\delta f = \frac{\delta \omega_0}{2\pi}$  (frequency:  $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$ )

Frequency shift is:  $\delta f = \left( \frac{\mu'}{2\mu_0} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} \right) = \left( \frac{\mu'}{2\mu_0} \right)^{1/2} f_0$  ← unperturbed freq.

Middle C is 256 - 264 Hz (based on which web site you select)

$$\text{So } \delta f = \left( \frac{10^{-3} \mu_0}{2\mu_0} \right)^{1/2} 256 \approx 6 \text{ Hz}$$

Not audible for most non-musicians?

Other values:  $T \approx 1750 \text{ N}$   $L \approx .6 \text{ m}$   $\mu_0 \approx .01 \text{ kg/m}$

④ 3D Harm Osc. with  $H' = Bxz$

Ⓐ  $\omega_x \neq \omega_y \neq \omega_z$   
Non-degenerate

Ⓑ  $\omega_x = \omega_y = \omega_z$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_x + \hat{H}_y + \hat{H}_z \quad (\hat{H}_x = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_x^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_x^2 \hat{x}^2)$$

$$E = E_x + E_y + E_z = \hbar \omega_x (n_x + \frac{1}{2}) + \hbar \omega_y (n_y + \frac{1}{2}) + \hbar \omega_z (n_z + \frac{1}{2})$$

Eigenstates are  $|n_x n_y n_z\rangle$  - where  $n_x, n_y, n_z = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$

Non-degenerate Case :  $\omega_x \neq \omega_y \neq \omega_z$

$$E_n^1 = \langle n_x n_y n_z | Bxz | n_x n_y n_z \rangle \quad \begin{cases} x = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_x}} (\hat{a}_x^+ + \hat{a}_x) \\ z = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_z}} (\hat{a}_z^+ + \hat{a}_z) \end{cases}$$

$x, z$  operators act independently on states:

$$E_n^1 = B \frac{\hbar}{2m\sqrt{\omega_x \omega_z}} \langle n_x | x | n_x \rangle \langle n_z | z | n_z \rangle \langle n_y | n_y \rangle$$

$$\boxed{E_n^1 = 0}$$

1<sup>ST</sup> order energy perturbation

2<sup>ND</sup> order :  $E_n^2 = \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{|\langle m | H' | n \rangle|^2}{E_n^0 - E_m^0}$

Here:  $|m\rangle = |m_x m_y m_z\rangle$  and  $|n\rangle = |n_x n_y n_z\rangle$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle m | H' | n \rangle &= \langle m_x m_y m_z | Bxz | n_x n_y n_z \rangle \\ &= B \langle m_x | \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_x}} (\hat{a}_x^+ + \hat{a}_x) | n_x \rangle \langle m_z | \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_z}} (\hat{a}_z^+ + \hat{a}_z) | n_z \rangle \langle n_y | n_y \rangle \\ &= \frac{B\hbar}{2m\sqrt{\omega_x \omega_z}} \langle m_x | \hat{a}_x^+ + \hat{a}_x | n_x \rangle \langle m_z | \hat{a}_z^+ + \hat{a}_z | n_z \rangle \quad \text{(A)} \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $E_{n_x n_z}^0 - E_{m_x m_z}^0 = \hbar \omega_x (n_x - m_x) + \hbar \omega_z (n_z - m_z)$

Note that for  $\langle m | H' | n \rangle \neq 0$  requires that both term ①

and ② in (A) above must be positive so only

a limited number of states are non-zero.

④ (Continued)  
 Let's create a table of non-zero values for:  
 $\langle m_x, m_y, m_z | xz | n_x, n_y, n_z \rangle$ , Fix  $|n_x, n_y, n_z\rangle$

Non-zero states are

	$m_x$	$m_z$	$xz$	$E_{n_x, n_z}^0 - E_{m_x, m_z}^0$	
①	$n_x + 1$	$n_z + 1$	$\sqrt{n_x + 1} \sqrt{n_z + 1}$	$-\hbar(\omega_x + \omega_z)$	} ④ states
②	$n_x + 1$	$n_z - 1$	$\sqrt{n_x + 1} \sqrt{n_z}$	$-\hbar(\omega_x - \omega_z)$	
③	$n_x - 1$	$n_z + 1$	$\sqrt{n_x} \sqrt{n_z + 1}$	$\hbar(\omega_x - \omega_z)$	
④	$n_x - 1$	$n_z - 1$	$\sqrt{n_x} \sqrt{n_z}$	$\hbar(\omega_x + \omega_z)$	

$$E_n^2 = \frac{B^2 \hbar^2}{4m^2 \omega_x \omega_z} \left[ \frac{(n_x + 1)(n_z + 1)}{-\hbar(\omega_x + \omega_z)} + \frac{(n_x + 1)n_z}{-\hbar(\omega_x - \omega_z)} + \frac{n_x(n_z + 1)}{\hbar(\omega_x - \omega_z)} + \frac{(n_x n_z)}{\hbar(\omega_x + \omega_z)} \right]$$

$$= \hbar \left( \frac{1}{\hbar} \right) \left[ \frac{-n_x - n_z - 1}{\omega_x + \omega_z} + \frac{n_x - n_z}{\omega_x - \omega_z} \right]$$

$$E_n^2 = \frac{B^2 \hbar}{2m^2 \omega_x \omega_z} \left[ \frac{(2n_x + 1)\omega_z - (2n_z + 1)\omega_x}{\omega_x^2 - \omega_z^2} \right]$$

⑥ Degenerate (isotropic) model  $\omega_x = \omega_y = \omega_z = \underline{\omega}$

First excited state  $n_x, n_y, n_z = (1, 0, 0) = (0, 1, 0) = (0, 0, 1)$

Energies are degenerate =  $\frac{5}{2} \hbar \omega \Rightarrow$  Must use degenerate perturb. theory

We want to find eigenvalues of matrix  $\bar{W}$  where

$$W_{ij} = \langle i | H' | j \rangle \quad \text{where } i, j = |100\rangle, |010\rangle, |001\rangle$$

Diagonal elements are easy:

$$\langle 100 | Bxz | 100 \rangle = \langle 010 | Bxz | 010 \rangle = \langle 001 | Bxz | 001 \rangle = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

since  $\hat{x}, \hat{z}$  operators raise/lower states



④ ⑥ Continued

As in 2<sup>nd</sup> order perturb calculation in part a),  
the states with non-zero term are ones where  $n_x \neq m_x$ ,

$n_z \neq m_z$ :

$$\langle 100 | B_{xz} | 001 \rangle = B \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (\sqrt{1} \sqrt{1}) = \frac{B\hbar}{2m\omega}$$

$$\langle 001 | B_{xz} | 100 \rangle = B \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (\sqrt{1} \sqrt{1}) = \frac{B\hbar}{2m\omega}$$

Let  $\alpha = \frac{B\hbar}{2m\omega}$ . Then the perturbation matrix  $\bar{W}$  is:

$$\bar{W} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\bar{W} - \lambda I) = -\lambda^3 + 2\alpha^2 = 0$$

Eigenvalues are  $\lambda = 0$      $\lambda = \pm \alpha = \pm \frac{B\hbar}{2m\omega}$

So, 1<sup>st</sup> order shifts for isotropic case are:

$$E_1' = 0 \text{ (no shift)} \quad E_{2,3}' = \pm \frac{B\hbar}{2m\omega} \text{ (split)}$$

Major difference between Non-degenerate & Isotropic  
Case is in 1<sup>st</sup> order perturbation:

- 1) No 1<sup>st</sup> order shifts for non-degenerate case,  
but 2<sup>nd</sup> order non-zero.
- 2) For isotropic, 1<sup>st</sup> order shifts occur.

## #5 Euler method:

For Euler method, equations are:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x_n = x_{n-1} + v_{n-1} dt$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad v_n = v_{n-1} + \frac{F(x_{n-1})}{m} dt = v_{n-1} - \frac{k}{m} x_{n-1} dt$$

Energies for SHO, expressed as:  $\rightarrow F = -kx$  for harm. osc.

$$E_n = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k x_n^2}_{\textcircled{V}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m v_n^2}_{\textcircled{T}} \quad \text{Now substitute in } \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \text{ above}$$

$$E_n = \frac{1}{2} k (x_{n-1} + v_{n-1} dt)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m (v_{n-1} - \frac{k}{m} x_{n-1} dt)^2$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} k x_{n-1}^2 + \cancel{k x_{n-1} v_{n-1} dt} + \frac{1}{2} k v_{n-1}^2 dt^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_{n-1}^2 - \cancel{m v_{n-1} \frac{k}{m} x_{n-1} dt} + \frac{1}{2} m \frac{k^2}{m^2} x_{n-1}^2 dt^2$$

$$E_n = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} k x_{n-1}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_{n-1}^2}_{E_{n-1}} + \frac{1}{2} k v_{n-1}^2 dt^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{k^2}{m} x_{n-1}^2 dt^2$$

$$= E_{n-1} + \left( \frac{1}{2} m v_{n-1}^2 \right) \left( \frac{k}{m} dt^2 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2} k x_{n-1}^2 \right) \left( \frac{k}{m} dt^2 \right)$$

$$E_n = E_{n-1} \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m} dt^2 \right)$$

Let  $t = N dt$   
( $N$  "time slices")

$$E_1 = E(0) \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m} dt^2 \right)$$

$$E_2 = E_1 \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m} dt^2 \right) = E(0) \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m} dt^2 \right)^2 \quad \text{and so on...}$$

$$E(t) = E_N = E(0) \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m} dt^2 \right)^N$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{k}{m} dt \left( \frac{t}{N} \right) \right)^N = e^{\frac{k}{m} (dt) t} \quad \text{so } E(t)$$

experiences exponential growth. However, if  $dt$  is small enough so  $t dt \ll 1$  then  $e^{\frac{k}{m} (dt) t} \approx \underline{\underline{1}}$

#6 For SHO,  $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{.8}{.3}} \approx 3.25$   
Period on graph should be approx. this value

#7 Energy for SHO,  $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}(.8)(2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(.3)(1.4)^2 \approx 4.55$$

Largest  $x$  displacement (and amplitude)  
occurs where  $KE = 0$  or

$$E = \frac{1}{2}kx_{\max}^2 \Rightarrow x_{\max} = \pm\sqrt{\frac{2E}{k}}$$

$$\text{In this case, } x_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{2(4.55)}{.3}} \approx 1.75$$

Maximum  $x(t)$  value on graph should be approx. this.

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//
// P115B HW2 #6
//
// Program to implement Molecular Dynamics
// with Leapfrog method
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <math.h>
using namespace std;
double k,m, xn, xn_m1, vn, vn_m1,x0, v0, dt ;
int num_periods;
int main()
{
    k = 3.0;
    m = .8;
    x0 = 1.4;
    v0 = 0.0;
    dt = .2;
    num_periods = 20;
// Set up disk file for output
    ofstream fout("MD_out1.dat");
    fout << " t      x(t)      " << endl;
// Generate data with leapfrog
    xn_m1 = x0;
    vn_m1 = v0;
    for ( int i= 0; i< num_periods; i++)
    {
        xn = xn_m1 + vn_m1 * dt;
        vn = vn_m1 - (k/m)*xn * dt;
        fout << " " <<i + 1 << " " << xn << endl;
        xn_m1 = xn;
        vn_m1 = vn;
    }
    cout << " Finished writing data to file" << endl;
    return 0;
}
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*Example for #6 ##7*