

Summary of Physics Stuff to Know For 2nd Semester

Energy:

$$E_{el} = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 \quad E_g = mg\Delta y \quad E_k = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \quad E_{th} = F_f \Delta x$$

Impulse/Momentum:

$$P = \text{momentum} \quad p = mv \quad \Delta p = m\Delta v$$

$\Delta p = \text{impulse} = F\Delta t$ (or impulse = area under F vs t graph)

Oscillating particle:

$F = kx$ (Hooke's law); k is spring constant

T not proportional to A

$$T \propto \sqrt{m}$$

$$T \propto \sqrt{1/k}$$

$$T = 1/f \quad f = 1/T$$

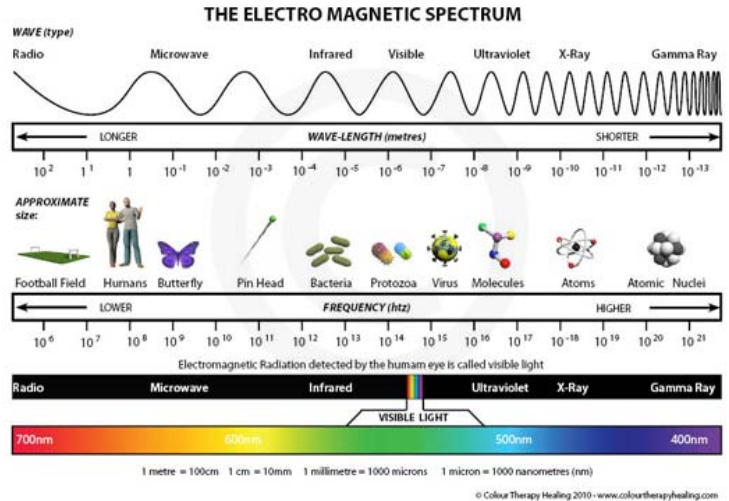
$f = \text{cycles/sec}$ or $f = \text{waves/sec.}$ or $f = \text{oscillations/sec}$

$T = \text{seconds/oscillation}$

Waves/Sound/Light:

$$v = f\lambda$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8$$



In the diagrams below, the top image shows the fundamental frequency (or in other words 1st harmonic, or mode #1). The 2nd image would be the 2nd harmonic (mode #2) which is the first overtone, and so on....

Two open (free) ends:

One open (free), one closed (fixed):

Two closed (fixed)

