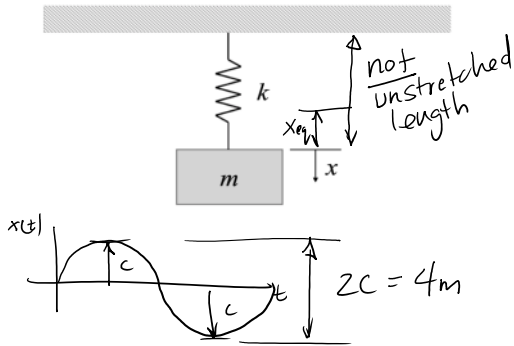
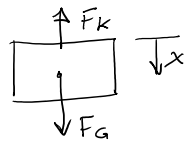


**Question 2:**

Determine the equation of motion of the system from Newton's Second Law. Assume mass  $m = 5 \text{ kg}$  and spring constant  $k = 500 \text{ N/m}$ . Find the initial displacement,  $x_0$ , such that the mass oscillates over a total range of  $4 \text{ m}$ . Assume the initial perturbation velocity,  $v_0$ , is  $10 \text{ m/s}$ .



FBD equilibrium

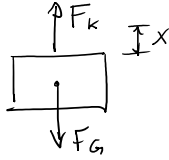


$$\sum F_x: F_g - F_k = 0 \text{ (static)}$$

$$mg - kx_{eq} = 0$$

$$mg = kx_{eq} \leftarrow \text{always true}$$

FBD perturbed



$$\sum F_x: F_g - F_k = ma = m\ddot{x}$$

$$mg - k(x_{eq} + x) = m\ddot{x}$$

$$mg - kx_{eq} - kx = m\ddot{x}$$

$$= 0! \Rightarrow m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$$

all terms positive ✓  
mg not included

normal form:

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0 \Rightarrow \omega_n^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} + \omega_n^2 x = 0$$

$$= \frac{500 \text{ N/m}}{5 \text{ kg}}$$

$$= 100 \text{ rad/s}^2$$

solution:

$$x(t) = C \sin(\omega_n t + \phi)$$

$C = \text{amplitude}$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{v_0^2}{\omega_n^2} + x_0^2}$$

$$2c = 4 \text{ m} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{v_0^2}{\omega_n^2} + x_0^2} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{10^2}{100} + x_0^2}$$

$$2 = \sqrt{1 + x_0^2}$$

$$4 = 1 + x_0^2$$

$$3 = x_0^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{x_0 = 1.73 \text{ m}}$$