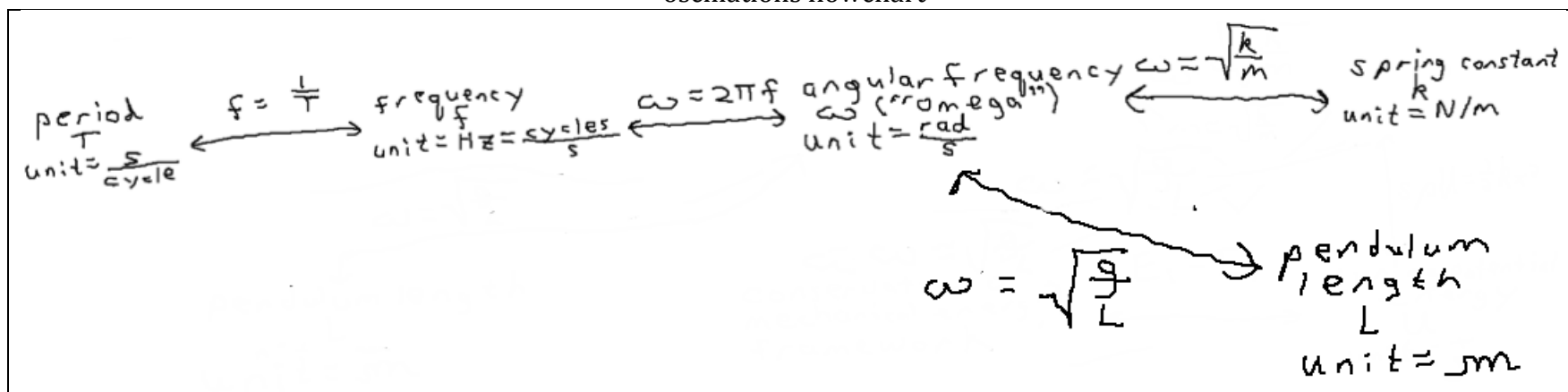


oscillations flowchart



horizontal spring

	$\text{sp}U$ $\frac{1}{2}kx^2$	\dot{x}	K $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$	\dot{v}
maximum expansion / maximum compression	maximum	maximum	0	0
natural length	0	0	maximum	maximum

In this table, x is defined as the displacement of the spring from its natural length.

pendulum

	$\text{gr}U$ mgh	h	K $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$	\dot{v}
maximum height	maximum	maximum	0	0
hanging vertically	0	0	maximum	maximum

In this table, h is the pendulum's vertical height, with height zero defined as the pendulum's height when it hangs vertically.

vertical spring

	U $\frac{1}{2}ky^2$	\dot{y}	K $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$	\dot{v}
maximum height / minimum height	maximum	maximum	0	0
midpoint of oscillation	0	0	maximum	maximum

In this table, y is defined as the displacement of the spring from the midpoint of its oscillation.

In this table, U represents the total potential energy, i.e., the sum of the gravitational and spring potential energies, defined in such a way that U will equal zero at the midpoint of the oscillations.