

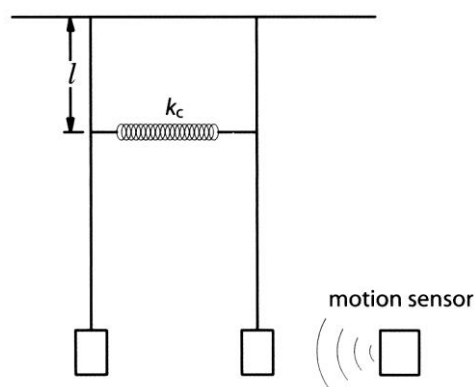


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Motion of Coupled Oscillators

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When two identical simple harmonic oscillators are coupled by a linear spring that has a spring constant k_c , the system has two resonant frequencies. There is a resonance at their natural frequency, ω_0 , when the oscillators oscillate in phase and a resonance at the frequency $\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 + 2k_c/m}$ when the oscillators are 180° out of phase. These oscillations are referred to individually as the symmetric and anti-symmetric modes or collectively as the normal modes. The frequencies are called the normal frequencies.



The system of coupled oscillators consists of two pendula coupled by a weak spring. There is a motion sensor that monitors the position of one of the pendula. The strength of the coupling is adjusted by changing the position l of the coupling spring

Dictionary:

coupled – sprzężony, **coupling** – sprzężenie

spring – sprężyna

resonant frequencies – częstotliwości rezonansowe

oscillation – drganie

collectively – wspólnie, razem

pendula – wahadła, **pendulum** – wahadło