

## Simple Harmonic Motion Prelab

Due start of class, week of Nov 11

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_

In the write up for this lab, we derive equations for displacement (eqn. 8), velocity (eqn. 9), and acceleration (eqn. 10) as a function time for an object on a spring moving under simple harmonic motion.

Show, using dimensional analysis, that the amplitudes of the relations for velocity,  $A\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ , and acceleration,  $-A\frac{k}{m}$ , are what you expect.

Derive the velocity and acceleration amplitudes for a simple pendulum (small angle approximation) and show that they too are what you expect.