

# 1 Simple Harmonic Oscillator

A simple harmonic oscillator has the equation of motion

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + kx = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

where  $m$  and  $k$  are physical constants,  $x$  is the dependent dynamical variable (position), and  $t$  is the independent variable commonly called time. Introduce the change of (independent) variable from  $t$  to  $\tau$  with

$$\tau = \omega_0 t \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m}$ . What is the minimum number of parameters that are needed to describe this scaled version of this simple harmonic oscillator system.