Work and Energy

- Closely related...
- Work is a measure of the amount of change that a force produces when it acts on a body

Work by done by constant F

• Work = displacement * force responsible for the displacement. $W = \vec{F} \cdot \Delta \vec{r} = F \Delta r \cos \theta$ SI unit: Joule = N*m

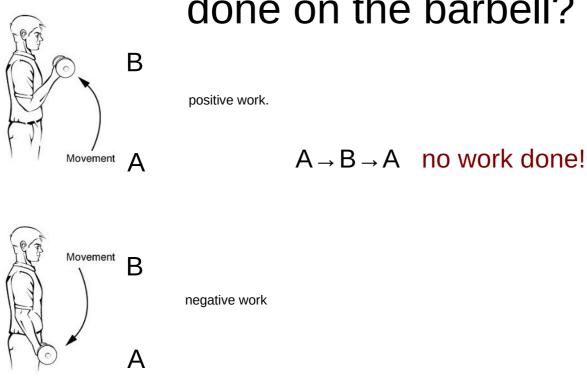
W is a scalar!

if the displacement is zero, there is no work done

• Example: pulling a suitcase. Find the work done if F=50 N, θ =60, d=10 m.

Answer: 250 J

 Example: bicep workout. How much work is done on the barbell?



Keep track of who is doing the work!
Work done on a particular body by a specific force!

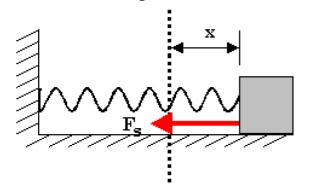
Total Work

 Total Work done by several Forces acting on a $W_{tot} = \sum W_i = \sum \vec{F}_i \cdot \Delta \vec{r} = \vec{F}_{tot} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}$

• Work done by non constant force: $W = \int_{A}^{B} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$

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 Example: Spring exerts a force F=-kx on an object. What is the work done from the spring to the object as it moves from x=a to x=b?



Work and Energy

- Energy is the ability to do work
- Work is the process of transferring energy

Mechanical Energy

Kinetic Energy energy of motion

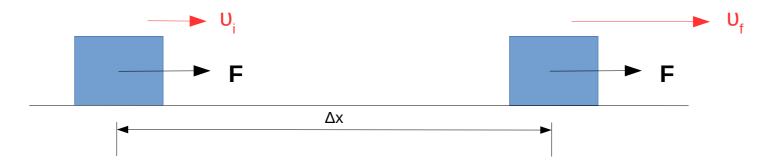
Potential Energy stored energy of position

Kinetic energy

• The amount of kinetic energy a moving object has is given by $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

Why?

Consider an object moving in 1D under a constant force F. W=?



Work-Kinetic Energy theorem

• The amount of kinetic energy a moving object has is given by $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

WORK-KINETIC ENERGY THEOREM:

When a net external force does work on an object, the kinetic energy of the object changes according to $W_{total} = \Delta K = K_f - K_i$

K of a particle is equal to the total work that was done to accelerate it from rest to its present speed

Work-Kinetic Energy theorem

• Example: A gymnast leaves the trampoline at an initial height of 1.20 m and reaches a maximum height of 4.80 m before falling back down. What was the initial speed of the gymnast?

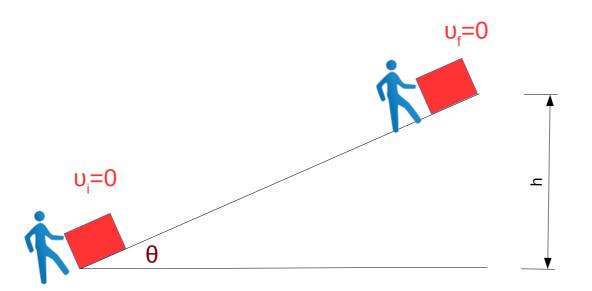


Answer: 8.40 m/s



Work-Kinetic Energy theorem

• What is the work required to push a box along an inclined ramp at height h? Does it depend on the angle θ ?

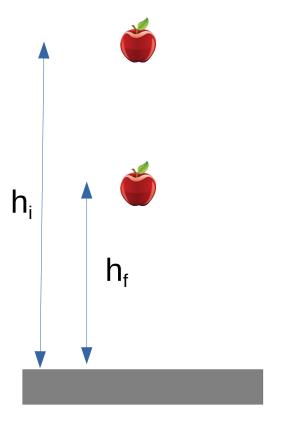


Potential energy

- The potential energy that an object in a certain position acquires is equal to the amount of work it takes to put the object in that position.
- Potential energy: gravitational, elastic, electromagnetic, chemical...
 - Gravitational potential energy U = mgh
 - Electrostatic potential energy U=qV

Potential energy

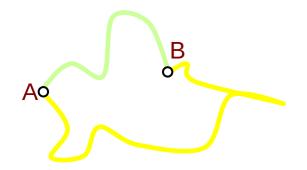
Example: Find the work done by gravity in accelerating an apple from h_i to h_f



$$W_g = mg(h_i - h_f) = -\Delta U$$

Conservative Forces

- v1: A force is conservative when the work it does on a moving object is independent of the path between the object's initial and final positions.
- v2: A force is conservative when it does no work on an object moving around a closed path, starting and finishing at the same point.



$$W_{AB} + W_{BA} = 0$$

Conservative vs Nonconservative Forces

Conservative F:

Gravitational

Electrostatic (ch 3)

Elastic spring

Nonconservative F:

Friction

Air resistance

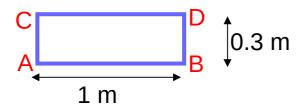
Push, pull

Tension

Normal

Nonconservative Forces

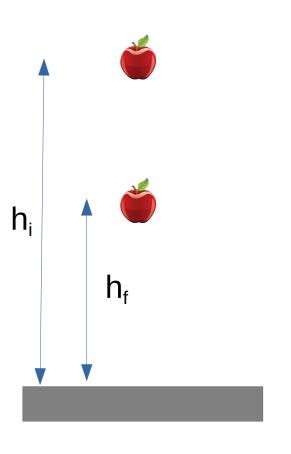
Example: Two identical boxes of mass 2 kg are moved from A to B along two different trajectories on a table that has a coefficient of kinetic friction of 0.2. The first box is moved along a straight line from A to B, while the second box is moved following the path A→C→D→B (see figure). Find the work done by the frictional force in the two cases, thus demonstrating that friction is a non-conservative force.



Answer: First box \rightarrow Wf = -3.9 J Second box \rightarrow Wf = -6.3 J

Conservation of Mechanical Energy

Example: An apple is released from hi



Work-KE theorem: $|W_{total} = \Delta K = W_g|$

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$$W_g = mg(h_i - h_f) = -\Delta U$$

$$\Delta K + \Delta U = 0$$

$$K_i + U_i = K_f + U_f$$

Conservation of Mechanical Energy

The total mechanical energy E = K + U

of an object is conserved when only conservative forces work on the system.

Example: A body of mass 2 kg is released from a height of 3 m over the floor and free falls.

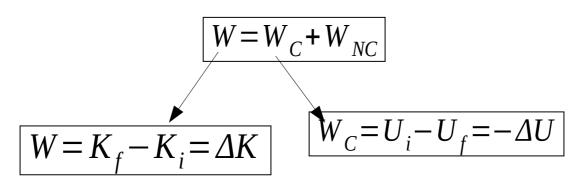
- (a) Apply the work-energy theorem to find the speed of the body at a height of 1 m and when it reaches the floor.
- (b) Determine U, K and E in both positions, and check that the mechanical energy E is conserved.

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Answer: (a) v(1 m) = 6.3 \text{ m/s}; v(0 m) = 7.7 \text{ m/s}
(b) U(1 m) = 19.62 \text{ J}; U(0 m) = 0 \text{ J}; K(1 m) = 39.24 \text{ J}; K(0 m) = 58.86 \text{ J}; E = 58.86 \text{ J}
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Conservation of Energy

Energy cannot be created or destroyed – it can only be changed from one form to another.

Assume both conservative and nonconservative forces act simultaneously on an object



so that

$$\Delta K = -\Delta U + W_{NC}$$
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$$W_{NC} = \Delta K + \Delta U = K_f - K_i + U_f - U_i = (K_f + U_f) - (K_i + U_i) = E_f - E_i = \Delta E$$

If the net work on an object by nonconservative forces is zero, then its energy does not change

Power

Power is the time rate at which work is done

• Average power: $P_{av} = \frac{Work}{time} = \frac{W}{t}$ SI units: Watt=J/s

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instantaneous mechanical power generated by

a Force
$$P = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t} = \frac{dW}{dt} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}$$

Example: A small motor is used to raise a load of bricks weighting 800 N to a height of 10 m in 20 s. What is the minimum power the motor must produce?

Answer: $P_{min} = 400 W$