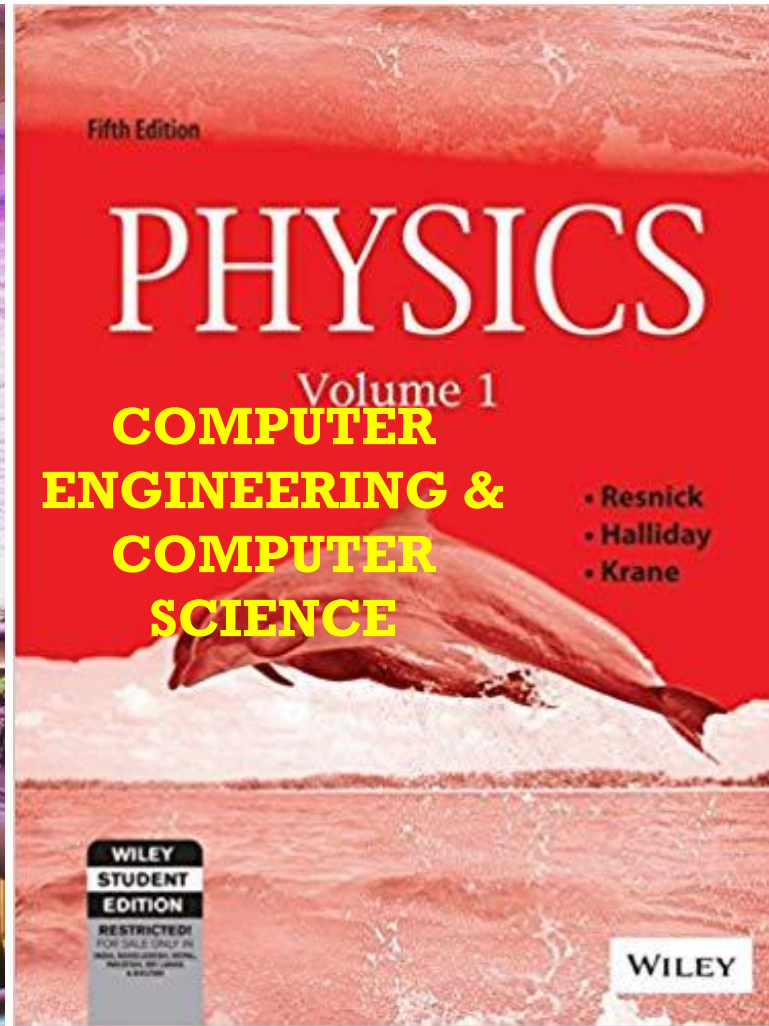
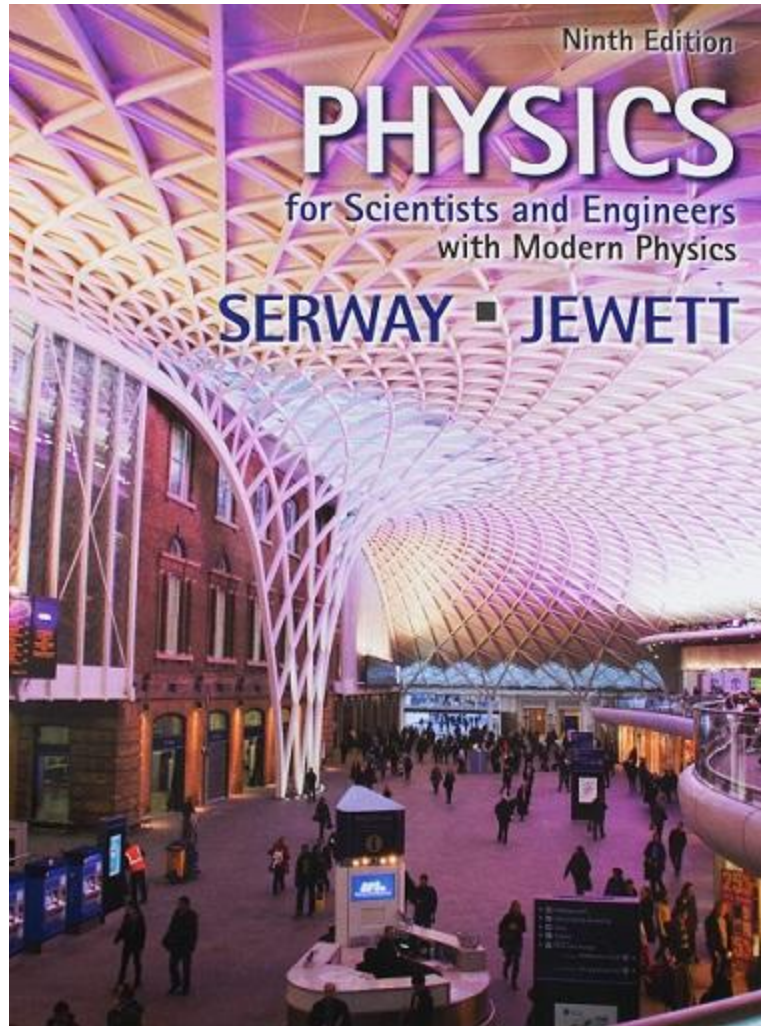


# PHYSICS



## General Physics (PHYS 104)

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# Work Done by a Constant Force



## Work

- **Work** is energy transferred to or from an object by means of force acting on the object.
- Work is a scalar quantity.
- The SI unit of work is the joule (J).

## Work Done by a Constant Force

- When a constant force  $\vec{F}$  acts on an object that undergoes a straight-line displacement  $\vec{s}$ , the work done by the force on the object is defined to be the scalar product of  $\vec{F}$  and  $\vec{s}$ .

- Work done by a constant force :

$$W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s} = F s \cos \phi \quad \text{where } \phi \text{ is the angle between } \vec{F} \text{ and } \vec{s}$$

- If  $F = 0$ , then  $W = 0$ . For work to be done, a force must be exerted.
- If  $s = 0$ , then  $W = 0$ . For work to be done by a force, there must be movement of the point of application of that force through some distance.
- If  $\phi = 90^\circ$ , then  $W = 0$ . For work to be done by a force, a component of the force must act in the direction of the displacement (or in the opposite direction). If a force is always perpendicular to the direction of motion, then the work done by that particular force is zero.
- When  $\phi = 0^\circ$ , then  $W = F s$ . If the force and the displacement are in the same direction.
- When  $\phi = 180^\circ$ , then  $W = -Fs$ . If the force acts opposite to the direction of the displacement, then that force does negative work.

# Work Done by a Constant Force



## Nature of Work

The work done will be **positive, zero or negative** depending upon the angle between

### Positive Work

- If  $0 \leq \phi < 90^\circ$ , the work done on an object by a force is positive.

Example of positive work:

When an object falls freely under gravity, the work done by gravitational force on the object is positive.

### Negative Work

- If  $90^\circ < \phi \leq 180^\circ$ , the work done on an object by a force is negative.

Example of negative work:

When a body is made slide over a rough surface, the work done by the frictional force on the object is negative.

### Zero Work

- If  $\phi = 90^\circ$ , then  $W = 0$ ,  $F = 0$ , then  $W = 0$ ,  $s = 0$ , then  $W = 0$ .

If a force is always perpendicular to the direction of motion, then the work done by that particular force is zero.

For work to be done, a force must be exerted.

For work to be done by a force there must be movement of the point of application of that force through some distance.

Example of zero work:

Work done by the force of gravity on a body moving on the horizontal surface.

# Work Done by a Variable Force



## Variable Force

- A variable force is a force which changes in magnitude or direction as a body moves. e.g. The spring force

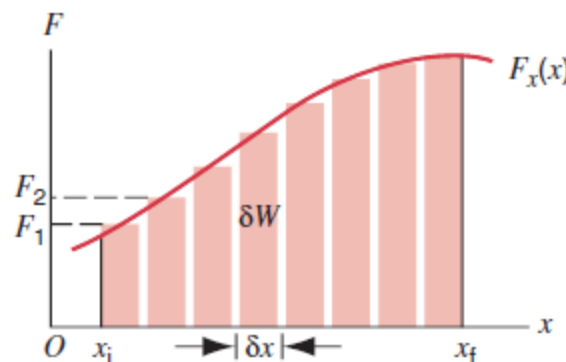
## Work Done by a Variable Force, Straight – Line Motion

- Let a body moves along the x-axis from  $x_i$  to  $x_f$  as a variable force  $F_x(x)$  is applied to it [Figure F<sub>V</sub>-1].



Figure Fv-1

- The smooth curve in Figure F<sub>V</sub>-2 shows an arbitrary variable force that acts on a body that moves from  $x_i$  to  $x_f$ .



$F_x(x) \rightarrow$  force that varies in magnitude only  
 $F_1, F_2 \rightarrow$  nearly constant forces in the first and second interval respectively

Figure Fv-2

Let us divide the total displacement into a large number of very small intervals of equal width, such that in each interval force can be considered to be constant.

# Work Done by a Variable Force



## Work Done by a Variable Force, Straight – Line Motion

- Consider the first interval in which there is a small displacement  $\delta x$  from  $x_i$  to  $x_i + \delta x$ .

The work done by the force  $F_1$  in that interval is  $\delta W_1 = F_1 \delta x$ .

Similarly, in the second interval, in which the body moves from  $x_i + \delta x$  to  $x_i + 2\delta x$ .

The work done by the force  $F_2$  in that interval is  $\delta W_2 = F_2 \delta x$ .

Therefore, the total work done by the force in the total displacement from  $x_i$  to  $x_f$  is approximately

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \delta W_1 + \delta W_2 + \dots \\ &= F_1 \delta x + F_2 \delta x + \dots \\ \text{or } W &= \sum_{n=1}^N F_n \delta x \quad \dots\dots\dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

When the number of intervals becomes infinite and the width of each interval tends to zero, we get the exact value of work done.

Hence, 
$$W = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=1}^N F_n \delta x \quad \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

- The relation  $\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=1}^N F_n \delta x = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F_x(x) dx$  defines the integral  $F_x(x)$  of with respect to  $x$  from  $x_i$  to  $x_f$ .

Numerically, this quantity is exactly equal to the area between the force curve and the axis between the limits  $x_i$  to  $x_f$ .



# Work Done by a Variable Force

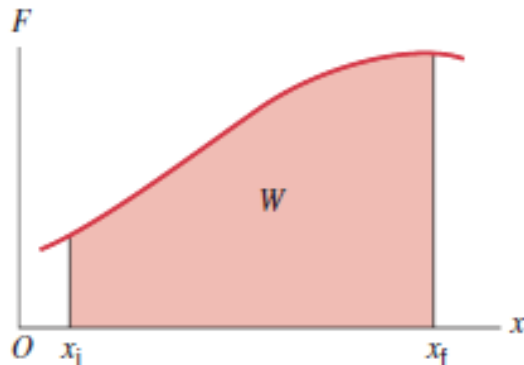


## Work Done by a Variable Force, Straight – Line Motion

- Hence, the total work done by  $F_x(x)$  in displacing a body from  $x_i$  to  $x_f$  is

$$W = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F_x(x) dx$$

The shaded area between the force curve and the  $x$ -axis between the limits  $x_i$  to  $x_f$  [Figure Fv-3] gives the total work done by  $F_x(x)$  in displacing a body from  $x_i$  to  $x_f$ .



**Figure Fv-3**

### Three Dimensional Analyses

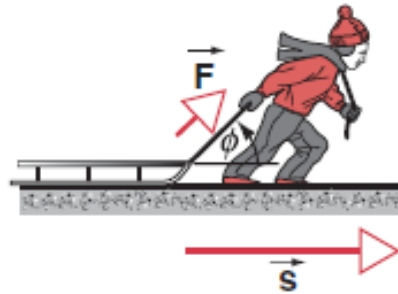
- The work done by a variable force  $\vec{F}$  while the particle moves from an initial position  $\vec{r}_i$  having coordinates  $(x_i, y_i, z_i)$  to a final position  $\vec{r}_f$  having coordinates  $(x_f, y_f, z_f)$  is

$$W = \int_{\vec{r}_i}^{\vec{r}_f} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{\vec{r}_i}^{\vec{r}_f} (F_x dx + F_y dy + F_z dz)$$

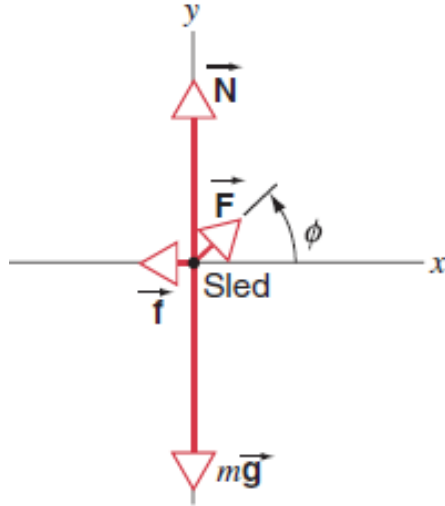
$$\therefore W = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F_x dx + \int_{y_i}^{y_f} F_y dy + \int_{z_i}^{z_f} F_z dz$$

## Sample Problem

- A child pulls a 5.6 kg sled a distance of  $s = 12$  m along a horizontal surface at a constant speed. What work does the child do on the sled if the coefficient of kinetic friction  $\mu_k$  is 0.20 and the rope makes an angle  $\phi = 45^\circ$  with the horizontal?



**Hint:**



**Figure SP-I**  
A Free-body diagram for the sled

- According to Newton's First Law

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_x &= 0 & \text{and} & & \sum F_y &= 0 \\ \text{or, } F \cos \phi &= f & & & \text{or, } N + F \sin \phi &= mg \\ \therefore \boxed{F \cos \phi = \mu_k N} & \dots\dots\dots (1) & & & \therefore \boxed{N = mg - F \sin \phi} & \dots\dots\dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

- From equations (1) and (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} F \cos \phi &= \mu_k (mg - F \sin \phi) \\ \therefore \boxed{F = \frac{\mu_k mg}{\cos \phi + \mu_k \sin \phi}} & \dots\dots\dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, work done by the child on the sled,

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s} = F s \cos \phi = \left[ \frac{\mu_k mg}{\cos \phi + \mu_k \sin \phi} \right] s \cos \phi \\ &= \left[ \frac{0.20 \times 5.6 \times 9.8}{\cos 45^\circ + 0.20 \sin 45^\circ} \right] \times 12 \times \cos 45^\circ \\ &= 110 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$



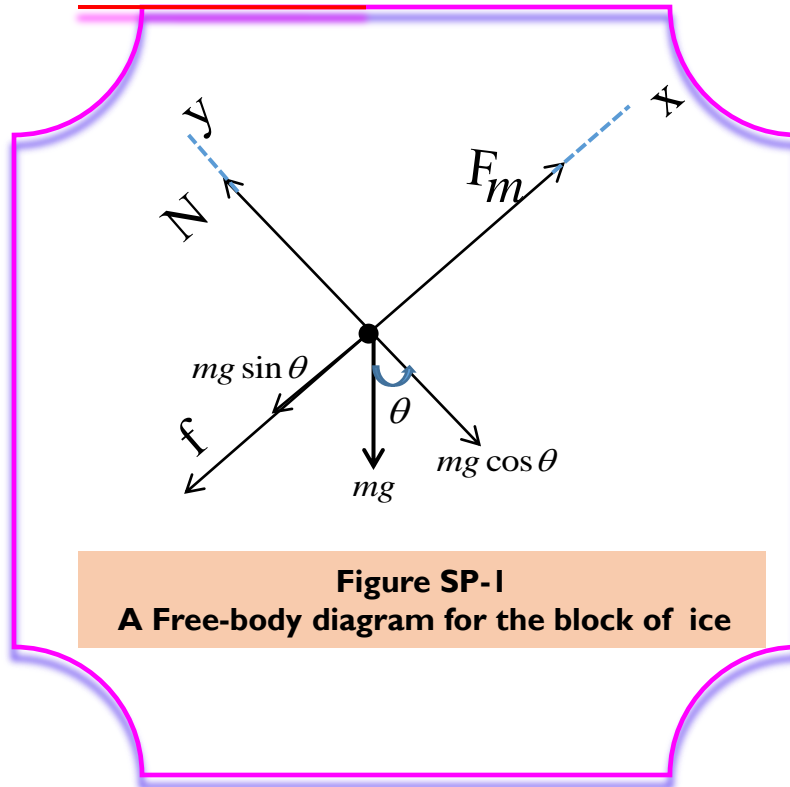
## Sample Problem



A 45.36-kg block of ice slides down an incline 1.52 m long and 0.9144 m high. A man pushes up on the ice parallel to the incline so that it slides down at constant speed. The coefficient of friction between the ice and the incline is 0.1.

- Find
- the force exerted by the man,
  - the work done by the man on the block,
  - the work done by the gravity on the block,
  - the work done by the surface of the incline on the block,
  - the work done by the resultant force on the block,
  - the change in kinetic energy of the block.

**Hint:**



According to Newton's First Law

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum F_y = 0$$

$$\text{or, } F_m + f = mg \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore \boxed{F_m = mg \sin \theta - f} \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{N = mg \cos \theta} \quad \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

(a) The force exerted by the man,

$$\begin{aligned} F_m &= mg \sin \theta - f \\ &= mg \sin \theta - \mu_k (mg \cos \theta) \\ &= \dots \\ &= 231.15 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

(b) The work done by the man on the block,

$$\begin{aligned} W_m &= \vec{F}_m \cdot \vec{s} \\ &= -F_m s \\ &= \dots \\ &= -352.56 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

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  - (d) the work done by the surface of the incline on the block,
  - (e) the work done by the resultant force on the block,
  - and (f) the change in kinetic energy of the block.

Hint:

(c) The work done by the gravity on the block

$$\begin{aligned} W_m &= \vec{F}_g \cdot \vec{s} \\ &= F_g s \cos(90^\circ - \theta) \\ &= mg s \sin \theta \\ &= \dots \\ &= 406.8 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

(d) The work done by the surface of the incline on the block

$$\begin{aligned} W_m &= \vec{f} \cdot \vec{s} \\ &= -f s \\ &= \mu_k N s \\ &= \mu_k (mg \cos \theta) s \\ &= -54.24 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

(e) The work done by the resultant force on the block

$$W_{F_R} = \vec{F}_R \cdot \vec{s} = 0$$

(f) The change in kinetic energy of the block,

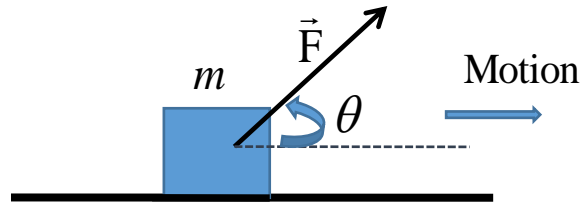
$$W_{F_R} = \Delta K = 0$$

## Sample Problem



A block of mass  $m = 3.57$  kg is drawn at a constant speed a distance  $d = 4.06$  meters along a horizontal floor by rope exerting a constant force of magnitude  $F = 7.68$  N making an angle  $\theta = 15^\circ$  with the horizontal.

- Compute
- the total work done on the block,
  - the work done by the rope on the block,
  - the work done by the friction on the block,
  - the coefficient of kinetic friction between the block and floor.



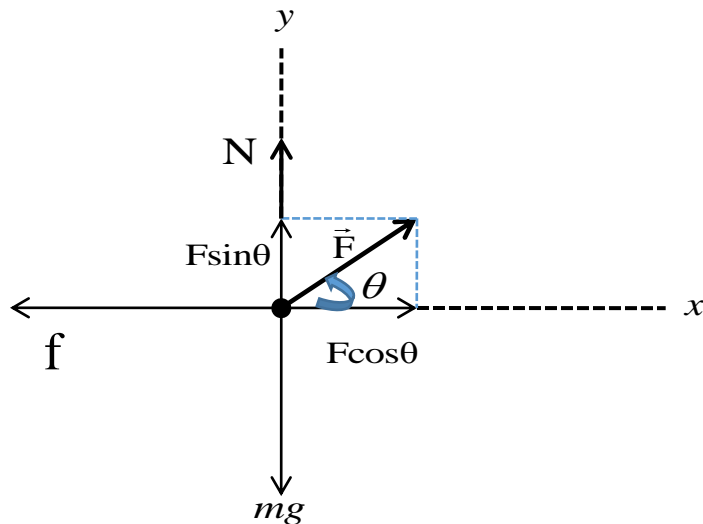
According to Newton's First Law

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum F_y = 0$$

$$\therefore F \cos \phi = f \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$\therefore N + F \sin \phi = mg \quad \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Hint:



$$(a) \quad W_T = W_T + W_N + W_g + W_f$$

$$= F \cos \phi \, d + 0 + 0 + (-F \cos \phi \, d)$$

$$= 0$$

$$(b) \quad W_F = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d} = F d \cos \phi$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= 30.1 \, \text{J}$$

$$(c) \quad W_F = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d} = -F d \cos \phi$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= -30.1 \, \text{J}$$

$$(d) \quad \mu_k = \frac{f}{N}$$

$$= \frac{F \cos \phi}{mg - F \sin \phi}$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= 0.225$$

Figure SP-I

A Free-body diagram for the block

# Calculating Total Work Done From a Graph

- A force acting on a particle varies with  $x$ , as shown in Figure W-1. Calculate the work done by the force as the particle as it moves from  $x_i=0$  to  $x_f=6.0$  m.

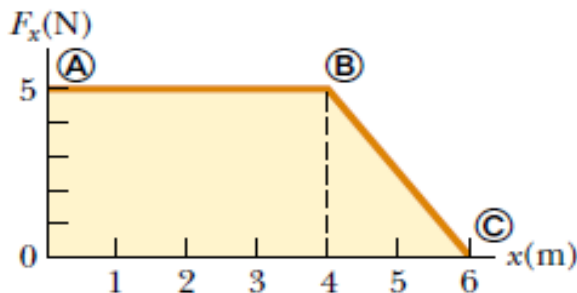


Figure W-1

## Solution:

- The work done by the force is equal to the area under the curve from  $x_i=0$  to  $x_f=6.0$  m.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore W &= (5.0\text{ N})(4.0\text{ m}) + \frac{1}{2}(5.0\text{ N})(2.0\text{ m}) \\ &= 20\text{ J} + 5.0\text{ J} \\ &= 25\text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

- The force acting on a particle varies as shown in Figure W-2. Find the work done by the force as the particle moves from  $x_i=0$  to  $x_f=10.0$  m

## Solution:

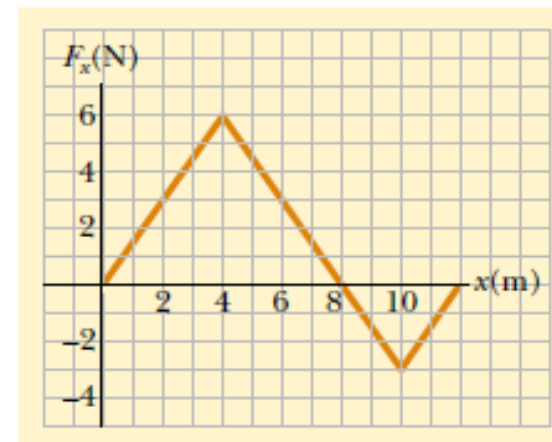


Figure W-2

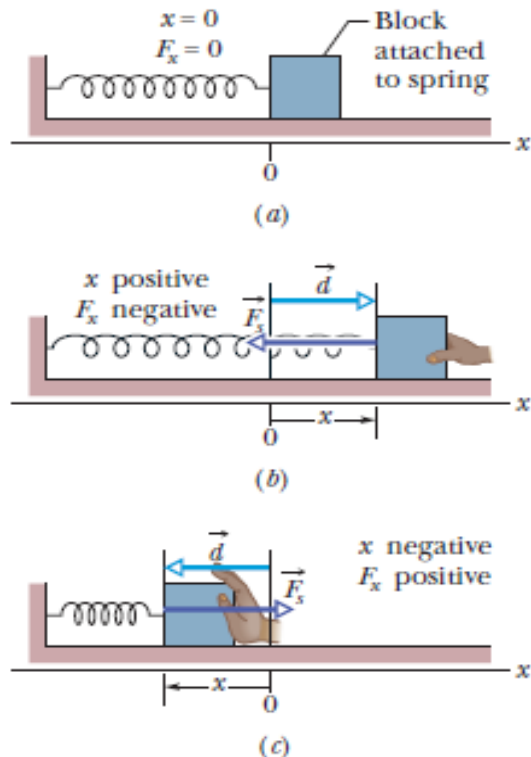
- The work done by the force as the particle moves from  $x_i=0$  to  $x_f=10.0$  m is equal to the area under the curve from  $x_i=0$  to  $x_f=10.0$  m

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore W &= \frac{1}{2}(6.0\text{ N})(4.0\text{ m}) + \frac{1}{2}(4.0\text{ N})(6.0\text{ m}) - \frac{1}{2}(3.0\text{ N})(3.0\text{ m}) \\ &= 12\text{ J} + 12\text{ J} - 4.5\text{ J} \\ &= 19.5\text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

## Spring Force

- The force exerted by a spring when it is stretched or compressed is called **a spring force**.
- A spring force is an example of a one-dimensional variable force.
- The spring force is sometimes called *a restoring force*, because it acts to restore the relaxed state.

**Figure S-1 shows a block attached to a spring.**



- Figure S-1a shows a spring in its **relaxed state**.
- If we stretch the spring by pulling the block to the right as in Figure S-1b, the spring pulls on the block toward the left.
- If we compress the spring by pushing the block to the left as in Figure S-1c, the spring now pushes on the block toward the right.

Figure S-1



# Spring Force and Spring Constant

## Spring Force

- To a good approximation for many springs, the force from a spring  $\vec{F}_s$  is proportional to the displacement  $\vec{d}$  of the free end from its position when the spring is in the relaxed state.
- The *spring force* is given by

$$\vec{F}_s = -k\vec{d} \quad (\text{Hooke's law}) \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$F_s = -kx$$

which is known as **Hooke's law** after Robert Hooke, an English scientist of the late 1600s.

- The minus sign in Eq. (1) indicates that the direction of the spring force is always opposite the direction of the displacement of the spring's free end

## Spring Constant (k)

- It is a measure of the stiffness of the spring. The larger  $k$  is, the stiffer the spring; that is, the larger  $k$  is, the stronger the spring's pull or push for a given displacement.
- The SI unit for  $k$  is the newton per meter.

# The Work Done by the Spring Force



## The Work Done by the Spring Force

- A common physical system for which the force varies with position is shown in Figure S-2.

A block on a horizontal, frictionless surface is connected to a spring.

- If the spring is stretched a small distance from its unstretched (equilibrium) configuration by the applied force  $\vec{F}_{\text{app}}$ , it exerts on the block a force of magnitude

$$F_s = -kx \quad (\text{Hooke's law})$$

where  $x$  is the displacement of the block from its unstretched ( $x=0$ ) position and  $k$  is a positive constant called the force constant of the spring.

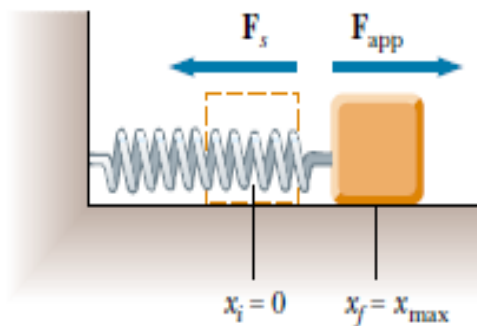


Figure S-2

The spring force  $F_s$  always acts in a direction to restore the block to its location at  $x=0$ .

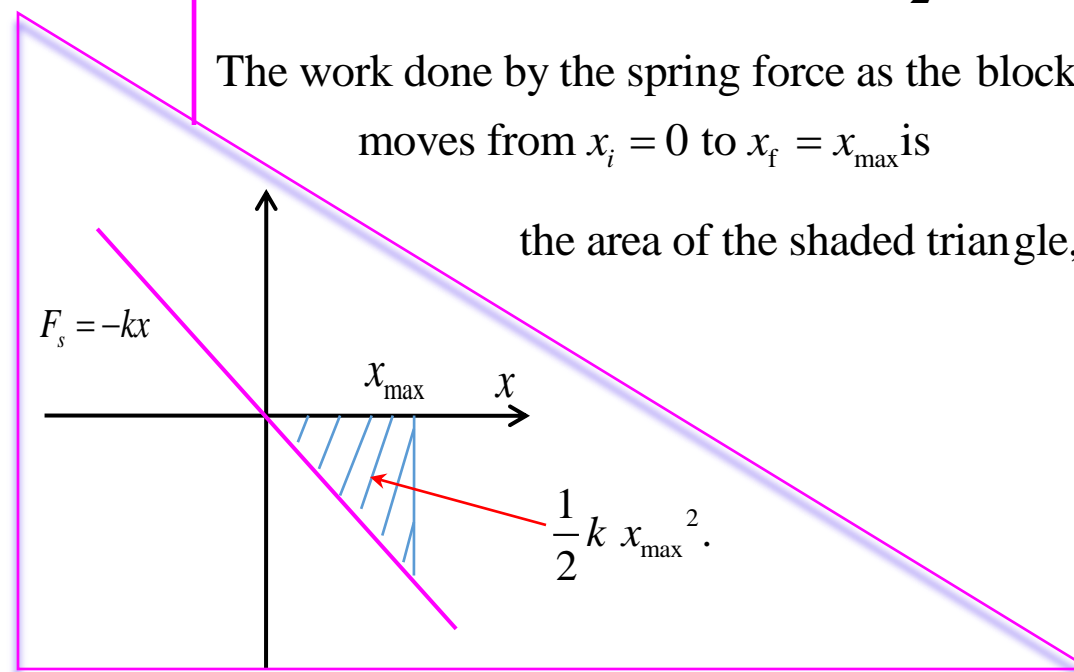
The work done by the spring force as

the block moves from  $x_i = 0$  to  $x_f = x_{\text{max}}$  is

$$W_s = \int_0^{x_{\text{max}}} F_s dx = \int_0^{x_{\text{max}}} (-kx) dx = -\frac{1}{2}k x_{\text{max}}^2$$

The work done by the spring force as the block moves from  $x_i = 0$  to  $x_f = x_{\text{max}}$  is

the area of the shaded triangle,  $\frac{1}{2}k x_{\text{max}}^2$ .





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