

Lecture 7

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1 Energy

1.1 Leibenitz's 'Vis Viva'

Based on experimental analyses, Leibenitz defined 'vis viva' as the product of the weight of a body and its height above the ground. This definition contradicted Descartes, who defined the life force as the product of the mass of a body and the magnitude of its velocity.

1.2 Coriolis' Definition of Work

Coriolis defined work as the multiplication of the displacement of a body, and the component of the force responsible for the displacement, in the direction of the displacement, or vice versa.

$$\begin{aligned} dW &\doteq \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \\ \therefore W &\doteq \int_{\vec{r}_A}^{\vec{r}_B} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \end{aligned}$$

For a general body,

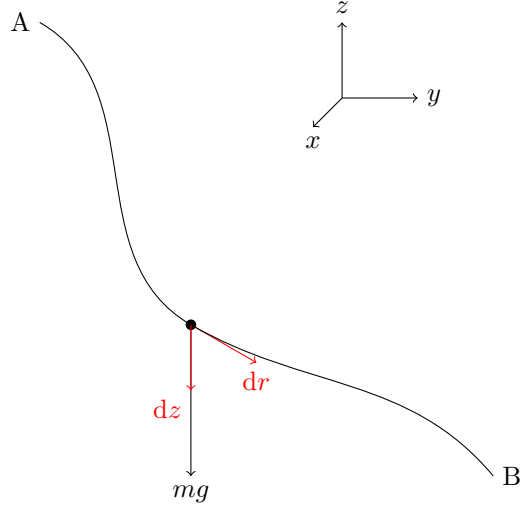
$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_{\vec{r}_A}^{\vec{r}_B} \vec{F}_{\text{total}} \cdot d\vec{r} \\ &= \int_{\vec{r}_A}^{\vec{r}_B} m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \cdot d\vec{r} \end{aligned}$$

In Leibenitz's notation, dt is a scalar. Therefore, we can move it around.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore W &= \int_{\vec{r}_A}^{\vec{r}_B} m d\vec{v} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \\ &= \int_{\vec{v}_A}^{\vec{v}_B} m d\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \\ d(v^2) &= 2\vec{v} \cdot d\vec{v} \\ \therefore W &= \int_{\vec{v}_A}^{\vec{v}_B} \frac{1}{2} m d(v^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m (v_B^2 - v_A^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m v_B^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_A^2 \\ &\doteq E_K(B) - E_K(A) \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Gravitational Potential Energy

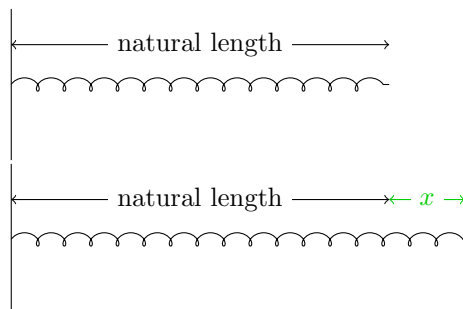
$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{F_{\text{total}}} &= \overrightarrow{F_{\text{gravitation}}} + \overrightarrow{F_{\text{other}}} \\ \overrightarrow{F_{\text{total}}} &= m\overrightarrow{g} + \overrightarrow{F_{\text{other}}}\end{aligned}$$



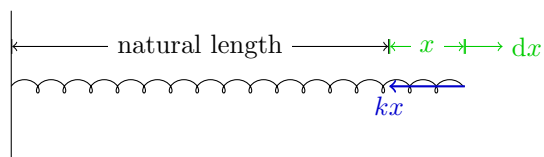
$$\begin{aligned}W(m\overrightarrow{g}) &= \int_{\overrightarrow{r_A}}^{\overrightarrow{r_B}} m\overrightarrow{g} \cdot d\overrightarrow{r} \\ &= \int_{\overrightarrow{z_B}}^{\overrightarrow{z_A}} mg(dz) \\ &= mg(z_A - z_B) \\ &= mgz_a - mgz_B\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}W &= \int_B^A \overrightarrow{F_{\text{total}}} \cdot d\overrightarrow{r} = E_K(B) - E_K(A) \\ \therefore \int_B^A \overrightarrow{F_{\text{other}}} \cdot d\overrightarrow{r} + W(m\overrightarrow{g}) &= E_K(B) - E_K(A) \\ \therefore \int_B^A \overrightarrow{F_{\text{other}}} \cdot d\overrightarrow{r} &= (E_K(B) + mgz_B) - (E_K(A) + mgz_A) \\ &= E_M(B) - E_M(A)\end{aligned}$$

1.4 Spring Potential Energy



$$F = kx$$



The work done by the spring force is

$$\begin{aligned} W(k) &= \int_{x_A}^{x_B} -kx \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2}kx_A^2 - \frac{1}{2}kx_B^2 \end{aligned}$$

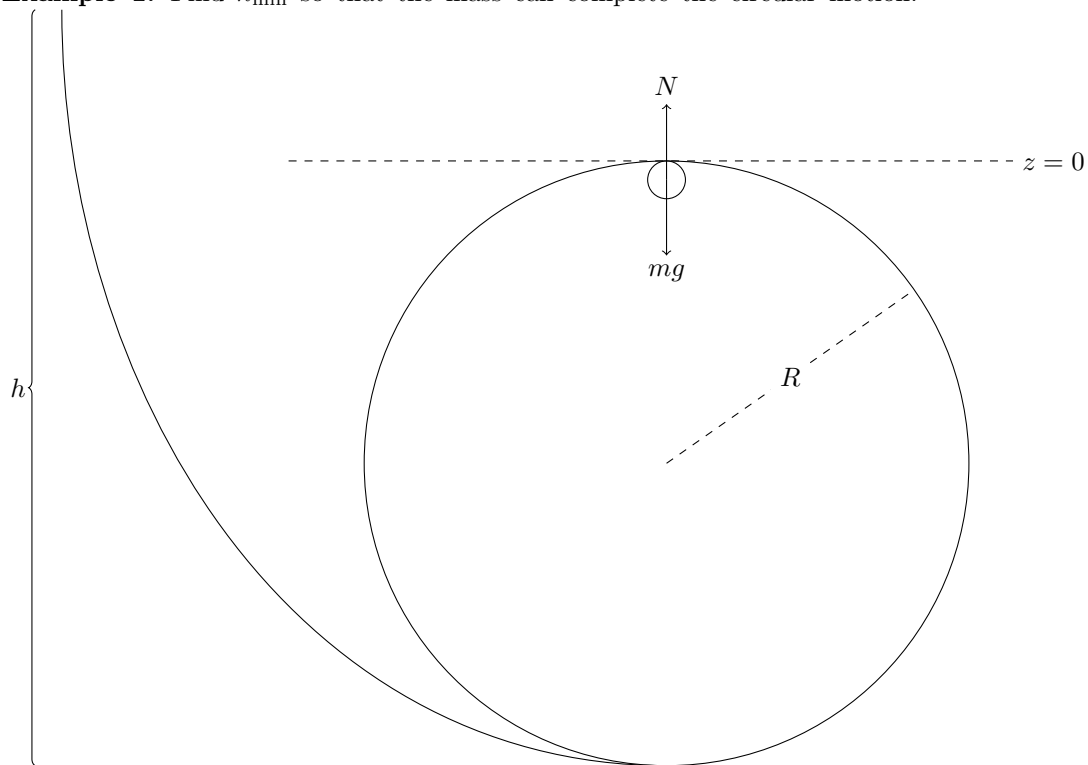
$$W = \int_B^A \overrightarrow{F_{\text{total}}} \cdot d\vec{r} = E_K(B) - E_K(A)$$

$$\therefore \int_B^A \overrightarrow{F_{\text{other}}} \cdot d\vec{r} + W(m\vec{g}) + W(k\vec{x}) = E_K(B) - E_K(A)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_B^A \overrightarrow{F_{\text{other}}} \cdot d\vec{r} &= (E_K(B) + mgz_B + \frac{1}{2}kx_B^2) - (E_K(A) + mgz_A + \frac{1}{2}kx_A^2) \\ &= E_M(B) - E_M(A) \end{aligned}$$

1.5 Examples

Example 1. Find h_{\min} so that the mass can complete the circular motion.



Solution.

$$mg + N = m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

At h_{\min} , $N = 0$

$$\therefore v = \sqrt{gR}$$

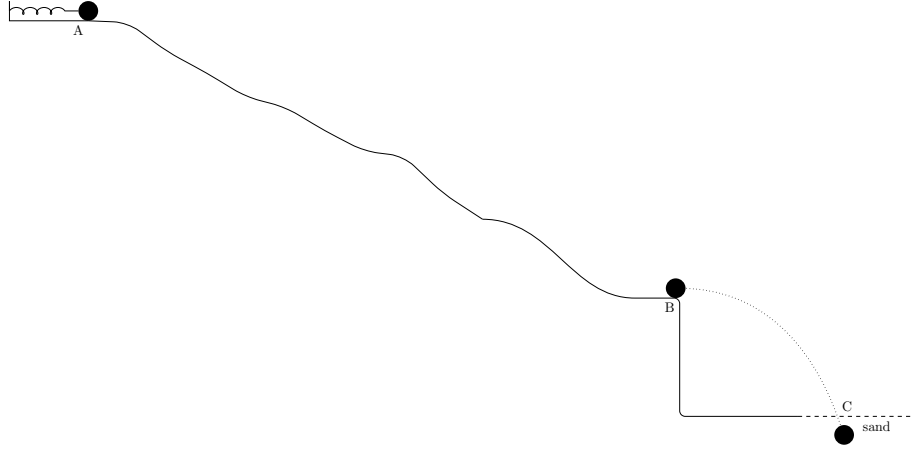
$E_M = \text{constant}$

Therefore, comparing mechanical energy at A and B,

$$mg(h - 2R) = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\therefore h_{\min} = \frac{5}{2}R$$

Example 2. Find the average force exerted by the sand on the body.



$$m = 2 \text{ kg}$$

$$h_1 = 3 \text{ m}$$

$$h_2 = 3 \text{ m}$$

$$l = 10 \text{ m}$$

$$k = 1000 \text{ N m}^{-1}$$

$$x = 40 \text{ cm}$$

$$\mu_k = 0.2$$

Consider the datum of gravitational potential energy at A.

$$W(\overrightarrow{F_{\text{other}}}) = E_M(B) - E_M(A)$$

$$\therefore 0 - \mu_k mgl = \left(\frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 + mg(-h_1) + 0 \right) - \left(0 + 0 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \right)$$

$$\therefore v_B = 10 \text{ m/s}$$

At point C,

$$\begin{aligned} E_M &= \frac{1}{2}kx^2 + mg(h_1 + h_2) - \mu_k mgl \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1000)(0.4)^2 + (2)(10)(6) - (0.2)(2)(10)(10) \\ &= 160 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

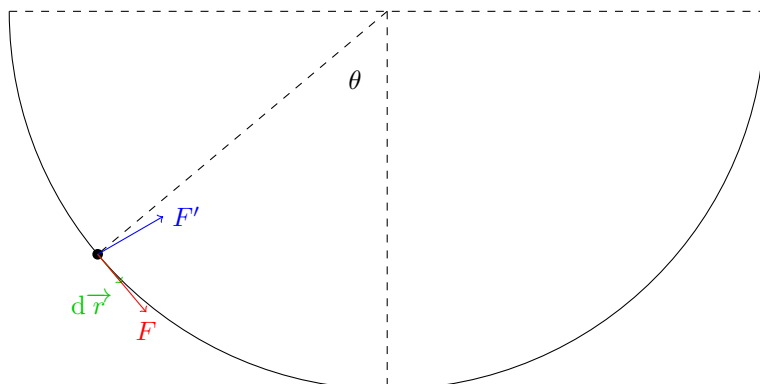
This energy is dissipated by the action of the force of the sand.

$$(F_{\text{sand}})(0.1) = 160$$

$$\therefore F_{\text{sand}} = 1600 \text{ N}$$

Example 3. \overrightarrow{F} is always at 30 degrees from horizontal.

\overrightarrow{F} is always tangential to the hemisphere.



Find the work done by both forces.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(F) &= \int_A^B \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \\
 &= \int_A^B F dr \\
 &= F \int_A^B dr \\
 &= F(\pi R)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(F') &= \int_A^B \vec{F}' \cdot d\vec{r} \\
 &= \int_A^B F' dr \cos\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \\
 &= F' \int_A^B \cos\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) dr \\
 &= F' \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) (-R d\theta) \\
 &= F' R \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) d\theta \\
 &= F' R \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) - F' R \sin\left(\frac{-\pi}{3}\right) \\
 &= F' R \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

The work done by F' is the same, even if the body is taken directly from A to B.

1.6 Work Done by Friction

$$\begin{aligned}W(\overrightarrow{F_{\text{total}}}) &= \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 \\ \int_{x_A}^{x_B} -f \, dx &= \int_0^x \mu_k mg \, dx \\ \therefore -\mu_k mgx &= \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2\end{aligned}$$

1.7 Friction on an Inclined Plane

$$\begin{aligned}\int \overrightarrow{F_{\text{other}}} \cdot d\vec{r} &= E_M(f) - E_M(i) \\ \therefore W(\vec{N}) + W(\vec{f}) &= \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - mgl \sin \theta \\ \therefore -\mu_k mg \cos \theta l &= \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - mgl \sin \theta \\ \therefore -\mu_k mgx &= \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - mgl \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$