

# Absolute Potential Energy:

Work done by gravitational force in displacing an object from that point to infinity where force of gravity becomes equal to zero is called absolute potential energy.

## Explanation:

Work done by gravitational force is only true constant near to earth's surface where the value of  $g$  becomes constant or force of gravity becomes constant but we know from Newton's gravitational

law

$$F_g = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

$$F_g \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

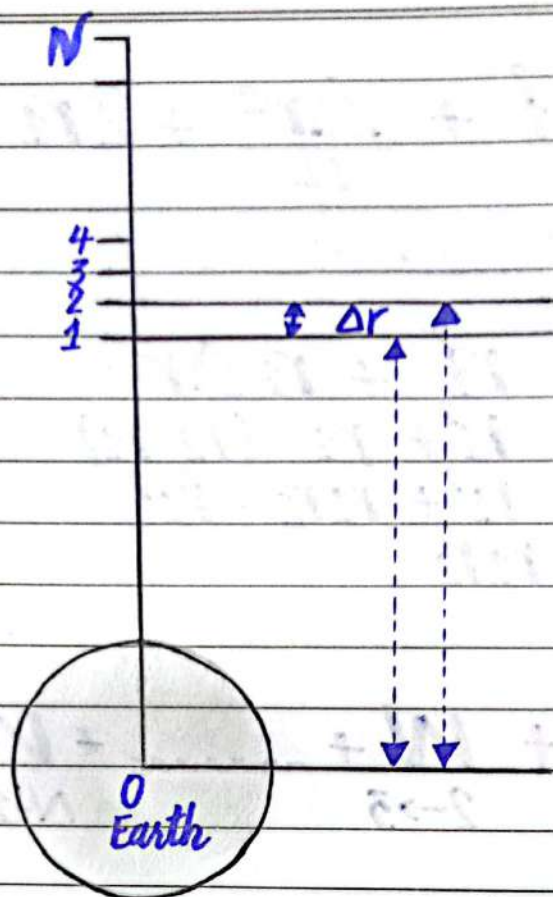
It means gravitational force varies as we move upward because value of  $g$  becomes smaller.

Thus we divide the total distance into ' $n$ ' number of small steps as shown:

$\Delta r$  is the difference between the two steps and the value of ' $g$ ' or gravitational force becomes constant in this step.

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We have to calculate the total workdone in all steps which is equal to the absolute potential energy.

We consider distance so,  $r = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2}$

$$\Delta r = r_2 - r_1$$

$$r_2 = \Delta r + r_1$$

$$r = \frac{r_1 + \Delta r + r_1}{2}$$

$$r = \frac{2r_1 + \Delta r}{2}$$

$$r = r_1 + \frac{\Delta r}{2}$$

Taking square on both the sides

$$r^2 = \left(r_1 + \frac{\Delta r}{2}\right)^2$$



$$r^2 = r_1^2 + \frac{\Delta r^2}{4} + 2r_1 \frac{\Delta r}{2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta r^2}{4} \approx 0 \text{ (because it is very small value)}$$

$$r^2 = r_1^2 + r_1 \Delta r$$

$$= r_1^2 + r_1 (r_2 - r_1)$$

$$= r_1^2 + r_1 r_2 - r_1^2$$

$$r^2 = r_1 r_2$$

Now the work done which want to be calculated is

$$W_T = \underset{1 \rightarrow 2}{W} + \underset{2 \rightarrow 3}{W} + \dots + \underset{N-1 \rightarrow N}{W}$$

$$W_{1 \rightarrow 2} = F_y \cdot \Delta r$$

$$= F \Delta r \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = 180^\circ$$

$$= F \Delta r \cos(180^\circ)$$

$$= -F \Delta r$$

$$= -\frac{GMm}{r_1 r_2} (r_2 - r_1)$$

$$= -GMm \left[ \frac{r_2 - r_1}{r_1 r_2} \right]$$

$$W_{1 \rightarrow 2} = -GMm \left[ \frac{r_2}{r_1 r_2} - \frac{r_1}{r_1 r_2} \right]$$

$$W_{1 \rightarrow 2} = -GMm \left[ \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right]$$

$$W_{3 \rightarrow 4} = -GMm \left[ \frac{1}{r_3} - \frac{1}{r_4} \right]$$

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$$W_{N-1 \rightarrow N} = -GMm \left[ \frac{1}{r_{N-1}} - \frac{1}{r_N} \right]$$

Now the total work done will be

$$W_T = W_{1 \rightarrow 2} + W_{2 \rightarrow \dots} + W_{N-1 \rightarrow N}$$

$$= -GMm \left[ \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_2} - \frac{1}{r_3} + \frac{1}{r_3} - \dots - \frac{1}{r_{N-1}} + \frac{1}{r_{N-1}} - \frac{1}{r_N} \right]$$

$$= -GMm \left[ \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_N} \right]$$

$$r_N = \infty \text{ Infinity}$$

$$W_T = -GMm \left[ \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right] \quad \therefore \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

$$W_T = -GMm \frac{1}{r_1}$$

Absolute potential energy is denoted by " $U_g$ " So

$$U_g = -\frac{GMm}{r_1}$$

Note that when  $r$  increases,  $U$  becomes less negative i.e.,  $U$  increases. It means when we rise a body



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above the surface of the Earth its P.E. increases.

The choice of zero point is arbitrary and difference of P.E. From the one point to another is significant, whether we consider the surface or the Earth or the point at infinity as zero P.E. reference, the change in P.E. as we move a body above the surface of the Earth, we always be positive.

Now the absolute potential energy on the surface of the Earth is found by putting  $r = R$  (Radius of the Earth)

$$\text{Absolute potential energy} = U_g = - \frac{GMm}{R}$$

The negative sign shows that the Earth's gravitational field for mass  $m$  is attractive.

The above expression gives the work or the energy required to take the body out of the Earth's gravitational field, where its potential energy with respect to Earth is zero.



Note \*

# Escape Velocity:

The minimum initial velocity provided to the body from the surface of earth from which it moves out the earth's gravitational field is called escape velocity.

- It is denoted by  $V_{esc}$

## Explanations:

We know that, the energy provided from the surface is the K.E. which is

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \rightarrow 1$$

We also know that to reach the infinity point the workdone on a body is equal to the Absolute P.E.  
So increase in potential energy will be

$$\text{increase in P.E.} = 0 - \left( -\frac{GMm}{r} \right)$$

$$\text{increase in P.E.} = \frac{GMm}{r} \rightarrow 2$$

From equ 1 and 2, we want to determine the escape velocity it must be equal.

$$\frac{1}{2} m V_{esc}^2 = \frac{GMm}{r}$$

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$$V_{esc}^2 = \frac{2GM}{r}$$

$$V_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}} \rightarrow 3$$

By replacing  $r = R$  (consider it the infinity point)

$$V_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R} \times \frac{R}{R}} \quad \therefore F_g = \frac{GMm}{R^2}$$

$$V_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GMR}{R^2}} \quad mg = \frac{GMm}{R^2}$$

$$\text{So, } V_{esc} = \sqrt{2gR} \quad g = \frac{GM}{R^2}$$

As we know that

$$g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$R = 6400 \text{ km}$$

the escape velocity will be

$$11.2 \text{ kms}^{-1}$$

From equ 3 we observe

$$r = R + h$$

$$V_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R+h}}$$



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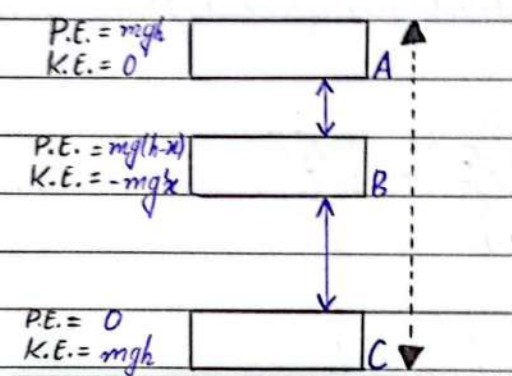
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# Law Of Conservation Of Energy:

**Statement:** Energy can be produced nor be destroyed but it can be change from one form to another but total energy remains constant.

## Interconversions Of Energy:

Consider a body of mass placed at height ' $h$ ' at point ' $A$ ' from surface of earth as shown:



By ignoring air friction we observe that the body is falling downward.

So we have to calculate the energy at point A, B and C total energy as well.

### At point A:

Now we observe at point ' $A$ '

$$P.E. = mgh \text{ (Maximum)}$$

$$K.E. = 0$$

Now



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$$T.E. = P.E. + K.E$$

$$T.E. = mgh + 0$$
$$T.E. = mgh.$$

**At point B:**

Now we have to calculate the energies at point 'B'  
The body is falling downward.  
So

$$V_i = 0$$

$$V_f = V_B \text{ (Velocity at point B)}$$

$$S = x \text{ (Distance covered from point A to B)}$$

$$a = g$$

Now 3<sup>rd</sup> equation of motion.

$$2aS = V_f^2 - V_i^2$$

$$2gx = (V_B)^2 - (0)^2$$

$$2gx = V_B^2$$

Now at point 'B' the K.E will be

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m V_B^2$$

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m (2gx)$$

$$K.E. = mgx$$

Now at point 'B' the

$$P.E. = mg(h-x)$$

Now to calculate

$$T.E. = P.E. + K.E$$

$$= mg(h-x) + mgx$$

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$$= mgh - mgh + mgh$$
$$= mgh$$

**At point C:**

Now we have to calculate the energies at point 'C' just before striking the ground.

$$V_i = 0 \text{ (Initial velocity)}$$

$$V_f = V_c \text{ (at point C the velocity is } V_c)$$

$$s = h$$

$$a = g$$

$$2as = V_f^2 - V_i^2$$

$$2gh = V_c^2 - (0)^2$$

$$2gh = V_c^2$$

Now at point 'C'

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} mV^2$$

Now put eqn 'd' in above equation.

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m(2gh)$$

$$K.E. = mgh$$

Now at point 'C'

$$P.E. = 0$$

$$T.E. = P.E. + K.E.$$

$$= 0 + mgh$$

$$T.E. = mgh$$

Now we observe from eqn 1, 2 and 3 T.E. are same and energies are convert.

Now observe while dipping downward

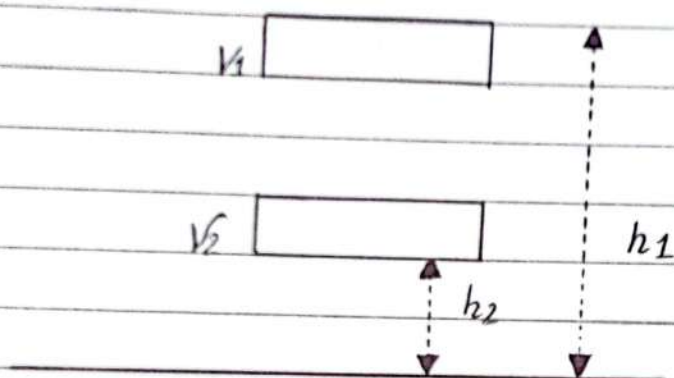


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from height  $h_1$  to  $h_2$  we can write.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Decrease} \\ \text{P.E.} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Increase in} \\ \text{K.E.} \end{array}$$
$$mg(h_1 - h_2) = \frac{1}{2} m (V_2^2 - V_1^2)$$



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## Workdone against Air Friction:

By considering air friction falling downwards  
Some part of potential energy is used to do some  
work against air friction.

So

Loss in P.E. - Workdone against air friction = Gain in K.E.

$$mgh - fh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + fh$$

Loss In P.E. = Gain in K.E. + Workdone  
against Air friction



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## Problem #5:

### Data:

$$m = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

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

$$s = 100 \text{ m}$$

$$F = 480 \text{ N}$$

To Find:  $v = ?$

### Solve:

Loss In P.E. - Work done against air friction = Gain In K.E.

$$mgh - fs = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$$(1000)(9.8) - (480)(100) = \frac{1}{2} (1000) v^2$$

$$50000 = 500 v^2$$

$$v^2 = \frac{50000}{500}$$

$$v^2 = 100$$

$$v = \sqrt{100}$$

$$v = 10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

## Problem # 9:

Data:

$$\text{Weight} = W = F = 60\text{N}$$

$$h_1 = 10\text{m}$$

$$h_2 = 5\text{m}$$

$$h = h_1 - h_2$$

$$h = 10 - 5 = 5\text{m}$$

To Find:  $v = ?$

Solve:

$$\text{Loss In P.E.} = \text{Gain In K.E.}$$

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$2gh = v^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{2gh}$$

$$v = \sqrt{(2 \times 9.8)(5)}$$

$$v = 9.9\text{ms}^{-1}$$



Now conservation of energy service  
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