

Power

→ time rate at which work is done, scalar quantity

$$\text{Avg Power} = P_{\text{av}} = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t}$$

$$\text{Instantaneous Power} = P = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t} = \frac{dW}{dt}$$

SI unit Watt (W), $1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J s}^{-1}$

$$1 \text{ kW} = 10^3 \text{ W}$$

$$1 \text{ MW} = 10^6 \text{ W}$$

another unit of power is the horsepower (hp) $1 \text{ hp} = 746 \text{ W}$

kilowatt-hour (kW·h) commercial unit of electrical energy
total work done in one hour when power is 1 kW

$$1 \text{ kW h} = 10^3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{s}} \cdot 3600 \text{ s} = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$