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Homework 7 - Potential Energy and Conservation of Energy

19. $n = \frac{E_{\text{electron}}}{E_{\text{DNA}}} \dots (1)$

Substitute $4.0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J}$ for E_{electron} (from table) and 10^{-19} J for E_{DNA} (from table) in equation (1)

$$n = \frac{4.0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J}}{10^{-19} \text{ J}}$$

$$= 40,000$$

Hence, the number of DNA molecules that can be broken by the energy of one electron is 40,000

21. Using

$$\Delta U_{AB} = U_B - U_A$$

$$= mgy_B - mgy_A$$

(a) The weight (mg) of camera is 10 N , the initial position of camera is 20 m and final position is 0 m .

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta U_{AB} &= mg(y_B - y_A) \\ &= (10\text{ N})(0 - 20)\text{ m} \\ &= -200\text{ N m} \left(\frac{1\text{ J}}{1\text{ N m}} \right) \\ &= -200\text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the potential energy change is -200 J

(b) The final position of camera is 0 m and initial position is 20 m .

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta U_{AB} &= mg(y_B - y_A) \\ &= (10\text{ N})(0 - 20)\text{ m} \\ &= -200\text{ N} \left(\frac{1\text{ J}}{1\text{ N m}} \right) \\ &= -200\text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

(c) The camera's energy before falling down from 30 m to 20 m is:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta U_{AB} &= (10\text{ N})(20 - 30)\text{ m} \\ &= -100\text{ N m} \left(\frac{1\text{ J}}{1\text{ N m}} \right) = -100\text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the potential energy change of camera before it falls from the drone is -100 J

(d) The potential energy of camera after falling down from 30 m to 0 m is evaluated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta U_{AB} &= mg(y_B - y_A) \\ &= (10 \text{ N})(0 - 30) \text{ m} \\ &= -300 \text{ N m} (1 \text{ J/N m}) \\ &= -300 \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the potential energy change of camera after it falls on the ground is -300 J

25. Using

$$W = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F dx$$

(a) The particle moves from 2.0 m to 5.0 m and the force $F(x)$ is $(-5.0x^2 + 7.0x) \text{ N}$.

$$W = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F dx = \int_{2.0}^{5.0} (-5.0x^2 + 7.0x) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{-5.0x^3}{3} + \frac{7.0x^2}{2} \right]_{2.0}^{5.0}$$

$$= -120 \text{ J}$$

Thus, the work done on the particle is -120 J

$$(b) W_{AB} = U_B - U_A$$

The potential energy of a particle moving from $\infty \rightarrow x$ is determined as follows:

$$W = U_{\infty} - U_{x_0}$$

$$-120 \text{ J} = 0 - U_{x_0}$$

$$U_{x_0} = 120 \text{ J}$$

Thus, the potential energy for this force is 120 J

$$27. F_x = - \frac{dU(x)}{dx}$$

(a) Acc. to the problem,

$$U(x) = -a/x^{12} - b/x^6$$

$$\frac{dU(x)}{dx} = \frac{d(-a/x^{12} - b/x^6)}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{d(a/x^{12})}{dx} - \frac{d(b/x^6)}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{12ax^{11}}{x^{14}} + \frac{6bx^5}{x^{12}} = \frac{12a}{x^3} + \frac{6b}{x^7}$$

Substitute $\frac{12a}{x^3} + \frac{6b}{x^7}$ for $\frac{dU(x)}{dx}$ in the above mentioned expression of F_x and solve,

$$F_x = - \left(\frac{12a}{x^3} + \frac{6b}{x^7} \right) = - \frac{12a}{x^3} - \frac{6b}{x^7}$$

$$F_x = 0$$

Substitute $-\frac{12a}{x^3} - \frac{6b}{x^7}$ for F_x

$$-\frac{12a}{x^3} - \frac{6b}{x^7} = 0$$

$$-\frac{12a}{x^3} = \frac{6b}{x^7}$$

$$-\frac{12a}{x^6} = 6b$$

$$x^6 = -\frac{12a}{6b}$$

Further solve for x ,

$$x^6 = -\frac{12a}{6b}$$

$$x = \left(-\frac{2a}{b} \right)^{1/6}$$

Hence, the distance of separation where the potential energy has a local minimum is $\left(-\frac{2a}{b} \right)^{1/6}$

(b) At equilibrium the conservative force is zero. Hence, from the above section (a), it is clear that the force on atom at this separation is 0 N

(c) The expression of the separation of distance is calculated in the section (a) and is given as,

$$x \propto -\frac{12a}{6b}$$

Hence, this means that the force varies with the separation of distance of $\propto x^6$

29. Using $W = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x) dx$

Substitute $(-5x^2 + 7x)$ for F , -4 for x_1 , and 4 for x_2

$$W = \int_{-4}^4 (-5x^2 + 7x) dx = \left(-5 \left(\frac{x^3}{3} \right) + 7 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) \right) \Big|_{-4}^4$$

$$= \frac{-5 \times 4^3}{3} + \frac{7 \times (4^2)}{2} - \left[\frac{-5 \times 4^3}{3} + \frac{7 \times (4^2)}{2} \right]$$

$$= -213.33 \text{ J}$$

Using $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

To get K_i , substitute 2kg for m and 20 m/s for v ,

$$KE_i = \frac{1}{2}(2\text{kg})(20\text{ (m/s)})^2 = 400\text{J}$$

Also K_f is,

$$KE_f = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2$$

Substitute 2 kg for m ,

$$KE_f = \frac{1}{2}(2\text{kg})v_f^2$$

Using $W = KE_f - KE_i$

Substitute values of W , KE_f and KE_i from above

$$-213.33\text{J} = \frac{1}{2}(2\text{kg})v_f^2 - 400\text{J}$$

Rearrange to get.

$$\frac{1}{2}(2\text{kg})v_f^2 = 400\text{J} - 213.33\text{J}$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{\frac{186.33\text{J}}{1\text{kg}}} = 13.66\text{ m/s}$$

Hence the magnitude of velocity or speed at $x = 4\text{m}$ is 13.66 m/s

$$31. W_g + W_a = KE_f - KE_i \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{Using } KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

For KE_f :

Substitute 17 m/s for v and 0.25 kg for m

$$\begin{aligned} KE_f &= \frac{1}{2} (0.25 \text{ kg}) (17 (\text{m/s}))^2 \\ &= 36.125 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

For KE_i ,

Substitute 20 m/s for v and 0.25 kg for m .

$$KE_i = \frac{1}{2} (0.25 \text{ kg}) (20 (\text{m/s}))^2 = 50 \text{ J}$$

Now, substitute 0 J for W_g , 36.125 J for KE_f and 50 J for KE_i in (1)

$$0 \text{ J} + W_a = 36.125 \text{ J} - 50 \text{ J}$$

$$W_a = -13.875 \text{ J}$$

$$W_a \approx -14 \text{ J}$$

Hence, the work done by the force of resistance is 14 J

33. $\Delta PE_{\text{rock}} = mgh$

$$\Delta KE_{\text{rock}} = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2$$

$$\Delta KE_{\text{rock}} = \Delta PE_{\text{rock}}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 \right) = mgh$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 + mgh$$

Or

$$v_f = (v_0^2 + gh)^{1/2}$$

Substitute, 2.00 m/s for v_0 and 20.0 m for h
in equation $v_f = (v_0^2 + 2gh)^{1/2}$

$$\begin{aligned} v_f &= \left[(15.0 \text{ m/s})^2 + 2(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)(20.0 \text{ m}) \right]^{1/2} \\ &= 24.84 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the speed of the rock when it strikes the water is 24.8 m/s

37. Convert 50 cm into m

$$(50 \text{ cm}) = (50 \text{ cm}) \left(\frac{10^{-2} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ cm}} \right) = 0.5 \text{ m}$$

Using $F = -kx$

Rearranging the equation in terms of k

$$k = F/x$$

Substitute 150 N for F and 0.5 m for x

$$k = \frac{150 \text{ N}}{0.5 \text{ m}} = 300 \text{ N/m}$$

Hence, the value of spring constant is 300 N/m

Using P.E. = $\frac{1}{2} kx^2$

Substitute 300 N/m for k and 0.5 m for x and solve for P.E.

$$\text{P.E.} = \frac{1}{2} (300 \text{ N/m}) (0.5 \text{ m})^2 = 37.5 \text{ J}$$

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

$$\text{K.E.} = \text{P.E.}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} mv^2 = \text{P.E.}$$

Substitute 50 g for m and 37.5 J for P.E.

$$\frac{1}{2} (50 \text{ g}) \left(\frac{10^{-3} \text{ kg}}{1 \text{ g}} \right) v^2 = 37.5 \text{ J}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (0.050 \text{ kg}) v^2 = 37.5$$

Rearrange the equation in terms of v .

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2(87.55)}{0.05 \text{ kg}}} = 38.7 \text{ m/s}$$

Hence, the speed with which the arrow immediately leaves the bow is 38.7 m/s

41. $T_i = T_f$

$$T_i = K_i + U_i$$

and $T_f = K_f + U_f$

According to the conservation of energy,

$$K_i + U_i = W + K_f + U_f$$

$$K_i = \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2$$

$$K_f = \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2$$

$$U_i = m g h_i$$

$$U_f = m g h_f$$

Substitute U_f, U_i, K_f, K_i in the equation

$$K_i + U_i = W + K_f + U_f$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 + m g h_i = W + \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 + m g h_f$$

Rearrange the equation for W .

$$W = \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 + m g h_i - \left(\frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 + m g h_f \right)$$

Now, substitute $(h_i + 20)\text{m}$ for h_f and h for h_i in the equation

$$W = \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + mgh_i - \left(\frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 + mgh_f \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + mgh_i - \left(\frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 + mg(h_i + 20) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 + mg(20\text{m}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Solve for W by substituting 0.25 kg for m , 40 m/s for v_i , 30 m/s for v_f , 9.8 m/s^2 for g in the equation $W = \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 + mg(20\text{m}) \right)$

$$W = \frac{1}{2}(0.25\text{ kg})(40\text{ m/s})^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}(0.25\text{ kg})(30\text{ m/s})^2 + (0.25\text{ kg})(9.8\text{ m/s}^2)(20\text{ m}) \right) = -38.45\text{ J} \approx -38.5\text{ J}$$

Hence, the work done by the air resistance is -38.5 J

47. $F = -\frac{dU}{dx}$

Re-arrange the equation in terms of potential energy.

$$dU = -Fdx$$

Integrate both sides within limits U_1 and U_2 for dU , x_A and x_B for dx

$$\int_{U_1}^{U_2} dU = - \int_{x_A}^{x_B} Fdx$$

Substitute $-cx^3$ N for F .

$$\int_{U_1}^{U_2} dU = - \int_{x_A}^{x_B} (-cx^3 \text{ N}) dx$$

$$U_2 - U_1 = \frac{c}{4} (x_B^4 - x_A^4) \text{ J}$$

Substitute -2 m for x_B , 1 m for x_A and 8 N/m^3 for c .

$$U_2 - U_1 = \frac{8 \text{ N/m}^3}{4} ((-2 \text{ m})^4 - (1 \text{ m})^4) = 30 \text{ J}$$

Therefore, change in potential energy is 30 J

(change in kinetic energy is,

$$\Delta K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m(v_i^2 - v_f^2)$$

From the law of conservation of energy,

$$\Delta K.E. = \Delta P.E.$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m(v_i^2 - v_f^2) = U_2 - U_1$$

Re-write in terms of v_f .

$$v_f = \sqrt{v_i^2 - \frac{2(U_2 - U_1)}{m}}$$

Substitute 30 J for $(U_2 - U_1)$, 4 kg for m and 6 m/s for v_i .

$$v_f = \sqrt{(6 \text{ m/s})^2 - \frac{2(30 \text{ J})}{4 \text{ kg}}} = 4.6 \text{ m/s}$$

Therefore, the velocity of the body is 4.6 m/s when x_B is -2 m.

61. At the maximum height,

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 = mgh$$

(a) Use the above formula,

$$h = \frac{v_0^2}{2g}$$

Substitute 110 km/h for v_0 and 9.80 m/s^2 for g

$$h = \frac{v_0^2}{2g} = \frac{\left((110 \text{ km/h}) \times \left(\frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \right) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ s}} \right) \right)^2}{2(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)}$$
$$= 47.6 \text{ m}$$

Therefore, the maximum height attained by the car is 47.6 m

(b) $\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 = mgh + E_f$

$$E_f = m\left(\frac{1}{2}v_0^2 - gh\right)$$

Substitute 110 km/h for v_0 , 9.80 m/s^2 for g and 22 m for h

$$E_f = m \left(\frac{1}{2} v_0^2 - gh \right)$$

$$= 750 \text{ kg} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left((110 \text{ km/h}) \times \left(\frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \right) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ s}} \right) \right)^2 \right.$$

$$\left. - (9.80 \text{ m/s}^2) (22 \text{ m}) \right]$$

$$= 1.89 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$$

Therefore, the energy lost due to friction is $1.89 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$

$$(c) \quad W = F_f \cdot d$$

$$W = F_f \left(\frac{h}{\sin \theta} \right)$$

$$F_f = \frac{W \sin \theta}{h}$$

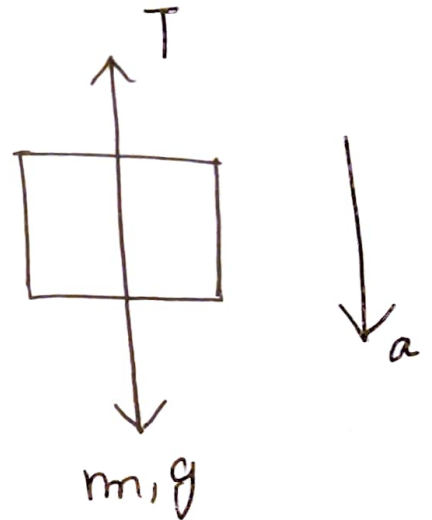
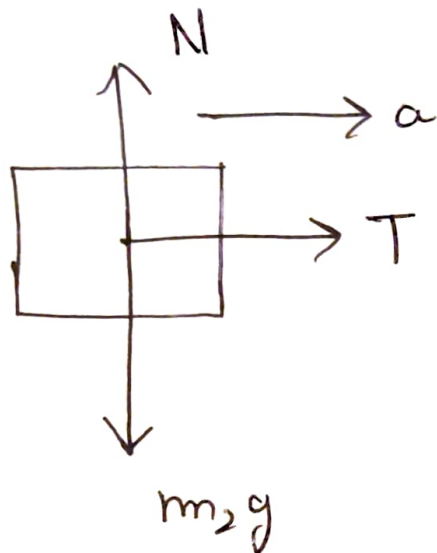
$$F_f = \frac{W \sin \theta}{h}$$

$$F_f = \frac{(1.89 \times 10^5 \text{ J}) \sin 2.5^\circ}{22 \text{ m}}$$

$$= 374 \text{ N}$$

Therefore, the average friction force is 374 N

71. The free body diagram of an object placed on the plane is,



Using Newton's second law for block 1

$$m_1 g - T = m_1 a$$

Using Newton's second law for block 2

$$T = m_2 a$$

Combining both,

$$m_1 g = m_2 a + m_2 a$$

$$a = \left(\frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) g$$

Substitute 2.0 kg for m_1 , 4.0 kg for m_2 and 9.81 m/s^2 for g

$$a = \left(\frac{2.0 \text{ kg}}{(2.0 + 4.0) \text{ kg}} \right) (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 3.27 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Therefore, the acceleration of the blocks is 3.27 m/s^2

Using $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$

Taking square root both side,

$$v = \sqrt{u^2 + 2as}$$

Substitute 0 m/s for u , 3.27 m/s^2 for a and 2.0 m for s

$$v = \sqrt{2(3.27 \text{ m/s}^2)(2.0 \text{ m})} = 3.6 \text{ m/s}$$

Therefore, the speed of the blocks after they have each moved 2.0 m is $v = 3.6 \text{ m/s}$

75. Using $F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r}$

The initial potential energy of the object is = mga

As object swing around the peg, the radius of the circle is $a - b$

So,

$$mg = \frac{mv^2}{a - b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}mg(a-h) \Rightarrow \text{K.E.}$$

P.E. of object at max. height of circle = $mg(2)(a-h)$ because height from lowest point is $2(a-h)$

$$mga = \text{K.E.} + \text{P.E.}$$

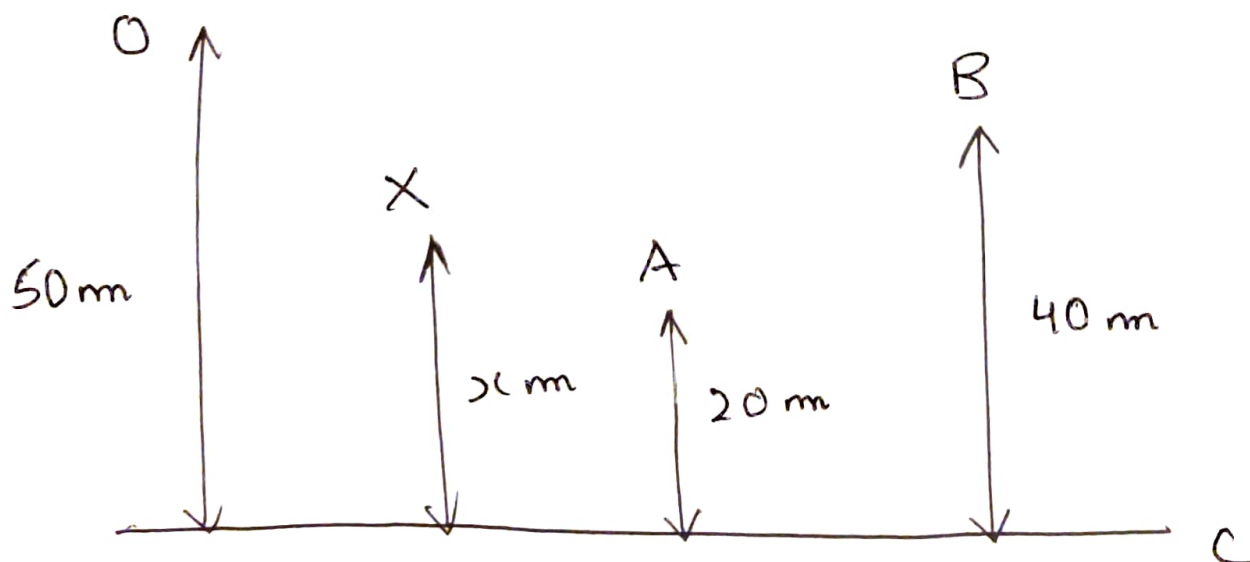
$$mga = \frac{1}{2}mg(a-h) + mg(2)(a-h)$$

Rearrange for h

$$h = \frac{3}{5}a$$

Hence, h must be greater than $\frac{3}{5}a$ if the ball is swung around the peg.

83. The figure shows the position of the car at different points when it rolls in a track,



At point O $U = mgh$

Substitute 9.81 m/s^2 for g and 50 m for h .

$$U = m(50 \text{ m})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) = 490.5 \text{ m}$$

K.E. at point O is 0.

E at point O is

$$E = 0 + 490.5 \text{ m} = 490.5 \text{ m}$$

Total energy at point X is,

$$E_x = K E_x + U_x = \frac{1}{2} m v_x^2 + m g h_x$$

$$E_x = E_o$$

Substitute $\frac{1}{2} m v_x^2 + m g h_x$ for E_x and 490.5 m for E_o

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_x^2 + m g h_x = (490.5)(m)$$

Rewrite the above equation in terms of v_x .

$$v_x = \sqrt{2(490.5 - g h_x)}$$

Substitute 9.81 m/s^2 for g and x for h_x and

Solve for v_x .

$$v_x = \sqrt{2((490.5) - (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(x))} \dots \dots (1)$$

$$= \sqrt{981 - 19.62x} \text{ m/s}$$

Substitute 20m for x in eq.(1)

$$V_A = \sqrt{981 - 19.62(20)} \text{ m/s} = 24.26 \text{ m/s}$$

Substitute 40m for x for V_B

$$V_B = \sqrt{981 - 19.62(40)} \text{ m/s} = 14.007 \text{ m/s}$$
$$\approx 14 \text{ m/s}$$

Substitute 0m for x for V_C

$$V_C = \sqrt{981} \text{ m/s} = 31.32 \text{ m/s}$$

Hence, the speed of the car at a point C is 31.32 m/s.

Hence, the speed of the car at points A, B and C are 24.26 m/s, 14.0 m/s and 31.32 m/s respectively.