

Announcements Lecture 9: Tues, 30 Sep 2008

1. All Friday HW assignments now due Saturday nights
2. Reminder: Email from TA about free-body diagrams

Work

Demo: Moving a cart

Clicker quiz: Who did the most work?

- a) the one who lifted the cart
- b) the one who moved the cart horizontally
- c) same work done

Definition of work in physics:

$$W = F_{\parallel} \Delta x$$

(not a vector!)

The work done by a force on an object is the component of the force along the direction of motion times the magnitude of the object's displacement.

Disclaimer: only true for constant forces, otherwise you need calculus

SI Units: 1 N × 1 meter = 1 Joule

Recall: 1 N = 1 kg m/s² ... units start getting pretty complicated

Positive vs. Negative

Positive if force is in line with motion
→ adds "energy" to system

Negative if force is opposite the motion
→ removes energy from system

Zero if force is perpendicular to the path
→ leaves energy unchanged

What is energy?

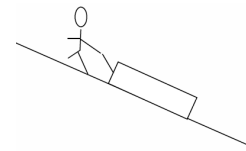
Wikipedia: "The ability to do work..."
→ Think football players

Kinetic energy

Definition: An object's ability to do work that is inherent in its motion.

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

A girl pulls a sled up a hill at constant speed.



For the following forces, decide if the work is ...

- a. positive
- b. negative
- c. zero

Non-clicker Question: The girl's force on the sled?

Clicker quiz: Friction?

Clicker quiz: The force of gravity on the sled?

Clicker quiz: The sled's force on the girl?

Clicker quiz: The normal force on the sled?

Why use work/energy?

→ It is easier!

Some problems that are hard using Newton's 2nd law can be worked **easily** with energy ideas, if you don't need to know _____!

Law of conservation of energy

$$E_{\text{before}} + W = E_{\text{after}}$$

aka "Work-Energy theorem"

Worked Problem

A 5 gram bullet smashes through a thin board. It's traveling at 100 m/s when it hits the board, but only at 80 m/s when it emerges from the other side. (a) How much work did the board do in slowing the bullet? (b) If the board is 1 cm thick, what average force did the board exert on the bullet?

Old way:

- Find acceleration of bullet using a kinematics eqn
- Use Newton's 2nd Law to find the force
- Find the work via definition $W = F_{\parallel}\Delta x$

New way:

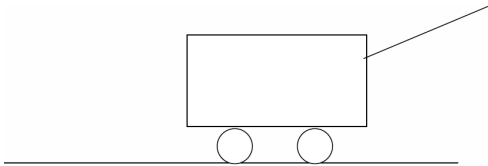
- Find E_{before} and E_{after}
- Use the Law of Conservation of Energy to find work
- Find the force using $W = F_{\parallel}\Delta x$

The "miracle": They give you the same answer!!

Worked Problem

A boy pulls his toy **mass m** with a **force P**, at an **angle θ** above the horizontal. He moves the toy a **distance D** along the ground without friction.

If the initial velocity of the toy was v_0 , how **fast** was it going after it moved D ?



Method 1. Conservation of energy

Method 2: Newton's laws and kinematic eqns.:
→ have to use if we want to know **time it took**

You pull on a 60 kg load with a force of 80 N at an angle 30 degrees above horizontal. It starts from rest, and after traveling 12 meters, it's going 3 m/s. There is also some work done by friction.

Clicker quiz: The net work done on the wagon was

- a. positive
- b. negative
- c. zero

Clicker quiz: What work did you do on the wagon? (From *your* force)

- a. 0-100 J
- b. 100-200
- c. 200-300
- d. 300-400
- e. 400+

Clicker quiz: What was the net work done by **all** the forces on the wagon? (Hint: from change in KE)

- a. 0-100 J
- b. 100-200
- c. 200-300
- d. 300-400
- e. 400+

Question: Then what was the work done by friction on the wagon?

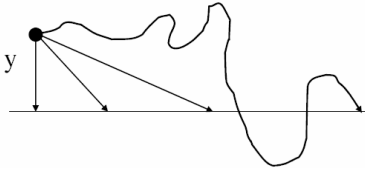
Gravitational potential energy

PE_{gravity} keeps track of the _____ done against gravity

Formula: $PE_g = mgy$

(compare: work = force \times distance)

Change in PE for the different paths?



“Conservative” vs. “nonconservative” forces:

Video: Triple Track

Demo: Duckpin ball pendulum

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Work-Energy theorem, revisited

$$E_{\text{before}} + W = E_{\text{after}}$$

“Law of conservation of energy”

Statement one:

$$KE_{\text{bef}} + W = KE_{\text{aft}}$$

W must include work done by *all* forces

Statement two:

$$KE_{\text{bef}} + PE_{\text{bef}} + W = KE_{\text{aft}} + PE_{\text{aft}}$$

W only includes work by *nonconservative* forces

Both cases: W can be positive or negative

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Video: pole vaulter

“Energy cannot be created or destroyed, only changed from one form into another...” [*mostly true*]

Simple Analysis: How high can pole jumpers jump?

Compare:

Top velocities: ~ 11 m/s for short distances

Pole vault world record: 6.14 m

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Problem: From a cliff of height h you throw balls straight up, straight down and horizontally, all with the *same initial speed*.

Clicker quiz: Ignoring air friction, which ball has the highest speed just before it hits the ground?

- thrown straight up
- thrown straight down
- thrown horizontally
- all the same speed

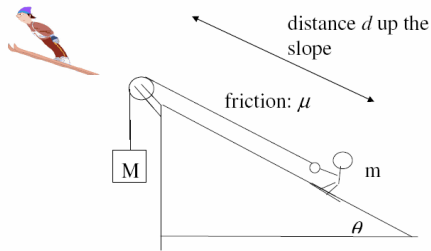
Clicker quiz: If you include air friction, then which one has the highest speed just before it hits the ground?

- thrown straight up
- thrown straight down
- thrown horizontally
- all the same speed

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Pulley ski jumping, revisited

What is the speed just at takeoff?



Old way: find a via N2; then use kinematic formulas.
Yuck!

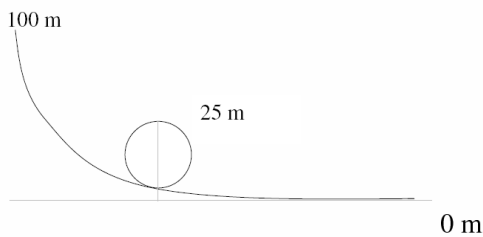
New way:

Demo: Vertical Cannon Cart with track

Demo problem: You hang a _____ kg mass from a pulley and attach it to a _____ kg cart with a string. You let the hanging mass fall _____ m. How fast it is going at the end?

Clicker quiz: A 500 kg car starts from rest on a track 100 m above the ground. It does a loop-de-loop that is 25 m from the ground at the top. There is no friction. How fast is it going at the *top* of the loop?

- a. 0-10 m/s
- b. 10-20
- c. 30-40
- d. 40-50
- e. 50+ m/s



Depends on mass?