

Work and Energy

- Newton showed momentum $\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$ is an important concept
 - Relevant for collisions - momentum is conserved
 - Can tell you about the change in motional state during collision
 - Change in momentum = Impulse = $F \times \Delta t$
- Leibnitz proposed $(1/2)mv^2$ as relevant quantity
 - Compare distance needed to stop moving object - 2x the velocity => 4x the distance! (average $v \times$ time to get v to zero)
 - Nowadays called “kinetic energy”
 - Change in energy = WORK = $F \cdot \Delta s$ (force time distance)
 - Many other forms of energy - the sum of all of them is conserved
- Momentum tells you “oomph”, energy tells you “ouch”

Work and Energy

- Work: The total **effect** a force **F** has **on** an object (mass point, closed system,...), based on the change in its position
 - Given by Force times Displacement (see later)
 - Changes motional (kinetic) state (or internal state, mechanical state,...)
 - Can be positive or negative
 - Can be transferred from one object to another, but no object can “have” work
 - **Analogy: Transfer of cash**
- Energy: The **ability** to **do** work
 - Property **of** the object (mass point, closed system,...)
 - Changed by work done **on** object
 - Can be exchanged between objects/systems, but **can not** be created or destroyed (energy conservation)
 - **Analogy: Net Worth**

Work and Kinetic Energy I

- Prototype example - free fall starting at rest:

- Force: mg ; Acceleration g ; Velocity $v(t) = g \cdot t$;

- Distance fallen $\Delta s = \frac{1}{2} g t^2$

- Work done after time t :

$$\Delta W = F \Delta s / = mg \cdot (\frac{1}{2} g t^2) = \frac{1}{2} m \cdot (g t)^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \cdot (v(t))^2$$

- = K.E. (t)

- In general:

CHANGE of kinetic energy of some object: $\Delta K.E. = \Delta \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

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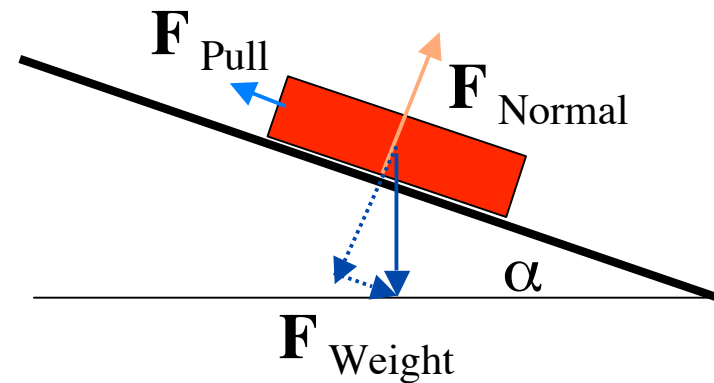
Work done on that object: $\Delta W = F \Delta s$

Work and Kinetic Energy II

- Dimension: Displacement times Force
Unit: Nm = J (Joule)
- 1) Specify a force acting **on** an object
- 2) Multiply displacement **in the direction of the force** with that force:
$$\Delta W = F \Delta s \cos\phi$$
 - If **F** is in the direction of Δs , then **positive** work is done on object
 - If **F** is in **opposite** direction of Δs , then **negative** work is done on object
 - If **F** is **perpendicular** to direction of Δs , then **no** work is done at all.
- 3) Add work done due to all (external) forces acting on object:
$$\Delta W = \sum \mathbf{F}_i \cdot \Delta \mathbf{s} = \sum \Delta W_i$$
- 4) Set equal to change in kinetic energy:
$$\Delta \text{K.E.} = \frac{m}{2} v_f^2 - \frac{m}{2} v_i^2 = \Delta W$$
- Examples: Pushing car up incline, car rolling down (demo); Catching a ball; ball bouncing off wall, ball getting stuck in wall

Work and Kinetic Energy - Example

- Car rolling down ramp: Gravity does work, normal force doesn't => only displacement in vertical direction counts
- Final velocity same as for free fall! $\frac{1}{2} mv^2 = mg\Delta h$
- Car moving up ramp: Weight does negative work
 $\Delta W = -mg\Delta h$
- Slows down car or I have to supply additional work



Important Notes

- Even if $\sum \mathbf{F}_i \neq 0$, Work done can be zero:
 - No displacement: Holding a book, pushing against a wall
 - Direction of displacement perpendicular to Force: Moving sideways (constant height) in gravity field, circular motion (constant speed)
 - Normal forces and static friction **never** do work, but tension can and kinetic friction can, too (always negative).
- Kinetic energy is a scalar quantity (unlike momentum!):
K.E. = $\frac{m}{2} v^2 = W (0 \rightarrow v)$, always positive
 - Independent of direction (circular motion at constant speed doesn't change kinetic energy)
 - Depends on system of reference
- **Everything** I said **only** valid in Inertial System of Reference

Power

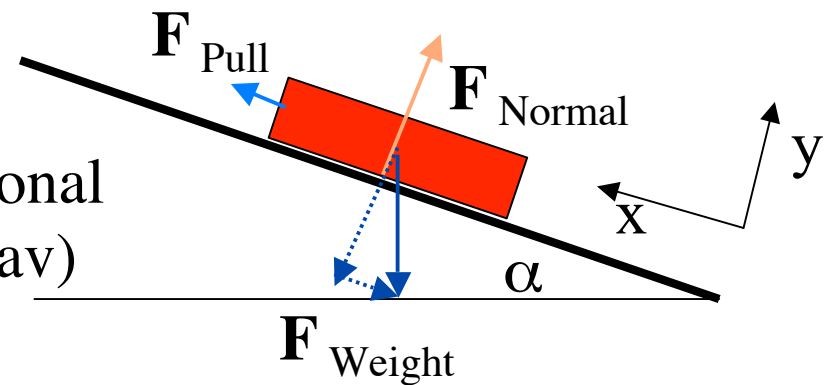
- Work done per unit time:
 $P = \Delta W / \Delta t$ (average)
- Unit: Watt = Joule/s, kW (kiloWatt) ->
new unit for energy&work: Ws, kWh...
- $\Delta W = \mathbf{F} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{s} \Rightarrow P = \mathbf{F} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{s} / \Delta t = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v}$
- Example:
1000 kg Car accelerating from 0 to 20m/s in 5 s $\Rightarrow F = 4000$ N,
 $v_{ave} = 10$ m/s $\Rightarrow P_{ave} = 40$ kW = 53 hp .
- Different way to calculate:
K.E. (final) = 200,000 J = ΔW in 5 s

Potential Energy

- So far: Considered all forces equal, calculate work done by net force only \Rightarrow Change in kinetic energy.
 - Analogy: Pure Cash Economy
- But: Some forces seem to be able to “store” the work for you (when they do negative work) and “give back” the **same** amount (when they do positive work).
 - Analogy: Bank Account. You pay money in (ending up with less cash) - the money is stored for you - you can withdraw it again (get cash back)
- These forces are called “conservative” (they conserve your work/money for you)

Potential Energy - Example

- Car moving up ramp: Weight does negative work
 $\Delta W(\text{grav}) = -mg\Delta h$
- Depends only on initial and final position
- Can be retrieved as positive work on the way back down
- Two ways to describe it:
 - 1) No net work done on car on way up
 - 2) Pulling force does positive work that is stored as gravitational potential energy $\Delta U = -\Delta W(\text{grav})$



Total Mechanical Energy

- Dimension: Same as Work

Unit: Nm = J (Joule) Symbol: $E = K.E. + U$

- 1) Specify all **external** ^{*)} forces acting **on** a system
- 2) Multiply displacement **in the direction of the net external force** with that force:

$$\Delta W_{\text{ext}} = F \Delta s \cos\phi$$

- 3) Set equal to change in total energy:

$$\Delta E = \frac{m}{2}v_f^2 - \frac{m}{2}v_i^2 + \Delta U = \Delta W_{\text{ext}}$$

$$\Delta U = -W_{\text{int}}$$

^{*)} We consider all non-conservative forces as external, plus all forces that we don't want to include in the system.

Example: Gravitational Potential Energy ^{*)}

- I. Motion in vertical (y-) direction only:

$$\Delta U = -W_{grav} = mg\Delta y$$

- External force: Lift mass m from height y_i to height y_f (without increasing velocity) \Rightarrow Work gets stored as gravitational potential energy $\Delta U = mg(y_f - y_i) = mg\Delta y$
- Free fall (no external force): Total energy conserved, change in kinetic energy compensated by change in potential energy $\Delta K.E. = \frac{m}{2}v^2 = -mg\Delta y$
- Example: Throw baseball up with 20 m/s (accelerate over 0.5m). Maximum height? Force needed?

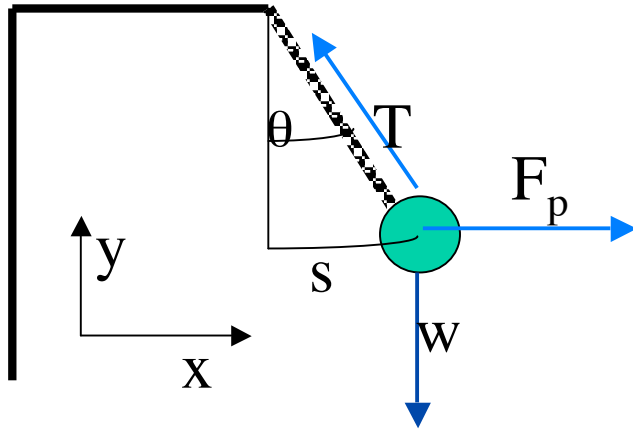
^{*)} Here the system consists of Earth plus object!

Gravitational Potential Energy II

- Important point: Potential energy has **no** absolute zero (like kinetic energy does - in a given reference frame!).
- Depends on choice of **reference point**: **You decide** where you want U to be 0.
- Call that point $h = 0$.
- Define potential energy as $U = mgh$.
- \Rightarrow Total energy $E = m/2 v^2 + mgh$.
- Choice arbitrary - other choice means constant offset in definition of U and E .
- No **observable** depends on that choice! All that counts are differences ΔU . BUT: you must specify reference point when quoting E and U !

Work on a pendulum - an Example

- Slowly pushing a pendulum bob sideways:



- 1) Tension does no work (perpendicular to motion)
- 2) Pushing force does work - equal to potential energy stored by gravitational force
- 3) After letting go, gravitational potential energy gets converted to kinetic energy at the bottom

Pendulum cont'd.

- On the way up: Net work done by external force (pushing) increases total energy ($K.E. + U_{\text{grav}}$) stored in the system
- On the way down: No other (non-grav.) force \Rightarrow Total Energy conserved ($\Delta E = 0$) $\Delta E = \Delta K.E. + \Delta U = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta K.E. = \frac{m}{2} v^2 = -\Delta U = -mg\Delta h$
- Important points:
 - Minus sign: **negative** work done by conservative force **increases** the potential energy due to that force (**putting cash into account**)
 - Potential energy is stored in **system** (pendulum and gravitation, **bank account**)
 - Total energy (**cash+account balance**) changes through work done by forces **external** to system (push, **cash influx**)
 - System must be “leakproof” (conserve work): return to initial condition \rightarrow same potential energy (conservative forces)

Elastic Potential Energy

- So far: Considered system object - gravitational field;
Potential energy = - gravitational internal work (inside system)
- Now: Consider system -> mass attached to spring;
Potential energy = - internal work done by spring
 - Call $x = 0$ unstretched position of spring
 - Force exerted by spring $F_x = -kx$
 - Work done by spring $\Delta W = -k/2 (x_f^2 - x_i^2)$
 - Potential energy stored in spring-cart system:
 $U = -\Delta W = k/2 (x_f^2 - x_0^2)$
where x_0 is the point where we declare U to be $U = 0$.
 - $x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow U = k/2 x^2$ (convenient, **not** unique)
 - Note: $U > 0$ stretched **and** compressed

Elastic Potential Energy cont'd.

- No other (non-elastic) force =>
Total Energy conserved ($\Delta E = 0$)
 $\Delta E = \Delta \text{K.E.} + \Delta U = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta \frac{m}{2} v^2 = -\Delta U$
Example: Oscillation
- Non-elastic force present =>
 $\Delta E = \Delta \text{K.E.} + \Delta U = \Delta W \Rightarrow$
 $\Delta \frac{m}{2} v^2 = -\Delta U + \Delta W$
- Elastic and gravitational force present =>
 $E = \text{K.E.} + U_{\text{el}} + U_{\text{grav}} =$
 $\frac{m}{2} v^2 + \frac{k}{2} x^2 + mgh .$
(several bank accounts)
- Note: Elastic forces are conservative because work done only depends on initial and final position.

Total Mechanical Energy

- Final Version

- 1) Specify all forces acting on an object
- 2) Separate out all **conservative** forces (Work done depends only on initial and final position). Incorporate them into the system of the object as potential energy U
- 3) Add all **external** forces acting **on** the system (= all other forces), call the result “net (external) force”.
- 4) Multiply displacement **in the direction of the net force** with that force:
$$\Delta W_{\text{ext}} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{s} = F \Delta s \cos\phi$$
- 5) Set equal to change in total energy:
$$\Delta E = \frac{m}{2} v_f^2 - \frac{m}{2} v_i^2 + \Delta U = \Delta W_{\text{ext}}$$
- 6) $\Delta U = -\Delta W_{\text{int}} ; \Delta \frac{m}{2} v^2 = -\Delta U + \Delta W_{\text{ext}}$

Examples: Pumpkin falling on spring-loaded platform (without and with air resistance); bungee jump

Other types of Energy

- 1) Electromagnetic energy (see later in the semester).
Examples: Charged capacitors (electrostatic energy), current-carrying coils (magnetic energy), ...
- 2) Chemical energy (really a special kind of electromagnetic energy).
Examples: Batteries, fuel, ...
- 3) Sound, light, nuclear,...
- 4) Internal energy (heat, pressure,...) -see next semester (PHYS102)

Important Points

- Energy concept is useful:
 - Calculate change in velocity without knowing Force as $F(t)$
 - Understand levers, hydraulic systems, mechanical advantage...
- Energy concept is fundamental: Energy is conserved!
 - Kinetic energy (always positive - “cash”)
 - Gravitational energy (can be + or -; “checking account with overdraft”)
 - Elastic potential energy (always positive - “savings”)
 - Chemical, electrical, sound, light, Energy
 - Heat energy (less useful - “cash flushed down the drain”)
- Efficiency = fraction of useful work/total energy transferred