

Work Examples

5.4.31

The kinetic energy (KE) of an object w/ mass m and velocity v is $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$. If a force $f = f(x)$ acts on the object moving it along the x -axis from x_1 to x_2 , the Work-Energy Theorem states that the net work done is equal to the change of kinetic energy: $\frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2$, where $v_1 = v(x_1)$ and $v_2 = v(x_2)$.

a) let $x = s(t)$ be the position function of a particle, v the velocity, and a the acceleration. Prove the Work-Energy Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s(t)) d(s(t)) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \underbrace{f(s(t))}_{f(s(t))} \cdot \underbrace{v(t)}_{v(t)} dt & v(t) &= \frac{ds}{dt} \\
 &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} m \underbrace{v(t)}_{v(t)} \frac{dv}{dt} dt & u &= v(t) \\
 & & du &= \frac{dv}{dt} dt \\
 &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} m u du = \frac{1}{2} m u^2 \Big|_{t_1}^{t_2} = \frac{1}{2} m v(s(t_2))^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v(s(t_1))^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2 \\
 &= KE(x_2) - KE(x_1) \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

b) How much work in ft-lbs is required to hurl a 12 lb bowling ball at 20 mph?

$$W = \Delta KE = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{8} \cdot \left(\frac{88}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{11 \cdot 88}{6} = \frac{11 \cdot 44}{3} = \boxed{\frac{484}{3} \text{ ft-lbs}}$$

$$m = \frac{12 \text{ lb}}{32 \text{ ft/s}^2} = \frac{3}{8} \text{ slugs}$$

$$v = 20 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{hr}} \cdot \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} = \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{18 \text{ s}} = \frac{264}{9} = \frac{88}{3} \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$$

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Suppose that when launching an 800 kg roller coaster car an electromagnetic propulsion system exerts a force of $f(x) = 5.7x^2 + 1.5x$ Newtons on the car at a distance of x meters along the track. Use the Work-Energy Theorem to find the speed of the car when it has traveled 60 m.

$$W = \int_0^{60} 5.7x^2 + 1.5x dx = \left. \frac{5.7}{3} x^3 + \frac{1.5}{2} x^2 \right|_0^{60} = \frac{5.7}{3} 60^3 + \frac{1.5}{2} 60^2 = (5.7(20) + \frac{1.5}{2})(3600)$$

$$= (114.75)(3600) = \frac{1}{2} m v^2, \text{ so } v = \sqrt{\frac{2(114.75)(3600)}{800}} = \boxed{32.14 \text{ m/s}}$$

5.4.33

Newton's Law of Gravity: Two bodies w/ masses m_1 and m_2 attract each other with a force $F = \frac{m_1 m_2 G}{r^2}$

where $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{kg}^2}$ is the gravitational constant and r is the distance between the centers of mass.

a.) If one of the bodies is fixed, how much work is done by gravity in moving the other body from $r=a$ to $r=b$?

$$W = \int_a^b F(r) dr = \int_a^b \frac{m_1 m_2 G}{r^2} dr = m_1 m_2 G \int_a^b \frac{1}{r^2} dr = m_1 m_2 G \left. -\frac{1}{r} \right|_a^b$$

$$= m_1 m_2 G \left(-\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{a} \right) = \boxed{m_1 m_2 G \left(\frac{b-a}{ab} \right) = W}$$

b.) Compute the work required to launch a 1000 kg satellite vertically to a height of 1000 km.

$$\text{Earth's mass} = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Earth's radius} = 6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

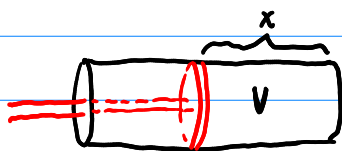
$$W = m_1 m_2 G \left(\frac{b-a}{ab} \right) = (5.98 \times 10^{24}) (1 \times 10^3) (6.67 \times 10^{-11}) \left(\frac{1 \times 10^6}{(1 \times 10^6)(6.37 \times 10^6)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(5.98)(6.67)}{6.37} \times 10^{10} = \boxed{6.26 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}}$$

5.4.29.

When gas expands in a cylinder w/ radius r , the pressure at any given time is a function of the volume, $P = P(V)$.

The force exerted by the gas on a piston is the product of the pressure and the area: $F = \pi r^2 P$.



The work done by the gas when the volume expands from V_1 to V_2 is:

$$W = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x) dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \pi r^2 P(V(x)) dx = \boxed{\int_{V_1}^{V_2} P(V) dV = W}$$

$$dV = \pi r^2 dx$$

$$F(x) = \pi r^2 P(V)$$

5.4.30.

In a steam engine the pressure P and volume V of steam satisfy the equation $PV^{1.4} = k$, where $k = \text{constant}$.

This is true for adiabatic expansion: expansion in which there is no heat transfer between the cylinder and the surroundings.

Calculate the work done by the engine during a cycle when the steam starts at 160 lb/in^2 and a volume of 100 in^3 and expands to a volume of 800 in^3 .

Work is measured in ft-lbs, so $P(V_0) = 160 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2} \cdot \left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{\text{ft}}\right)^2 = (160)(144) \text{ lb/ft}^2$

$$V_0 = 100 \text{ in}^3 \left(\frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in}}\right)^3 = \frac{100}{12^3} \text{ ft}^3$$

$$V_1 = 800 \text{ in}^3 \left(\frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in}}\right)^3 = \frac{800}{12^3} \text{ ft}^3$$

$$PV^{1.4} = k = (160)(144) \left(\frac{100}{12^3}\right)^{1.4} \quad \text{and} \quad P(V) = kV^{-1.4}$$

$$W = \int_{V_0}^{V_1} P(V) dV = \int_{V_0}^{V_1} kV^{-1.4} dV = \frac{kV^{-0.4}}{-0.4} \Big|_{V_0}^{V_1} = -\frac{5}{2} (160)(144) \left(\frac{100}{12^3}\right)^{1.4} \left(\left(\frac{800}{12^3}\right)^{-0.4} - \left(\frac{100}{12^3}\right)^{-0.4} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{5}{2} (160)(144) \left(\frac{100}{12^3}\right)^{1.4} (12)^{1.2} (800^{-0.4} - 100^{-0.4})$$

$$W = 1882.42 \text{ ft-lbs}$$