

Mon: HW Spm

Ex 227, 229, 232, 237, 238, 240, 242, 245

Tues: Warm Up (D2L)

Energy conservation

So far we have a system of energy conservation for situations involving gravity and springs

If gravity and springs are the only forces that do non-zero work on a system then the mechanical energy

$$E = K + U_{\text{grav}} + U_{\text{spring1}} + U_{\text{spring2}}$$

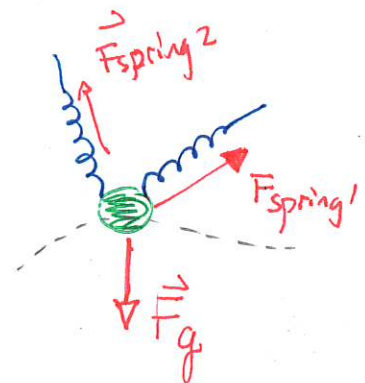
is constant throughout the motion of the system

Here

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$U_{\text{grav}} = mgy$$

$$U_{\text{spring}} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$



Quiz 1 70% - 90% } 90%

In the previous energy conservation rule, the potential energies completely account for the work done by the associated forces. Is this always possible?

- tension force → work done by tension → some type of tension energy?
- friction " → " " " friction → some type of friction energy?

## Conservative forces

Recall that for gravity

$$W_{\text{grav}} = -mgy_f + mgy_i$$

$$= -U_g f + U_g i = -\Delta U_g$$

Similarly for a spring

$$W_{\text{spring}} = -\Delta U_{\text{spring}}$$

These are two examples of

$$W_{\text{force}} = -\Delta U_{\text{force}}$$

where  $U_{\text{force}}$  is the potential energy associated with the particular force. This potential energy only depends on the state of the system. For the two forces considered so far

Force	Potential $U_{\text{force}}$	Depends on state via
gravity	$U_g = mgy$	[ mass of object, vertical position spring constant, spring stretch/compression
spring	$U_{\text{spring}} = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$	

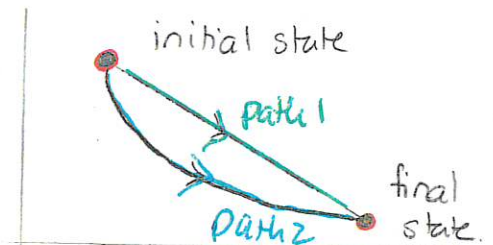
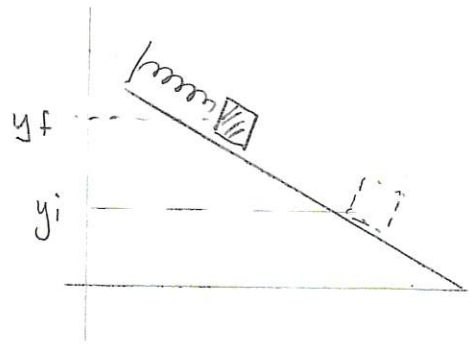
↳ these don't depend on how the object moves / changes position.

This has an important implication for the work done. Consider an object starting in an initial state and making its way to a final state via one of two possible paths. Then

$$W_{\text{grav}} (\text{path 1}) = W_{\text{grav}} (\text{path 2})$$

since the work done by gravity only depends on the initial and final states. This can be extended to any paths:

The work done by gravity between an initial location (state) and final location (state) does not depend on the path between these locations.



These are examples of conservative forces.

A force is called conservative.



The work done by the force only depends on the initial and final configuration/state of the system and not the trajectory between these.



↗ connection via calculus  
↘ in 2D dimensions

There exists a potential energy  $U_{\text{force}}$ , that only depends on the state of the system such that the work done by the force is

$$W_{\text{force}} = -\Delta U_{\text{force}}$$

Thus we already have two examples of conservative forces:

- 1) gravity (near Earth's surface)
- 2) spring force

Is this true for any force?

Quiz 2 70% - 100%  $\approx$  50% - 70%

Quiz 3 30%  $\approx$  40% - 50%

We see that because work done depends on the path taken:

Friction is non-conservative

Other examples of non-conservative forces are:

- 1) tension
- 2) normal force.

So there is no possible potential energy for:

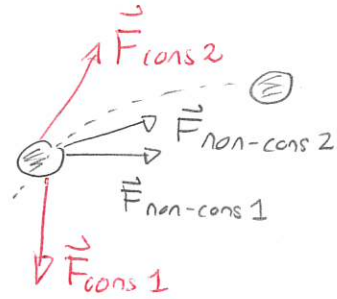
- 1) friction
- 2) tension
- 3) normal force..

## Mechanical energy in general.

Can we still use  $E = K + U_{\text{grav}} + \dots$  if there are non-conservative forces that do work? We can by dividing the forces into conservative and non-conservative.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta K &= W_{\text{net}} \\ &= W_{\text{cons 1}} + W_{\text{cons 2}} + \dots \\ &\quad + W_{\text{non-cons 1}} + W_{\text{non-cons 2}} + \dots\end{aligned}$$



Then for conservative forces there is a potential s.t.  $W_{\text{cons } j} = -\Delta U_{\text{cons } j}$ .  
So

$$\Delta K = -\Delta U_{\text{cons 1}} - \Delta U_{\text{cons 2}} - \Delta U_{\text{cons 3}} \dots + W_{\text{non-cons 1}} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta K + \Delta U_{\text{cons 1}} + \Delta U_{\text{cons 2}} + \dots = W_{\text{non-cons 1}} + W_{\text{non-cons 2}} + \dots$$

So we define the total energy as

$$E = K + U_{\text{cons 1}} + U_{\text{cons 2}} + \dots$$

and the total work done by all non-conservative forces:

$$W_{\text{nc}} = W_{\text{non-cons 1}} + W_{\text{non-cons 2}} + \dots$$

This gives

$$\Delta E = W_{\text{nc}}$$

### 248 Spring, cart and hand

A 5.0 kg cart can slide along a frictionless horizontal surface. A spring, with spring constant 400 N/m connects the cart to a wall. The spring is initially compressed by 0.25 m and the cart is held at rest. It is released and subsequently a hand pushes with a constant 30 N force against the spring as the spring relaxes. Determine the speed of the cart when the spring reaches its equilibrium position. (131Sp2023)



Ans: Initial: spring relaxed  
Final: at equilibrium

$$\begin{aligned} v_i &= 0 \text{ m/s} & v_f &=? \\ x_i &= 0.25 \text{ m} & x_f &= 0 \\ y_i &= 0 & y_f &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

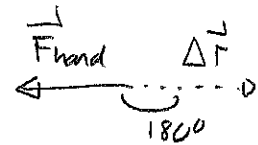
$$\Delta E = W_{nc}$$

where

$$E = K + U_{\text{grav}} + U_{\text{spring}}$$

$$W_{nc} = W_{\text{hand}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } W_{\text{hand}} &= F_{\text{hand}} \Delta r \cos \theta \\ &= 30 \text{ N} \times 0.25 \text{ m} \cos 180^\circ \\ &= -7.5 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Now } \Delta E = W_{nc}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_f - E_i = W_{\text{hand}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_f = E_i + W_{\text{hand}}$$

$$K_f + U_{gf} + U_{spf} = K_i + U_{gi} + U_{spi} + W_{\text{hand}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 + m g y_f + \frac{1}{2} k x_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 + m g y_i + \frac{1}{2} k x_i^2 - 7.5 \text{ J}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} k x_i^2 - 7.5 \text{ J}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} 5.0 \text{ kg } v_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} 400 \text{ N/m } (0.25 \text{ m})^2 - 7.5 \text{ J}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2.5 \text{ kg } v_f^2 = 12.5 \text{ J} - 7.5 \text{ J} \Rightarrow v_f^2 = \frac{5.0 \text{ J}}{2.5 \text{ kg}} = 2 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2 \Rightarrow v_f = 1.4 \text{ m/s}$$