

POTENTIAL ENERGY.

The energy stored in a system due to the state of the system (eg: the deformed spring) is its potential energy.

Generally denoted by U .

Total Energy of a body:

$$E_T = K + U$$

↓ kinetic energy → potential energy

[In conservative forces a potential energy can be defined such that the total energy of the body does not change by shifting positions, but the K & U change among themselves such that $E = K_1 + U_1 = K_2 + U_2$]

$$\Delta E = 0 = \Delta K + \Delta U \Rightarrow \Delta K = -\Delta U$$

↓ change in kinetic energy → change in potential energy

And, Work Energy theorem: $\Delta K = W$

$$\Rightarrow W = -\Delta U$$

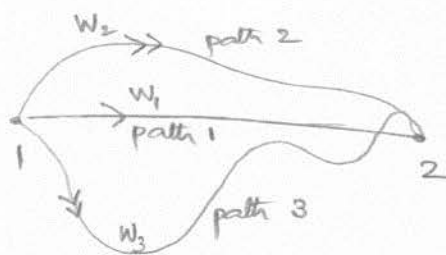
use,

$$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta U = -\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}}$$

Conservative and Nonconservative forces

Conservative force: The work done by the force on an object moving from one point to another depends only on the initial and final positions of the object, and is independent of the particular path taken.

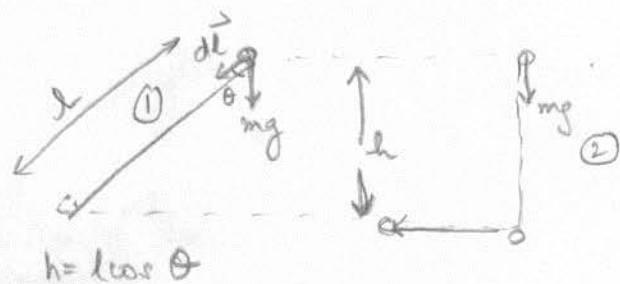
$$W = \int_1^2 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$



if $W_1 = W_2 = W_3$
then \vec{F} is conservative.

* [Imagine friction; work done to overcome friction is path dependant, and hence friction is Non-conservative force]

eg:



path ①:

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} \\ &= \int mg \, dl \cos \theta \\ &= mg \cos \theta \int dl \\ &= mg(l \cos \theta) = mgh \end{aligned}$$

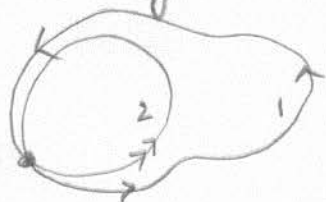
for path ②: $W_2 = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l}$
 $= mg \int dl = mgh$

Thus, $W_1 = W_2$

\therefore the Gravitational field is a conservative force field.

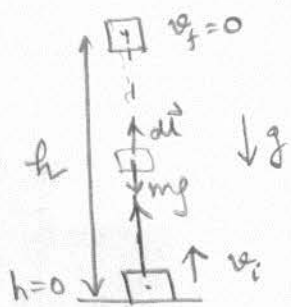
Alternative defn:

A force is conservative if the net work done by the force on an object moving around any closed path is zero.



$W_1 = W_2 = 0$

Gravitational potential energy [$\Delta U = mgh$]



$$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_0^h mg \, dl \cos(\pi)$$

$$= -mg \int_0^h dl = -mgh$$

$$\Delta U = -W = mgh \quad (\text{Gains potential by increasing height})$$

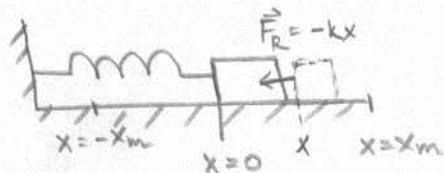
Project a body upward with v_i velo.

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 = -\frac{1}{2}mv_i^2$$

Note, $\Delta E = \Delta K + \Delta U = -\frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + mgh = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 = mgh \Rightarrow v_i = \sqrt{2gh} \quad (\text{Same as kinetics})$$

Spring Potential energy.



$$F_R = -kx$$

$$W = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} \vec{F}_R \cdot d\vec{x} = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} -kx \, dx$$

$$W = -\frac{1}{2}k(x_f^2 - x_i^2)$$

$$= -k \frac{x^2}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

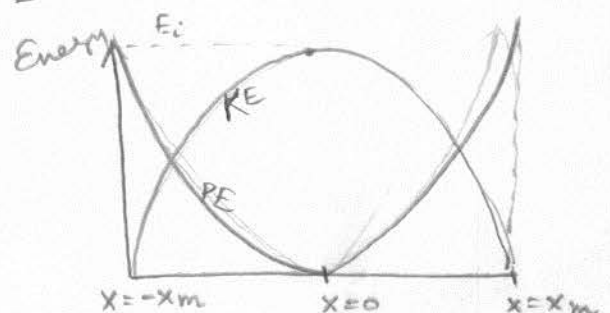
[Note \vec{F}_R is a vector of magnitude kx , always pointing opposite direction as x $\therefore F_R = -kx$]

if $x_i = 0$ & $x_f = x$ then $W_s = -\frac{1}{2}kx^2$

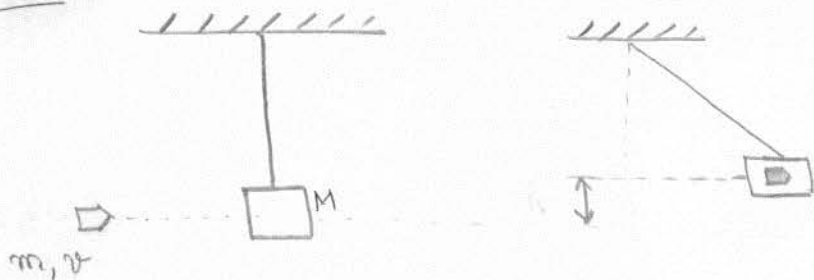
Now, $\Delta K = W = -\frac{1}{2}kx^2$

$$\Delta U = -\Delta K = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$E(x) = E_i + \Delta K + \Delta U = E_i \quad (\text{constant})$$



Problem



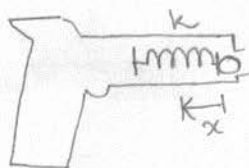
find h

Ballistic pendulum

Energy conservation

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = (m+M)gh \Rightarrow h = \frac{\frac{1}{2}mv^2}{(m+M)g} = \frac{mv^2}{2(m+M)g}$$

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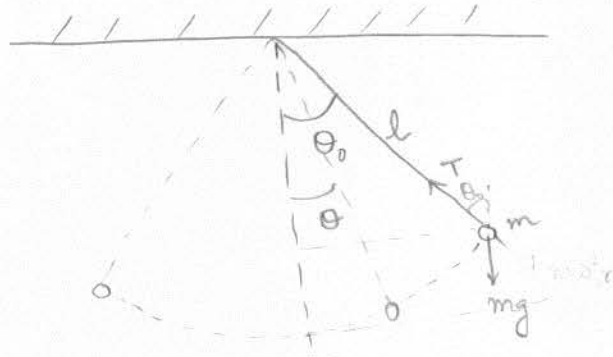
find the velocity of the projected dart?

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

$$\text{PE of spring} = \text{K.E of dart}$$

[dart detaches from the spring when the spring is ($x=0$) not extended]

Swinging Pendulum



Initial angle θ_0
mass m
length l



$$T = mv^2/l + mg \cos \theta$$

$$mg \sin \theta = ma$$

$$a = g \sin \theta$$

$$a \approx g \theta$$

$$F = g \theta$$

(force opposing increasing θ)

$$E_i = mgh$$

$$= mg(l - l \cos \theta_0)$$

$$E_i = mgl(1 - \cos \theta_0) \quad (\text{at height } h)$$

$$E_f = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad (\text{at bottom})$$

$$E_f = E_i \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgl(1 - \cos \theta_0)$$

$$v = \sqrt{2gl(1 - \cos \theta_0)}$$

velocity at bottom

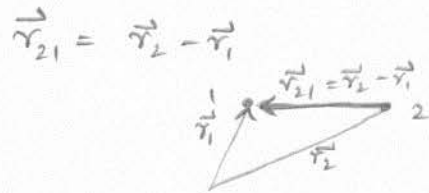
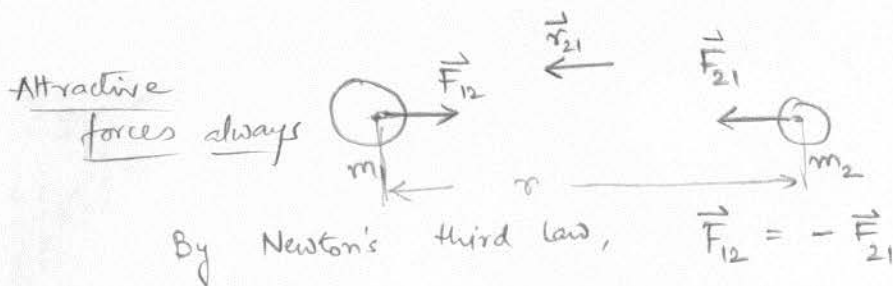
Power

$$P_{\text{avg}} = W/\Delta t \quad (\text{average power})$$

$$P = \frac{dW}{dt} = F \cos \theta \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) = F v \cos \theta$$

$$P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \quad (\text{instantaneous power})$$

Newton's Law of Gravitation.



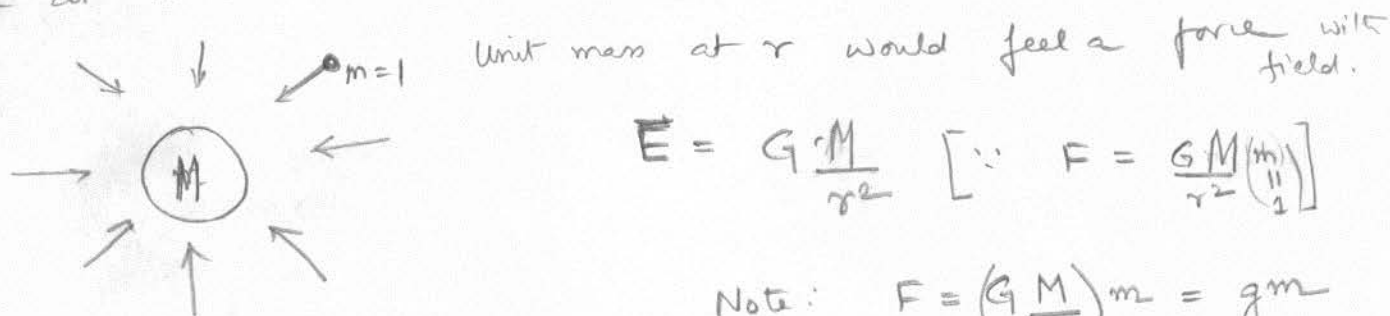
Newton's law of gravitation: $F_{21} \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$ $F_{21} \propto m_2$ $F_{21} \propto m_1$

$$\boxed{F_{21} = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\vec{F}_{21} = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{r}_{21}}$$

$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2/\text{kg}^2$ (Gravitation const.)

[It can be shown that the gravitational force exerted on a particle outside a sphere, with a spherically symmetric mass distribution, is the same as if the entire mass of the sphere was concentrated at its center.] \rightarrow Comes from Gauss' law applied to Gravitational field.

Gravitational field: Gravitational force acting on a unit mass placed at a distance r away.



$$E = G \frac{M}{r^2} \quad \left[\because F = \frac{GM}{r^2} \left(\frac{m}{1} \right) \right]$$

Note: $F = \left(G \frac{M}{r^2} \right) m = gm$

Think about Earth's gravitational field

$$E = \frac{GM}{R^2} = g$$

and $F = mg$



Gravitational potential energy

$$U = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r}$$

$$F = -\frac{dU}{dr} = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} (-1)$$

$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

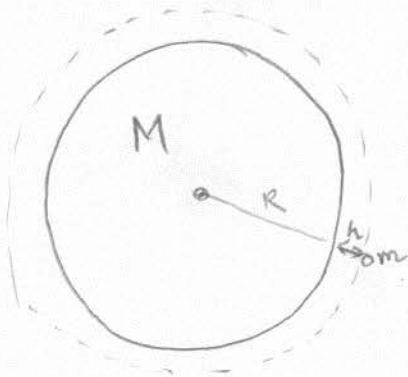
$$F = -\frac{dU}{dr} \Rightarrow -F dr = dU$$

$$-\int F dr = \Delta U$$

$$-W = \Delta U$$

Gravitational potential near Earth's surface

Choose, $U = 0$ (on the surface of Earth)



$$U = 0 = -\frac{GMm}{R} \quad [\text{We choose it to be the scale}]$$

$$U(h) = -\frac{GMm}{(R+h)} = -\frac{GMm}{R(1+\frac{h}{R})} = -\frac{GM}{R} \left(1 - \frac{h}{R}\right) m$$

$$U(h) = -\frac{GMm}{R} + \frac{GM}{R^2} hm$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_0 \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{g \text{ (as earlier)}}$

$U(h) = mgh$

 as seen earlier.

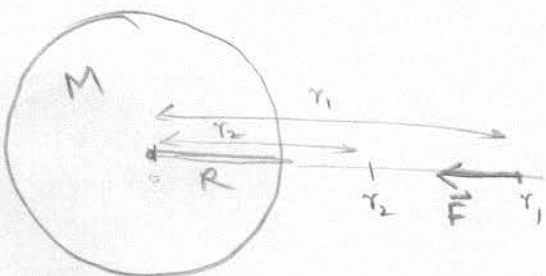
Consider bringing an object towards the earth from distance r_1 to r_2

$$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = -GMm \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{1}{r^2} dr$$

$$W = -GMm \left(\frac{-1}{r} \right) \Big|_{r_1}^{r_2} = -GMm \left(\frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right)$$

if $r_1 \Rightarrow \infty$ & $r_2 = r+h$

$$W = GMm \left(+\frac{1}{r} \right) = \frac{GMm}{r}$$



$$U = - \frac{GMm}{r}$$

at $r \rightarrow \infty$ $U(\infty) = 0$

$$\Delta U = U(\infty) - U(r)$$

at r , $U(r) = - \frac{GMm}{r}$

Escape Velocity.

At what speed must a body of mass m be thrown upward so that it escapes from the Earth's gravitational field.

$$\Delta U = U(\infty) - U(R) = \frac{GMm}{R}$$

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} m v_{esc}^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} m v_{esc}^2 = \frac{GMm}{R} \Rightarrow$$

$$v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$$

$$v_{esc} = 1.12 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$= 11.2 \text{ km/s (for Earth)}$$