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Physics 131

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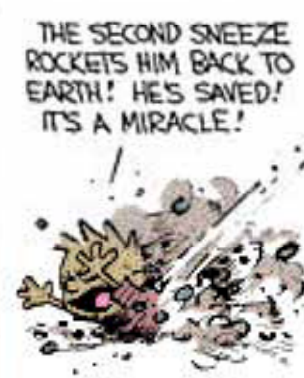
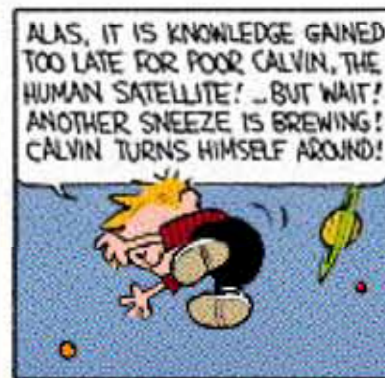
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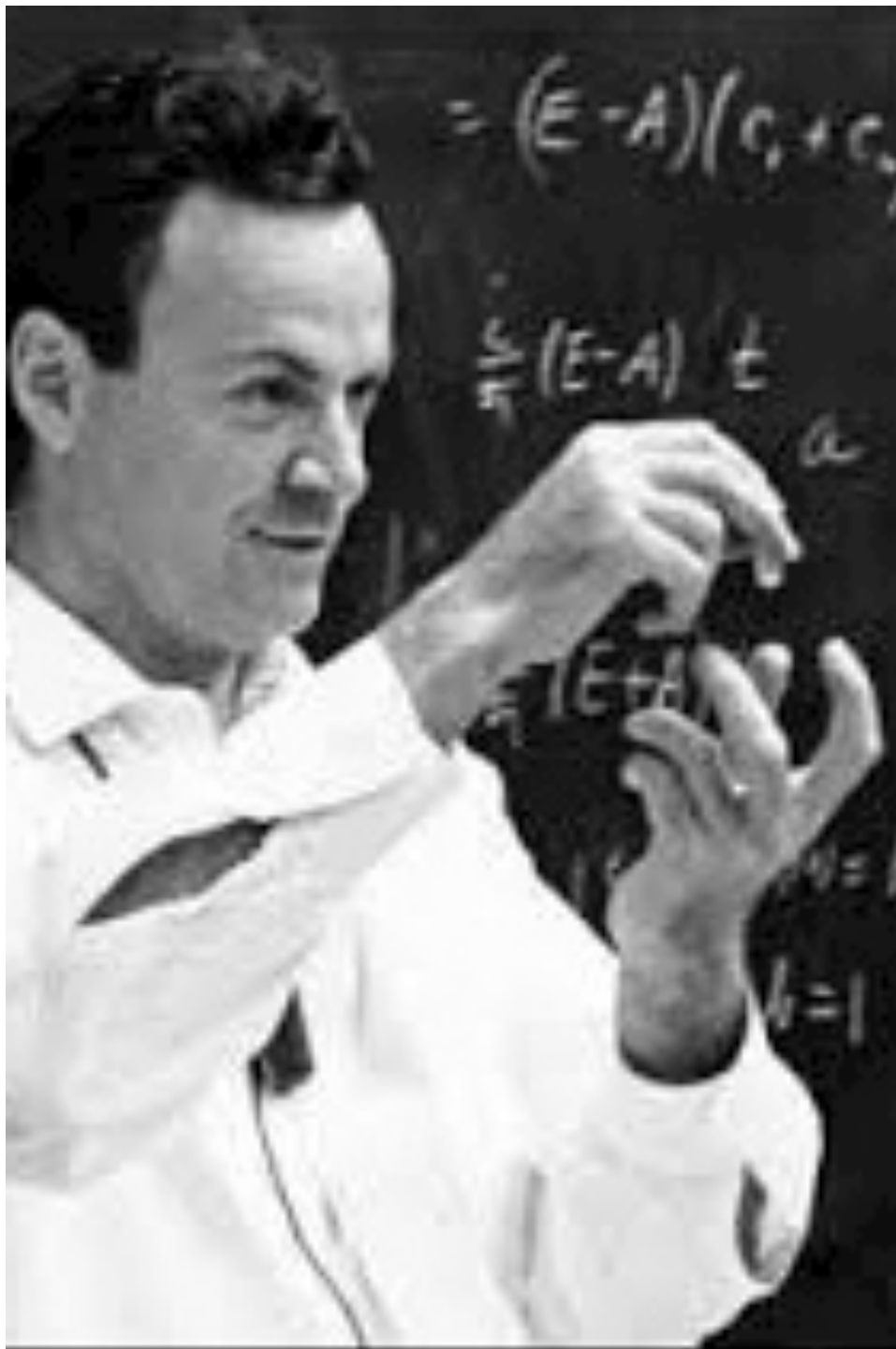
*Sous le ciel de Paris*



■ Cartoon: Bill Watterson

*Calvin & Hobbes*





## The Equation of the Day

### Potential energy

$$\Delta U^{gravity} = \Delta(mgh)$$

$$\Delta U^{spring} = \Delta\left(\frac{1}{2}kx^2\right)$$

$$\Delta U^{spring} = \Delta\left(\frac{k_c qQ}{r}\right)$$

# Foothold ideas: Kinetic Energy and Work



- Newton's laws tell us how velocity changes.

The Work-Energy theorem tells us how speed (independent of direction) changes.

- Kinetic energy =  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$

- Work done by a force =  $F_x\Delta x$  or  $F_{\parallel}\Delta r$   
(part of force  $\parallel$  to displacement)

- Work-energy theorem:  $\Delta(\frac{1}{2}mv^2) = \vec{F}^{net} \cdot \Delta\vec{r}$

# Simplest example:

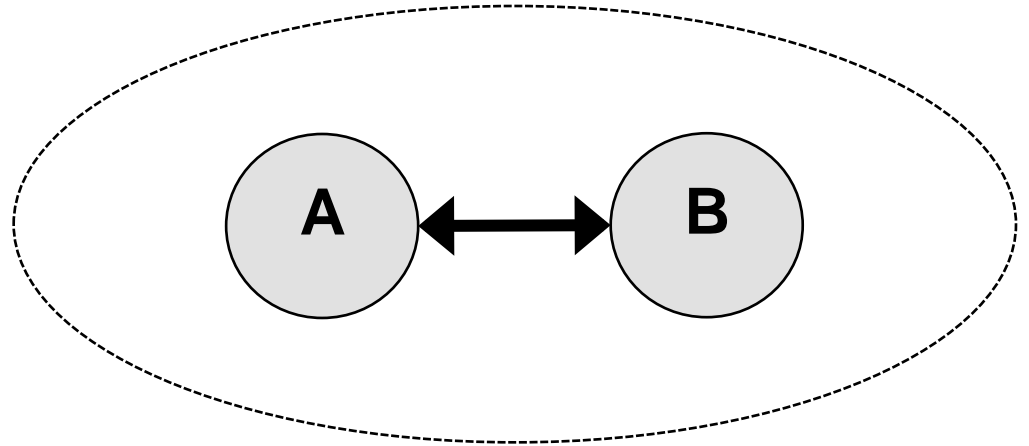
Consider the motion of two objects during a short time interval while they exert forces on each other.

Momentum change?

Impulse-momentum theorem!

$$\Delta \vec{p}_A = \vec{F}_{B \rightarrow A} \Delta t$$

$$\Delta \vec{p}_B = \vec{F}_{A \rightarrow B} \Delta t$$



Add and use N3!

$$\Delta \vec{p}_A + \Delta \vec{p}_B = \vec{F}_{B \rightarrow A} \Delta t + \vec{F}_{A \rightarrow B} \Delta t = (\vec{F}_{B \rightarrow A} + \vec{F}_{A \rightarrow B}) \Delta t = 0$$

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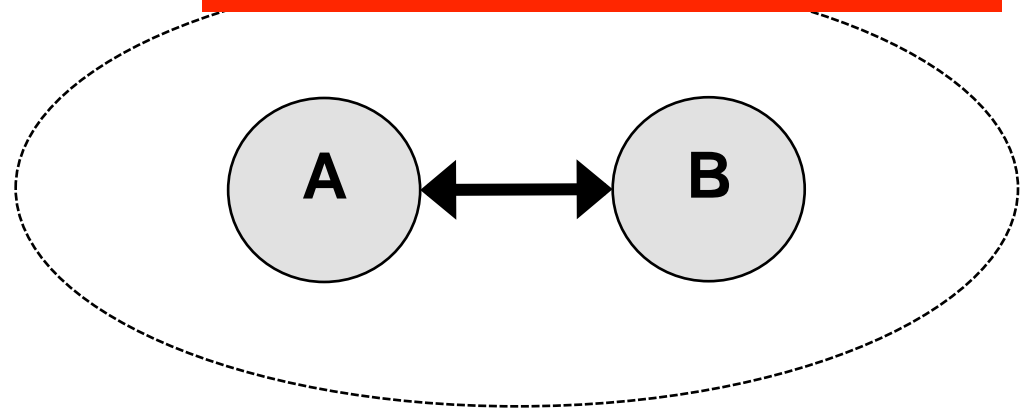
KE change?

Work-energy theorem!

$$\Delta KE_A = \vec{F}_{B \rightarrow A} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_A$$

$$\Delta KE_B = \vec{F}_{A \rightarrow B} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_B$$

They may each be moving so although the times are the same, the distances might NOT be!



Add and use N3!

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta KE_A + \Delta KE_B &= \vec{F}_{B \rightarrow A} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_A + \vec{F}_{A \rightarrow B} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_B \\ &= \vec{F}_{B \rightarrow A} \cdot (\Delta \vec{r}_A - \Delta \vec{r}_B) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

??!

# Dimensions and Units of Energy

- $[1/2 mv^2] = M \cdot (L/T)^2 = ML^2/T^2$
- $1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{s}^2 = 1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} = 1 \text{ Joule}$
- Other units of energy are common  
(and will be discussed later)
  - Calorie
  - eV (electron Volt)
  - erg ( $=1 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^2 / \text{s}^2$ )



# Power

- An interesting question about work and energy is the rate at which energy is changed or work is done. This is called *power*.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Power} &= \frac{\text{Energy change}}{\text{time to make the change}} \\ &= \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t} = \vec{F}^{net} \cdot \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \vec{F}^{net} \cdot \vec{v} \quad (\text{for mechanical work})\end{aligned}$$

- Unit of power

$$1 \text{ Joule/sec} = 1 \text{ Watt}$$

# Foothold ideas: Potential Energy



- For some forces between objects (gravity, electricity, springs) the work only depends of the change in relative position of the objects. Such forces are called conservative.

- For these forces the work done by them can be written

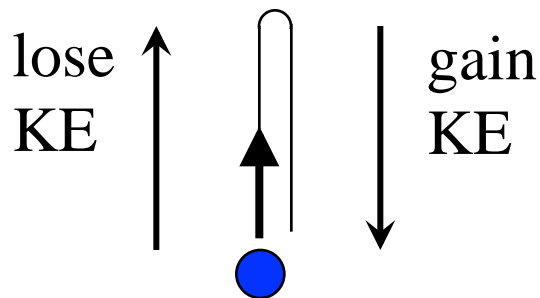
$$\vec{F} \cdot \Delta\vec{r}_{rel} = -\Delta U$$

- $U$  is called a *potential energy* and is an energy of place belonging to the interaction of two objects that can be exchanged with their KE.

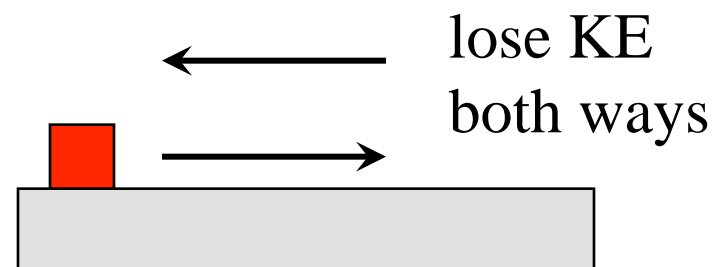


# Conservative forces

- Forces (like gravity or springs) are conservative if when the force takes KE away, you can get it back when you go back to where you started.
- If the kinetic energy that a force takes away can't be restored by going back to where you started it is called non-conservative.
- Compare gravity and friction:



11/10 Gravity: Conservative



Physics Friction: Non-Conservative

# Foothold ideas: Potential Energy



- For some forces work only depends on the change in position. Then the work done can be written  $\vec{F} \cdot \Delta\vec{r} = -\Delta U$

$U$  is called a *potential energy*.

- For gravity,  $U_{gravity} = mgh$

For a spring,  $U_{spring} = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$

For electric force,  $U_{electric} = k_C Q_1 Q_2 / r_{12}$

# Foothold ideas:

## Conservation of Mechanical Energy



### ■ Mechanical energy

- The mechanical energy of a system of objects is conserved if resistive forces can be ignored.

$$\Delta(KE + PE) = 0$$

$$KE_{initial} + PE_{initial} = KE_{final} + PE_{final}$$

### ■ Thermal energy

- Resistive forces transform coherent energy of motion (energy associated with a net momentum) into *thermal energy* (energy associated with internal chaotic motions and no net momentum)

*This is why we define the PE with a negative sign.*