Physics 131- Fundamentals of Physics for Biologists I



Math: Dot Product Work – Energy Theorem Potential Energy



Two hoses, one of 20-mm diameter, 1 meter in length, the other of 15-mm diameter and also 1 meter in length are connected one behind the other to a faucet.

Work in another direction: The dot product

- Suppose we are moving along a line, but the force we are interested in in pointed in another direction?
- Only the part of the force in the direction of the motion counts to change the speed (energy).



Work =
$$F_{\parallel}$$
 Dr = $F \cos q$ Dr = $\vec{F} \cdot D\vec{r}$

Each row in the following table pairs a force vector with a corresponding displacement resulting in work *W* being done.

In which of these rows is the work done zero?



6. None of the above

Whiteboard, TA & LA Each row in the following table pairs a force vector with a corresponding displacement resulting in work *W* being done.

In which of these rows is the work done positive?



6. None of the above

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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 = $F_x Dx$ or $F_{\parallel} Dr$ (part of force parallel to displacement)
- Work-energy theorem: $D(\frac{1}{2}mv^2) = F_{\parallel}^{net}Dr$

A young child wants to select one of the (frictionless) playground slides illustrated below to give her the greatest possible speed when she reaches the bottom of the slide. Which should she choose?



- 1. 1
- 2. 2
- 3. **3**

- 4. 4
- 5. It doesn't matter. It would be the same for each. Whiteboard,

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If the child starts from rest at the top of the slide, calculate the velocity of the child at the bottom of the slide



- 1. 16 m/s
- 2. 32 m/s
- 3. 8 m/s

4. **4 m/s**

5. Depends on the weight of the girl

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Energy Conservation

Total energy of object of interest is conserved unless external forces move the object of interest (i.e. do work on the object)







- Internal energy of a System
- Related to interactions (forces) within the System
- Can turn into kinetic energy (or other energy) when the objects in the system move



- 1. Potential energy of the earth
- 2. Potential energy of the child
- 3. Another source [potential energy resides in the interaction between
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Foothold Principle: Potential Energy

Potential energy U:

- Internal energy of a System
- Related to interactions (forces) within the System

Earth

Kinetic

Energy

Potential

Energy

Child

Gravitationa

- Can turn into kinetic energy (or other energy) when the objects in the system move
- Stored in INTERACTION (line between objects)