

## Energy Transfer

How to tell if an external interaction results in an energy input or energy output.

If the external force is in same direction as displacement

Energy input

If the external force is in opposite direction as displacement

Energy output

What if the Force is not in the same line as the displacement?

Examples:

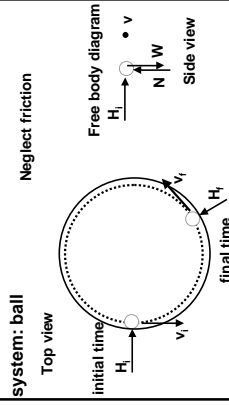
- Sliding down a ramp
- Projectile motion
- Circular motion
- Pendulum

Use appropriate components

## Energy Transfer - Example

Circular motion on a horizontal table

Ball rolling inside a hoop



Conservation of energy:

$$E_f - E_i = E_{\text{input}} - E_{\text{output}}$$

$$E_i = KE_i$$

$$E_f = KE_f$$

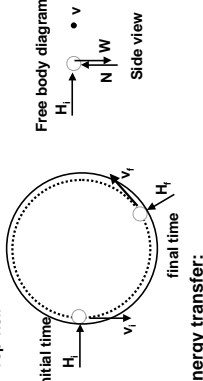
$$E_{\text{input}} = ?$$

$$E_{\text{output}} = ?$$

Examine each force

system: ball

Top view



Energy transfer:

Does W ever have a component in the direction of the displacement of the system?

Does N ever have a component in the direction of the displacement of the system?

Does H ever have a component in the direction of the displacement of the system?

In this case an external force does not result in an energy transfer to the system



No force ever has a component in the direction of the ball's displacement

$$E_{\text{input}} = 0 \quad E_{\text{output}} = 0$$

Conservation of energy:

$$E_f - E_i = E_{\text{input}} - E_{\text{output}}$$

$$KE_f - KE_i = 0$$

$$KE_f = KE_i$$

Forces on ball cause it to accelerate  
Ball's velocity changes

Those forces can't transfer energy to the ball  
Ball's speed doesn't change

## Orbits

1. If a satellite has a circular orbit around the Earth, does it's speed change?

Why?



2. If a satellite has an elliptical orbit around the Earth, does it's speed change?

Why?



## Energy Theory

The energy of every system is always conserved

$$E_f - E_i = E_{\text{input}} - E_{\text{output}}$$

If a system is really a single object, the only energy it can have is kinetic energy

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

Only the component of an external force parallel to an system's direction of motion can transfer energy to the system.

The component of an external force in the same direction as the motion of an object inputs energy to the system.

$$E_{\text{input}} = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F_x dx$$

The component of an external force in the opposite direction as the motion of an object outputs energy from the system.

$$E_{\text{output}} = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F_x dx$$

### Using Vector Mathematics

**ENERGY TRANSFER**  
Take the component of the force along the displacement and integrate (add up)  
 $\int \mathbf{F}_T \cdot d\mathbf{r}$

Choose coordinate system so that one axis is along the displacement (direction of motion).

$\mathbf{E}_{in} = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} \mathbf{F}_x \cdot d\mathbf{x}$   
 $\cos\theta = F_x / F$

Component of F along dr direction,  $F_x$ :

$F_x = F \cos\theta$   
 $F_r \cdot dr = F \cos\theta \cdot dr$   
 $d\mathbf{r} = dx$   
 $\mathbf{E}_{in} = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F \cos\theta dx$   
But what if you want to use a different coordinate system?

### Energy Transfer - Another Way

Suppose you want to have the coordinate system with one axis along the external force.

Find the component of dr along the F direction, dy:  
 $dy = dr \cos\theta$

Calculate the force times the component of displacement along the force  
 $F \cdot dy = F \cdot dr \cos\theta = F \cos\theta \cdot dr = F_r \cdot dr$   
same as component of force along the displacement  
 $\mathbf{E}_{transfer} = \int \mathbf{F}_r \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$

### Dot Product

Both ways are written mathematically as the scalar or "dot" product of 2 vectors  
 $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$

For any two vectors (for example force and displacement).

A times the component of B along A:  $(A \cdot B_A)$   
A  $(B \cos\theta)$  equals  
B times the component of A along B:  $(B \cdot A_B)$   
B  $(A \cos\theta)$

Yes!!  $A \cdot (B \cos\theta) = B \cdot (A \cos\theta)$

Since energy transfer can be calculated either way, we can write it  $\int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$

### Example

o help deliver supplies to flood victims in remote locations, you have been asked to investigate the feasibility of putting food in a strong container and firing it from a cannon. At the top of its trajectory, a parachute would open and the container would drift to the ground. To determine the corrections necessary due to air resistance, you first decide to calculate the container's speed as a function of its height on its way toward its highest point and its initial speed without taking the interaction with the air into account.

The motion is completely determined by the initial velocity [magnitude (given) and direction (not given)]

Using the definitions of velocity and acceleration you can calculate everything.

Do it  
The only force on the object is the gravitational force, W  
Constant, down  
Acceleration is constant, down  
Horizontal component of velocity is constant

Is it easier using conservation of energy?  
Want to find speed  
Information is about initial speed  
No information about direction of velocity  
No information about time

know want  
 $v_i$   $v_f$   
h  
g  
W  
 $\theta$

### Conservation of Energy Approach

System: projectile  
Initial time: Launch  
Final time: At height h

Conservation of energy equation:  
 $E_i - E_f = E_{in} - E_{out}$   
 $E_i = (1/2) m v_i^2$   
 $E_f = (1/2) m v_f^2$   
 $E_{in} = ?$   
 $E_{out} = ?$

Gravitational force has a component in the opposite direction from the projectile's displacement.  
There is an energy output  
 $E_{out} = \int \mathbf{F}_g \cdot d\mathbf{r}$

It seems hard to find the component of the weight along the displacement direction because that direction is always changing

The weight is always in the same direction (vertical) so it seems easier to find the component of the displacement along the weight.

$$E_{out} = \int F dr_F$$

Choose a coordinate system with one axis along the weight.

$W \downarrow$   $E_{out} = \int F dy$

To use an energy approach we need an Energy diagram

Initial state  $v_i$   $h$   $W$   $y_i$   $y_f$  Final state  $v_f$

Energy transfer

target quantity:  $v_i$  (as a function of  $v_i$  and  $h$ )

Quantitative relationships:

Conservation of energy: (system: projectile)

$$E_i - E_f = E_{in} - E_{out}$$

$$E_i = KE_i = \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2$$

$$E_f = KE_f = \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2$$

$$E_{in} = 0$$

$$E_{out} = \int_{y_i}^{y_f} W dy$$

$$W = mg$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 = 0 - \int_{y_i}^{y_f} m g dy$$

Plan: Find  $v_f$  unknown  $v_f$

conservation of energy  $m$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 = 0 - \int_{y_i}^{y_f} m g dy$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 = -m g \int_{y_i}^{y_f} dy$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 = -m g (y_f - y_i)$$

Since every term in the conservation of energy equation depends on  $m$ , it cancels out of the problem

$$\frac{1}{2} v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} v_i^2 = -g(h)$$

$$v_f^2 - v_i^2 = -2gh$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{v_i^2 - 2gh}$$

### Example

The company you are working for has just received a contract to provide the police department with personal data assistants. As part of the functionality, you have been told to write a computer program that will calculate a car's speed from the length of its skid marks and the coefficient of kinetic friction between the tires and the road. All the policeman has to do is punch in the make of the tires and their tread condition, the type of road and driving conditions, and the length of the skid marks. Your formula should do the rest.

What was the car's initial speed?

Use conservation of energy.  
Object is the car.  
Energy transferred out of the system by the frictional force.  
Get frictional force from normal force  
Use vertical forces to get normal force

Initial Energy	Energy transfer	Final Energy
$m \frac{v_0^2}{2}$	$m v \int_{x_0}^{x_f} f_k dx$	$m \frac{v^2}{2}$
$m = ?$	$x_0 = 0$	$v = 0$
$v_0 = ?$	$x_f = L$	
$E_i = \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2$	$E_{out} = \int f_k dx$	$E_f = 0$
	$E_f - E_i = E_{in} - E_{out}$	

$f_k = \mu_k N$

Target:  $v_0 = ?$

$$\sum F_y = m a_y$$

$$N - mg = 0$$

unknowns  $v_0$   $f_k$   $m$

Find  $v_0$

$$0 - \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 = 0 - \int f_k dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 = f_k \int_0^L dx = f_k L$$

Find  $f_k$

$$f_k = \mu_k N$$

Find  $N$

$$N - mg = 0$$

4 unknowns, 3 equations -- mass will cancel

**Example - Problem 69 - Chap. 6**

You have a job providing the engineering help for an architect in Colorado. You are currently designing a cable tow to pull skiers up a hill so they can ski down. The customer would like the cable tow to pull a skier uphill at constant acceleration from the bottom reaching a speed of 6 m/s at the top. You need to determine what type of cable you should purchase. The hill is 50 m long and inclined at 20 degrees from the horizontal. By measuring skier speeds on a downhill run, you know there is a friction force of 150 N between the skis and the snow independent of the skier's weight.

**Example - Chap. 8, 75 (a)**

Now your manager tells you that the police personal data assistant must calculate the car's speed from the skid marks if the car is going down a hill. The police officer will need to input the angle of the hill.

Try it!

$N - mg = 0$   
 $N = mg$   
 $f_k = \mu_k mg$   
 $\frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 = \mu_k mgL$   
 $\frac{1}{2} v_f^2 = \mu_k gL$   
 $v_f = \sqrt{2\mu_k gL}$

check units  $\left[ \frac{m}{s^2} \right] [m] = \left[ \frac{m}{s} \right]$

**FOCUS**

**Question:** What force must the cable withstand?

**Approach:** Use conservation of energy to relate the final speed and the forces. The rope force (T), the frictional force (f), and the weight (W) all have components in the direction of the displacement. Energy transfer occurs along the ski slope with one axis

**PHYSICS DESCRIPTION**

**Free body diagram**

**Energy diagram** System: skier

**Component diagram**

$v_i = 0$   
 $v_f = 6 \text{ m/s}$   
 $v_i = 0$   
 $L = 50 \text{ m}$   
 $f = 150 \text{ N}$

Target quantity: T

**Quantitative relationships:**

Conservation of Energy  $E_f - E_i = E_{\text{input}} - E_{\text{output}}$

Skier energy is kinetic  $KE = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

Energy transferred to and from skier

$E_{\text{transfer}} = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$   
 $E_{\text{transfer}} = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F_x dx$   
 $E_{\text{input}} = \int_0^L T dx$   
 $E_{\text{output}} = \int_0^L (f + W_x) dx$

$\frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 = \int_0^L T dx - \int_0^L (f + W \sin \theta) dx$

**Plan:** unknowns  
T

**Find T**

**Conservation of energy**

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 = \int_0^L T dx - \int_0^L (f + W \sin \theta) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 = T \int_0^L dx - (f + mg \sin \theta) \int_0^L dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 = TL - (f + mg \sin \theta)L \quad m$$

1 equation, 2 unknowns

m does not cancel  
No other useful information or physics relationships  
Need to estimate a maximum mass for a skier

$$\frac{mv_i^2}{2L} + (f + mg \sin \theta) = T$$

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**Check units**

$T = [\text{force}], [f] = [\text{force}], [mg \sin \theta] = [\text{force}]$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2L} m v_i^2 \right] = [\text{mass}] \left[ \frac{m^2}{s^2} \right] \frac{1}{[N]}$$

$$= [\text{mass}] [\text{acceleration}] = [\text{force}]$$

ok all units are force units

Estimate 100 kg for a skier

$$T = \frac{1}{2} (50 \text{ m}) (100 \text{ kg}) (6 \text{ m/s})^2 + (100 \text{ kg}) (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) \sin 20^\circ + (150 \text{ N})$$

$$36 \text{ N} + 335 \text{ N} + 150 \text{ N} = T$$

**T = 521 N**

**Evaluate:**

The force of the rope on the skier (T) will be less than if the skier were just hanging on the rope straight down.

$$T(\text{est}) < W$$


$$T(\text{est}) < mg$$

$$T(\text{est}) < 100 \text{ kg} (10 \text{ m/s}^2)$$

$$T \text{ less than } 1000 \text{ N}$$

OK the answer is reasonable

**Complex Systems**



More than one object

Start with a familiar situation

Drop a ball

Take system as the ball and the Earth

No external force on system

No energy transfer

The ball speeds up

Kinetic energy of the system increases

But the energy of the system cannot increase.

The system initially had unrecognized energy

$$E_{\text{system}} = \text{kinetic energy} + \text{new energy}$$

$$E_{\text{system}} = KE + NE$$

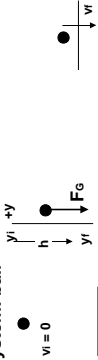
The two object system must give the same result for motion as the one object system

The way objects move doesn't depend on how we choose a system

**Single object system**

$F_0$  is an external force

system: ball



$v_i = 0$

initial state

energy transfer

$$E_{\text{input}} = \int_0^h F_0 dy$$

final state

$v_f$

**Conservation of Energy:**

$$E_i - E_f = E_{\text{in}} - E_{\text{out}}$$

Identify Energy Terms

$$E_i = (1/2) m v_i^2 = 0$$

$$E_f = (1/2) m v_f^2$$

$$E_{\text{in}} = F_0 h$$

$$E_{\text{out}} = 0$$

**Conservation of Energy equation:**

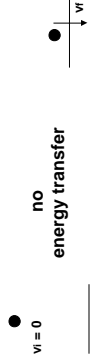
$$(1/2) m v_f^2 - 0 = F_0 h - 0$$

$$(1/2) m v_f^2 = mg h$$

$$v_f^2 = 2g h$$

**Two object system**

system: ball + Earth



$v_i = 0$

initial state

no energy transfer

final state

$v_f$

**Conservation of Energy:**

$$E_i - E_f = E_{\text{in}} - E_{\text{out}}$$

Identify Energy Terms

$$E_i = (1/2) m v_i^2 + NE_i$$

$$E_{\text{in}} = 0$$

$$E_f = (1/2) m v_f^2 + NE_f$$

$$E_{\text{out}} = 0$$

**Conservation of Energy equation:**

$$(1/2) m v_i^2 + NE_i - [(1/2) m v_f^2 + NE_f] = 0 - 0$$

$$(1/2) m v_i^2 = NE_f - NE_i$$

$$v_f^2 = (2/m)(NE_i - NE_f)$$

## Compare Results

One object system (ball)

$$v_f^2 = 2g h$$

Two object system (ball and Earth)

$$v_f^2 = (2/m)(NE_i - NE_f)$$

Since the ball's speed does not depend on our choice of system

$$2g h = (2/m)(NE_i - NE_f)$$

$$mg (y_i - y_f) = (NE_i - NE_f)$$

$$mg y_i - mg y_f = NE_i - NE_f$$

$$mg y_i = NE_i$$

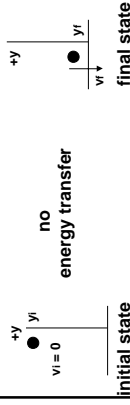
$$mg y_f = NE_f$$

The New Energy depends on the gravitational force and the vertical position of an object from the surface of the Earth

## Gravitational Potential Energy

The new energy depends on the relative position of the two objects in the system

Gravitational Potential Energy GPE



GPE depends on the height of an object

The higher an object,

the greater its gravitational potential energy

Energy of the ball - Earth system

Throwing a ball straight up

No energy transferred to or from system (neglect air interaction)

Energy of system changes from

Kinetic energy to Gravitational Potential energy

## Summary

If you choose a system that includes the Earth

GPE must be included in the initial and final energy of a system.

Gravitational force is not an external force

The gravitational force cannot transfer energy into or out of the system.

If you choose a system that does not include the Earth

There is no GPE in your system

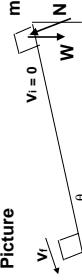
Gravitational force is an external force

The gravitational force can transfer energy into or out of the system.

## Example

You have been asked to design an efficient package handling system for a company that sells its products over the web. The assembly department is in the basement of a building and needs to receive large boxes from its suppliers. One of your team members has suggested a ramp with a surface of small rollers so that boxes slip easily down. You want to make sure that the boxes are not moving too fast for safe handling at the bottom of the ramp. You decide to calculate their speed as a function of the box's mass, the height of the ramp, and its angle to the horizontal.

Picture



Question: Find the speed of the box at bottom of ramp as a function of  $m$ ,  $h$ , and  $\theta$ .

Approach: Use conservation of energy

System: box + Earth

Initial time box at top of ramp

Final time box at bottom of ramp

Contact force with ramp (normal force) gives no energy transfer because it is perpendicular to the velocity

Gravitational force gives no energy transfer because it is within the system

Assume frictionless surface and box starts from rest.

Energy diagram



$$E_i = (KE)_i + (GPE)_i \quad E_i = (KE)_f + (GPE)_f$$

$$E_i = (1/2) m v_i^2 + mgy_i \quad E_i = (1/2) m v_f^2 + mgy_f$$

$$E_i = 0 + mgh \quad E_i = (1/2) m v_f^2 + 0$$

$$E_{\text{input}} = 0$$

$$E_{\text{output}} = 0$$

target quantity:  $v_f$

Quantitative relationships:

$$E_i - E_f = E_{\text{in}} - E_{\text{out}}$$

$$(1/2) m v_f^2 - mgh = 0$$

**Plan:** unknowns  $v_f$

Find  $v_f$   
 Conservation of energy  
 $(1/2) m v_f^2 - mgh = 0$   
 $(1/2) v_f^2 - gh = 0$

1 equation, 1 unknowns  
 $v_f = \sqrt{2(gh)}$

**Evaluation:**  
 This is the same final speed as if the box had just been dropped straight down  
 Does the box have the same acceleration?  
 Dropping straight down,  $a_x = g$   
 Down an inclined plane (ramp) NO  
 It takes a longer time to get down the ramp than to drop straight down

### Potential Energy

Whenever you have an external force on an object that gives an energy transfer to that object which depends only on the position change of the object NOT on the actual path traveled you can include the object exerting the external force in your system and define an appropriate potential energy for the system

you can tell if you have this kind of force if when object returns to the same position Total energy transferred to it is 0

$$\Delta E_{\text{transfer}} = 0$$

$$E_{\text{in}} - E_{\text{out}} = 0$$

$$E_{\text{transfer}} = \int_i^f \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

For which interactions can you define a potential energy?  
 Gravitational Electric  
 Frictional Spring

### FRICITIONAL FORCE

Depends on the path  
 Because force changes direction when the velocity changes direction.  
 $E_{\text{output}}$  only

### GRAVITATIONAL FORCE

Independent of path  
 Because force is independent of velocity  
 $E_{\text{output}}$  or  $E_{\text{input}}$

### Gravitational Force - Larger scale

$E_{\text{output}}$  or  $E_{\text{input}}$

### ELECTRIC FORCE

Independent of path  
 $E_{\text{output}}$  or  $E_{\text{input}}$

### SPRING

Goes to a maximum distance L

### Energy Transfer

$$E_{\text{out}} = \left| \int_0^L kx dx \right| = k \left| \int_0^L x dx \right|$$

$$E_{\text{out}} = \frac{1}{2} kL^2$$

$$E_{\text{in}} = \left| \int_L^0 kx dx \right| = k \left| \int_L^0 x dx \right|$$

$$E_{\text{in}} = \frac{1}{2} kL^2$$

For coming back to the same place  
 $E_{\text{transfer}} = E_{\text{in}} - E_{\text{out}} = 0$

Or we could have written the energy transfer  
 $E_{\text{transfer}} = \int_0^L kx dx = k \int_0^L x dx + k \int_L^0 x dx = 0$

Energy transferred to the object by the spring depends only on the object's displacement  
 Does not depend on the actual path  
 For a round trip, energy transfer = 0  
 Can invent a potential energy  
 For the object + spring system

## Spring Potential Energy

The motion of the object does not depend on how we choose our system

Compare results using conservation of energy

System : object

Only kinetic energy

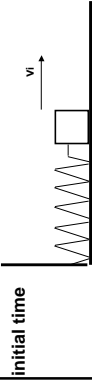
Spring transfers energy

System : object + spring

Kinetic and Potential energy

No energy transfer by spring

## Single Object System



System: object

Conservation of Energy

$$E_i - E_f = E_{\text{input}} - E_{\text{output}}$$

Identify energy terms:

$$\text{initial time: } E_i = KE_i = (1/2) mv_i^2$$

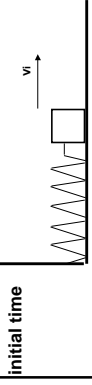
$$\text{final time: } E_f = KE_f = (1/2) mv_f^2$$

$$\text{transfer: } E_{\text{out}} = \int kx dx = k \int x dx = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

$$E_{\text{input}} = 0$$

$$(1/2)mv_f^2 - (1/2)mv_i^2 = 0 - (1/2)kx_f^2$$

## Two Object System



System: object + spring

Conservation of Energy

$$E_i - E_f = E_{\text{input}} - E_{\text{output}}$$

Identify energy terms:

$$\text{initial time: } E_i = KE_i + PE_i = (1/2) mv_i^2 + 0$$

$$\text{final time: } E_f = KE_f + PE_f = (1/2) mv_f^2 + PE_f$$

$$\text{transfer: } E_{\text{output}} = 0 \quad E_{\text{input}} = 0$$

$$(1/2)mv_f^2 + PE_f - (1/2)mv_i^2 = 0$$

## Compare Results

One object system:

Conservation of energy

$$(1/2)mv_f^2 - (1/2)mv_i^2 = 0 - (1/2)kx_f^2$$

$$mv_f^2 = mv_i^2 - kx_f^2$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{v_i^2 - \frac{k}{m}x_f^2}$$

Two object system:

Conservation of energy

$$(1/2)mv_f^2 + PE_f - (1/2)mv_i^2 = 0$$

$$mv_f^2 = mv_i^2 - 2PE_f$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{v_i^2 - \frac{2PE_f}{m}}$$

Since the final speed does not depend on our choice of system

$$2 PE_f = kx_f^2$$

$$PE_f = (1/2) kx_f^2$$