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## 2.1) Work done

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## Worked example

A horizontal force of 16 N moves a box 2.5 m across a horizontal floor. Calculate the work done by the force.

## Your turn

A horizontal force of 8 N moves a box 5 m across a horizontal floor. Calculate the work done by the force.

*40 J*

## Worked example

An object is pulled across a horizontal floor by a horizontal rope. The object moves at a constant speed and there is a constant resistance to motion. When the case has moved a distance of  $24\text{ m}$  the work done is  $96\text{ J}$ . Calculate the magnitude of the resistance.

## Your turn

An object is pulled across a horizontal floor by a horizontal rope. The object moves at a constant speed and there is a constant resistance to motion. When the case has moved a distance of  $12\text{ m}$  the work done is  $96\text{ J}$ . Calculate the magnitude of the resistance.

$8\text{ N}$

## Worked example

An object of mass  $15 \text{ kg}$  is raised vertically at a constant speed by means of a vertical cable. Calculate the work done when the object is raised a distance of  $14 \text{ m}$ .

## Your turn

An object of mass  $30 \text{ kg}$  is raised vertically at a constant speed by means of a vertical cable. Calculate the work done when the object is raised a distance of  $7 \text{ m}$ .

$2100 \text{ J}$  (2 sf)

## Worked example

A package of mass 4 kg is pulled at a constant speed up a rough plane which is inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal. The coefficient of friction between the package and the surface is 0.7. The package is pulled 24 m up a line of greatest slope of the plane.

Calculate:

- The work done against gravity
- The work done against friction
- The total work done by the pulling force.

## Your turn

A package of mass 2 kg is pulled at a constant speed up a rough plane which is inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. The coefficient of friction between the package and the surface is 0.35. The package is pulled 12 m up a line of greatest slope of the plane. Calculate:

- The work done against gravity
- The work done against friction
- The total work done by the pulling force.

a) 118 J (3 sf)

b) 71.3 J (3 sf)

c) 189 J (3 sf)

## Worked example

An object is pulled 30 m across a smooth horizontal plane by a force of magnitude 54 N. The force is inclined at  $50^\circ$  to the horizontal.

By modelling the object as a particle calculate the work done by the force.

## Your turn

An object is pulled 15 m across a smooth horizontal plane by a force of magnitude 27 N. The force is inclined at  $25^\circ$  to the horizontal.

By modelling the object as a particle calculate the work done by the force.

**367 J (3 sf)**

## 2.2) Kinetic and potential energy

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## Worked example

A particle of mass 0.9 tonnes is moving at a speed of  $3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Calculate its kinetic energy.

## Your turn

A particle of mass  $0.3 \text{ kg}$  is moving at a speed of  $9 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Calculate its kinetic energy.

12.2 J (3 sf)

## Worked example

A particle of mass  $400\text{ g}$  is moving at a velocity of  $(3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j})\text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

Calculate its kinetic energy.

## Your turn

A particle of mass  $0.02\text{ tonnes}$  is moving at a velocity of  $(-5\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j})\text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

Calculate its kinetic energy.

**1690 J**

## Worked example

A box of mass  $3 \text{ kg}$  is pulled across a smooth horizontal surface by a horizontal force.

The initial speed of the box is  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and its final speed is  $6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

The work done by the force is  $3.6 \text{ J}$ .

Calculate the value of  $u$ .

## Your turn

A box of mass  $1.5 \text{ kg}$  is pulled across a smooth horizontal surface by a horizontal force.

The initial speed of the box is  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and its final speed is  $3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

The work done by the force is  $1.8 \text{ J}$ .

Calculate the value of  $u$ .

$$u = 2.57 \text{ (3 sf)}$$

## Worked example

A car of mass  $1000 \text{ kg}$  starts from rest at some traffic lights.

After travelling  $200 \text{ m}$  the van's speed is  $6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

A constant resistance of  $250 \text{ N}$  acts on the van.

Calculate the driving force, which can be assumed to be constant.

## Your turn

A van of mass  $2000 \text{ kg}$  starts from rest at some traffic lights.

After travelling  $400 \text{ m}$  the van's speed is  $12 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

A constant resistance of  $500 \text{ N}$  acts on the van.

Calculate the driving force, which can be assumed to be constant.

**860 N**

## Worked example

An object of mass  $10\text{ kg}$  is lowered vertically to the ground through a distance of  $45\text{ m}$ . Find the loss in potential energy.

## Your turn

An object of mass  $30\text{ kg}$  is lowered vertically to the ground through a distance of  $15\text{ m}$ . Find the loss in potential energy.

$4410\text{ J}$

## Worked example

A parcel of mass 6 kg is pulled 20 m up a plane inclined at an angle  $\theta^\circ$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan\theta = \frac{5}{12}$ .

Assuming that the parcel moves up the line of greatest slope of the plane,

- (a) Calculate the potential energy gained by the parcel.
- (b) Find the speed of the parcel if the gain in gravitational potential energy was all transferred into kinetic energy.

## Your turn

A parcel of mass 3 kg is pulled 10 m up a plane inclined at an angle  $\theta^\circ$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan\theta = \frac{3}{4}$ .

Assuming that the parcel moves up the line of greatest slope of the plane,

- (a) Calculate the potential energy gained by the parcel.
- (b) Find the speed of the parcel if the gain in gravitational potential energy was all transferred into kinetic energy.

a) 176 J (3 sf)

b) 10.8 ms<sup>-1</sup> (3 sf)

## Worked example

An object P is modelled as a particle of mass  $0.3 \text{ kg}$ . P slides down a rough plane from a point S to a point T where  $ST = 6 \text{ m}$ . The plane is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal and ST is a line of greatest slope of the plane. The speed of P at S and T is  $5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and  $4.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  respectively.

- Calculate the total loss of energy of P in moving from S to T.
- Given that the work done against friction by P is equal to the total loss of energy of P in moving from S to T, calculate the coefficient of friction between P and the plane.

## Your turn

An object P is modelled as a particle of mass  $0.6 \text{ kg}$ . P slides down a rough plane from a point S to a point T where  $ST = 12 \text{ m}$ . The plane is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal and ST is a line of greatest slope of the plane. The speed of P at S and T is  $10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and  $9 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  respectively.

- Calculate the total loss of energy of P in moving from S to T.
- Given that the work done against friction by P is equal to the total loss of energy of P in moving from S to T, calculate the coefficient of friction between P and the plane.

a)  $41.0 \text{ J}$  (3 sf)

b)  $0.671$  (3 sf)

## 2.3) Conservation of mechanical energy and the work-energy principle



## Worked example

A smooth plane is inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal. A particle of mass  $1 \text{ kg}$  slides down a line of greatest slope of the plane. The particle starts from rest at point A and passes point B with a speed of  $12 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Find the distance AB.

## Your turn

A smooth plane is inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. A particle of mass  $0.5 \text{ kg}$  slides down a line of greatest slope of the plane. The particle starts from rest at point A and passes point B with a speed of  $6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Find the distance AB.

$3.67 \text{ m (3 sf)}$

## Worked example

A particle of mass 4 kg is projected with speed  $16 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  up the line of greatest slope of a rough plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. The coefficient of friction between the particle and the plane is 0.8. Calculate the distance the particle travels up the plane before coming to instantaneous rest.

## Your turn

A particle of mass 2 kg is projected with speed  $8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  up the line of greatest slope of a rough plane inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal. The coefficient of friction between the particle and the plane is 0.4. Calculate the distance the particle travels up the plane before coming to instantaneous rest.

**3.30 m (3 sf)**

## Worked example

A skier is moving downhill and passes point A on a ski run at  $12 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . After descending 100 m vertically the run begins to ascend. When the skier has ascended 50 m to the point B her speed is  $8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . The skier and her skis have a combined mass of 55 kg. The total distance she travels from A to B is 2800 m. The non-gravitational resistances to motion are constant and have a total magnitude of 24 N. Calculate the work done by the skier.

## Your turn

A skier is moving downhill and passes point A on a ski run at  $6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . After descending 50 m vertically the run begins to ascend. When the skier has ascended 25 m to the point B her speed is  $4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . The skier and her skis have a combined mass of 55 kg. The total distance she travels from A to B is 1400 m. The non-gravitational resistances to motion are constant and have a total magnitude of 12 N. Calculate the work done by the skier.

**2780 J (3 sf)**

## Worked example

Two particles, A and B, of mass  $m$  and  $4m$  respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The particle A lies on a rough plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{5}{12}$ . The string passes over a small light smooth pulley P fixed at the top of the plane. The particle B hangs freely below P. The particles are released from rest with the string taut and the section of the string from A to P parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane. The coefficient of friction between A and the plane is  $\frac{3}{8}$ . When each particle has moved a distance  $h$ , B has not reached the ground and A has not reached P.

- Find an expression for the potential energy lost by the system when each particle has moved a distance  $h$
- When each particle has moved a distance  $h$ , they are moving with speed  $v$ . Using the work-energy principle, find an expression for  $v^2$  in the form  $kgh$  where  $k$  is a number.

## Your turn

Two particles, A and B, of mass  $m$  and  $2m$  respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The particle A lies on a rough plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$ . The string passes over a small light smooth pulley P fixed at the top of the plane. The particle B hangs freely below P. The particles are released from rest with the string taut and the section of the string from A to P parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane. The coefficient of friction between A and the plane is  $\frac{5}{8}$ . When each particle has moved a distance  $h$ , B has not reached the ground and A has not reached P.

- Find an expression for the potential energy lost by the system when each particle has moved a distance  $h$
- When each particle has moved a distance  $h$ , they are moving with speed  $v$ . Using the work-energy principle, find an expression for  $v^2$  in the form  $kgh$  where  $k$  is a number.

a)  $\frac{7mgh}{5}$

b)  $v^2 = \frac{3}{5}gh$

## 2.4) Power

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## Worked example

A van of mass 2500 kg is travelling along a horizontal road. The van's engine is working at 48 kW. The constant resistance to motion has a magnitude of 1200 N. Calculate :

- a) the acceleration of the van when it is travelling at  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- b) the maximum speed of the van.

## Your turn

A van of mass 1250 kg is travelling along a horizontal road. The van's engine is working at 24 kW. The constant resistance to motion has a magnitude of 600 N. Calculate :

- a) the acceleration of the van when it is travelling at  $6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- b) the maximum speed of the van.

a)  $2.72 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  (3 sf)

b)  $40 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

## Worked example

A van of mass  $2200 \text{ kg}$  is travelling at a constant speed of  $30 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  along a straight road inclined at  $14^\circ$  to the horizontal.

The engine is working a rate of  $48 \text{ kW}$ .

a) Calculate the magnitude of the non-gravitational resistance to motion.

The rate of working of the engine is now increased to  $56 \text{ kW}$ . Assuming the resistances to motion are unchanged,

b) Calculate the initial acceleration of the van.

## Your turn

A car of mass  $1100 \text{ kg}$  is travelling at a constant speed of  $15 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  along a straight road inclined at  $7^\circ$  to the horizontal.

The engine is working a rate of  $24 \text{ kW}$ .

a) Calculate the magnitude of the non-gravitational resistance to motion.

The rate of working of the engine is now increased to  $28 \text{ kW}$ . Assuming the resistances to motion are unchanged,

b) Calculate the initial acceleration of the car.

a)  $286 \text{ N}$  (3 sf)

b)  $0.242 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  (3 sf)

## Worked example

A car of mass  $1300 \text{ kg}$  is travelling in a straight line. At the instant when the speed of the van is  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , the total resistances to motion are modelled as a variable force of magnitude  $(400 + 2.5v^2) \text{ N}$ .

The car has a cruise control feature which adjusts the power generated by the engine to maintain a constant speed of  $9 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

Find the power generated by the engine when the car is travelling on a horizontal road.

## Your turn

A van of mass  $2600 \text{ kg}$  is travelling in a straight line. At the instant when the speed of the van is  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , the total resistances to motion are modelled as a variable force of magnitude  $(800 + 5v^2) \text{ N}$ .

The van has a cruise control feature which adjusts the power generated by the engine to maintain a constant speed of  $18 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

Find the power generated by the engine when the van is travelling on a horizontal road.

**43600 W (3 sf)**



## Worked example

A car of mass  $1300 \text{ kg}$  is travelling in a straight line. At the instant when the speed of the van is  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , the total resistances to motion are modelled as a variable force of magnitude  $(400 + 2.5v^2) \text{ N}$ .

The car has a cruise control feature which adjusts the power generated by the engine to maintain a constant speed of  $9 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

Find the power generated by the engine when the car is travelling up a road that is inclined at  $2^\circ$  to the horizontal.

## Your turn

A van of mass  $2600 \text{ kg}$  is travelling in a straight line. At the instant when the speed of the van is  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , the total resistances to motion are modelled as a variable force of magnitude  $(800 + 5v^2) \text{ N}$ .

The van has a cruise control feature which adjusts the power generated by the engine to maintain a constant speed of  $18 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

Find the power generated by the engine when the van is travelling up a road that is inclined at  $4^\circ$  to the horizontal.

**75600 W (3 sf)**

## Worked example

A child and his bicycle have a combined mass of  $32 \text{ kg}$ .

He cycles up a straight stretch of road inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\sin \alpha = \frac{1}{7}$ .

He cycles at a constant speed of  $2.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

When he is cycling at this speed, the resistance to motion from non-gravitational forces has magnitude  $10 \text{ N}$ .

Find the rate at which the cyclist is working.

## Your turn

A girl and her bicycle have a combined mass of  $64 \text{ kg}$ .

She cycles up a straight stretch of road inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\sin \alpha = \frac{1}{14}$ .

She cycles at a constant speed of  $5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

When she is cycling at this speed, the resistance to motion from non-gravitational forces has magnitude  $20 \text{ N}$ .

Find the rate at which the cyclist is working.

**324 W**