

# Power

During a small  $\Delta t$ , an object B moves by ~~displacement~~  $\Delta \vec{r}_B$  while being pushed by an object A ("you")  $\vec{F}_{AB}$

$$\text{Work} = \vec{F}_{AB} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_B$$

Let us use symbol  $\Delta W$  for this

$$\Delta W_{AB} = \vec{F}_{AB} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_B$$

Power = work done per unit time

Average power

$$\overline{P}_{AB} = \frac{\Delta W_{AB}}{\Delta t} = \vec{F}_{AB} \cdot \frac{\Delta \vec{r}_B}{\Delta t} = \vec{F}_{AB} \cdot \vec{v}_B$$

Average vel. of B  $\uparrow$

Instantaneous Power

$$\Delta t \rightarrow 0$$

$$P_{AB} = \frac{dW_{AB}}{dt} = \vec{F}_{AB} \cdot \vec{v}_B$$

$\uparrow$  instantaneous vel. of B

Units

$$\text{Work} = \text{N} \cdot \text{m} \equiv \text{J (joules)}$$

$$\text{Power} = \text{J/sec} \equiv \text{W (watts)}$$

$$\text{kW} \cdot \text{h} = \underline{\text{unit of work}} = \text{3.6} \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

Power  $\rightarrow$  Work

$$W_{AB}(t_1 \rightarrow t_2) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt P_{AB}$$

(Why? From Calculus. Follows from  $P_{AB} = \frac{dW_{AB}}{dt}$ )

## §§ Work - Energy Theorem §§

Consider net force acting on obj B.  
The ~~total~~ work done by net force (i.e. the work done by all objects that interact with B)

$$\Delta W_{\text{net}} = \vec{F}_{\text{net}} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_B, \quad \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \sum_A \vec{F}_{AB}$$

Make  $\Delta \rightarrow d$  (infinitesimal  $\rightarrow$  Appendix D)

$$dW_{\text{net}} = \vec{F}_{\text{net}} \cdot d\vec{r}_B$$

From now on, drop subscript B for simplicity.

Case 1 1 dimension

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m \frac{dv}{dt} \quad (\text{consider } \text{fixed } m \text{ only})$$

$$d\vec{r}_B = dx$$

$$\frac{dW_{\text{net}}}{dt} = m \frac{dv}{dt} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = m \frac{dv}{dt} \cdot v$$

Note that  $\frac{d(v^2)}{dt} = 2v \frac{dv}{dt}$  and so  $\frac{dv}{dt} v = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d(v^2)}{dt}$   
(chain rule of diff. calculus)

$$\frac{dW_{\text{net}}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} m \frac{d(v^2)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right)$$

$$W_{\text{net}}(t_1 \rightarrow t_2) = \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2$$

Case 2 Any dimension (still constant m)

$$\vec{F}_{net} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dW_{net}}{dt} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \cdot \vec{v}$$

Note that

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}) = \frac{d}{dt} (v_x^2 + v_y^2 + \dots) = 2 \left( v_x \frac{dv_x}{dt} + v_y \frac{dv_y}{dt} + \dots \right)$$

if dim > 2

$$= 2 \vec{v} \cdot \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \quad \text{in any dimension!}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dW_{net}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} m \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right)$$

$v \equiv |\vec{v}|$   
 magnitude of  $\vec{v}$   
Speed

$$v^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2 + \dots$$

$$= \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$$

So we get the same result!

$$W_{net} (t_1 \rightarrow t_2) = \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2$$

Kinetic Energy  $K \equiv \frac{1}{2} m v^2$   
 always positive or zero

Work-Energy Theorem

$$W_{net} (t_1 \rightarrow t_2) = K_2 - K_1 = \Delta K$$

Note: unit of energy = unit of work

J  
 kW·h

meaning: if an object receives a ~~positive~~ positive net work its kinetic energy goes up.  
 if receives a negative net work its kinetic energy goes down.