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ME 274 Lecture 19

Particle Kinetics – Work/energy Part 1

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Housekeeping/Announcements

***Reminder for Henny to wear a mic during the lecture.

1. **HW 18 (4.E and 4.F) due today!!**

2. **Exam 1 Grades were released...**

- **Exam 1 stats:** Mean = 44.1/60 (73.5%); Median = 45.5/60 (75.8%)
 - **On Course website**

3. Office hours are changing to ME2008B...

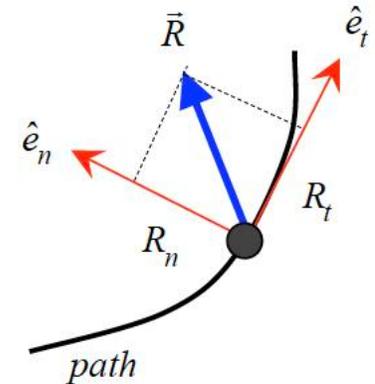
- Second floor of renovated side of ME.
- Feel free to come to OHs if you need help with HW or discussing exam problems.

Particle Kinetics: Work-Energy Equation

- **Motivation:** Need to simplify complex force-and-acceleration problems.
 - By focusing on energy transfer, we can skip the need to calculate intermediate kinematic variables
- In the last 3 lectures, we saw that resolution of forces and acceleration into path description provides us with the following equations for a particle:

$$R_t = \sum F_t = m \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$R_n = \sum F_n = m \frac{v^2}{\rho}$$



- Only tangential components are in charge for
- The normal components are responsible for
- In this lecture we will develop the **work-energy equation** for analyzing the *change in speed of a particle as a results of forces on the particle* (or systems of particles).



- T = Kinetic Energy.
- V = Potential Energy.
- U = Total Work done on the system

Where do we get the work-energy equation from?

1. Let \mathbf{R} represent the as it moves along a path.
2. We are so we only need to deal with the of the resultant force's equation (Newton's Law).
3. We project Newton onto tangential unit vector (dot product) giving:

$$\vec{R} \cdot \hat{e}_t = m\vec{a} \cdot \hat{e}_t$$

$$(R_t \hat{e}_t + R_n \hat{e}_n) \cdot \hat{e}_t = m \left(\frac{dv}{dt} \hat{e}_t + \frac{v^2}{\rho} \hat{e}_n \right) \cdot \hat{e}_t$$

$$R_t \hat{e}_t \cdot \hat{e}_t + R_n \hat{e}_n \cdot \hat{e}_t = m \frac{dv}{dt} \hat{e}_t \cdot \hat{e}_t + m \frac{v^2}{\rho} \hat{e}_n \cdot \hat{e}_t$$

$$R_t(1) + R_n(0) = m \frac{dv}{dt}(1) + \frac{v^2}{\rho}(0)$$

$$R_t = m \frac{dv}{dt}$$

4. We can then **use chain rule**, with s representing the distance traveled, to produce: $R_t = mv \frac{dv}{ds}$
5. Separation of variables and integration then gives us:

$$\int_1^2 R_t ds = m \int_1^2 v dv = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 \quad \rightarrow$$

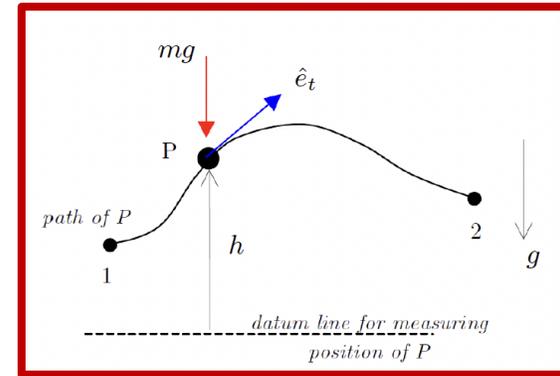
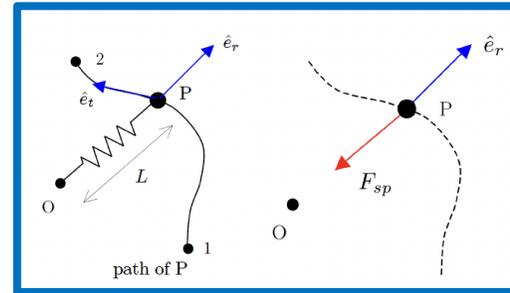


Conservative Forces and Potential Energy

- **Conservative Forces** - Class of forces for which *their work between positions 1 and 2* *over which the forces act as the particle moves from position 1 to position 2.*

- Examples of non-conservative forces:

1. Force due to the action of a
2. Force due to the



- Since the work due to these conservative forces does not require us to do an integration, we can separate the total work done in a particle into **conservative and non-conservative parts**:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_{1 \rightarrow 2} &= U_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(c)} + U_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(nc)} \\
 &= -(V_2 - V_1) + U_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(nc)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- We can substitute above step to the **work-energy equation from last slide** and get the one we will use extensively:



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Discussion

- Work (U) can be computed using path and cartesian coordinates :

$$U_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \int_1^2 (\vec{R} \cdot \hat{e}_t) ds$$

$$U_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \int_1^2 R_x dx + \int_1^2 R_y dy$$

- Work-energy equation is a scalar equation. Does not have vector components (ie cannot separate in x and y).
- In using the work energy equation, be careful with signs on the potential energy (V) terms:
 - **The potential of a spring is always positive**, regardless if its stretched or compressed.
 - **The potential of the weight force** depends on whether the particle is above or below the
- The Work-energy equation also applies to **systems of particles**. If this is the case:
 - *Sum up all the kinetic/potential energy terms* to find total kinetic/potential energy
 - Calculating the work term is a little more complicated.
 - It's found by *projecting forces onto the path of the particle* on which they act *and integrating* the result over the path.
 - *Monday's Lecture (lecture 20) we will go over problems like these.*

Kinetics: Four-step problem solving method

1. FBDs:

- Draw appropriate FBD(s).
- Choose your coordinate system.

2. Kinetics:

- Choose what solution method for the particular problem at hand (**we will go over these in the coming days...**):
 - Newton/Euler (lectures 15-18)
 - Work/Energy (lectures 19-20)
 - Linear impulse/momentum
 - Angular impulse/momentum

3. Kinematics:

- Perform needed kinematic analysis (position/velocity/acceleration)
- Equations from step 2 will guide you in deciding what kinematics are needed for the solution of the problem

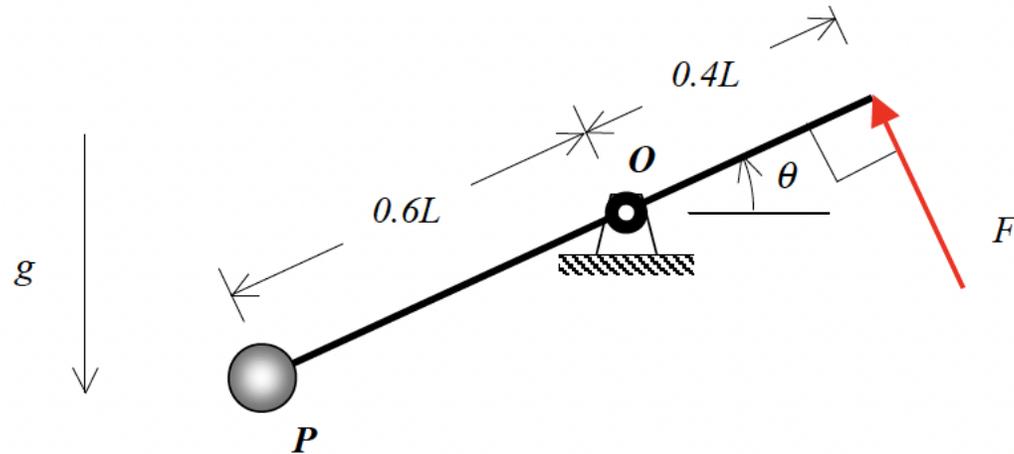
4. Solve:

- Count the number of equations/unknowns. *If you do not have enough equations to solve for unknowns:*
 - a) Draw more FBDs
 - b) You will need to do more kinematic analysis

Example 4.B.1

Given: The 6 kg particle P and the attached light rod (of length $L = 2$ m) rotate in a vertical plane about a fixed axis passing through O . The assembly is released from rest at $\theta = 0$ and moves under the action of the $F = 100$ N force (which is maintained normal to the rod).

Find: Determine the speed of the particle P when $\theta = 90^\circ$.

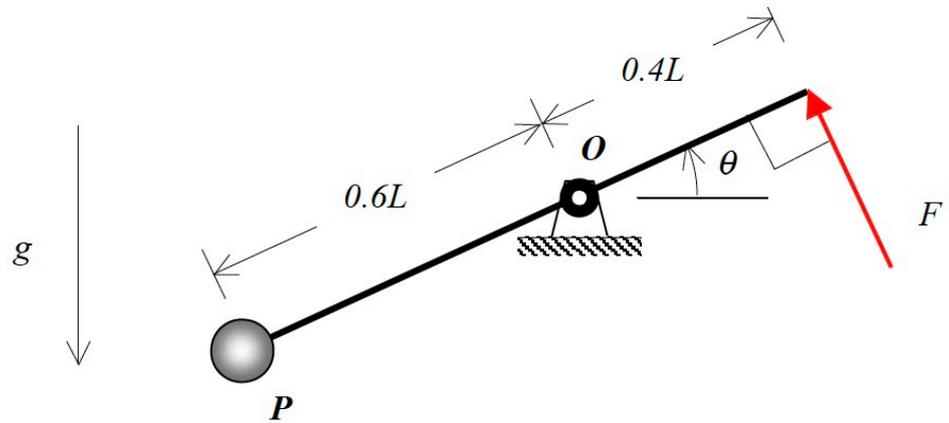


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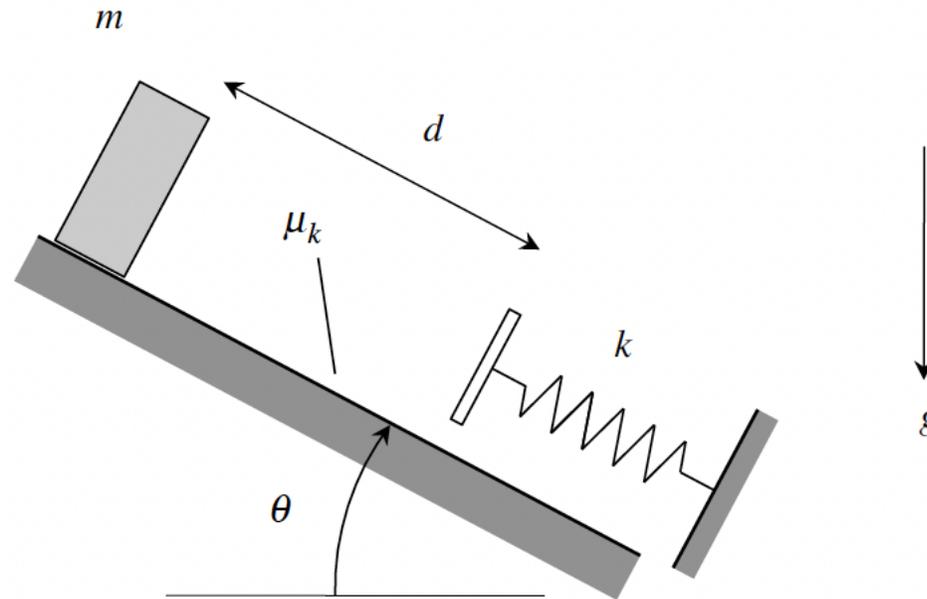


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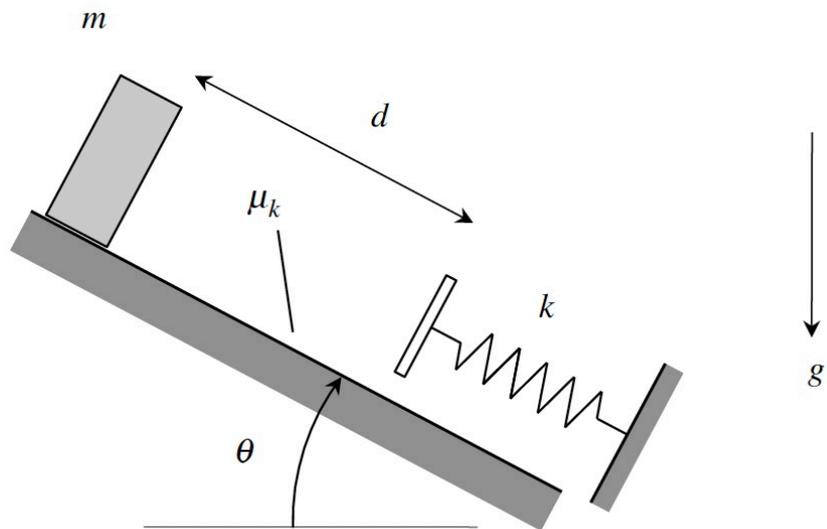
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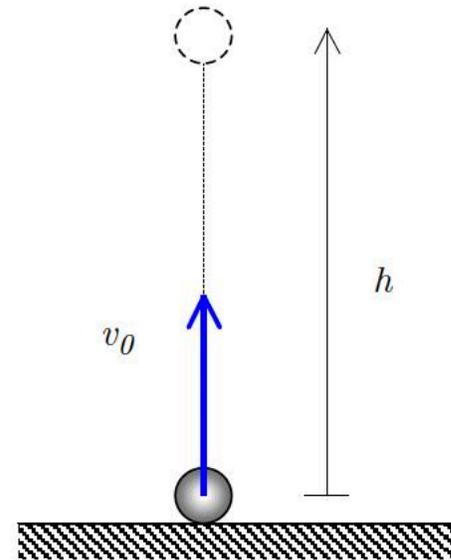
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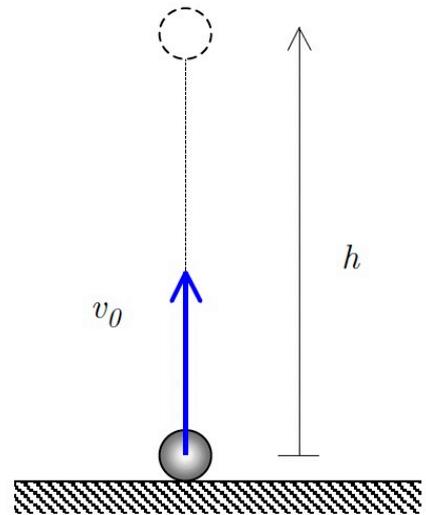


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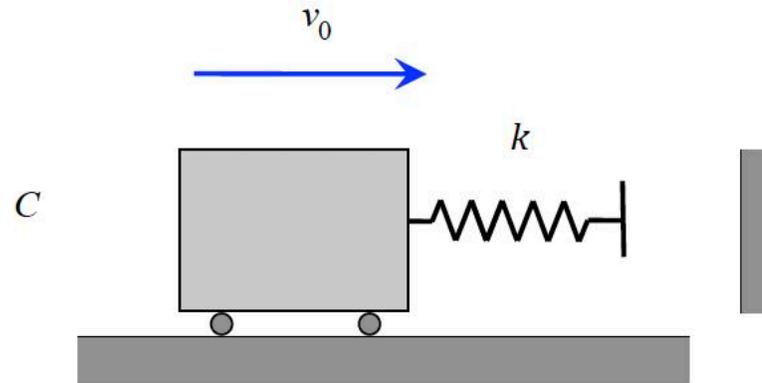


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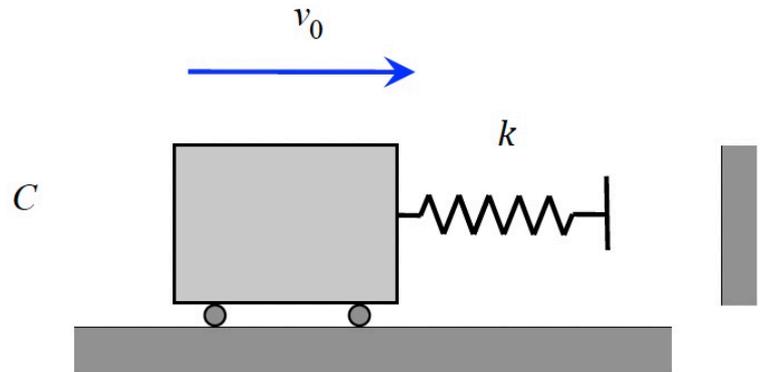
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Summary: Work-Energy Equation 1

FUNDAMENTAL equation: the work-energy equation

$$T_1 + V_1 + U_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(nc)} = T_2 + V_2$$

where:

$$T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 (\geq 0) = \textit{kinetic energy}$$

$$U_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{(nc)} = \int_1^2 (\sum \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{e}_t ds = \textit{work done by non-conservative forces}$$

$$= \int_1^2 [(\sum \vec{F})_x dx + (\sum \vec{F})_y dy]$$

$$V = V_{gr} + V_{sp} = \textit{potential energy}$$

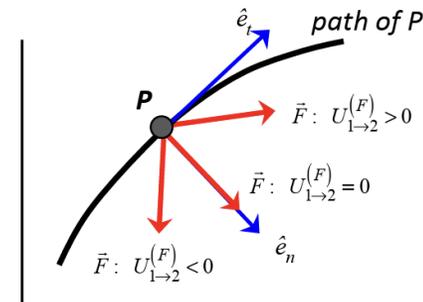
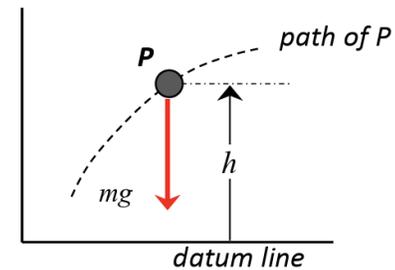
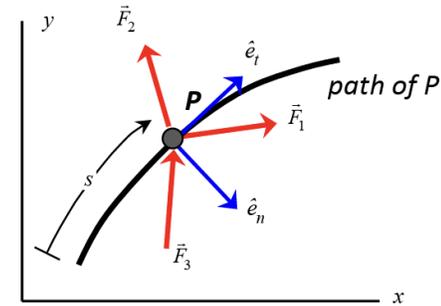
$$V_{gr} = mgh \quad (\textit{sign depends on } h)$$

$$V_{sp} = \frac{1}{2}k\Delta^2 \geq 0 \quad (\textit{ALWAYS})$$

SIGN of work term: The direction of a force relative to the \hat{e}_t dictates the sign of the work, U .

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