

6.4 Work

Constant Force

When a body moves a distance d along a straight line as a result of being acted on by a force of constant magnitude F in the direction of motion, we define the work W done by the force on the body with the formula

$$W = Fd$$

In the SI system, units of force are $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}/\text{sec}^2$ or Newtons (N). The units of work are N-m or Joules.

In the British System, units of force are pounds(lbs). The units of work are ft-lbs.

Ex.

(b) How much work is done if a constant force of 50-lb is used to pull a cart 25 ft? _____

(a) How much work is done lifting a 20 kg box 2 meters off the ground? _____

Variable Force

Suppose a particle moves along the x -axis from a to b acted upon by a continuous, variable force $f(x)$.

Ex. 2 pg 371. When a particle is located a distance x feet from the origin, a force of x^2+2x pounds acts on it. How much work is done in moving it from $x=1$ to $x=3$?

Ex. HOOKE'S LAW for SPRINGS

A spring has a natural length of 20 cm. A 40 N force is required to stretch (and hold the spring) to a length of 30 cm. How much work is done in stretching the spring from 35 cm to 38 cm??

Hookw's Law states that the force required to maintain a spring stretched x units beyond its natural length is proportional to x : $f(x) = kx$

Ex: A 5-lb bucket is lifted from the ground into the air by pulling in 20 feet of rope at a constant speed. The rope weighs 0.08 lb/ft. How much work was spent lifting the bucket and rope?

Suppose that the bucket is leaking. It starts with 2 gallons (16 lb) of water in it and leaks at a constant rate. It finishes draining just as it reaches the top. How much work was spent lifting the water alone (neglect the rope and bucket.)

Pumping liquids from containers

How much work does it take to pump all or part of the liquid from a container? To find out, we imagine lifting the liquid out one thin horizontal slab at a time and applying the equation $W=Fd$ to each slab. If we sum these numbers let the number of slabs $\rightarrow \infty$ we obtain an integral.

Ex: A cylindrical tank of radius 3 ft and height 10 ft. is full of water weighing 62.5 lb/ft^3 . How much work is done in emptying the tank by pumping water over the top? (b) out the bottom? (c) What if the tank is initially only $\frac{1}{2}$ full?

Ex. 5 pg 372: (Set up differently than in book) A tank has the shape of an inverted circular cone with height 10 m and base radius 4 m. It is filled with water to a height of 8 m. Find the work required to empty the tank by pumping all of the water to the top of the tank. (the density of water is 1000 kg/m^3)