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# Chapter 5

## Energy

# Forms of Energy

- Mechanical
  - Focus for now
  - May be kinetic (associated with motion) or potential (associated with position)
- Chemical
- Electromagnetic
- Nuclear
- Contained in mass

# Some Energy Considerations

- Energy can be transformed from one form to another
  - The total amount of energy in the Universe never changes
  - Essential to the study of physics, chemistry, biology, geology, astronomy
- Can be used in place of Newton's laws to solve certain problems more simply
- Work provides a link between force and energy

# Work

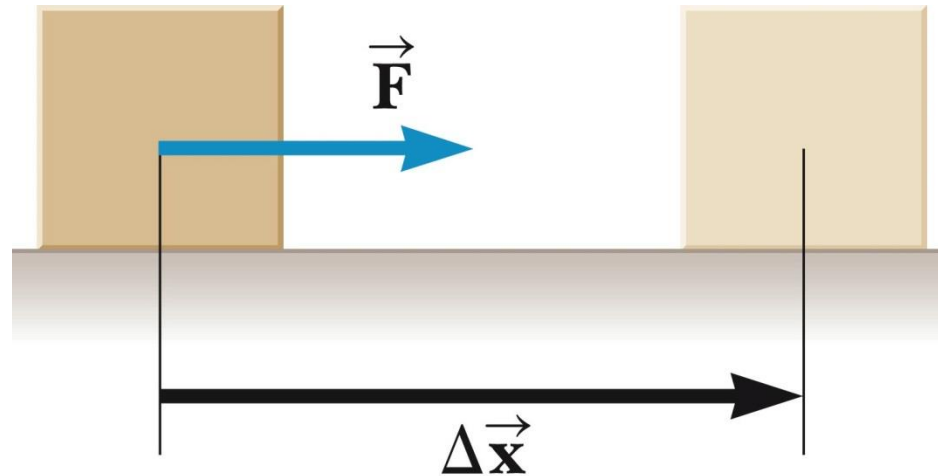
- Work has a different meaning in physics than it does in everyday usage
- The work,  $W$ , done by a constant force during a linear displacement along the x-axis is

$$W = F_x \Delta x$$

- $F_x$  is the x-component of the force and  $\Delta x$  is the object's displacement

# Work

- $W = F \Delta x$ 
  - This equation applies when the force is in the same direction as the displacement
  - $\vec{F}$  and  $\Delta\vec{x}$  are in the same direction



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# Work, cont.

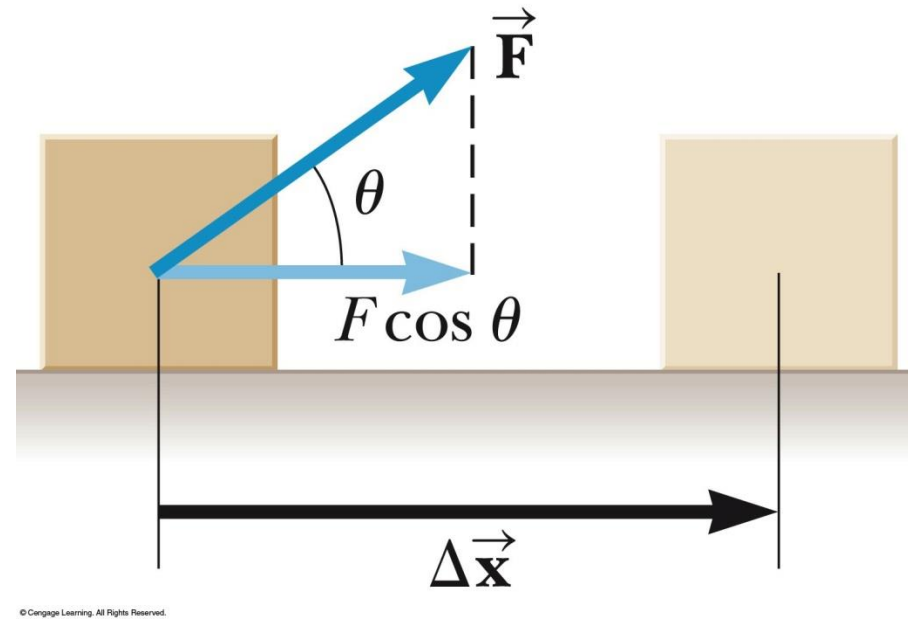
- This gives no information about
  - The time it took for the displacement to occur
  - The velocity or acceleration of the object
- Work is a scalar quantity
  - So there is no direction associated with it

# Units of Work

- SI
  - Newton • meter = Joule
    - $N \cdot m = J$
    - $J = kg \cdot m^2 / s^2$
- US Customary
  - foot • pound
    - ft • lb
    - no special name

# Work General

- $W = (F \cos \theta)\Delta x$ 
  - $F$  is the magnitude of the force
  - $\Delta x$  is the magnitude of the object's displacement
  - $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{F}$  and  $\Delta\vec{x}$





# More About Work

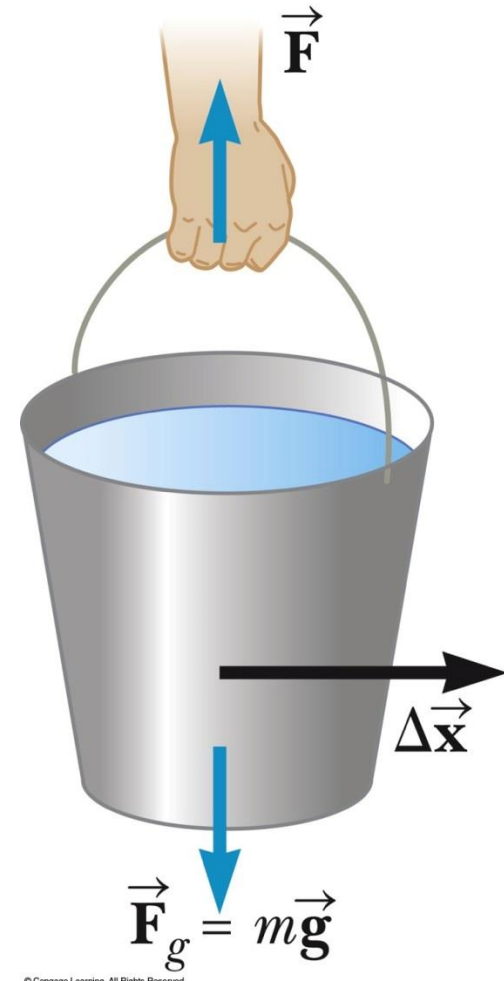
- The work done by a force is zero when the force is perpendicular to the displacement  
–  $\cos 90^\circ = 0$
- If there are multiple forces acting on an object, the total work done is the algebraic sum of the amount of work done by each force

# More About Work, cont.

- Work can be positive or negative
  - Positive if the force and the displacement are in the same direction
  - Negative if the force and the displacement are in the opposite direction

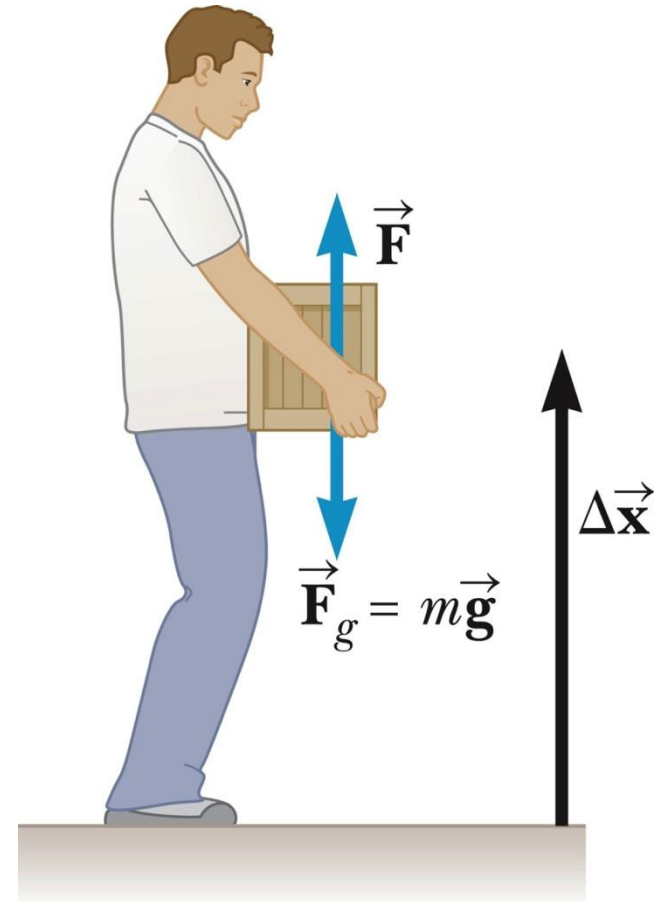
# When Work is Zero

- Displacement is horizontal
- Force is vertical
- $\cos 90^\circ = 0$
- $W = 0$



# Work Can Be Positive or Negative

- Work is positive when lifting the box
- Work would be negative if lowering the box
  - The force would still be upward, but the displacement would be downward



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# Work, Final

- Work doesn't happen by itself
- Work is done *by* something in the environment, *on* the object of interest
- The forces are constant in the equations used so far
  - Varying force will be discussed later

# Kinetic Energy

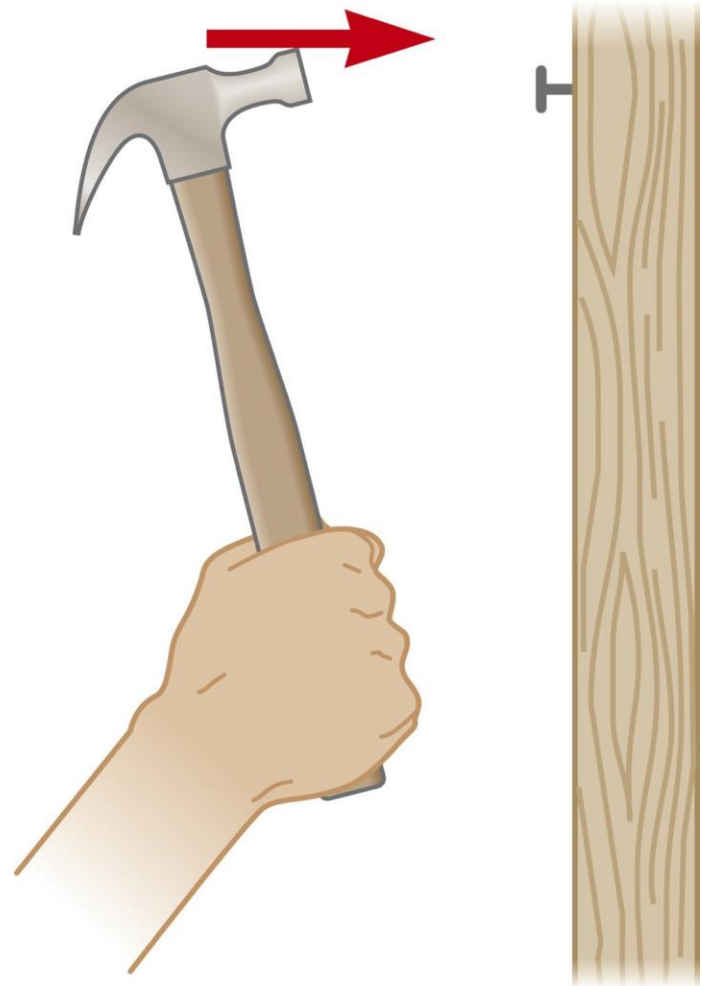
- Energy associated with the motion of an object of mass  $m$  moving with a speed  $v$
- $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
- Scalar quantity with the same units as work
- Work is related to kinetic energy

# Work-Kinetic Energy Theorem

- When work is done by a net force on an object and the only change in the object is its speed, the work done is equal to the change in the object's kinetic energy
- $W_{net} = KE_f - KE_i = \Delta KE$ 
  - Speed will increase if the net work is positive
  - Speed will decrease if the net work is negative

# Work and Kinetic Energy

- An object's kinetic energy can also be thought of as the amount of work the moving object could do in coming to rest
  - The moving hammer has kinetic energy and can do work on the nail





# Types of Forces

- There are two general kinds of forces
  - Conservative
    - Work and energy associated with the force can be recovered
  - Nonconservative
    - The forces are generally dissipative and work done against it cannot easily be recovered

# Conservative Forces

- A force is conservative if the work it does on an object moving between two points is independent of the path the objects take between the points
  - The work depends only upon the initial and final positions of the object
  - Any conservative force can have a potential energy function associated with it

# More About Conservative Forces

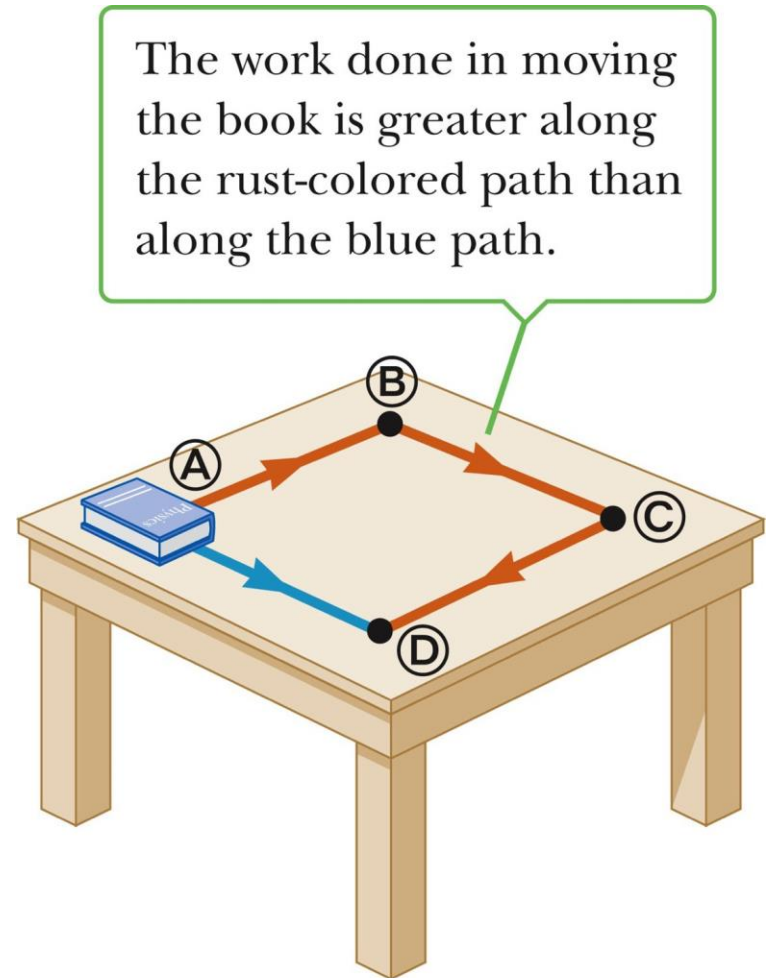
- Examples of conservative forces include:
  - Gravity
  - Spring force
  - Electromagnetic forces
- Potential energy is another way of looking at the work done by conservative forces

# Nonconservative Forces

- A force is nonconservative if the work it does on an object depends on the path taken by the object between its final and starting points.
- Examples of nonconservative forces
  - Kinetic friction, air drag, propulsive forces

# Friction Depends on the Path

- The blue path is shorter than the red path
- The work required is less on the blue path than on the red path
- Friction depends on the path and so is a non-conservative force



# Work-Energy Theorem Revisited

- The theorem can be expressed in terms of the work done by both conservative forces,  $W_c$ , and nonconservative forces,  $W_{nc}$
- $W_c + W_{nc} = \Delta KE$

# Potential Energy

- Potential energy is associated with the position of the object within some system
  - Potential energy is a property of the system, not the object
  - A system is a collection of objects interacting via forces or processes that are internal to the system

# Work and Potential Energy

- For every conservative force a potential energy function can be found
- Evaluating the difference of the function at any two points in an object's path gives the negative of the work done by the force between those two points



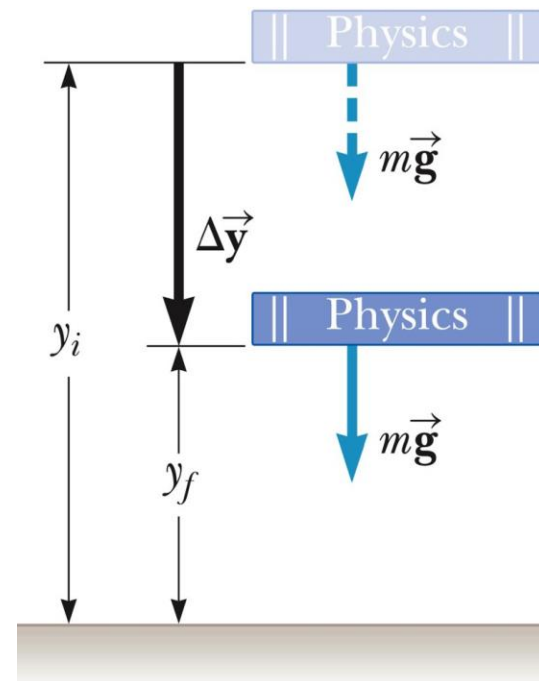
# Gravitational Potential Energy

- Gravitational Potential Energy is the energy associated with the relative position of an object in space near the Earth's surface
  - Objects interact with the earth through the gravitational force
  - Actually the potential energy is for the earth-object system

# Work and Gravitational Potential Energy

- $PE = mgy$
- $W_{gravity} = -mg(y_f - y_i)$
- Units of Potential Energy are the same as those of Work and Kinetic Energy
  - Joule (J)

The work done by the gravitational force as the book falls equals  $mgy_i - mgy_f$ .



# Work-Energy Theorem, Extended

- The work-energy theorem can be extended to include potential energy:

$$W_{nc} = (KE_f - KE_i) + (PE_f - PE_i)$$

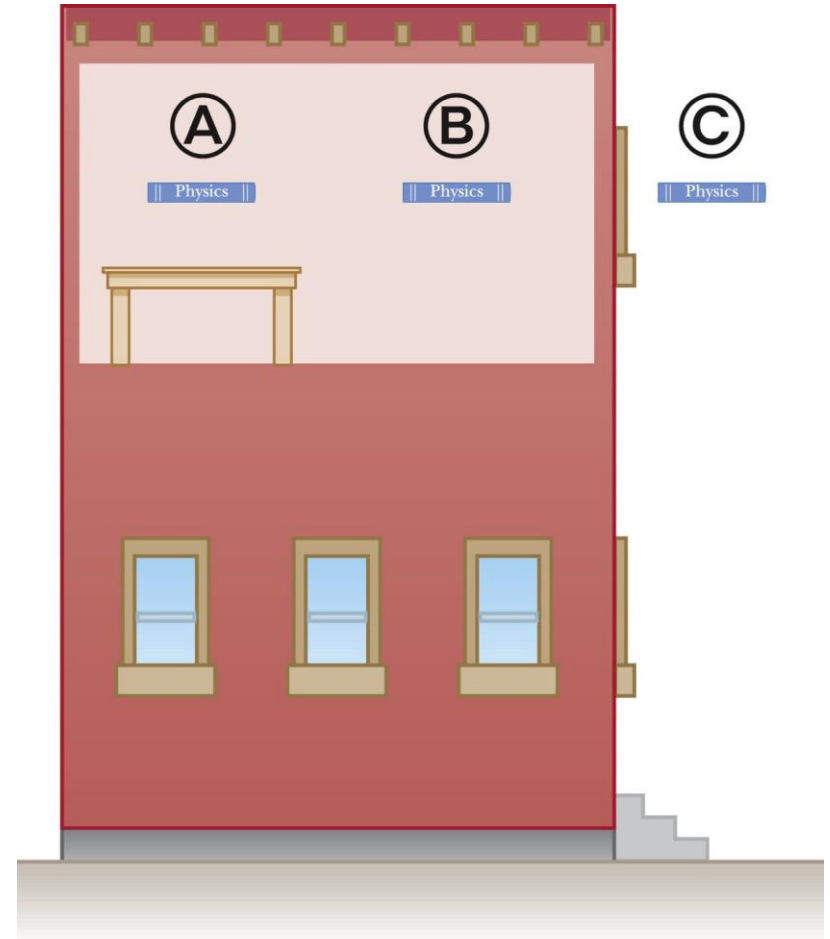
- If other conservative forces are present, potential energy functions can be developed for them and their change in that potential energy added to the right side of the equation

# Reference Levels for Gravitational Potential Energy

- A location where the gravitational potential energy is zero must be chosen for each problem
  - The choice is arbitrary since the change in the potential energy is the important quantity
  - Once the position is chosen, it must remain fixed for the entire problem
  - Choose a convenient location for the zero reference height
    - Often the Earth's surface
    - May be some other point suggested by the problem

# Reference Levels, cont

- At location A, the desk may be the convenient reference level
- At location B, the floor could be used
- At location C, the ground would be the most logical reference level
- The choice is arbitrary, though



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# Conservation of Mechanical Energy

- Conservation in general
  - To say a physical quantity is *conserved* is to say that the numerical value of the quantity remains constant throughout any physical process, although the quantities may change form
- In Conservation of Energy, the total mechanical energy remains constant
  - *In any isolated system of objects interacting only through conservative forces, the total mechanical energy of the system remains constant.*

# Conservation of Energy, cont.

- Total mechanical energy is the sum of the kinetic and potential energies in the system

$$E_i = E_f$$

$$KE_i + PE_i = KE_f + PE_f$$

- Other types of potential energy functions can be added to modify this equation

# Problem Solving with Conservation of Energy

- Define the system
  - Include all interacting bodies
  - Verify the absence of nonconservative forces
- Select the location of zero gravitational potential energy, where  $y = 0$ 
  - Do not change this location while solving the problem
- Select the body of interest and identify two points
  - One point should be where information is given
  - The other point should be where you want to find out something



# Problem Solving, cont

- Apply the conservation of energy equation to the system
  - Identify the unknown quantity of interest
  - Immediately substitute zero values, then do the algebra before substituting the other values
- Solve for the unknown
  - Typically a speed or a position
  - Substitute known values
  - Calculate result

# Work-Energy With Nonconservative Forces

- If nonconservative forces are present, then the full Work-Energy Theorem must be used instead of the equation for Conservation of Energy
  - Do not include both work done by gravity and gravitation potential energy
- Often techniques from previous chapters will need to be employed

# Potential Energy Stored in a Spring

- The force used in stretching or compressing a spring is a conservative force
- Involves the *spring constant*,  $k$
- Hooke's Law gives the force
  - $F_s = -kx$ 
    - $F_s$  is the restoring force
    - $F_s$  is in the opposite direction of  $x$
    - $k$  depends on how the spring was formed, the material it is made from, thickness of the wire, etc.

# Potential Energy in a Spring

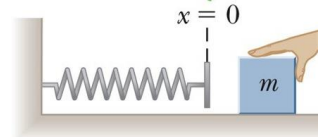
- Elastic Potential Energy
  - Related to the work required to compress a spring from its equilibrium position to some final, arbitrary, position  $x$

$$- PE_s = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

# Spring Potential Energy, Example

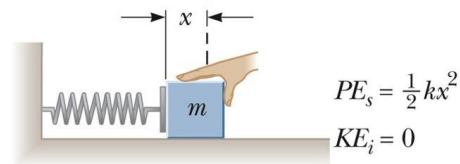
- A) The spring is in equilibrium, neither stretched or compressed
- B) The spring is compressed, storing potential energy
- C) The block is released and the potential energy is transformed to kinetic energy of the block

The spring force always acts toward the equilibrium point, which is at  $x = 0$  in this figure.

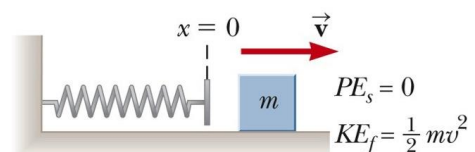


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For an equilibrium point at  $x = 0$ , the spring potential energy is  $\frac{1}{2}kx^2$ .



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# Work-Energy Theorem Including a Spring

- $W_{nc} = (KE_f - KE_i) + (PE_{gf} - PE_{gi}) + (PE_{sf} - PE_{si})$ 
  - $PE_g$  is the gravitational potential energy
  - $PE_s$  is the elastic potential energy associated with a spring
  - $PE$  will now be used to denote the total potential energy of the system

# Conservation of Energy Including a Spring

- $W_{nc} = 0$
- An extended form of conservation of mechanical energy can be used
  - The PE of the spring is added to both sides of the conservation of energy equation
- $(KE + PE_g + PE_s)_i = (KE + PE_g + PE_s)_f$
- The same problem-solving strategies apply
  - Also need to define the equilibrium position of the spring

# Nonconservative Forces with Energy Considerations

- When nonconservative forces are present, the total mechanical energy of the system is *not* constant
- The work done by all nonconservative forces acting on parts of a system equals the change in the mechanical energy of the system

$$\bar{W}_{nc} = \Delta Energy$$



# Nonconservative Forces and Energy

- In equation form:

$$W_{nc} = (KE_f - KE_i) + (PE_i - PE_f) \text{ or}$$

$$W_{nc} = (KE_f + PE_f) - (KE_i + PE_i)$$

- The energy can either cross a boundary or the energy is transformed into a form of non-mechanical energy such as thermal energy
  - If positive work is done on the system, energy is transferred from the environment to the system
  - If negative work is done on the system, energy is transferred from the system to the environment

# Transferring Energy

- By Work
  - By applying a force
  - Produces a displacement of the system
- Heat
  - The process of transferring heat by microscopic collisions between atoms or molecules
  - For example, when a spoon rests in a cup of coffee, the spoon becomes hot because some of the KE of the molecules in the coffee is transferred to the molecules of the spoon as internal energy

# Transferring Energy

- Mechanical Waves
  - A disturbance propagates through a medium
  - Examples include sound, water, seismic
- Electrical transmission
  - Transfer by means of electrical current
  - This is how energy enters any electrical device

# Transferring Energy

- Electromagnetic radiation
  - Any form of electromagnetic waves
    - Light, microwaves, radio waves
  - Examples
    - Cooking something in your microwave oven
    - Light energy traveling from the Sun to the Earth

# Notes About Conservation of Energy

- We can neither create nor destroy energy
  - Another way of saying energy is conserved
  - If the total energy of the system does not remain constant, the energy must have crossed the boundary by some mechanism
  - Applies to areas other than physics

# Power

- Often also interested in the *rate* at which the energy transfer takes place
- *Power* is defined as this rate of energy transfer

$$- \bar{P} = \frac{W}{t} = F\bar{v}$$

- SI units are Watts (W)

$$- W = \frac{J}{s} = \frac{kg \cdot m^2}{s^2}$$

# Instantaneous Power

- $P = F v$ 
  - Both the force and the velocity must be parallel
  - They can change with time

# Power Units

- US Customary units are generally hp

- Need a conversion factor

$$1 \text{ hp} = 550 \frac{\text{ft lb}}{\text{s}} = 746 \text{ W}$$

- Can define units of work or energy in terms of units of power:

- kilowatt hours (kWh) are often used in electric bills
    - This is a unit of energy, not power



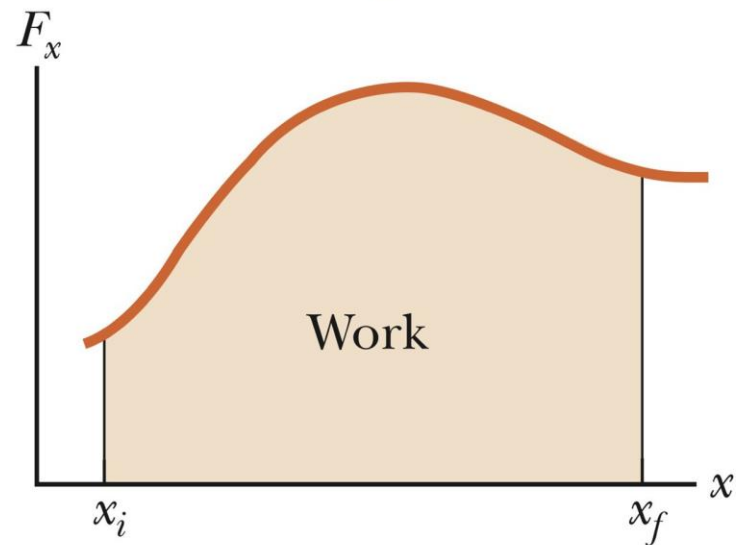
# Center of Mass

- The point in the body at which all the mass may be considered to be concentrated
  - When using mechanical energy, the change in potential energy is related to the change in height of the center of mass

# Work Done by Varying Forces

- The work done by a variable force acting on an object that undergoes a displacement is equal to the area under the graph of  $F_x$  versus  $x$

The area under the curve exactly equals the work done by the force  $F_x$  on the particle during its displacement from  $x_i$  to  $x_f$ .

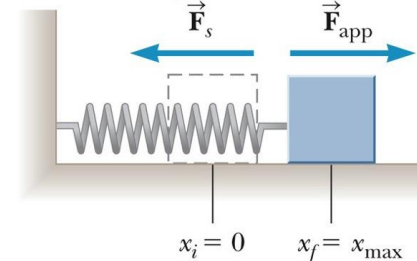


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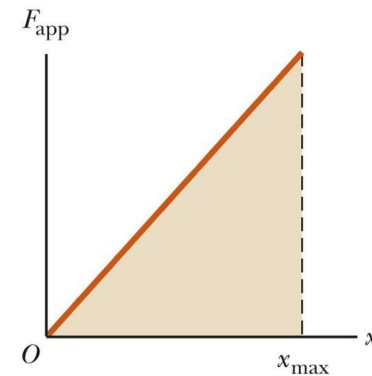
# Spring Example

- Spring is slowly stretched from 0 to  $x_{\max}$
- $\vec{F}_{\text{applied}} = -\vec{F}_s = kx$
- $W = \frac{1}{2}kx_{\max}^2$

If the process of moving the block is carried out very slowly, the applied force is equal in magnitude and opposite in direction to the spring force at all times.



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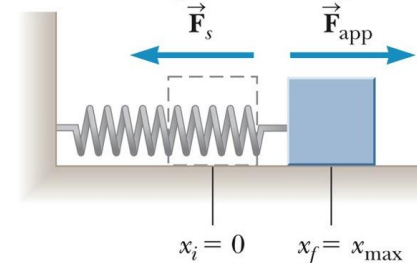


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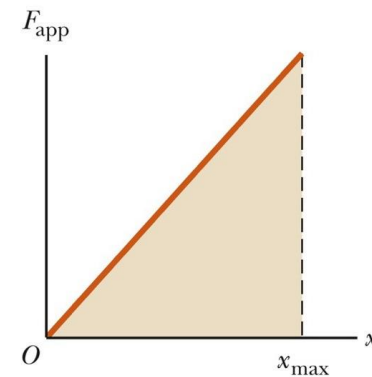
# Spring Example, cont.

- The work is also equal to the area under the curve
- In this case, the “curve” is a triangle
- $A = \frac{1}{2} B h$  gives  $W = \frac{1}{2} k(x_{\max})^2$  and  $W = PE$

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