## **Chapter 7 Internal Energy**

Work done by a spring

 $F_{s} = -kx$ 

We know that work equals force times displacement

Hooke's Law for the restoring force of an ideal spring. (It is a conservative force.)



$$W_{s} = \frac{1}{2}kx_{i}^{2} - \frac{1}{2}kx_{f}^{2} = U_{s,i} - U_{s,f}$$

 $U_{elastic} = U_s = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$ Units of N/m m<sup>2</sup> = N m = J

Total potential energy is

$$U_{total} = U_g + U_s = mgy + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

#### **Example Problem**

A block (m = 1.7 kg) and a spring (k = 310 N/m) are on a frictionless incline ( $\theta$  = 30°). The spring is compressed by x<sub>i</sub> = 0.31 m relative to its unstretched position at x = 0 and then released. What is the speed of the block when the spring is still compressed by x<sub>f</sub> = 0.14 m?



Given: m=1.7 kg, k=310 N/m,  $\theta$ =30°, x<sub>i</sub>=0.31 m, x<sub>f</sub>=0.14 m, frictionless

Method: no friction, so we can use conservation of energy Initially  $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$ 

# $v_i = 0, h_i = x_i \sin \theta$

# $E_i = mgx_i \sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}kx_i^2$

Finally  $h_f = x_f \sin \theta$ , find  $v_f$  $\tilde{E}_f = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 + mgx_f\sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}kx_f^2$  $E_f = E_i$  $\frac{1}{2}mv_{f}^{2} + mgx_{f}\sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}kx_{f}^{2}$   $= mgx_{i}\sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}kx_{i}^{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}mv_{f}^{2} = mg(x_{i} - x_{f})\sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}k(x_{i}^{2} - x_{f}^{2})$  $\mathbf{v}_f = \sqrt{2g(x_i - x_f)\sin\theta} + \frac{k}{m}(x_i^2 - x_f^2)$ 



# Molecular potentials (two atoms)



# Morse potential



# **Multidimensional potentials**



H<sub>2</sub>-CO, U(R,r<sub>1</sub>,r<sub>2</sub>, $\theta_1$ , $\theta_2$ , $\Phi$ )



 $r_1, r_2, \theta_2, \Phi$  fixed





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# Example problem

If it takes 4.00 J of work to stretch a Hooke's law spring 10.0 cm from its unstretched length, determine the extra work required to stretch it an additional 10.0 cm.

# Thermal energy

 Modeling a solid as a collection of spring-masses
Internal energy due to K of atoms and U of "springs"

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U

#### **Conservative and Non-conservative Forces**

- Conservative Force: a force for which the work it does on an object does not depend on the path. Gravity is an example.
- We know we can obtain the work with the work integral.  $W = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F_x dx = W_c$

□ If the force is conservative, then  $W=W_c$  and this work can be related to the change in potential energy  $W_c = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F_x dx = -\Delta U$ 





with respect to x



# $W_{NC} = E_f - E_i = W_{surr}$

#### ☐ If no net non-conservative forces

### $W_{NC} = 0 \Rightarrow E_f = E_i = E$ $\Box$ Then, conservation of mechanical energy holds

# I hen, conservation of mechanical energy holds $\Delta K = -\Delta U$

#### Crate on Incline Revisited





□ In this case it is due to the non-conservative friction force  $\rightarrow$  energy loss in the form of heat

Because of friction, the final speed is only 9.3 m/s as we found earlier

If the incline is frictionless, the final speed would be:



Because of the loss of energy, due to friction, the final velocity is reduced. It seems that energy is not conserved

#### **Conservation of Energy**

- There is an overall principle of conservation of energy
- Unlike the principle of conservation of mechanical energy, which can be "broken", this principle can not
- □ It says: ``The total energy of the Universe is, has always been, and always will be constant. Energy can neither be created nor destroyed, only converted from one form to another."
- □ So far, we have only been concerned with mechanical energy





#### **Example Problem**

A ball is dropped from rest at the top of a 6.10-m tall building, falls straight downward, collides inelastically with the ground, and bounces back. The ball loses 10.0% of its kinetic energy every time it collides with the ground. How many bounces can the ball make and still reach a window sill that is 2.44 m above the ground?

Solution:

Method: since the ball bounces on the ground, there is an external force. Therefore, we can **not** use conservation of linear momentum.

An inelastic collision means the total energy is not conserved, but we know by how much it is not conserved. On every bounce 10% of K is lost:

 $Q_i = 0.1K_i, i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n$  *n* is the number of bounces

Given:  $h_0 = 6.10 \text{ m}$ ,  $h_f = 2.44 \text{ m}$ 

 $E_o = U_o = mgh_o$  $E_1 = K_1 = E_0$ 

Since energy is conserved from point 0 to point 1.

However, between point 1 and 2, energy is lost





#### Power

avg

#### Average power: Units of J/s=Watt (W) $P_{avg}$ Measures the rate at which work is done or $\frac{F\cos\phi\,s}{\Lambda t} = F\cos\phi\,\mathbf{v}_{avg}$

Instantaneous power:



W can also be replaced by the total energy E. So that power would correspond to the rate of energy transfer

#### Example

A car accelerates uniformly from rest to 27 m/s in 7.0 s along a level stretch of road. Ignoring friction, determine the average power required to accelerate the car if (a) the weight of the car is  $1.2 \times 10^4$  N, and (b) the weight of the car is  $1.6 \times 10^4$  N.

Solution:

Given:  $v_i=0$ ,  $v_f=27$  m/s,  $\Delta t=7.0$  s,

(a) mg=  $1.2x10^4$  N, (b) mg=  $1.6x10^4$  N

Method: determine the acceleration

# $P_{avg} = \frac{W}{\Delta t} = \frac{F\cos\phi s}{\Delta t} \qquad \overrightarrow{F}$

We don't know the displacement s

❑ The car's motor provides the force F to accelerate the car – F and s point in same direction





Or from work-energy theorem

