

Exercise walk-through

Energy, work and power ■ 4.5

eXercise

You must be able to

- calculate work $W = Fd \cos \theta$, KE = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$, PE = mgh
- use the work–energy principle (work done = change in energy)
- use $P = Fv$ for power

Method — Energy & power

Engine 12 kW, speed 20 m s^{-1} on the level: $P = Fv \Rightarrow F = \frac{12000}{20} = 600 \text{ N}.$

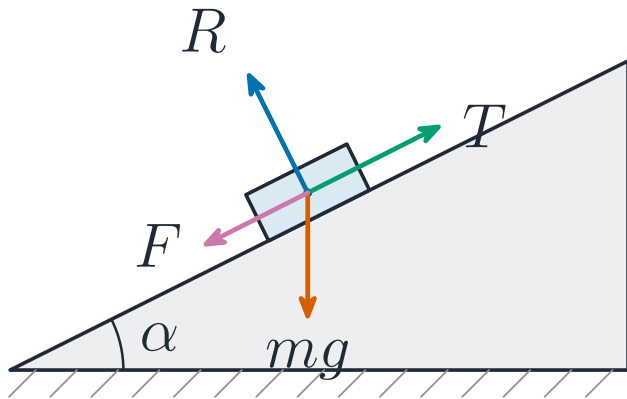
Work–energy: (driving force work) – (resistance work) = change in KE.

Method — Energy & power



A roller coaster with a vertical loop trading PE for KE

Method — Energy & power



Work and energy on an inclined plane

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Find the kinetic energy of a 2 kg body moving at 6 m s^{-1} .

Solution 2.1

Method: Energy & power

Worked steps

$$\text{KE} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}(2)(36) = 36 \text{ J} \quad \text{M1} \quad \text{A1}.$$

Practice 2.2 ■ 1 mark

A force of 50 N moves a body 4 m in its own direction. Find the work done.

Solution 2.2

Method: Energy & power

Worked steps

$$W = Fd = 50 \times 4 = 200 \text{ J} \quad \text{B1}.$$

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

A 1500 W motor raises a load at constant speed. In 10 s it does work of:

A 150 J

B 1500 J

C 15000 J

D 150000 J

Solution 3.1

Method: Energy & power

A 150 J

B 1500 J

C 15000 J



D 150000 J

Worked steps

C. $\text{work} = \text{power} \times \text{time} = 1500 \times 10 = 15000 \text{ J}.$

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 3 marks

A car of mass 1200 kg accelerates from 10 m s^{-1} to 20 m s^{-1} on a level road.

- (a) Find the increase in kinetic energy.
- (b) If a constant resistance of 400 N acts over the 150 m taken, find the total work done by the engine.

Solution 3.2

Method: Energy & power

Worked steps

$$(a) \Delta KE = \frac{1}{2}(1200)(20^2 - 10^2) = 600(400 - 100) = 600(300) = 180000 \text{ J}$$

M1 M1 A1.

$$(b) \text{work by engine} = \Delta KE + \text{work against resistance} = 180000 + 400(150) \quad \text{M1 M1};$$
$$= 180000 + 60000 = 240000 \text{ J} \quad \text{A1}.$$

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 4 marks

A cyclist and bicycle of total mass 90 kg freewheel from rest down a slope, dropping a vertical height of 20 m. Resistances do 9000 J of work.

(a) Using energy, find the speed at the bottom.

Solution 3.3

Method: Energy & power

Worked steps

(a) energy: $mgh - (\text{resistance work}) = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ **M1**; $90(10)(20) - 9000 = \frac{1}{2}(90)v^2$ **M1**; $18000 - 9000 = 45v^2 \Rightarrow v^2 = 200$ **M1**; $v = 14.1 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ **A1**.