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7.1) Work

a) In a physics sense

$$dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

dot product
and so
work is
a scalar

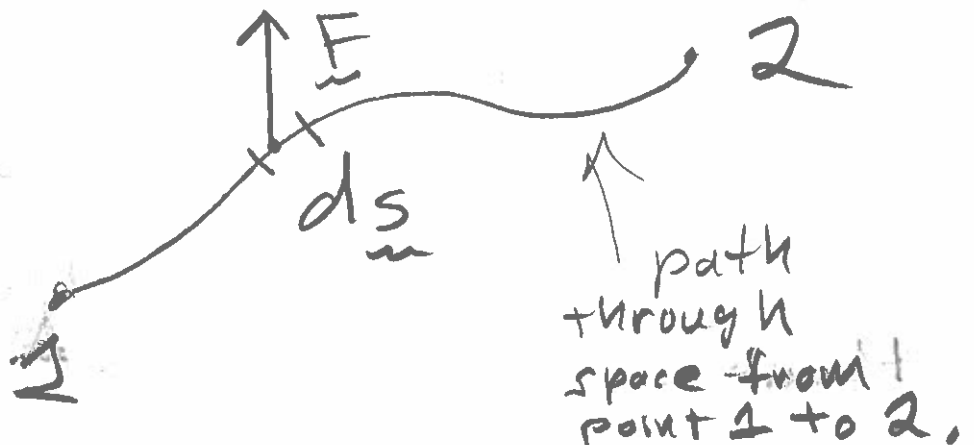
differential
Work

differential
displacement

done
on a
body

(which
has a
center
of mass)

Force
of any kind
Not necessarily
net force
done on body
— external force



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Note if

$$\underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s} = |F||ds|\cos\theta$$

because $\underline{F} = 0$

$$\text{or } \cos\theta = 0 \quad \text{meaning}$$
$$\theta = 90^\circ = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Work is
an energy transfer
process

and if object
has not moved

no. energy is transferred
by the

Units

of work in MKS

force from
the force source

$$\text{joule (J)} = \text{N} \cdot \text{m} = \text{kg} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$

the unit of energy

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b) Energy is a rather
hard thing to define

One aspect is
easy from $E=mc^2$

It is the quantity
that resists
acceleration
and has
gravitational
effect.

But that aspect is
not everything
and NOT what people
in the 19th century
thought of energy
when the concept
was first formulated.

Just my own perspective.
It is the quantitified
and conserved elementary
stuff of structure
and capability of change

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All structure have
an associated
energy

(e.g., chemical
bonds)

and if you have
energy, you can
do things with it

(e.g., convert chemical

~~energy~~

into energy of
motion.

and heat energy
and energy of a
field of force)

But if you don't have the energy
to do something, you can't
do.

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But forms of
energy are energy
and ~~any~~ form can
be converted to
any other form
in principle though
practice some
conversion are hard
for us.

e.g. converting
intrinsic rest mass energy
in large quantities
into electrical energy.

photosynthesis
for instance
is immensely
complex
chemistry,
but by knowing
energy limits
you can know
without
knowing what
ATP is

If we could do it
easily, we'd have
no energy worries

Importance of Energy It's a limit on what
you or any else can do because it's conserved.
But by energy calculations you often get
partial information easily where detailed information

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Two additions
about energy that
come to my mind

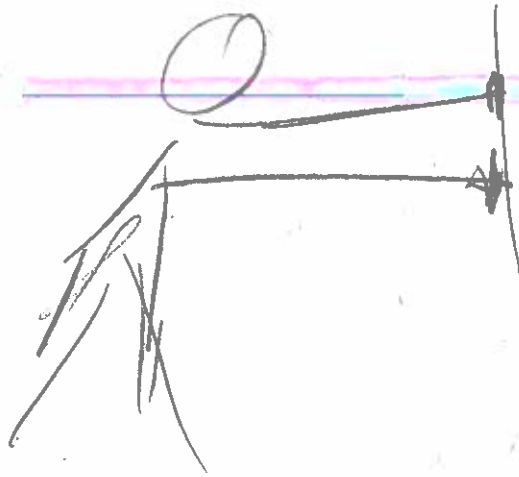
i) Except by measuring
mass,

I don't think there
is any other direct
way of measuring energy.

You always measure
other things
and calculate it
from a formula as we
will see.

ii) General Relativity actually
does ~~guarantee~~ conservation
of energy. But there
a general of conservation of
energy that is obeyed.
We will go into tricky aspect.
It is important cosmology and
gravitational waves.

c) Work & No Work



What
if you
pressing
as hard
as you
can on
a wall,

It doesn't
move.

You've done no work
macroscopically.

At the microscopic
level the wall
has been flexing

So microscopically,
you are do work on
the wall and the

transferred energy from
your chemical energy to heat energy
in the wall and sometimes
interesting, but

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no macroscopic
energy is
transferred
~~and~~ no macroscopic
work is done
and the wall hasn't
moved

7.2 Kinetic Energy

Talking about work

is only interesting

I think when you
talk about where it
goes and comes from

One place it goes is
into kinetic energy.

Kinetic energy
arise from Newton's 2nd Law

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$$dW = \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{s}$$

general force

but say $\underline{F} = \underline{F}_{\text{net}}$

the net force
on a body

$$dW_{\text{net}} = \underline{F}_{\text{net}} \cdot d\underline{s} = m \underline{a} \cdot d\underline{s}$$

And body moves by 2nd law
but movement takes time

$$d\underline{s} = \underline{v} dt$$

and so there is velocity $\underline{v}$

$$dW = \underline{F}_{\text{net}} \cdot d\underline{s} = m \underline{a} \cdot \underline{v} dt$$

$$= m \frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} \cdot \underline{v} dt$$

$$= m \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{d(\underline{v} \cdot \underline{v})}{dt} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \frac{dv^2}{dt} dt = \frac{1}{2} m dv^2$$

Reversing
the
product
rule

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$$dW = d\left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2\right) = \underline{F_{\text{net}} \cdot ds}$$

We define
this quantity
to be kinetic energy
the energy of
motion. $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

It's a scalar (or $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$)
unlike $\underline{v}$ and momentum
 $\underline{p} = m\underline{v}$

$$dK = \underline{F_{\text{net}} \cdot ds}$$

Integrate

$$\Delta KE = \int \underline{F_{\text{net}} \cdot ds}$$

Note $\underline{F_{\text{net}} \cdot ds}$

can be
positive or negative

and so ΔKE can be positive or negative

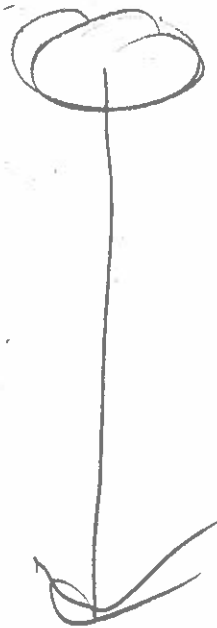
The net force
creates a
change in
kinetic energy.

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Example

Object
falling
under
gravity



$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \vec{F}_{\text{gra}} = mg(-\hat{y})$$

$$d\vec{s} = \Delta y \hat{y} \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta y < 0$$

$$\Delta KE = -mg \Delta y$$

$$\Delta E = mg|\Delta y|$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2 = mg|\Delta y|$$

$$v_2^2 - v_1^2 = 2g|\Delta y| = 2(-g)\Delta y$$

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since
you
always
fall
down

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which just recovers

The timeless equation
of 1-d kinematics
again.

The essential reason
why is kinetic

energy $\propto m$

and gravity $\propto m$

and so mass
cancels out as
so often in
gravity problems

So energy change ~~Example~~

$$\Delta KE = mg |\Delta y|$$

$$= 1 \text{ kg} \cdot 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \cdot 1 \text{ m}$$

$$= 10 \text{ J}$$

So a kilogram falling is 10 J

To give context What is a kilowatt-hour

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ kWh} &= 1000 (\text{J/s}) \cdot 1 \text{ hour} \times \left(\frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ h}} \right) \\ &= 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ J} = 3.6 \text{ MJ} \end{aligned}$$

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The electric company
could bill us in MJ
but they don't

Another context

$$1 \text{ food calorie} = 4.184 \text{ kJ}$$

Google AI } Minimum 1200 food calorie women
per day 1500 food cal men

$$1500 (\text{food cal}) * \left(\frac{4.184 \text{ kJ}}{1 \text{ food cal}} \right)$$

$$\approx 6000 \text{ kJ}$$

$$= 6 \text{ MJ}$$

This is
a starvation
diet

This is very minimum,

$$\text{BMR} = 80 \text{ W}$$

Minimum energy
Just to
live doing
nothing

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Energy for day} &= 80 \text{ W} \cdot 10^5 \text{ s} \\ &= 8 \text{ MJ} \end{aligned}$$

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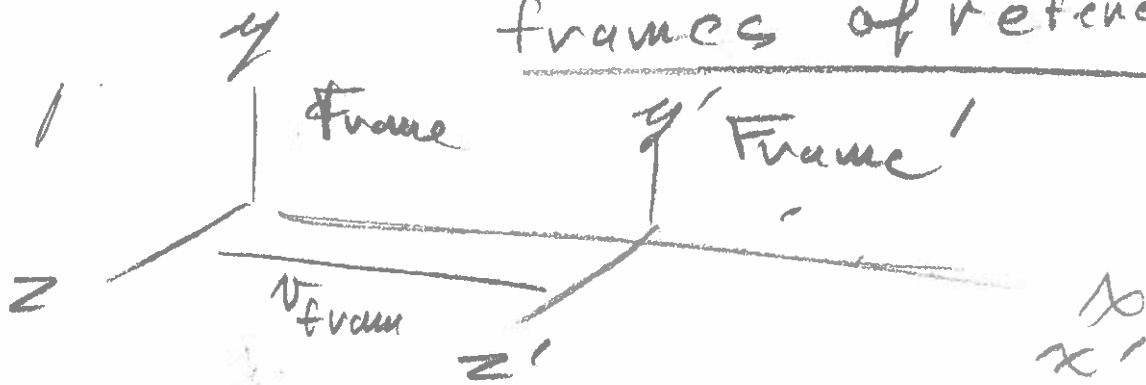
7.3 Work Energy Theorem

$$dW_{\text{net}} = \underline{F}_{\text{net}} \cdot d\underline{s} = \Delta K$$

Already derived it.

7.2 Kinetic Energy

In different frames of reference



$$x' = x - v_f t$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

Recall

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$$K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \underbrace{v} \cdot \underbrace{v}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \sum_i v_i^2$$

some over the
component

Say there is an object
moving the x direction

In frame $K = \frac{1}{2} m v_x^2$

In frame' $K' = \frac{1}{2} m (v_x')^2$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m (v_x - v_{\text{frame}})^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m v_x^2 + m v_x v_{\text{frame}}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{frame}}^2$$

This is
quite
annoying

If you want to
energy calculations
consistently you
may want to stick
to one frame of reference,

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In practice I don't
think there are great
difficulties.

In astro realm, if you
want account for more
and additions to K ,
you just use
a larger reference frame
and on a large enough
scale, general relativity
tells you how to
account for kinetic energy
(where in fact
energy conservation
in an ordinary sense
fails).