

Some of Newton's physics

$$F = ma$$

Newton kg m/sec²

Work = Force x distance
energy

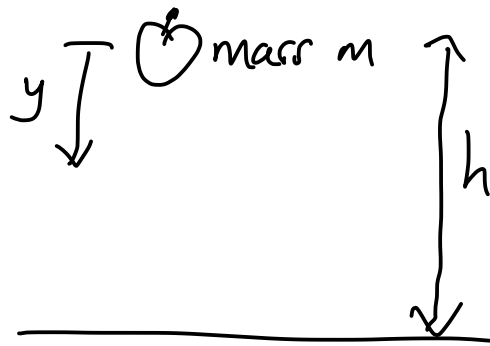
$$\text{Joules} = \text{N} \cdot \text{m} = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{sec}^2$$

To raise apple from ground to height h takes mgh Joules of energy
P.E. potential energy

Conservation of energy

All mgh Joules of P.E. becomes K.E. when it hits ground.

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad \text{K.E. mass } m \text{ velocity } v$$



Gravity exerts force mg

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{y} = g$$

$$y = gt + \cancel{c} \quad \dot{y}(0) = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 + \cancel{d} \quad \dot{y}(0) = 0$$

$$\therefore c = 0$$

$$\therefore d = 0$$

When does the apple hit the ground?

$$\frac{1}{2}gt^2 = h \quad \therefore t = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$

What is velocity of apple when that happens?

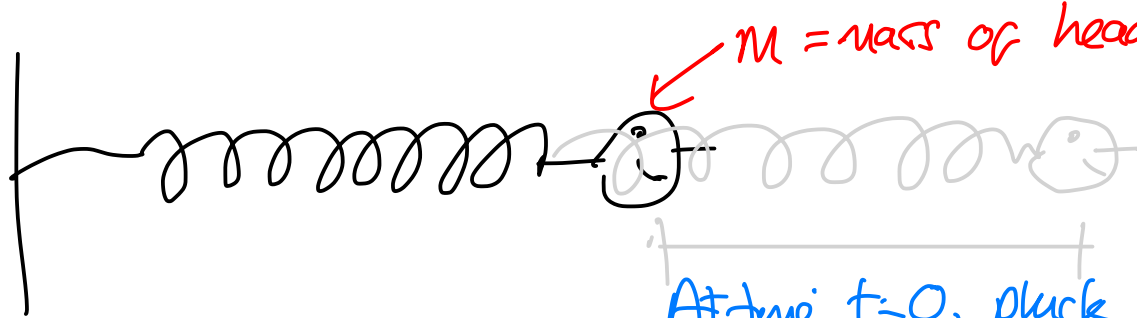
$$\dot{y} = gt = g \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} = \sqrt{2gh} \text{ when it hits.}$$

Mass m moving at velocity $v = \sqrt{2gh}$

$$\text{K.E. ? } mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}m \cdot 2gh \quad \checkmark$$

Another example



$x = x(t)$
extension of spring
at time t

Work out equation of motion.

Need Hooke's Law ... $F \propto x$
Force Extension

$$F = -kx, \quad k \text{ spring constant}$$

Together with $F = ma$, get differential equation

$$m \ddot{x} = -kx$$

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$$

← 2nd order
diff. eq.

$$\therefore x(t) = a \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right) + b \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right) \quad \text{some } a, b \text{ (see theorem below)}$$

$$\text{Set } t=0, \text{ get } a = x_0 \text{ and } \dot{x}(0) = 0 \quad \text{so } \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} b = 0 \quad \therefore b = 0$$

$$\text{So } x(t) = x_0 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right)$$

same as K.E. when goes through
equilibrium point. Time $t = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$

How much energy is stored in spring at time $t=0$? $\dot{x}(t) = -x_0 \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right)$

Theorem The general solution of $f''(x) + f(x) = 0$ is

$$f(x) = a \cos x + b \sin x \quad \text{where } a = f(0), \quad b = f'(0).$$

Proof. Note $f(x) = \cos x$ and $f(x) = \sin x$ are solutions of $f''(x) + f(x) = 0$

It's a linear homogeneous diff. eq., any linear combination of solutions is also a solution.

Now let $a = f(0)$ and $b = f'(0)$ and consider $g(x) = f(x) - a \cos x - b \sin x$.

This is a solution of the diff. eq., and $g(0) = 0$, $g'(0) = 0$

Claim $g(x) = 0$ for all x ... hence, $f(x) = a \cos x + b \sin x$, as req'd.

To see this, consider $[g'(x)]^2 + [g(x)]^2 =: h(x)$

$$\text{Then } h'(x) = 2g'(x)g''(x) + 2g'(x)g(x) = 2g'(x)[g''(x) + g(x)] = 0$$

$\therefore h(x) = c$, constant

But $h(0) = c = 0$. Shows $h(x) = 0$ for all x ... so $g(x) = g'(x) = 0$ //

We've just shown velocity is $-x_0 \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ when goes through equilibrium point

$$\therefore K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \left(x_0 \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} k x_0^2.$$

$$P.E. \text{ stored in spring when extension } x = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

Chunky argument ... much better would be to use Work = Force \times Distance

$$\therefore P.E. = \int_0^{x_0} kx \cdot dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} kx^2 \right]_0^{x_0} = \frac{1}{2} k x_0^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{x_0} kx \cdot \delta x$$

Back to $F=ma$ Newton's Law.

Conservation of energy

Conservation of momentum ←



Newton's Law really says:

$$F = \frac{d}{dt}(mv)$$

"force is rate of change of momentum"

If m is constant $\frac{d}{dt}(mv) = m \frac{dv}{dt} = ma$

From that you get the idea that it takes force to change momentum.

In a closed system (no external forces) the total momentum is constant over time.

Conservation of momentum.

