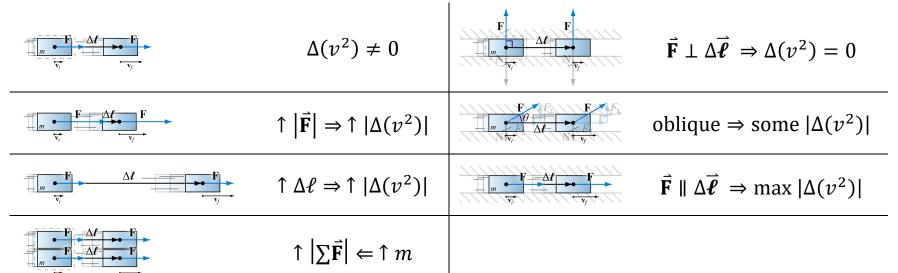
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How much can I change the v^2 of an object of mass m by applying a constant force while the object moves through a path length?



Deduced relationship

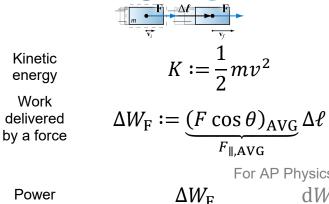
$$\underbrace{(\sum F \cos \theta)}_{\sum F_{\parallel}} \Delta \ell = \frac{1}{2} m \Delta (v^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m (v_f^2 - v_i^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2$$

$$= \Delta \left(\frac{1}{2} m v^2\right)$$

Vocabulary



Power delivered by a force
$$P_{\mathrm{F,AVG}} := \frac{\Delta W_{\mathrm{F}}}{\Delta t} \quad P_{\mathrm{F}} := \frac{\mathrm{d}W_{\mathrm{F}}}{\mathrm{d}t}$$

Work-energy theorem

$$K_i + \sum_{\mathbf{F}} \Delta W_{\mathbf{F}} = K_f$$

For a system having no internal degrees of freedom (e.g. idealized particle),

$$\sum_{\mathbf{F}} \Delta W_{\mathbf{F}} = \Delta W_{\Sigma \vec{\mathbf{F}}}$$

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Work done by a varying force

Consider the work performed by a force of varying strength. Allow increments of path length to be small enough so that, for each increment, the force is roughly constant.

$$\Delta W_{\mathrm{F},k} \approx F_{\parallel,k} \Delta \ell$$

The total work done along a path of finite length

$$\Delta W_{
m F} pprox \sum_{k} F_{\parallel,k} \Delta \ell$$

is the signed area "under" the plot of F_{\parallel} vs. ℓ .

For AP Physics C,

$$\Delta W_{\rm F} = \int_{\ell=\ell_i}^{\ell=\ell_f} F_{\parallel} \, \mathrm{d}\ell$$

