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PH 220

Quiz # 08 (10 pts)

Name Solution

A hypothetical conservative force is found to have a potential energy function given by:

$$U(x) = 4x^3 - 2x + 6$$

$U(x)$  will be in units of Joules if  $x$  is in units of meters. What is the magnitude and direction of the conservative force at  $x = 2.00$  m?

- A.  $+34 \text{ N } (\hat{i})$                       C.  $-34 \text{ N } (\hat{i})$   
B.  $+46 \text{ N } (\hat{i})$                       D.  $-46 \text{ N } (\hat{i})$

$$\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla}U(x) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}U(x)(\hat{i}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}U(x)(\hat{j}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}U(x)(\hat{k})$$

Since there is no  $y$  or  $z$  dependence this reduces to

$$\vec{F} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}U(x)(\hat{i}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(4x^3 - 2x + 6)(\hat{i}) = -(12x^2 - 2)(\hat{i})$$

Find at  $x = 2.00$  m

$$\vec{F} = -(12x^2 - 2)(\hat{i}) = -(12(2)^2 - 2)(\hat{i}) = -(48 - 2)(\hat{i}) = -(46)(\hat{i}) = -46(\hat{i})$$

Since units for  $U$  were Joules and  $x$  were meters,  $F$  is in Newtons

**So, the correct answer is D !**

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A spring has a spring constant of  $k = 22.2 \text{ N/m}$ . It is initially compressed a distance of 1.80 m. What is the change in the potential energy stored in the spring if the spring is relaxed and now is only compressed a distance of 0.90 m?

- A. +27.0 J      B. +10.0 J      C. -27.0 J      D. -10.0 J

$$\Delta U_{\text{Spring}} = U_{\text{Spring final}} - U_{\text{Spring initial}} = \frac{1}{2}kx_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}kx_0^2 = \frac{1}{2}k(x_f^2 - x_0^2)$$

$$\Delta U_{\text{Spring}} = \frac{1}{2}(22.2 \text{ N/m})((0.90 \text{ m})^2 - (1.80 \text{ m})^2) = 11.1 \text{ N/m} (0.81 \text{ m}^2 - 3.24 \text{ m}^2)$$

$$\Delta U_{\text{Spring}} = 11.1 \text{ N/m} (-2.43 \text{ m}^2) = -26.97 \text{ J}$$

**So, the correct answer is C !**

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A mass ( $m = 1.31 \text{ kg}$ ) is traveling through space with an initial velocity of ( $\vec{v}_0 = 9.84 \text{ m/s } (\widehat{+k})$ ). It encounters an unknown force  $\vec{F} = 13.0 \text{ N } (\widehat{-k})$  which acts on the mass while it makes a displacement of  $\vec{S} = 4.33 \text{ m } (\widehat{+k})$ . What is the final velocity of the mass after it has been displaced by that distance?

- A.  $3.30 \text{ m/s } (\widehat{+k})$       C.  $13.5 \text{ m/s } (\widehat{-k})$   
 B.  $3.30 \text{ m/s } (\widehat{-k})$       D.  $13.5 \text{ m/s } (\widehat{+k})$

$$W = \Delta K = \frac{1}{2}m(v_f^2 - v_0^2) = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{S} = (13.0 \text{ N } (\widehat{-k})) \cdot (4.33 \text{ m } (\widehat{k}))$$

$$\frac{1}{2}m(v_f^2 - v_0^2) = (13.0 \text{ N})(4.33 \text{ m})(\widehat{-k}) \cdot (\widehat{k}) = (13.0 \text{ N})(4.33 \text{ m})(-1)$$

$$v_f^2 = v_0^2 - \frac{2(13.0 \text{ N})(4.33 \text{ m})}{m} = (9.84 \text{ m/s})^2 - \frac{2(13.0 \text{ N})(4.33 \text{ m})}{1.31 \text{ kg}}$$

$$v_f^2 = 96.83 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2 - 85.94 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2 = 10.89 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{10.89 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2} = 3.30 \text{ m/s } (\widehat{k})$$

**So, the correct answer is A !**

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A crate ( $m = 25.0 \text{ kg}$ ) is dropped at rest from a plane at a height of ( $h = 1500. \text{ m}$ ). If we assumed no air resistance the crate would strike the ground with a speed of about  $171.5 \text{ m/s}$ . This likely breaks up anything within the crate. If we attach a parachute and assume air resistance is possible, the crate could land with a speed of ( $v_f = 5.00 \text{ m/s}$ ). How much work must air resistance do for this to happen?

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|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> | $-3.12 \times 10^2 \text{ J}$ | <b>C.</b> | $+3.12 \times 10^2 \text{ J}$ |
| <b>B.</b> | $-3.67 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$ | <b>D.</b> | $+3.67 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$ |

$$\sum W_{\text{non Cons}} = W_{\text{air}} = \Delta E = \Delta K + \Delta U = \frac{1}{2}m(v_f^2 - v_0^2) + (0 - mgh)$$

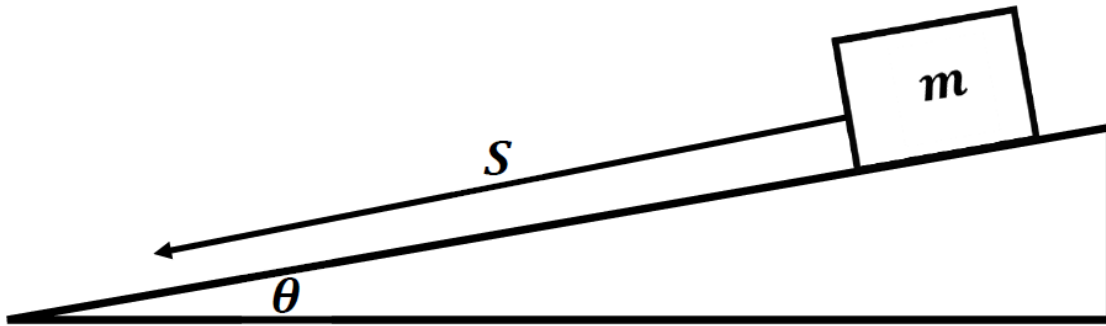
$$W_{\text{air}} = \frac{1}{2}m(v_f^2 - 0) + (-mgh) = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - mgh$$

$$W_{\text{air}} = \frac{1}{2}(25.0 \text{ kg})(5.00 \text{ m/s})^2 - (25.0 \text{ kg})(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)(1500. \text{ m})$$

$$W_{\text{air}} = 312.5 \text{ J} - 3.68 \times 10^5 \text{ J} = -3.67 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$$

**So, the correct answer is B !**

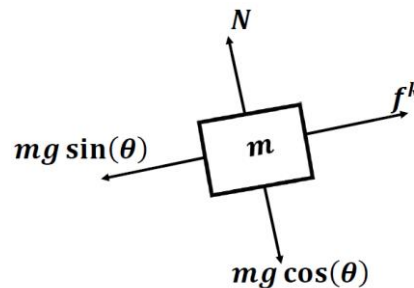
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A mass ( $m = 3.34 \text{ kg}$ ) is released from rest and allowed to slide down a plane inclined by an angle ( $\theta = 18.0^\circ$ ) with the horizontal as shown above. The mass slides a distance ( $S = 4.33 \text{ m}$ ). There is a coefficient of kinetic friction between the mass and the inclined plane of ( $\mu_k = 0.231$ ). After the mass has slid the distance  $S$ , the speed of the mass is found to be ( $v_f = 2.75 \text{ m/s}$ ). How much work was done by the normal force as the mass slid down the plane?

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|----|---------|----|---------|
| A. | +43.8 J | C. | -31.1 J |
| B. | +0.00 J | D. | -142. J |

Free Body Diagram is on right.  $N$  is perpendicular to displacement.



Remember Perpendicular forces do no work!

So, the correct answer is B !

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