

Then...

§ 5.5 Work

- Work done to move an object distance d against an opposing force F is

$$W = Fd$$

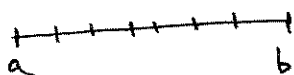
when F is constant

force dist
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example: To lift an object a height h on earth takes $(mg)h = W$ work

(If h is negative so is the amount of work)

- Thus, if $F(x)$, $a \leq x \leq b$ is a variable force



$$W \approx \sum_{i=1}^n F(\bar{x}_i) \Delta x_i \quad \text{is approximate work to move object from } a \text{ to } b$$

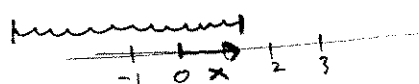
$$W = \int_a^b F(x) dx \quad \text{is the work}$$

Exercise 1 (p.302). Hooke's Law (really just tangent line approx!), Says that to keep a spring stretched x units from its natural length you must exert a force proportional to x , i.e.

$$F(x) = kx.$$

(The spring's opposing force is $-kx$)

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natural length



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stretched.

So, If a spring has natural length = .2 m
and, 12 N force is required to stretch additional .03 m

(a) Find the spring constant k (units?)

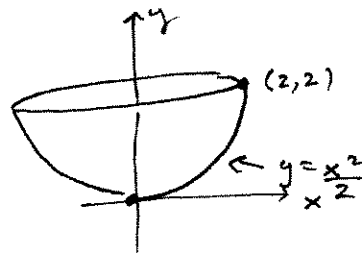
(b) How much work is required to stretch spring from .2 m to .3 m?

(not test #)

A different application of definite integrals to Work:

Exercise 2 (see p 303 for a related, but different example.)

A parabolic bowl, in the shape of a surface of revolution ($y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$, $0 \leq x \leq 2$ feet,) about y-axis
is full of water
(which weighs 62.4 lbs/ft³)

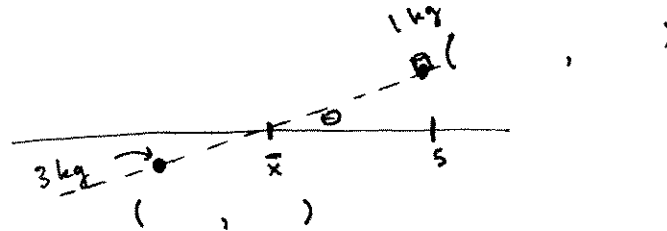
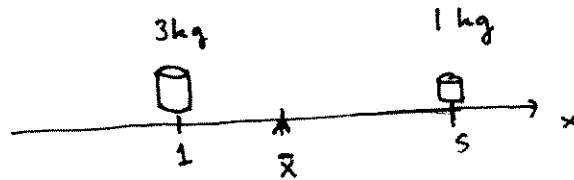


- a) treating the bowl as weightless,
how much work would it take to
lift the entire bowl by 3 feet?
(so if the base is originally at $y=0$,
it will be lifted to $y=3$).

- b) How much work would it take to pump the water
out of a faucet at height $y=3$, from the original
bowl-water position? (This should be less work than
2a), because not all the water is lifted 3 feet!)

Exercise 3: A mass of 3 kg is placed at $x = 1$ m
 & a mass of 1 kg is placed at $x = 5$ m
 on a weightless ruler.

Find the center of mass $\bar{x}$, defined to
 be the balance point where it takes no net
 work to "feeter totter" the masses on the ruler (working against gravity):



focus on the heights,
 and "mgh".

In general, if you have n masses, $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$
 located at points $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

then the balance point (called the center of mass) is

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i}$$

← called the moment M with respect to $x=0$

← called the total mass m

Exercise 4 What is the center of mass for masses of

$m_i = 4, 1, 3, 2$ kg

at $x_i = 0, 1, 2, 10$ m?



Tomorrow we calculusify
 the notion of moments and centers of mass!