







Of Mice and Elephants Force considerations of size How big are their legs?

- What is the resolution? Animals change their stride.
- Humans, horses, and elephants are more upright
- Fleas and mice use high accelerations to jump ... for a flea to jump a few inches, it needs an acceleration of 140 times gravity or 50 times the space shuttle





Of Mice and Elephants Energy considerations of size How much is used? Heat generated is proportional to the number of cells ... the mass or volume of an organism ... 1,8,27,64 Heat loss is proportional to surface area 1,4,9,16 Area of object Ratio of volume to surface area 1 Δ ~ r³/r² For a given rate of cellular activity, 2 8 > a smaller animal loses more heat > Needs a higher metabolism to 6 24 replace heat PHYS 1021: Chap. 10, Pg 6

Of Mice and Elephants Energy considerations of size How much is needed?

- Graph is a log-log plot
 - log(mass)~log(metabolism)
 - log(metabolism) = A x log(mass) (A = 4/5.5 ~1/1.1)
 - From the slope ...

metabolism ~ mass^{0.7}

What is the metabolic rate per unit volume?

 Good agreement with scaling laws









Potential Energy

- An object is moved to increase or decrease its potential to do work
- Important points to appreciate:
 - PE is measured with respect to some reference level
 - > table top, ground, ceiling, etc.
 - >only changes in PE actually have physical meaning
 - >∆PE does not depend on path



Conservative and Nonconservative Forces

Conservative force: work does not depend on path taken
 >example: gravity, spring, electric force
 >such a force can be related to a *potential energy*

$$F_{x} = -\frac{dU}{dx}$$

$$U(x) = -\int F_{x}dx$$

$$U(x) = -\int -mgdy = mgy = mgh$$
Gravitational potential energy
• Nonconservative force: work does depend on path taken
• example: friction (work is proportional to path length)
• potential energy cannot be defined





ConcepTest 10.2 Speeding Up I

A car starts from rest and accelerates to 30 mph. Later, it gets on a highway and accelerates to 60 mph. Which takes more energy, the $0 \rightarrow 30$ mph, or the $30 \rightarrow 60$ mph?



The change in KE (1/2 mv^2) involves the velocity squared. So in the first case, we have: $1/2 m (30^2 - 0^2) = 1/2 m (900)$ In the second case, we have: $1/2 m (50^2 - 30^2) = 1/2 m (2700)$ Thus, the bigger energy change occurs in the second case.



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ConcepTest 10.5 Water Slide II Paul and Kathleen start from rest at

the same time on frictionless water slides with different shapes. Who makes it to the bottom first?

Even though they both have the same final velocity, Kathleen is at a lower height than Paul for most of her ride. Thus she always has a *larger* velocity during her ride and therefore arrives earlier!



PE KE

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KE

Kathleen

Paul

Ponderable: Turning around

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A particle with the potential energy shown in the graph is moving to the right. It has 1 J of kinetic energy at x = 1 m. At what distance does it stop?



Example: Funny Pendulum

A pendulum is formed from a small ball of mass m on a string of length L. As the figure shows, a peg is height h above the pendulum's lowest point. From what minimum angle θ must the pendulum be released in order for the ball to go over the top of the peg without the string going slack?



