



Energy



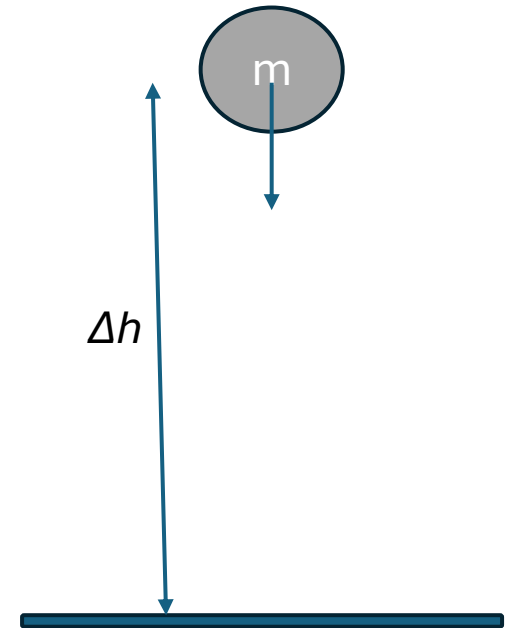
Gravitational Potential Energy

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Gravitational Potential Energy (E_{grav}) is the energy an object has by virtue of its position in a gravitational field

$$E_{grav} = \text{mass} \times \text{gravitational field strength} \times \text{height}$$

$$E_{grav} = mg \Delta h$$

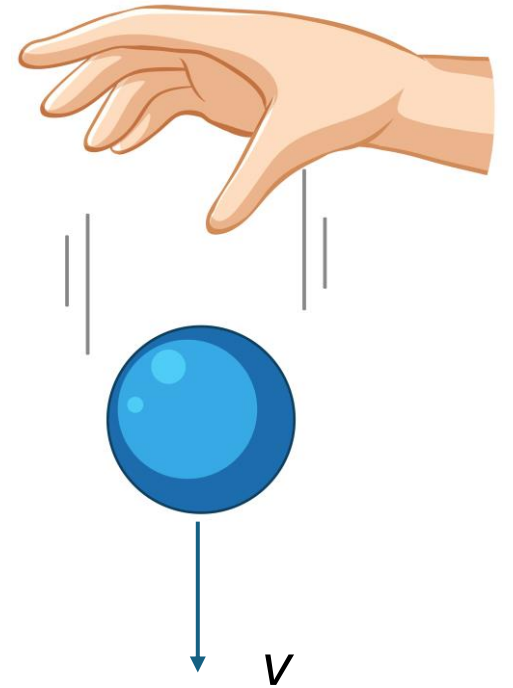


Kinetic Energy

Kinetic energy (E_k) is the energy an object has by virtue of its movement

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} \times \textit{mass} \times (\textit{speed})^2$$

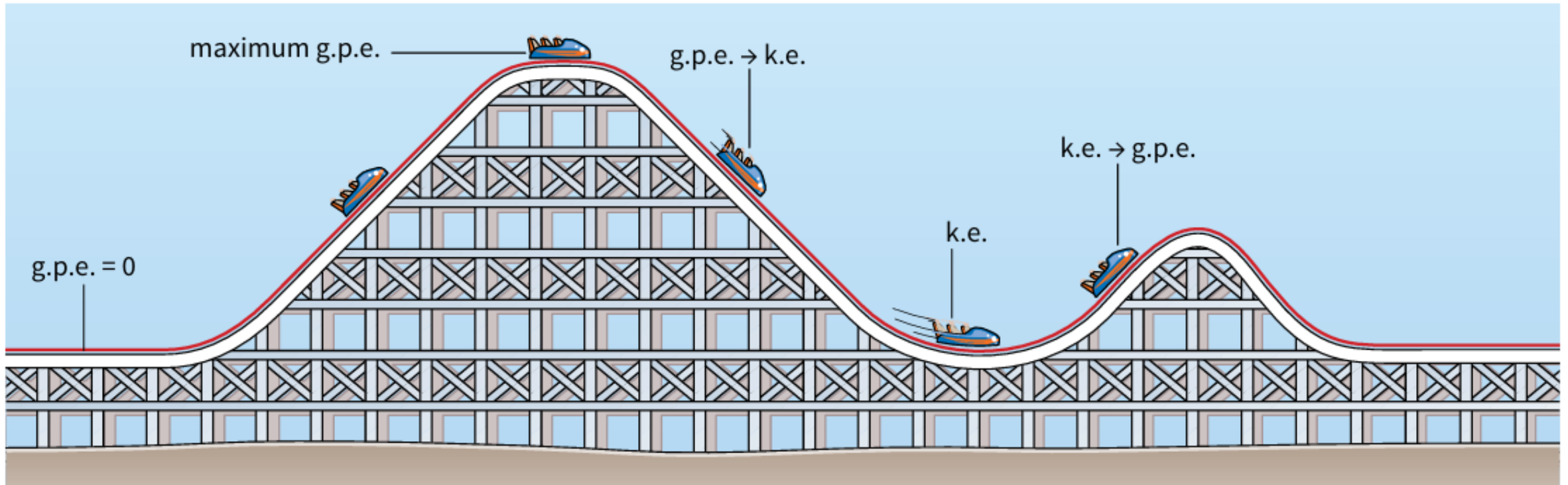
$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$



The principle of conservation of energy

Energy cannot be created or destroyed, it can be converted from one form to another and transferred from one place to another.

Transfer between Egrav & Ek

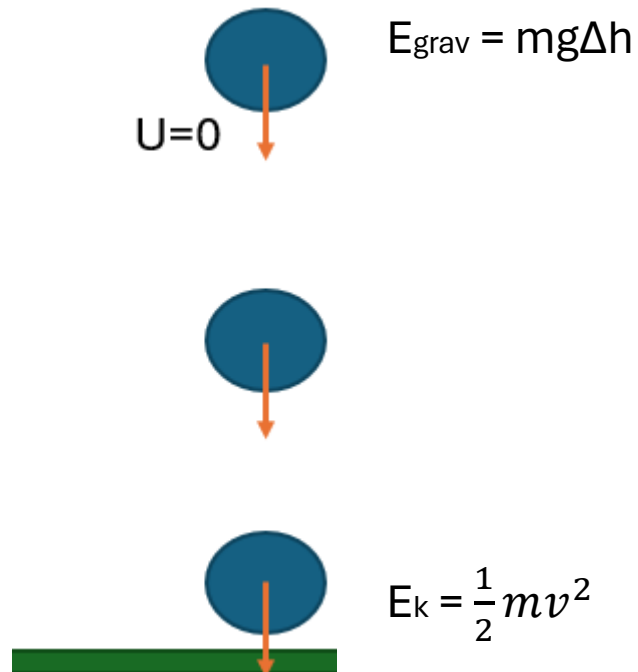


Transfer between E_{grav} & E_{k}

As objects rise or fall gravitational potential energy can be transferred to kinetic energy and kinetic energy can be transferred to gravitational potential energy.

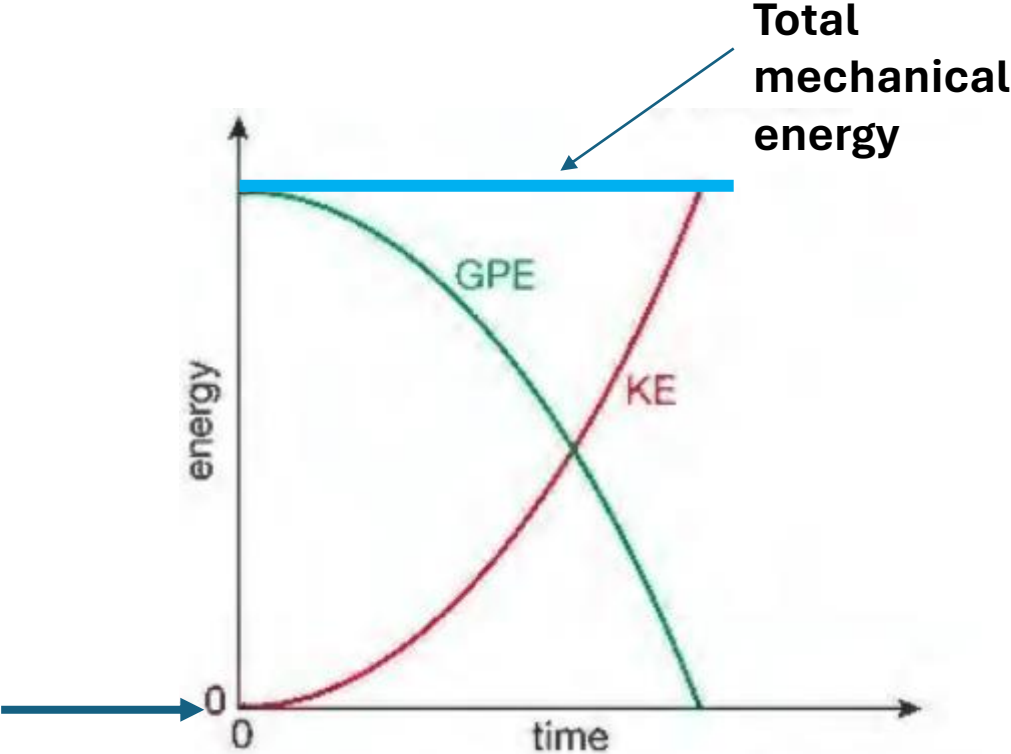
$$E_{\text{grav}} = E_{\text{k}}$$

$$mg\Delta h = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$



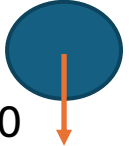
Energy transfer in a dropped object

Object
dropped



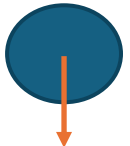
Mechanical energy

- The sum of the gravitational potential energy and the kinetic energy is called the mechanical energy.
- If an object is raised to a certain height and released the total mechanical energy remain constant(conserved) through out its journey(assume no air resistance).




A blue circle representing an object is positioned at the top. A vertical orange arrow points downwards from the center of the circle. To the left of the circle, the text "U=0" is written. To the right of the circle, the text "Total mechanical energy = GPE + KE" is written. Below this, the text "= GPE + 0" is written.

$U=0$ Total mechanical energy = GPE + KE
 $= \text{GPE} + 0$



A blue circle representing an object is positioned in the middle. A vertical orange arrow points downwards from the center of the circle. To the right of the circle, the text "Total mechanical energy = GPE + KE" is written.

Total mechanical energy = GPE + KE

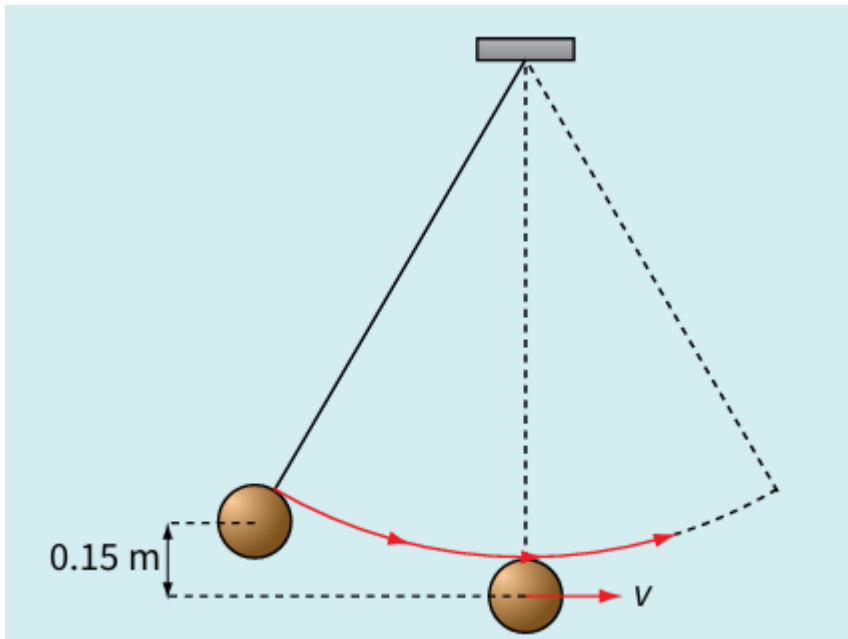


A blue circle representing an object is positioned at the bottom, touching a thick green horizontal bar that represents the ground. A vertical orange arrow points downwards from the center of the circle. To the right of the circle, the text "Total mechanical energy = GPE + KE" is written. Below this, the text "= 0 + KE" is written.

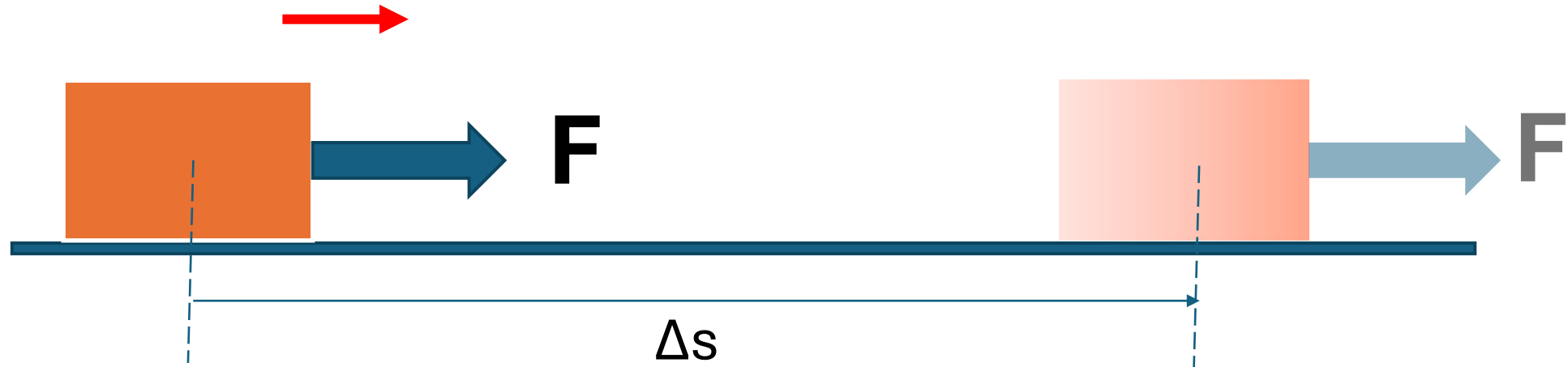
Total mechanical energy = GPE + KE
 $= 0 + \text{KE}$

Concept Learning Questions.

1) A pendulum consists of a brass sphere of mass 5.0 kg hanging from a long string. The sphere is pulled to the side so that it is 0.15 m above its lowest position. It is then released. How fast will it be moving when it passes through the lowest point along its path?



Work done(W)

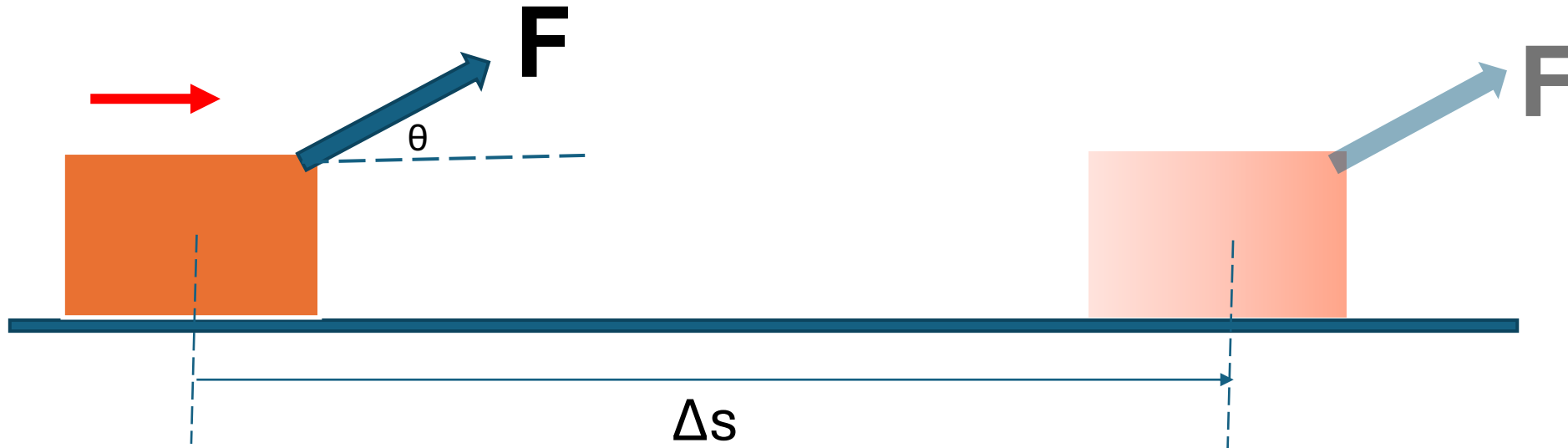


Work done = Force × distance moved in the direction of the force

$$W = F \times \Delta s$$

- Scalar quantity
- SI unit is joule(J)

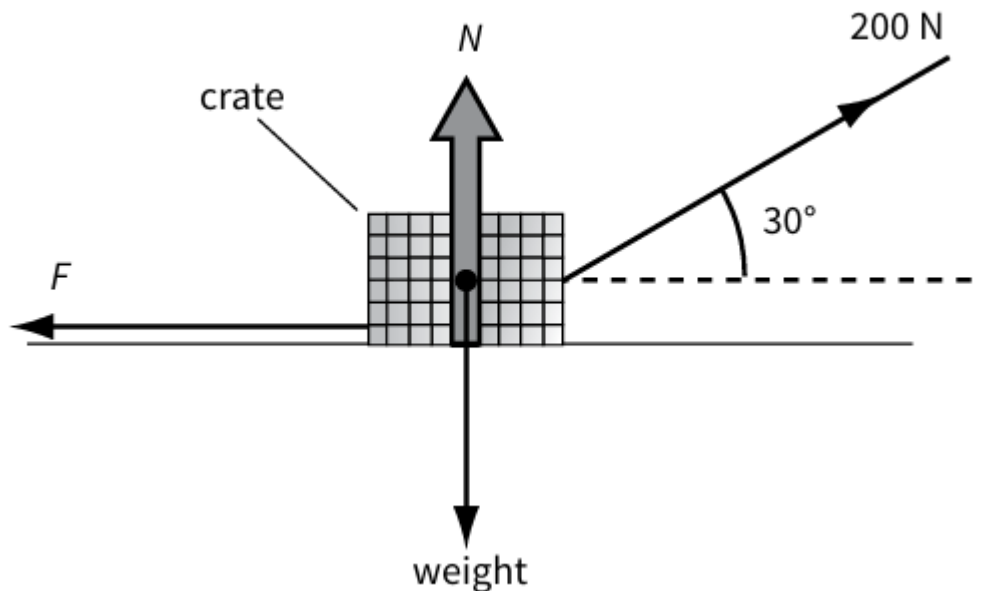
Work done by forces at an angle



$$W = F \cos \theta \times \Delta s$$

Concept Learning Questions.

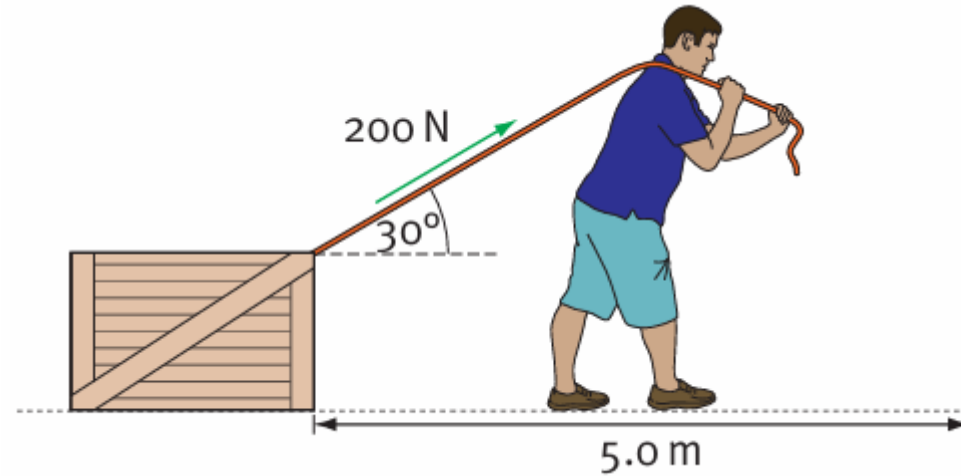
1) A 120 kg crate is dragged along the horizontal ground by a 200 N force acting at an angle of 30° to the horizontal, as shown in the figure. The crate moves along the surface with a constant velocity of 0.5 m/s. The 200 N force is applied for a time of 16 s.



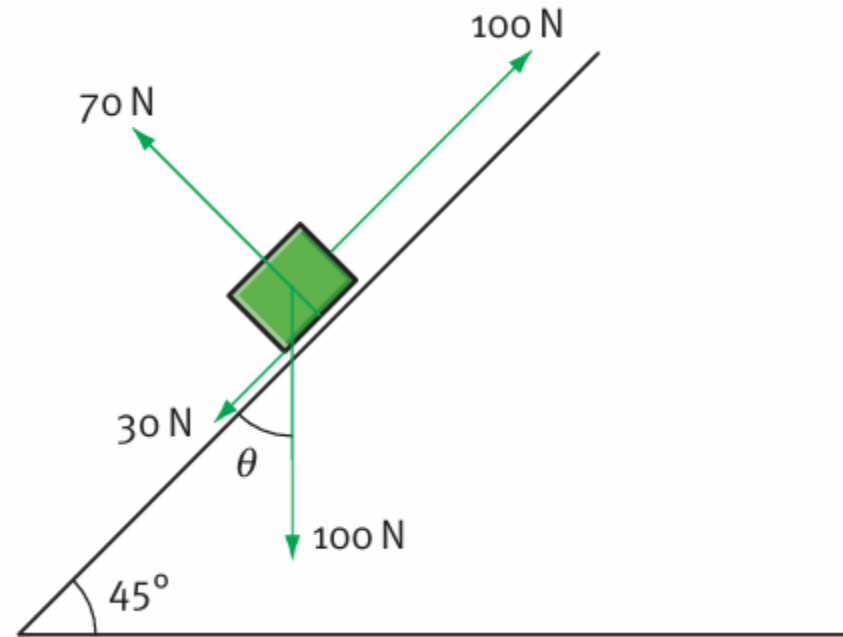
Calculate the work done on the crate by:

- i) the 200 N force.
- ii) the weight of the crate.
- iii) the normal contact force N.

2) A man pulls a box along horizontal ground using a rope. The force provided by the rope is 200 N, at an angle of 30° to the horizontal. Calculate the work done if the box moves 5.0 m along the ground.



3) The following figure shows the forces acting on a box which is being pushed up a slope. Calculate the work done by each force if the box moves 0.50 m up the slope.



Power(P)

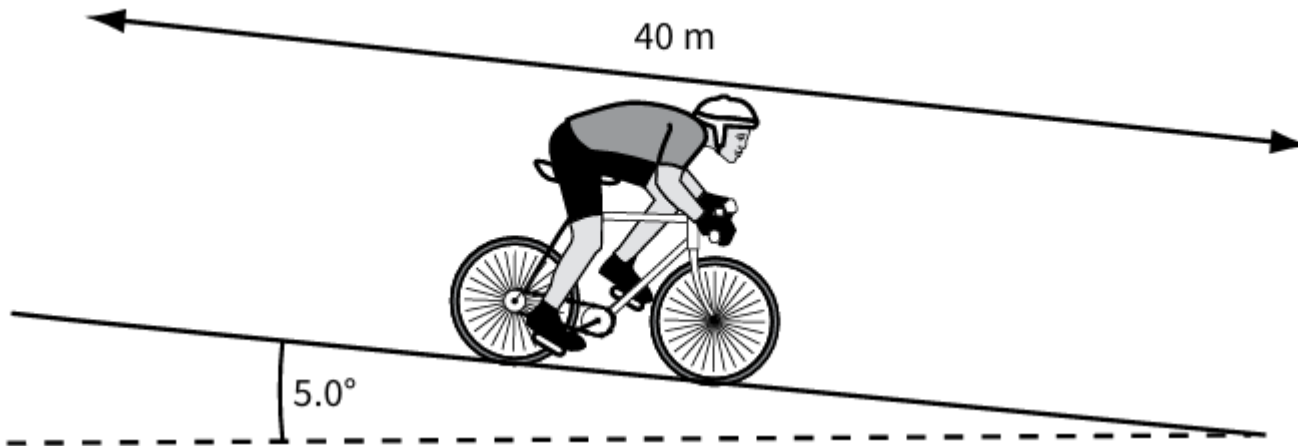
- Power is the rate of energy transfer.

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Time}} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Power} = \frac{\text{Work done}}{\text{time}}$$

- The SI unit is watt(W)
- It is a scalar quantity.

Concept Learning Questions

1) A cyclist pedals a long slope which is at 5.0° to the horizontal. The cyclist starts from rest at the top of the slope and reaches a speed of 12 m/s after a time of 67 s , having travelled 40 m down the slope. The total mass of the cyclist and bicycle is 90 kg .



a Calculate:

- i) the loss in gravitational potential energy as he travels down the slope.
- ii) the increase in kinetic energy as he travels down the slope.

- b i) Use your answers to a to determine the useful power output of the cyclist.
- ii) Suggest one reason why the actual power output of the cyclist is larger than your value in i.

Efficiency

The efficiency of an energy conversion system is defined as:

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{total energy output}} \times 100\%$$