

Closing Wed: HW_4A,4B,4C (6.4/6.5)
Please check out my postings, examples and extra practice on 6.4. Exam 1 will be returned Tuesday.

6.4 Work (Work = “total effort”)

The concept “work” measures energy expended in completing a task. When a **constant** force is applied through a fixed distance, we define:

$$\text{Work} = \text{Force} \cdot \text{Distance} \quad (W = F \cdot D)$$

First, some units. Newton’s 2nd law:
Force = Mass · Acceleration ($F = m \cdot a$)

	Metric	Standard
Mass		
Accel. on Earth		
Force		
Distance		
Work		

If force or distance change in some way during the task (i.e. NOT constant), then we can break up the problem into subtasks, approximate with $F \cdot D$ on each subtask, and add up the approximations.

$$\text{Work} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{Force} \cdot \text{Distance})$$

But, we must *find the pattern* for the force and distance for each subdivision.

PROBLEM TYPE 1: *Force changing.*

Moving an object from $x = a$ to $x = b$

and $f(x) = \text{"FORCE at } x\text{"}$

$\Delta x = \text{DISTANCE}$

$$\text{Work} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Examples (of changing force):

1. *Leaky bucket*: A leaking bucket is lifted 10 feet. At the bottom the bucket weighs 120 pounds and at the top the bucket weighs 100 pounds. Assume the water leaked out a constant rate as it was lifted. How much work was done to lift the bucket?

2. Springs:

A weight is attached to the end of a spring and the other end is attached to the wall. Let L be the distance the weight is from the wall when it is at rest (no force). We call this *natural length*.

Hooke's law: Force is proportional to the distance from natural length.

That is, for each spring, there is a constant k such that

$$f(x) = kx = \text{“FORCE to hold the spring } x \text{ units from natural length.”}$$

($x=0$ corresponds to natural length)

$$\Delta x = \text{DISTANCE}$$

Example (of changing force): Assume natural length for a given spring is 5 cm from the wall. And you know 5 Joules of work are done to stretch from 5cm from wall to 9cm from wall. How much work is done to stretch from 7cm to 10cm from wall?

PROBLEM TYPE 2: *Force & dist. changing.*

In some problems, we subdivide and find
 $d(x)$ = `DISTANCE for subtask starting at x'
and

$f(x)$ = `density (force/length) of subtask at x'
 $f(x)\Delta x$ = `FORCE of subtask at x'

in which case:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Work} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n d(x_i) f(x_i) \Delta x \\ &= \int_a^b d(x) f(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

Examples:

1. (Chains/Cables) You are lifting a heavy chain to the top of a building. The chain has a density of 3 lbs/foot. The chain hangs over the side by 25 feet before you start pulling it up. How much work is done in pulling the chain all the way to the top?

2. (Pumping Liquid) You are pumping water out of a tank. The tank is a rectangular box with a base of 2 ft by 3 ft and height of 10ft. The density of water is 62.5 lbs/ft^3 . If the tank starts full, how much work is done in pumping all the water to the top and out over the side?