

# Work and Kinetic Energy

Starting with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Newton's Law:

$$F = ma$$

One can derive another important result:

“Change in **kinetic energy** is equal to the **mechanical work** done by all forces”

$$\Delta K = W$$

$$K = \frac{mv^2}{2},$$

is called Kinetic Energy of an object

$$W = F\Delta x,$$

is called Mechanical Work

**(Work = Force x Displacement)**

# Homework

**Problem 1.** How much work has to be done to accelerate a car from speed  $0\text{m/s}$  to  $30\text{ m/s}$ ? Mass of the car is  $2000\text{kg}$ .

**Problem 2.** A driver in the car from Problem 1 applies breaks. Friction force acting on the car is  $10\text{kN}$ . Find the distance that the car will travel before coming to a complete stop (its speed was  $30\text{m/s}$ ).