

Work and Kinetic Energy

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

$$\Delta K = W$$

(Work = Force x Displacement)

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

is called Kinetic Energy of an object

$$W = F\Delta x,$$

is called Mechanical Work

Homework

Problem 1.

A cyclist is moving at a constant speed of 10 m/s on a flat road. There is an air resistance force acting on him which is $F=100$ Newtons, directed backwards (called air drag).

a) What is the total work done by the air drag force in 1 minute?

b) What is the work done by the bicyclist over the same time (assuming there are no other losses except of the air drag)?



Problem 2.

A driver in the car moving with speed 30 m/s applies breaks. Friction force acting on the car is 10kN. Mass of the car is 2000kg. Find the distance that the car will travel before coming to a complete stop.