









Energy and Work

how fact will my car take to stop when braking, etc without ever worrying about details of forces or what happens in between!







e. a. and b. and c.

Energy conservation – background ideas

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- Work (connection between forces and work)
- Conservation of energy
- Gravitational PE
- Kinetic Energy





































Summary of data from ramp:

- Measured force required to push cart up frictionless ramp at constant velocity: Conclusion: Force changes proportional to steepness.
- 2) Measured distance travelled up ramp to get to the same height Conclusion: Changes as 1/steepness.
- 3) Calculated: Amount of work done
 = force of push along ramp x distance along ramp,

Conclusion :

Same work done to push car to same height! (independent of ramp steepness)

What about just lifting the car vertically?

What would be force needed to lift cart straight up at constant velocity?

- a. greater than the weight (=mg) of the car
- b. less than the weight of the carc. the same as the weight of the car
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