Work-Energy for Rigid Bodies

Lecture 38

ME 231: Dynamics



Two spheres connected by a cord are initially at rest on a horizontal surface and a projectile hits the middle of the cord.

Determine the **velocity** v when θ approaches **90**°.

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Recall: Definition of Work

- Particle of *mass m* is located by *position vector* r
- **Displacement vector** dr is tangent to its path
- Work done by force F during displacement dr is the dot product of F and dr





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Recall: Plane Motion Types for Rigid Bodies

- Translation
- Fixed-axis rotation
- General plane motion



Kinetic Energy for Rigid Bodies



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Work-Energy Equation for Rigid Bodies

Express weight and springs as doing work

 Work done to bring a rigid body from kinetic energy T₁ to a kinetic energy T₂

$$T_1 + U_{1-2} = T_2$$

Express weight and springs by means of potential energy

• The **work** of all external forces other than gravitational and spring forces is

$$T_1 + V_1 + U_{1-2}' = T_2 + V_2$$



The log is suspended by two parallel 5-m cables and used as a battering ram.

Determine the **angle** θ for the log to be released from rest in order to strike the object to be smashed with a **velocity** of **4** *m/s*.

The **50-kg** flywheel has a **radius of gyration** of **0.4** *m* about its shaft axis and is subjected to the **torque** $M = 2(1-e^{-0.1\theta}) Nm$, where θ is in radians.



Determine its **angular velocity** after **5 revolutions** if it starts

rest when $\theta = 0$.

Work-Energy: Exercise 3



Determine the *distance x* for which the *angular velocity* of the pivoted slender rod will be *maximum* as the bar passes the *vertical position* after being released from rest in the position shown.

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- Final Review on Monday, December 3rd
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