# Linear Momentum 

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## Last time

- conservative forces and potential energy
- power


## Overview

- wrap up power
- introducing momentum
- Newton's Second Law: more general form
- relation to force
- momentum vs kinetic energy


## Power

## Power

the rate of energy transfer to or from a system.
If the transfer is by means of work, then it is the rate of work done.

The instantaneous power is defined as

$$
P=\frac{\mathrm{dE}}{\mathrm{dt}}
$$

The average power is

$$
P_{\mathrm{avg}}=\frac{E}{\Delta t}
$$

Units? The Watt. $1 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{s}=1 \mathrm{~W}$

## Power

Most often we are interested in the rate of work done on a system

$$
P=\frac{\mathrm{dW}}{\mathrm{dt}}
$$

From the definition of work:

$$
W=\int \overrightarrow{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \mathrm{d} \overrightarrow{\mathbf{r}}
$$

Noticing $\vec{v}=\frac{d \vec{r}}{d t}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
W & =\int \overrightarrow{\mathbf{F}} \cdot(\overrightarrow{\mathbf{v}} \mathrm{dt}) \\
P=\frac{\mathrm{dW}}{\mathrm{dt}} & =\overrightarrow{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \overrightarrow{\mathbf{v}}
\end{aligned}
$$

This gives another expression for instantaneous power

$$
P=\overrightarrow{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \overrightarrow{\mathbf{v}}
$$

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Page 239, \#38
38. A $650-\mathrm{kg}$ elevator starts from rest. It moves upward for 3.00 s with constant acceleration until it reaches its cruising speed of $1.75 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. (a) What is the average power of the elevator motor during this time interval? (b) How does this power compare with the motor power when the elevator moves at its cruising speed?

## Power

From kinematics:
$a=\frac{v_{f}}{t}$
$\overrightarrow{\mathbf{F}}_{T}$ is constant:

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_{\mathrm{avg}} & =\overrightarrow{\mathbf{F}}_{T} \cdot \overrightarrow{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathrm{avg}} \\
& =m(g+a) \frac{v_{f}}{2} \\
& =m\left(g+\frac{v_{f}}{t}\right) \frac{v_{f}}{2} \\
& =5.91 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{~W}=5.91 \mathrm{~kW}
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\begin{aligned}
P & =\overrightarrow{\mathbf{F}} \cdot \overrightarrow{\mathbf{v}} \\
& =(\mathrm{mg}) v \\
& =1.11 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{~W} \\
& =11.1 \mathrm{~kW}
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If $m$ is constant $\frac{d m}{d t}=0$, and this reduces to:

$$
\overrightarrow{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathrm{net}}=m \overrightarrow{\mathbf{a}}
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## Generalized Newton's second law example

\#94, page 292
Sand from a stationary hopper falls onto a moving conveyor belt at the rate of $5.00 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{s}$ as shown. The conveyor belt is supported by frictionless rollers and moves at a constant speed of $v=0.750 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ under the action of a constant horizontal external force $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{F}}_{\text {ext }}$ supplied by the motor that drives the belt. Find (a) the sand's rate of change of momentum in the horizontal direction, (b) the force of friction exerted by the belt on the sand, and (c) the external force $\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{F}}_{\text {ext }}$.


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- Both depend on $m$ and $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{v}}$ only.
- $K$ is a scalar.
- $\overrightarrow{\mathbf{p}}$ is a vector.
- In a system with many particles, can have $\sum_{i} \overrightarrow{\mathbf{p}}_{i}=0$ even if $\sum_{i} K_{i} \neq 0$.


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## Summary

- finished power
- linear momentum
- momentum in an isolated system

Test Monday, Mar 2, energy and linear momentum.
(Uncollected) Homework Serway \& Jewett,

- prev: Ch 8, onward from page 236. Probs: 29, 31, 41, 43, 57, 67 (power)
- new: Ch 9, onward from page 283. Probs: 1, 3, 5
- Read the first sections of Chapter 9, read ahead about non-isolated systems.


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