

6) LAW OF CONSERVATION OF MECHANICAL ENERGY

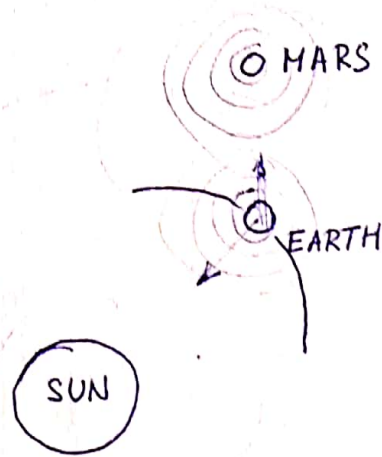
Force field

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}(\vec{r})$$

\vec{r} ... displacement vector

$$d\vec{r} = (dx, dy, dz)$$

$$\vec{F} = (F_x, F_y, F_z)$$



Work of this force

$$W = \int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} (F_x, F_y, F_z) (dx, dy, dz) =$$

$$= \int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} (F_x \cdot dx + F_y \cdot dy + F_z \cdot dz) =$$

$$= \int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} dz \right) =$$

$$= \int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} dU(\vec{r}) = U(\vec{r}_2) - U(\vec{r}_1) = U_2 - U_1$$

If a given force field $\vec{F}(\vec{r})$ has a potential U then mechanical work W of this force between two places 1 and 2 is equal to the difference of the potential at position 2 and 1.

POTENTIAL

$$U = U(\vec{r})$$

$$\vec{F} = \text{grad } U$$

$$\vec{F} = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \right)$$

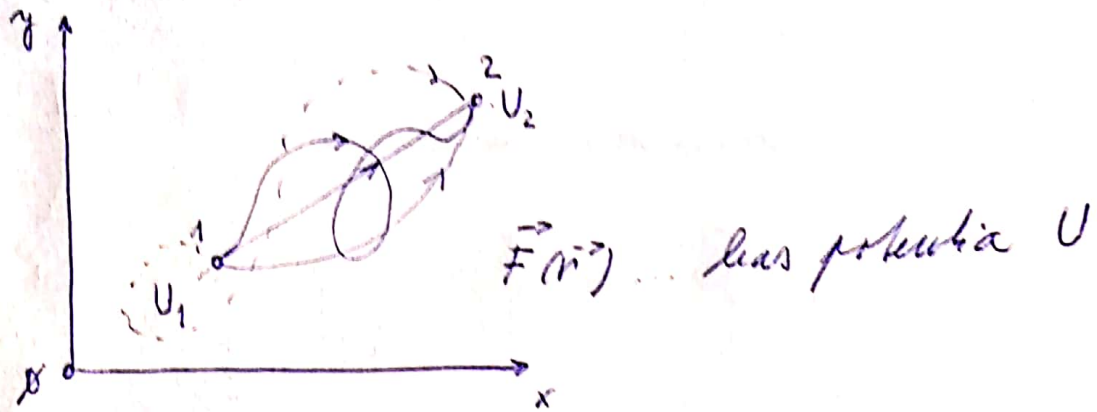
Total differential of U :

$$dU = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \cdot dx + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \cdot dy + \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \cdot dz$$

U ... potential of force field



It does not depend on integrational path



$$W = U_2 - U_1$$

Conditions of potentiality

$\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial x}$
$\frac{\partial F_z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial z}$
$\frac{\partial F_z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial z}$

\Rightarrow then force field has potential

POTENTIAL ENERGY V

$V(\vec{r})$ is given by potential $U(\vec{r})$

$$\underline{V(\vec{r}) = -U(\vec{r})} \quad \text{definition}$$

$$W = \int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} \vec{F} d\vec{r} = U_2 - U_1 = -V_2 - (-V_1) = \underline{V_1 - V_2}$$

$$W = \int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} \vec{F} d\vec{r} = K_2 - K_1 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{LAW OF CHANGE} \\ \text{OF KINETIC ENERGY} \end{array} \right) \quad \text{difference of potential energy}$$

$$K_2 - K_1 = V_1 - V_2$$

$$\boxed{K_1 + V_1 = K_2 + V_2} \quad \text{Law of conservation of mechanical energy}$$

$$\underline{V_2 - V_1 = - \int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} \vec{F} d\vec{r}}$$