

Topic 5: Work, Energy, Power

1) Formulae:

a) Work:

- Units: Joules

$$\text{Work} = \text{Force} \times \text{Distance}$$

b) Power:

- Units: Watts

$$\text{Power} = \text{Force} \times \text{Velocity}$$

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\text{Work}}{\text{Time}}$$

c) Impulse:

- Units: Newton Seconds

$$\vec{I} = m\vec{v} - m\vec{u}$$

d) Potential/Kinetic Energy:

- Units: Joules

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$PE = mgh$$

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e) Law of Conservation of Energy:

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh = \text{Constant}$$

f) Law of Conservation of Momentum:

$$m_1u_1 + m_2u_2 = m_1v_1 + m_2v_2$$

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2) Drag Forces:

Notes:

- Drag Forces can be modelled using:

$$\text{Drag } (D) = kv^n$$

- At Max Speed \Rightarrow Acceleration = 0