

8/24/22 Intro Lecture

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 userid: 4222
 pwd: classical
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Physics 1: Work → motion → KE

Work-KE Thm:

1D motion subject to force F

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$W_{12} = \int_1^2 F dx = \int_1^2 m \left(v \frac{dv}{dx} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2$$

Q: how do we know $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ is KE,
& what does it mean.

17-18th century debate between
Descartes, Leibniz & Newtonian schools

Would universe run down?

colliding
particles

Descartes: no - God created it
with a certain amount of motion,
and this motion must remain. Measure
of motion - vis viva (living force)

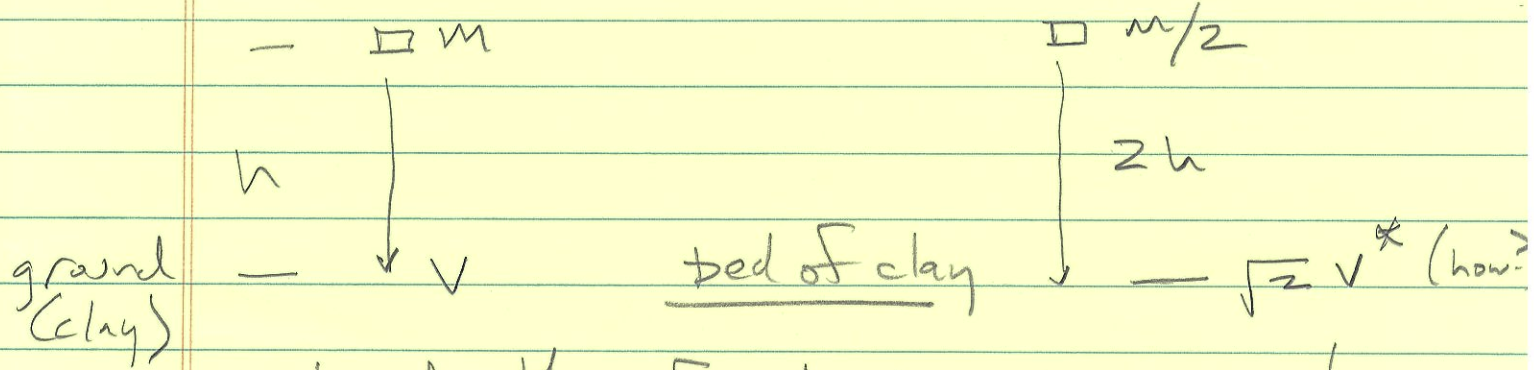
(D): universe consists of matter in collision.
Must be that something is
conserved in collision - mv
e.g. 2 billiard balls.

Leibniz: This can't be whole story -
what about 2 balls of clay
hitting & sticking. Proposed another
quantity mv^2 , suggested that
missing vis viva went into particles
of clay.

1722 Experiments 's Gravesande early 18th c.

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but depth of dent was same!

* we know $mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{2gh}$

's Gravesande: mv doesn't work to explain experiment

$$m_1 v_1 = mv \quad m_2 v_2 = \frac{m}{2} \sqrt{2}v$$

$$m_1 v_1 \neq m_2 v_2 \quad \text{why?}$$

's G: mv^2 works better

$$m_2 v_2^2 = \frac{m}{2} 2v^2 = mv^2$$

\Rightarrow notions of conservation of energy, momentum very unclear until 19th century, idea of heat, potential energy comes still later.

Laplace determination ~ 1815