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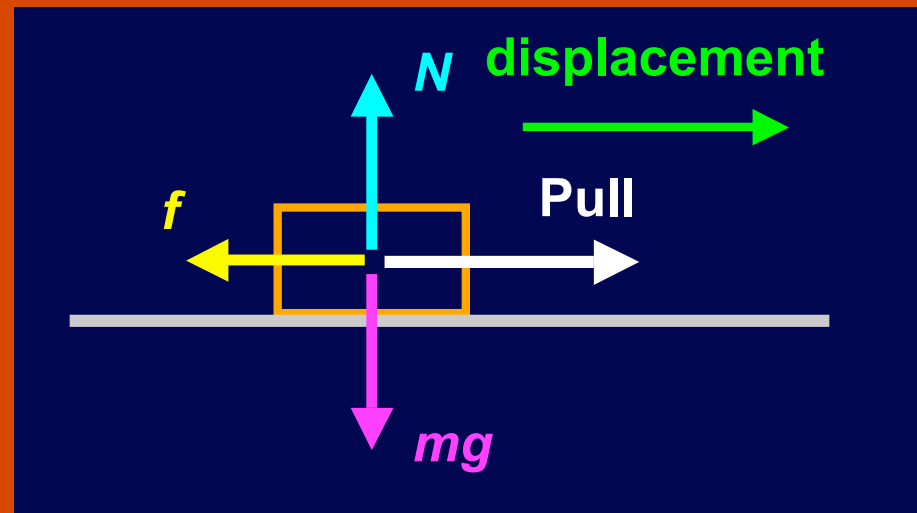
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Friction acts in the **opposite** direction to the displacement, so the work is **negative**. Or using the definition of work: $W = F d \cos q$ since $q = 180^\circ$, then $W < 0$



ConcepTest 6.2d Tension and Work

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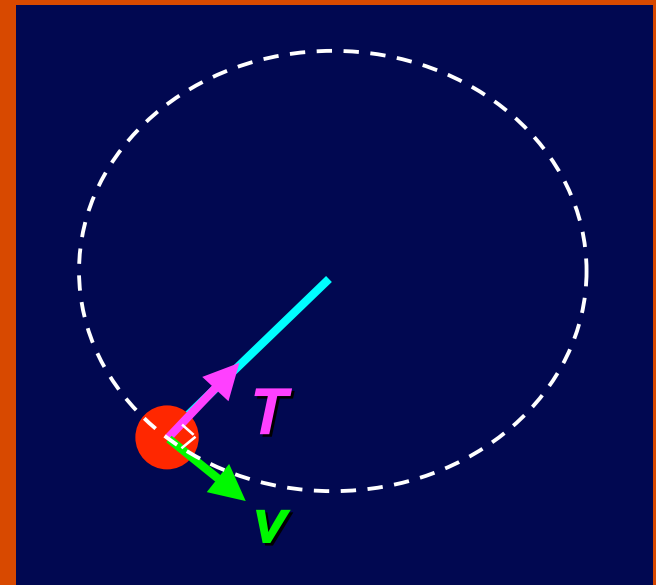
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No work is done because the force acts in a **perpendicular** direction to the displacement. Or using the definition of work: $W = F d \cos \theta$
since $\theta = 90^\circ$, then $W = 0$



Follow-up: Is there a force in the direction of the velocity?

ConcepTest 6.5b Kinetic Energy II

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Since the kinetic energy is $\frac{1}{2} m v^2$, and the mass of car #1 is greater, then car #2 must be moving faster. If the ratio of m_1/m_2 is 2, then the ratio of v^2 values must also be 2. This means that the ratio of v_2/v_1 must be the square root of 2.

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The kinetic energy of the child increased because her speed increased. This increase in KE was the result of positive work being done. Or, from the definition of work, since $W = \Delta KE = KE_f - KE_i$ and we know that $KE_f > KE_i$ in this case, then the work W must be positive.

Follow-up: What does it mean for negative work to be done on the child?

ConceptTest 6.9b Work and Energy II

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In traveling **4 times the distance**, the resistive force will do **4 times the work**. Thus, the ball's **initial KE must be 4 times greater** in order to just reach the hole — this requires an **increase in the initial speed by a factor of 2**, since **$KE = 1/2 mv^2$** .

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No!! We cannot conclude anything about how much work each engine does. Given the power output, the work will depend upon how much time is used. For example, engine #1 may do the same amount of work as engine #2, but in half the time.