POWER AND EFFICIENCY

Today’s Objectives:
Students will be able to:
1. Determine the power generated by a machine, engine, or motor.
2. Calculate the mechanical efficiency of a machine.

In-Class Activities:
• Check Homework
• Reading Quiz
• Applications
• Define Power
• Define Efficiency
• Concept Quiz
• Group Problem Solving
• Attention Quiz
1. The formula definition of power is ___________.
   A) \( \frac{dU}{dt} \)  
   B) \( F \cdot v \)  
   C) \( F \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} \)  
   D) All of the above.

2. Kinetic energy results from _______.
   A) displacement  
   B) velocity  
   C) gravity  
   D) friction
APPLICATIONS

Engines and motors are often rated in terms of their power output. The power output of the motor lifting this elevator is related to the vertical force $F$ acting on the elevator, causing it to move upwards.

Given a desired lift velocity for the elevator (with a known maximum load), how can we determine the power requirement of the motor?
The speed at which a truck can climb a hill depends in part on the power output of the engine and the angle of inclination of the hill.

For a given angle, how can we determine the speed of this truck, knowing the power transmitted by the engine to the wheels? Can we find the speed, if we know the power?

If we know the engine power output and speed of the truck, can we determine the maximum angle of climb of this truck?
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(Section 14.4)

Power is defined as the amount of work performed per unit of time.

If a machine or engine performs a certain amount of work, dU, within a given time interval, dt, the power generated can be calculated as

\[ P = \frac{dU}{dt} \]

Since the work can be expressed as \( dU = F \cdot dr \), the power can be written

\[ P = \frac{dU}{dt} = \frac{(F \cdot dr)}{dt} = F \cdot \frac{(dr)}{dt} = F \cdot v \]

Thus, power is a scalar defined as the product of the force and velocity components acting in the same direction.
POWER

Using scalar notation, power can be written
\[ P = F \cdot v = F \cdot v \cos \theta \]
where \( \theta \) is the angle between the force and velocity vectors.

So if the velocity of a body acted on by a force \( F \) is known, the power can be determined by calculating the dot product or by multiplying force and velocity components.

The unit of power in the SI system is the **Watt** (W) where
\[ 1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J/s} = 1 \text{ (N} \cdot \text{ m)/s} \ . \]
In the FPS system, power is usually expressed in units of **horsepower** (hp) where
\[ 1 \text{ hp} = 550 \text{ (ft} \cdot \text{ lb)/s} = 746 \text{ W} \ . \]
EFFICIENCY

The mechanical efficiency of a machine is the ratio of the useful power produced (output power) to the power supplied to the machine (input power) or

\[ \varepsilon = \frac{\text{power output}}{\text{power input}} \]

If energy input and removal occur at the same time, efficiency may also be expressed in terms of the ratio of output energy to input energy or

\[ \varepsilon = \frac{\text{energy output}}{\text{energy input}} \]

Machines will always have frictional forces. Since frictional forces dissipate energy, additional power will be required to overcome these forces. Consequently, the efficiency of a machine is always less than 1.
PROCEDURE FOR ANALYSIS

• Find the resultant external force acting on the body causing its motion. It may be necessary to draw a free-body diagram.

• Determine the velocity of the point on the body at which the force is applied. Energy methods or the equation of motion and appropriate kinematic relations, may be necessary.

• Multiply the force magnitude by the component of velocity acting in the direction of $F$ to determine the power supplied to the body ($P = F \cdot v \cdot \cos \theta$).

• In some cases, power may be found by calculating the work done per unit of time ($P = dU/dt$).

• If the mechanical efficiency of a machine is known, either the power input or output can be determined.
EXAMPLE

**Given:** A 50 kg block (A) is hoisted by the pulley system and motor M. The motor has an efficiency of 0.8. At this instant, point P on the cable has a velocity of 12 m/s which is increasing at a rate of 6 m/s². Neglect the mass of the pulleys and cable.

**Find:** The power supplied to the motor at this instant.

**Plan:**

1) Relate the cable and block velocities by defining position coordinates. Draw a FBD of the block.
2) Use the equation of motion to determine the cable tension.
3) Calculate the power supplied by the motor and then to the motor.
EXAMPLE (continued)

Solution:

1) Define position coordinates to relate velocities.

Here $s_P$ is defined to a point on the cable. Also
$s_A$ is defined only to the lower pulley, since the
block moves with the pulley. From kinematics,
\[
s_P + 2 s_A = 1
\]
\[\Rightarrow a_P + 2 a_A = 0\]
\[\Rightarrow a_A = -\frac{a_P}{2} = -3 \text{ m/s}^2 (↑)\]

Draw the FBD and kinetic diagram of the block:
EXAMPLE
(continued)

2) The tension of the cable can be obtained by applying the equation of motion to the block.

\[ + \uparrow \sum F_y = m_A a_A \]
\[ 2T - 490.5 = 50 \quad (3) \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = 320.3 \text{ N} \]

3) The power supplied by the motor is the product of the force applied to the cable and the velocity of the cable.

\[ P_o = F \cdot v = (320.3)(12) = 3844 \text{ W} \]

The power supplied to the motor is determined using the motor’s efficiency and the basic efficiency equation.

\[ P_i = P_o/\varepsilon = 3844/0.8 = 4804 \text{ W} = 4.8 \text{ kW} \]
CONCEPT QUIZ

1. A motor pulls a 10 lb block up a smooth incline at a constant velocity of 4 ft/s. Find the power supplied by the motor.
   A) $8.4 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb/s}$       B) $20 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb/s}$
   C) $34.6 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb/s}$       D) $40 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb/s}$

2. A twin engine jet aircraft is climbing at a 10 degree angle at 260 ft/s. The thrust developed by a jet engine is 1000 lb. The power developed by the aircraft is
   A) $(1000 \text{ lb})(260 \text{ ft/s})$       B) $(2000 \text{ lb})(260 \text{ ft/s}) \cos 10$
   C) $(1000 \text{ lb})(260 \text{ ft/s}) \cos 10$       D) $(2000 \text{ lb})(260 \text{ ft/s})$
GROUP PROBLEM SOLVING

Given: A sports car has a mass of 2000 kg and an engine efficiency of $\varepsilon = 0.65$. Moving forward, the wind creates a drag resistance on the car of $F_D = 1.2v^2$ N, where $v$ is the velocity in m/s. The car accelerates at $5 \text{ m/s}^2$, starting from rest.

Find: The engine’s input power when $t = 4$ s.

Plan: 1) Draw a free body diagram of the car.
2) Apply the equation of motion and kinematic equations to find the car’s velocity at $t = 4$ s.
3) Determine the output power required for this motion.
4) Use the engine’s efficiency to determine input power.
Solution:

1) Draw the FBD of the car.

The drag force and weight are known forces. The normal force $N_c$ and frictional force $F_c$ represent the resultant forces of all four wheels. The frictional force between the wheels and road pushes the car forward.

2) The equation of motion can be applied in the $x$-direction, with $a_x = 5 \text{ m/s}^2$:

\[ + \sum F_x = m a_x \Rightarrow F_c - 1.2v^2 = (2000)(5) \]

\[ \Rightarrow F_c = (10,000 + 1.2v^2) \text{ N} \]
3) The constant acceleration equations can be used to determine the car’s velocity.

\[ v_x = v_{xo} + a_x t = 0 + (5)(4) = 20 \text{ m/s} \]

4) The power output of the car is calculated by multiplying the driving (frictional) force and the car’s velocity:

\[ P_o = (F_c)v_x = [10,000 + (1.2)(20)^2](20) = 209.6 \text{ kW} \]

5) The power developed by the engine (prior to its frictional losses) is obtained using the efficiency equation.

\[ P_i = P_o/\varepsilon = 209.6/0.65 = 322 \text{ kW} \]
ATTENTION QUIZ

1. The power supplied by a machine will always be _________ the power supplied to the machine.
   
   A) less than  
   B) equal to  
   C) greater than  
   D) A or B

2. A car is traveling a level road at 88 ft/s. The power being supplied to the wheels is 52,800 ft·lb/s. Find the combined friction force on the tires.
   
   A) 8.82 lb  
   B) 400 lb  
   C) 600 lb  
   D) 4.64 x 10^6 lb
End of the Lecture

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