

8. Since this involves constant-acceleration motion, we can apply the equations of Table 2-1, such as $x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$ (where $x_0 = 0$). We choose to analyze the third and fifth points, obtaining

$$\begin{aligned} 0.2 \text{ m} &= v_0(1.0 \text{ s}) + \frac{1}{2} a (1.0 \text{ s})^2 \\ 0.8 \text{ m} &= v_0(2.0 \text{ s}) + \frac{1}{2} a (2.0 \text{ s})^2 \end{aligned}$$

Simultaneous solution of the equations leads to $v_0 = 0$ and $a = 0.40 \text{ m/s}^2$. We now have two ways to finish the problem. One is to compute force from $F = ma$ and then obtain the work from Eq. 7-7. The other is to find ΔK as a way of computing W (in accordance with Eq. 7-10). In this latter approach, we find the velocity at $t = 2.0 \text{ s}$ from $v = v_0 + at$ (so $v = 0.80 \text{ m/s}$). Thus,

$$W = \Delta K = \frac{1}{2}(1.0 \text{ kg})(0.80 \text{ m/s})^2 = 0.32 \text{ J} .$$