

Let's consider the motion of an object that is under the action of a force.

So we have some force that's acting on this object.

And we have a little displacement ds .

So this is a small displacement of the object.

Then we know that the small amount of work done by the action of this force is $F \cdot ds$.

And the rate of doing work, so let's now introduce the concept of power, which is the rate of doing work.

That is, $F \cdot ds$ over dt .

And ds/dt is just the velocity of the object.

So we see very simply that when we talk about power, and sometimes people use the symbol p , although we can also talk about pressure and momentum, so it's a little bit tricky.

But here, the power is $F \cdot v$. And power is a concept that will appear in many different settings.