

QUES 03:-

Show that a force that does no work must be a velocity dependent force.

Sol. The work done by a force is given by $dW = F \cdot dl = F dl \cos \theta$

As work done by force is zero, so

$$dW = F \cdot dl = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F \cdot \frac{dl}{dt} \times dt = 0$$

$$dW = F \cdot v \, dt = 0$$

as $dt \neq 0$ [$\therefore F \cdot v = 0$]

So F must be velocity dependent, i.e., angle between F and v must be 90° always, then for $F \cdot v = 0$

$$Fv \cos \theta = \cos 90^\circ$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ$$

If v changes direction then to make $\theta = 90^\circ$, F must change angle according to v. So F is dependent of v to make work done zero.