



Total energy in an isolated system remains constant.



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Stable equilibrium

- If a particle is displaced slightly from its present position, then a force acting on it brings it back to the initial position.
- · Potential energy is minimum.

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$$F = -\frac{dU}{dx} = 0$$

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$$\frac{d^2U}{dx^2}$$
 = positive

Unstable equilibrium

If a particle is displaced slightly from its present position, then a force acting on it tries to displace the particle further away from the equilibrium position.

Potential energy is maximum.

$$F = -\frac{dU}{dx} = 0$$
$$\frac{d^2U}{dx^2} = \text{negative}$$

If a particle is slightly displaced from its position, then it does not experience any force acting on it and continues to be in equilibrium in the displaced position.

Potential energy is constant.

$$F = -\frac{dU}{dx} = 0$$
$$d^2U$$

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} = 0$$

i.e., rate of change of $\frac{dU}{dx}$ is positive *i.e.*, rate of change of $\frac{dU}{dx}$ is negative *i.e.*, rate of change of $\frac{dU}{dx}$ is zero













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