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What do you think? .

- What is a force? ▾
- Are any forces acting on your book as it rests on your desk? ▾
 - If so, describe them. ▾
 - Make a sketch showing any forces on the book. ▾
- What units are used to measure force? ▾
- Can forces exist without contact between objects? Explain.

Forces ▾

- Forces can change motion.
 - Start movement, stop movement, or change the direction of movement ▾
 - Cause an object in motion to speed up or slow down



Forces

- Contact forces
 - Pushes or pulls requiring physical contact between the objects
 - Baseball and bat
- Field forces
 - Objects create force fields that act on other objects.
 - Gravity, static electricity, magnetism



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Units of Force

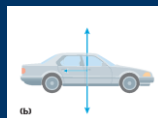
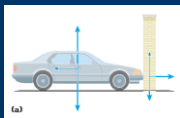
- The SI unit of force is the newton (N).
 - Named for Sir Isaac Newton
 - Defined as the force required to accelerate a 1 kg mass at a rate of 1 m/s²
 - Approximately 1/4 pound
- Other units are shown below.

System	Mass	Acceleration	Force
SI	kg	m/s ²	N = kg•m/s ²
cgs	g	cm/s ²	dyne = g•cm/s ²
Avoirdupois	slug	ft/s ²	lb = slug•ft/s ²

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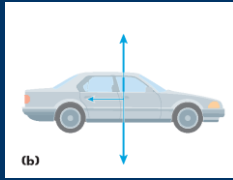
Force Diagrams

- Forces are vectors (magnitude and direction).
- Force diagram (a)
 - Shows all forces acting during an interaction
 - On the car and on the wall
- Free-body diagram (b)
 - Shows only forces acting on the object of interest
 - On the car



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Free-Body Diagrams



- Three forces are shown on the car.
 - Describe each force by explaining the source of the force and where it acts on the car.
 - Is each force a contact force or a field force?

Now what do you think?

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- What forces act on your book as it rests on your desk?
 - Make a sketch showing any forces on the book.
 - Are they contact forces or field forces?
- What SI unit is used to measure force?
 - What equivalent basic SI units measure force?

What do you think?

- Imagine the following two situations:
 - Pushing a puck across an air hockey table
 - Pushing a book across a lab table
- What should your finger do in each case to maintain a *constant speed* for the object as it moves across the table or desk? (Choose from below.)
 - A quick push or force, then release the object
 - Maintain a constant force as you push the object
 - Increase or decrease the force as you push the object
- Explain your choice for the puck and the book.

Newton's First Law

- Experimentation led Galileo to the idea that objects maintain their state of motion or rest.
- Newton developed the idea further, in what is now known as Newton's first law of motion:

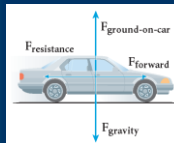
NEWTON'S FIRST LAW

An object at rest remains at rest, and an object in motion continues in motion with constant velocity (that is, constant speed in a straight line) unless the object experiences a net external force.

Newton's First Law

- Called the *law of inertia*
- Inertia
 - Tendency of an object *not* to accelerate
 - Mass is a measure of inertia
 - More mass produces more resistance to a change in velocity
- Which object in each pair has more inertia?
 - A baseball at rest or a tennis ball at rest
 - Answer: the baseball
 - A tennis ball moving at 125 mi/h or a baseball at rest
 - Answer: the baseball

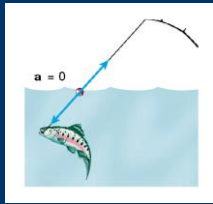
Net Force - the Sum of the Forces



- This car is moving with a constant velocity.
 - F_{forward} = road pushing the tires
 - $F_{\text{resistance}}$ = force caused by friction and air
 - Forces are balanced
- Velocity is constant because the net force (F_{net}) is zero.

Equilibrium

- The state in which the net force is zero.
 - All forces are balanced.
 - Object is at rest or travels with constant velocity.
- In the diagram, the bob on the fishing line is in equilibrium.
 - The forces cancel each other.
 - If either force changes, acceleration will occur.



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Classroom Practice Problem

- An agricultural student is designing a support system to keep a tree upright. Two wires have been attached to the tree and placed at right angles to each other (parallel to the ground). One wire exerts a force of 30.0 N and the other exerts a force of 40.0 N. Determine where to place a third wire and how much force it should exert so that the net force on the tree is zero.
- Answer: 50.0 N at 143° from the 40.0 N force

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What do you think? .

- If a net force acts on an object, what type of *motion* will be observed? ▾
 - Why? ▾
- How would this motion be affected by the amount of force? ▾
- Are there any other factors that might affect this motion?

Newton's Second Law ▾

NEWTON'S SECOND LAW

The acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the net force acting on the object and inversely proportional to the object's mass.

- Increasing the force will increase the acceleration. ▾
 - Which produces a greater acceleration on a 3-kg model airplane, a force of 5 N or a force of 7 N? ▾
 - Answer: the 7 N force ▾
- Increasing the mass will decrease the acceleration. ▾
 - A force of 5 N is exerted on two model airplanes, one with a mass of 3 kg and one with a mass of 4 kg. Which has a greater acceleration? ▾
 - Answer: the 3 kg airplane

Newton's Second Law (Equation Form) ▾

NEWTON'S SECOND LAW

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

net force = mass × acceleration

- ΣF represents the *vector sum* of all forces acting on an object. ▾
 - $\Sigma F = F_{\text{net}}$ ▾
 - Units for force: mass units (kg) × acceleration units (m/s²) ▾
 - The units kg·m/s² are also called newtons (N).

Classroom Practice Problem

- Space-shuttle astronauts experience accelerations of about 35 m/s^2 during takeoff. What force does a 75 kg astronaut experience during an acceleration of this magnitude? ▾
- Answer: $2600 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}^2$ or 2600 N



What do you think?

- Two football players, Alex and Jason, collide head-on. They have the same mass and the same speed before the collision. How does the force on Alex compare to the force on Jason? Why do you think so? ▾
 - Sketch each player as a stick figure. ▾
 - Place a velocity vector above each player. ▾
 - Draw the force vector on each and label it (i.e. F_{JA} is the force of Jason on Alex).



What do you think?

- Suppose Alex has twice the mass of Jason. How would the forces compare? ▾
 - Why do you think so? ▾
 - Sketch as before. ▾
- Suppose Alex has twice the mass and Jason is at rest. How would the forces compare? ▾
 - Why do you think so? ▾
 - Sketch as before.

Newton's Third Law

- Forces always exist in pairs.
 - You push down on the chair, the chair pushes up on you
 - Called the action force and reaction force
 - Occur simultaneously so *either* force is the action force

Newton's Third Law

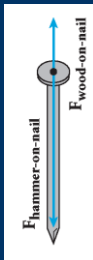
NEWTON'S THIRD LAW

If two objects interact, the magnitude of the force exerted on object 1 by object 2 is equal to the magnitude of the force simultaneously exerted on object 2 by object 1, and these two forces are opposite in direction.

- For every action force there is an equal and opposite reaction force.
- The forces act on different objects.
 - Therefore, they do not balance or cancel each other.
 - The motion of each object depends on the net force on that object.

Hammer Striking a Nail

- What are the action/reaction pairs for a hammer striking a nail into wood?
 - Force of hammer on nail = force of nail on hammer
 - Force of wood on nail = force of nail on wood
- Which of the action/reaction forces above act on the nail?
 - Force of hammer on nail (downward)
 - Force of wood on nail (upward)
- Does the nail move? If so, how?
 - $F_{\text{hammer-on-nail}} > F_{\text{wood-on-nail}}$ so the nail accelerates downward



Hammer Striking a Nail

- What forces act on the hammer?
 - Force of nail on hammer (upward)
 - Force of hand on hammer (downward)
- Does the hammer move? If so, how?
 - $F_{\text{nail-on-hammer}} > F_{\text{hand-on-hammer}}$ so the hammer accelerates upward or slows down
- The hammer and nail accelerate in opposite directions.

Action-Reaction: A Book on a Desk

Action Force

Reaction Force

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The desk pushes up on the book. • Earth pulls down on the book (force of gravity). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book pushes down on the desk. • The book pulls up on Earth. |
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Action-Reaction: A Falling Book

Action

Reaction

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth pulls down on the book (force of gravity). • What is the result of the action force (if this is the only force on the book)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Unbalanced force produces an acceleration of -9.81 m/s^2. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book pulls up on Earth. • What is the result of the reaction force? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unbalanced force produces a very small upward acceleration (because the mass of Earth is so large). |
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Now what do you think? .

Two football players, Alex and Jason, collide head-on. For each scenario below, do the following: ▾

- Sketch each player as a stick figure. ▾
- Place a velocity vector above each player. ▾
- Draw the force vector on each and label it. ▾
- Draw the acceleration vector above each player. ▾
- Scenario 1: Alex and Jason have the same mass and the same speed before the collision. ▾
- Scenario 2: Alex has twice the mass of Jason, and they both have the same speed before the collision. ▾
- Scenario 3: Alex has twice the mass and Jason is at rest.



What do you think? .

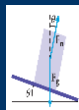
- How do the quantities *weight* and *mass* differ from each other? ▾
- Which of the following terms is most closely related to the term *friction*? ▾
 - Heat, energy, force, velocity ▾
- Explain the relationship.

Weight and Mass

- Mass is the amount of matter in an object.
 - Kilograms, slugs
- Weight is a measure of the gravitational force on an object.
 - Newtons, pounds
 - Depends on the acceleration of gravity
- Weight = mass × acceleration of gravity
 - $W = ma_g$ where $a_g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ on Earth
 - Depends on location
 - a_g varies slightly with location on Earth.
 - a_g is different on other planets.

Normal Force

- Force on an object perpendicular to the surface (F_n)
- It may equal the weight (F_g), as it does here.
- It does not always equal the weight (F_g), as in the second example.
- $F_n = mg \cos \theta$



Static Friction

- Force that prevents motion
- Abbreviated F_s
 - How does the applied force (F) compare to the frictional force (F_s)?
 - Would F_s change if F was reduced? If so, how?
 - If F is increased significantly, will F_s change? If so, how?
 - Are there any limits on the value for F_s ?



Kinetic Friction

- Force between surfaces that opposes movement
- Abbreviated F_k
- Does not depend on the speed



- Using the picture, describe the motion you would observe.
 - The jug will accelerate.
- How could the person push the jug at a constant speed?
 - Reduce F so it equals F_k .

Friction

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Visual Concept

Calculating the Force of Friction (F_f)

- F_f is directly proportional to F_n (normal force).

$$F_f = \mu F_n \quad \mu = \frac{F_f}{F_n}$$

- Coefficient of friction (μ):
 - Determined by the nature of the two surfaces
 - μ_s is for static friction.
 - μ_k is for kinetic friction.
 - $\mu_s > \mu_k$

Typical Coefficients of Friction

- Values for μ have no units and are approximate.

Table 2 Coefficients of Friction (Approximate Values)

	μ_s	μ_k		μ_s	μ_k
steel on steel	0.74	0.57	waxed wood on wet snow	0.14	0.1
aluminum on steel	0.61	0.47	waxed wood on dry snow	—	0.04
rubber on dry concrete	1.0	0.8	metal on metal (lubricated)	0.15	0.06
rubber on wet concrete	—	0.5	ice on ice	0.1	0.03
wood on wood	0.4	0.2	Teflon on Teflon	0.04	0.04
glass on glass	0.9	0.4	synovial joints in humans	0.01	0.003

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Visual Concept

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Classroom Practice Problem

- A 24 kg crate initially at rest on a horizontal floor requires a 75 N horizontal force to set it in motion. Find the coefficient of static friction between the crate and the floor.
 - Draw a free-body diagram and use it to find:
 - the weight
 - the normal force (F_n)
 - the force of friction (F_f)
 - Find the coefficient of friction.
- Answer: $\mu_s = 0.32$

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Classroom Practice Problem

- A student attaches a rope to a 20.0 kg box of books. He pulls with a force of 90.0 N at an angle of 30.0° with the horizontal. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the box and the sidewalk is 0.500. Find the magnitude of the acceleration of the box.

- Start with a free-body diagram.
- Determine the net force.
- Find the acceleration.



- Answer: $a = 0.12 \text{ m/s}^2$

The Four Fundamental Forces

- Electromagnetic
 - Caused by interactions between protons and electrons
 - Produces friction
- Gravitational
 - The weakest force
- Strong nuclear force
 - The strongest force
 - Short range
- Weak nuclear force
 - Short range

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