

# Review of Kinematics and Dynamics

## Classical Mechanics (Newtonian)



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graph TD; A[Classical Mechanics (Newtonian)] --> B[Kinematics]; A --> C[Dynamics];
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Kinematics

(κίνησης=motion)

description of motion

Dynamics

(δύναμης=force)

cause of motion

# Physical quantities

- **Scalar**

described by a **single number**

Calculations using  
ordinary arithmetics

- **Vector**

has both a  
**magnitude** and a  
**direction** in space

Calculations using  
linear algebra

# Physical quantities

- **Scalars:**

Distance

Speed

Time

Mass

Energy

Electric potential

- **Vectors:**

Displacement

Velocity

Acceleration

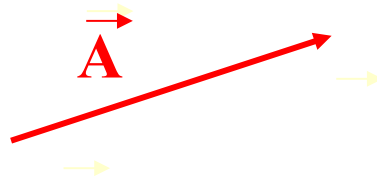
Force

Momentum

Electric field

# Vector

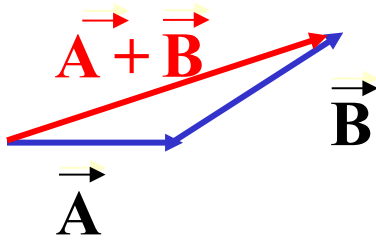
A quantity with a size and direction. Arrows are used to represent vectors.



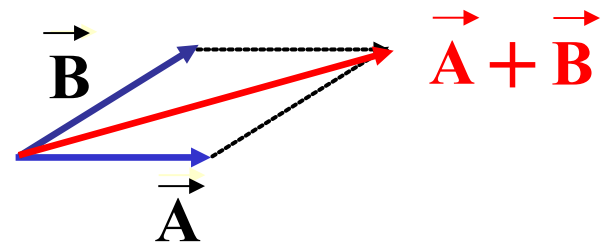
# Graphical vector operations

- Addition

head to tail:

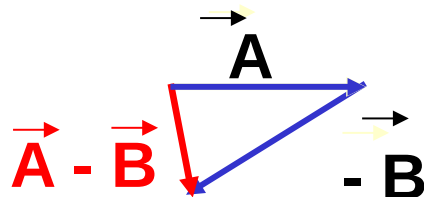


Parallelogram:

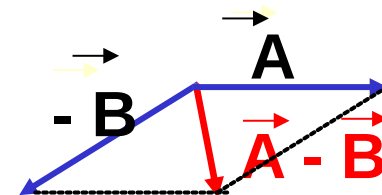


- Subtraction

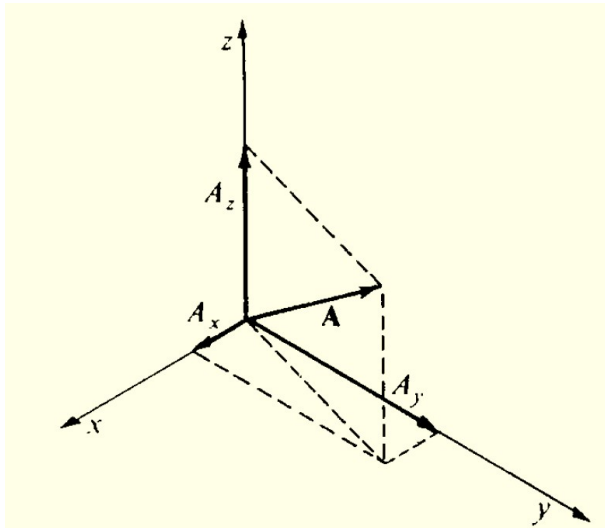
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Parallelogram:



# Component and unit Vectors



$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}_x + \vec{A}_y + \vec{A}_z$$

## MAGNITUDE OF A VECTOR

$$|\vec{A}| = A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

## UNIT VECTOR

$$\vec{u}_{\vec{A}} = \frac{\vec{A}}{|\vec{A}|} = \frac{(A_x, A_y, A_z)}{\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}}$$

The 3 independent unit vectors in the system

$$\vec{u}_x = \vec{i} = (1, 0, 0)$$

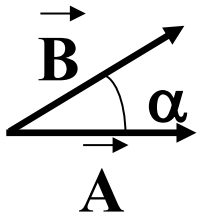
$$\vec{u}_y = \vec{j} = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$\vec{u}_z = \vec{k} = (0, 0, 1)$$

# Products of Vectors

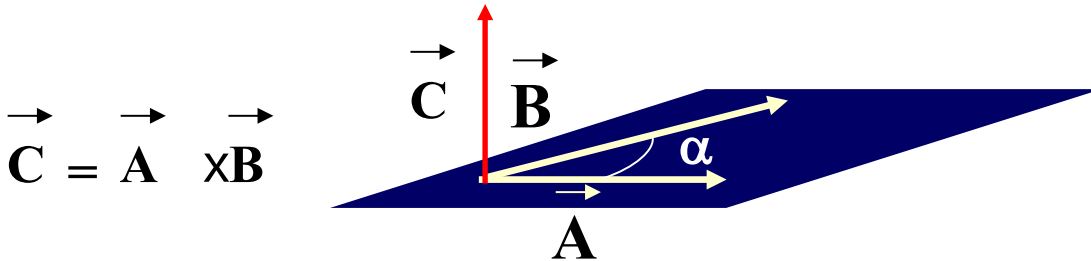
- Scalar(Dot) product  $\rightarrow$  scalar

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \alpha$$



$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (a_x, a_y, a_z) \cdot (b_x, b_y, b_z) = (a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z)$$

- Vector(cross) product  $\rightarrow$  a new vector



$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = AB \sin \alpha$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{u}_x & \vec{u}_y & \vec{u}_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \vec{u}_x + (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) \vec{u}_y + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \vec{u}_z$$

# Kinematics: study of motion

*“Τα πάντα ρει, μηδέποτε κατά τ' αὐτό μένειν”*

*“Everything changes and nothing remains still”*

Heraclitus of Ephesus (c. 535 – c. 475 BC)

## **Quantities:**

- Position  $x$
- Distance  $d$
- Displacement  $\Delta x$
- Speed
- Velocity  $\mathbf{u}$
- Time  $t$
- Acceleration  $\mathbf{y}$



# Distance vs displacement

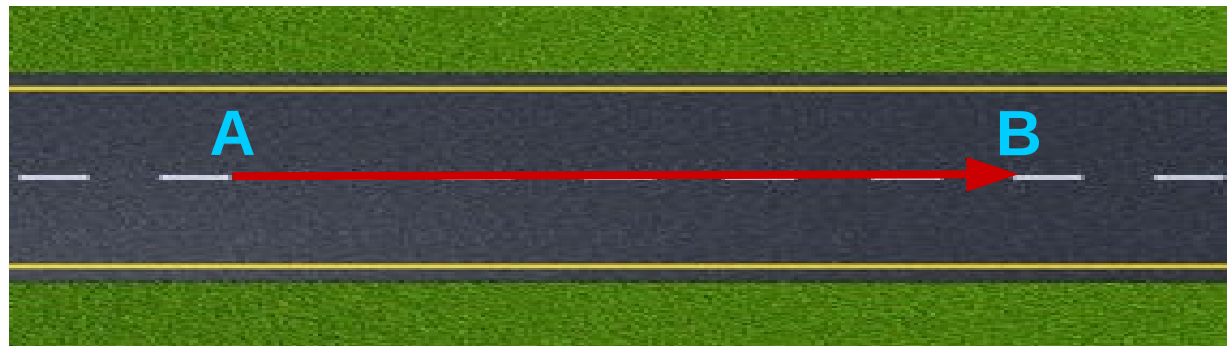
- Distance: the complete length of the path travelled by a moving object

***scalar***



- Displacement: the length of the straight-line path from a moving object's origin to final position

***vector***



# Average velocity

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SI units: m/s

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Example: Usain Bolt runs *100 m* in 9.58 s.  
What is his average speed?



10.44 m/s

# Instantaneous velocity

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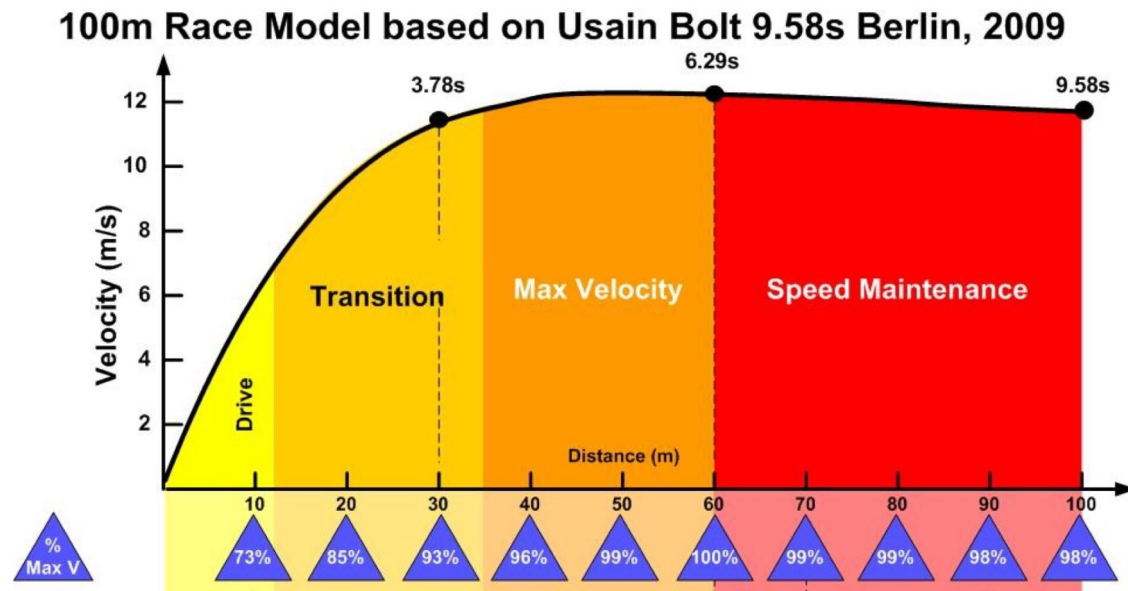
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- Example: Usain Bolt's world record race



# Acceleration

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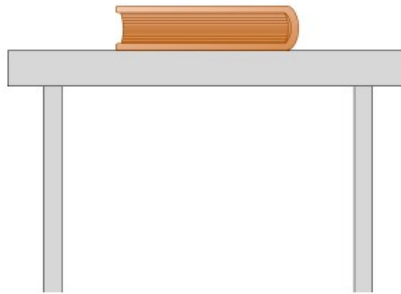
(**vector**)      SI units: m/s<sup>2</sup>

Example: A supercar accelerates from rest to 27.77 m/s in 2.1 s. What is the average acceleration magnitude?

Answer: 13.22 m/s<sup>2</sup>

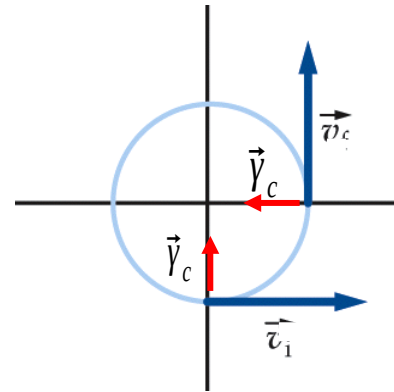
# Uniform motion

- An object at rest



velocity is constant (magnitude and direction)

- Uniform circular motion and centripetal acceleration



Speed is constant, but velocity is NOT! Velocity direction changes → acceleration (perpendicular to  $\vec{v}$ )

$$|\vec{y}| = \frac{|\vec{v}|^2}{R} = \frac{\left(\frac{2\pi R}{T}\right)^2}{R} = \frac{4\pi^2 R}{T^2}$$



# Motion with Constant Acceleration

- Constant acceleration  $\rightarrow$  constant total force

Example: Free falling object



Trinity College, Cambridge (UK)

All bodies in free fall near the earth's surface have the same downward acceleration of

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{g} t^2$$
$$\vec{v} = \vec{g} t$$

# Feather and hammer experiment

- Astronaut David Scott (1971)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDp1tiUsZw8>

# Motion with Constant Acceleration

- Kinematic equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \vec{r} &= \vec{v}_o t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} t^2 \\ \vec{v} &= \vec{v}_o + \vec{a} t \\ v^2 &= v_o^2 + 2 \vec{a} \Delta \vec{r}\end{aligned}$$

DERIVE from velocity and acceleration formulas

# Dynamics: study of the cause of motion

*“Ἄνευ αἰτίου οὐδέν ἐστίν”*

*“Nothing happens without a cause”*

Aristotle (384 – 322 BC)

## Quantities:

- Force **F**: any influence that can change the velocity of a body
- Mass **m**
- Acceleration ***y***
- Time **t**

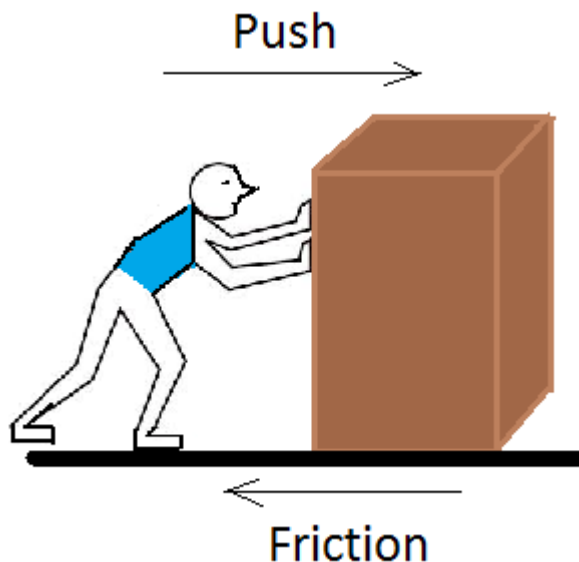
# Examples of forces

- Contact Forces  
arise from physical  
contact
- Action-at-a-distance  
forces  
do not require contact  
(*gravity,*  
*electromagnetic*)

# Examples of contact forces

- Frictional forces act to oppose relative motion between surfaces that are in contact.

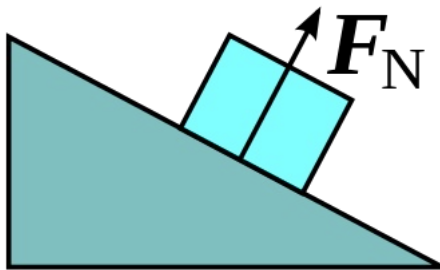
Such forces act parallel to the surfaces.



static friction  
Kinetic friction

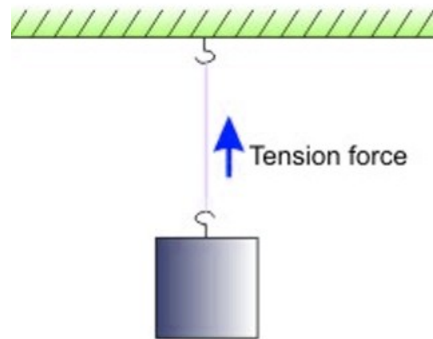
# Examples of contact forces

- The normal force is one component of the force that a surface exerts on an object with which it is in contact → perpendicular to the surface



# Examples of contact forces

- Cables and ropes transmit forces through tension. The tension  $T$  in a cable is the magnitude of the force that any part of the cable exerts on the adjoining part





# Newton's First Law of Motion

## “law of inertia”

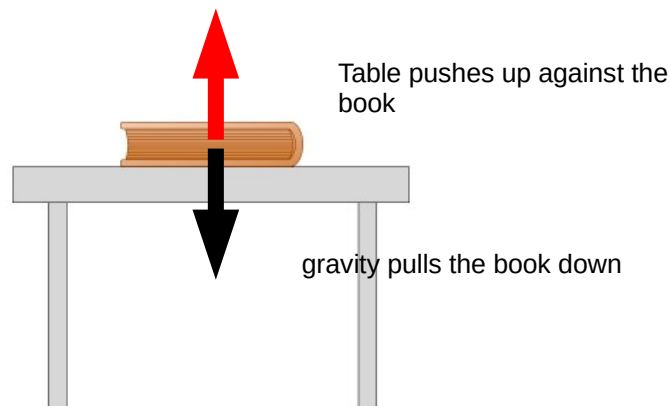
**inertia**=resistance to change

*“A body at rest will remain at rest unless acted upon by a net force.”*

*A body in motion will continue moving at constant velocity unless acted upon by a net force”*

**NET FORCE**

$$\vec{F}_{net} = \sum \vec{F}_i$$



$$\vec{F}_{net} = 0$$

# Newton's Second Law of Motion

*“The acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the net force acting on the object and inversely proportional to the mass of the object ”*

$$\vec{F}_{net} = \sum \vec{F}_i = \sum m \vec{a}_i$$

SI units: N=Kg\*m/s<sup>2</sup>

Mass is an intrinsic property of an object! It measures its resistance to acceleration ie inertia.

Mass is not weight!

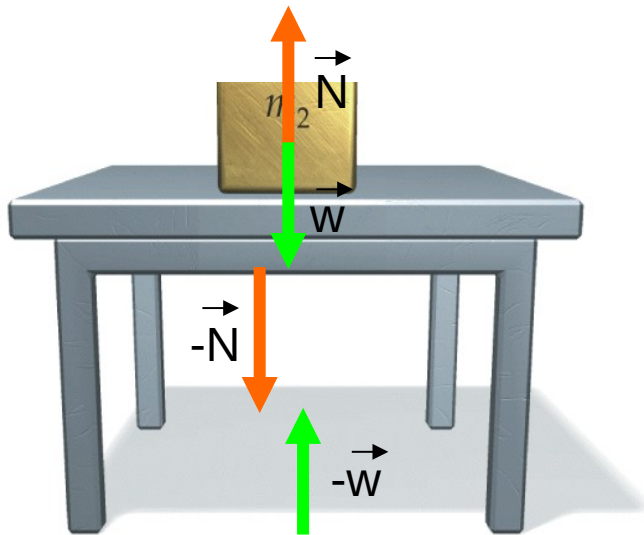
# Newton's Third Law of Motion

*“For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction”*

$$\vec{F}_{AB} = -\vec{F}_{BA}$$

SI units:  $\text{N} = \text{Kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2$

**EXAMPLE:**

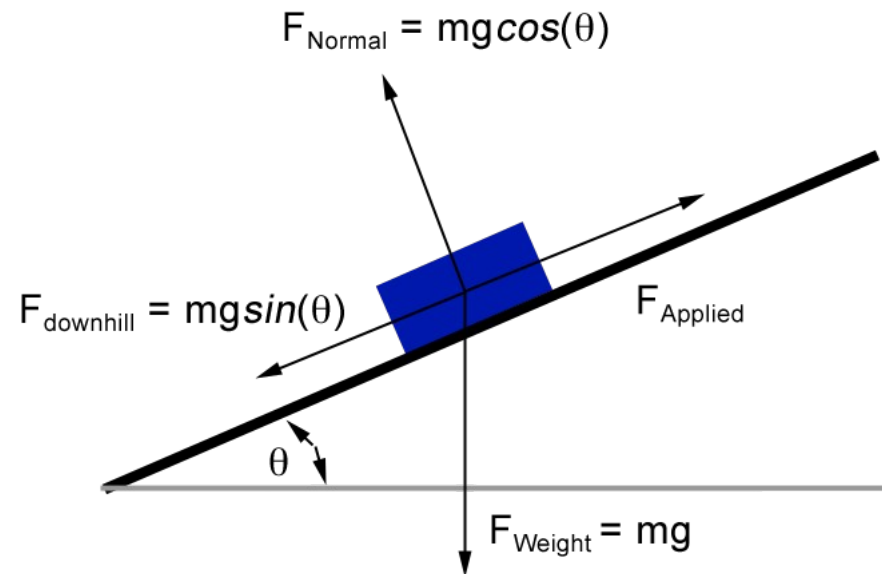


**Action and reaction forces can NEVER balance each other, as they act on different objects!**

# From Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law to kinematics

## FREE BODY DIAGRAM

*A vector diagram that shows all of the forces that act on the body*



*Calculate net Force  $\rightarrow$  obtain acceleration  $\rightarrow$*

$$\vec{y} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_0 + \int_0^t \vec{y}(t) dt$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + \int_0^t \vec{v}(t) dt$$