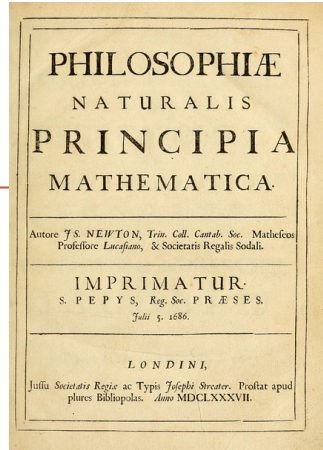
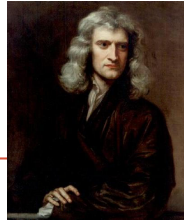




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## Chapter 4 The Laws of Motion



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## 1. The concept of force

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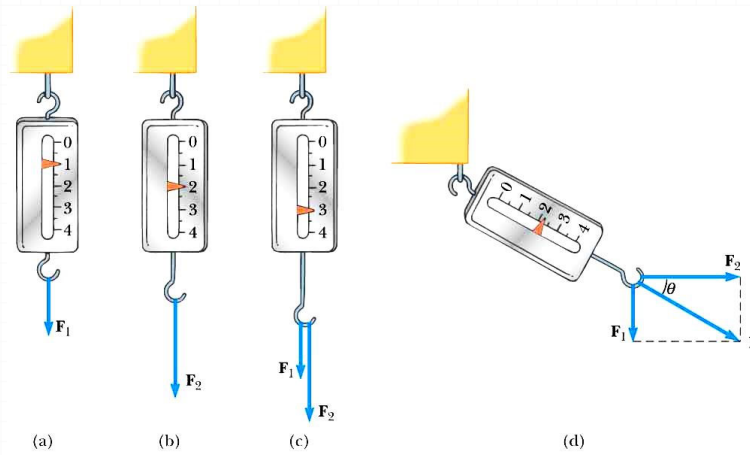
## Force

- Force causes motion.
  - Net force = total force = resultant force.
  - Net Force  $\neq 0$  → acceleration → change velocity.
  - Velocity is constant → net force = 0 → called “equilibrium”.
- 🤖 Is uniform circular motion in equilibrium?
- How to measure force?
  - A spring can be used to measure force.

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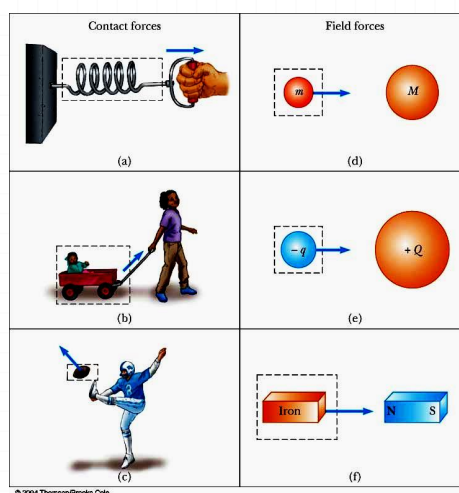
Force is a vector, experimentally verified as in the figure.



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### Contact force vs Field force

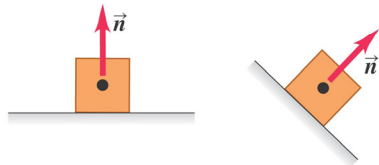


In atomic level, all contact forces are caused by electromagnetic force.

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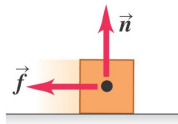
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(a) **Normal force  $\vec{n}$ :** When an object rests or pushes on a surface, the surface exerts a push on it that is directed perpendicular to the surface.



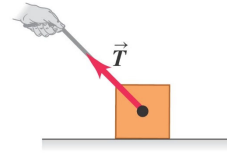
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(b) **Friction force  $\vec{f}$ :** In addition to the normal force, a surface may exert a frictional force on an object, directed parallel to the surface.



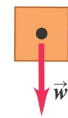
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(c) **Tension force  $\vec{T}$ :** A pulling force exerted on an object by a rope, cord, etc.



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(d) **Weight  $\vec{w}$ :** The pull of gravity on an object is a long-range force (a force that acts over a distance).

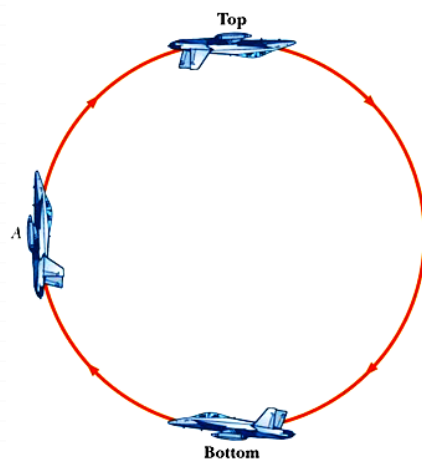


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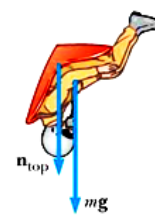
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☺ Which direction is for the normal force?



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## 2. Newton's first law

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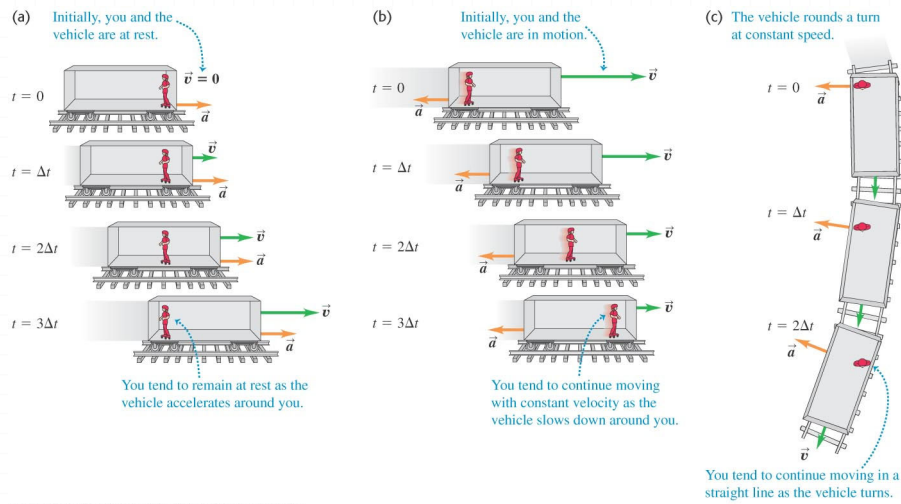
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## Newton's First Law

- If an object does not interact with other objects, it is possible to identify a reference frame in which the object has **zero acceleration**.
- It defines **inertial frames**, where Newton's laws can only be applied.
- External force = 0, an object at rest remains at rest, and an object in motion continues in motion with a constant velocity.
- Also called the **law of inertia**.
- 🤖 In a non-inertial frame, fictitious force will arise from nowhere and violates Newton's laws.

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## How to find an inertial Frames?

- Any reference frame that moves with constant velocity relative to an inertial frame is itself an inertial frame.
- A reference frame that moves with constant velocity relative to **the distant stars** is the best approximation of an inertial frame.
- We can consider the **Earth** to be such an inertial frame although it has a small centripetal acceleration ( $\ll g$ ) associated with its rotation and orbital motion.
- **No absolute reference frame. (Mach's principle)**

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In Mach's idea this concept of absolute motion should be substituted with a total relativism in which every motion, uniform or accelerated, has sense **only in reference to other bodies**.

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## Inertia and Mass

- The tendency of an object to resist any attempt to change its velocity is called **inertia**. (c.p. Lenz's law in electromagnetics)
- **Mass** is that property of an object that specifies how much resistance an object exhibits to changes in its velocity.
  - If same force is applied to two masses:

$$\frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{a_2}{a_1}$$

- SI unit: kg

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### 3. Newton's second law

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## Newton's Second Law

- When viewed from an inertial frame, the acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the net force acting on it and inversely proportional to its mass.
- Algebraically,  $\Sigma F = m a$  (valid only for  $v \ll c$ )
- Unit of Force: Newton (N) = kg m/s<sup>2</sup>
- Force is the cause of change in motion, as measured by the acceleration.
- “ $Ma$ ” is not a force!
- Internal force has no contribution to the acceleration.

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## 4. The Gravitational Force and Weight

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## Gravitational Force

- The gravitational force,  $F_g$ , is the force that the earth exerts on an object.
  - This force is directed toward the center of the earth.
  - Its magnitude is called the **weight** of the object.
  - $\text{Weight} = |F_g| = mg$
  - Weight will vary with location.
  - Weight and mass are different quantities.

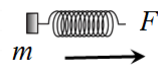
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## Gravitational Mass vs. Inertial Mass

- In Newton's Laws, the mass is the inertial mass and measures the resistance to a change in the object's motion.
- In the gravitational force, the mass is determining the gravitational attraction between the object and the Earth.
- Experiments show that **gravitational mass  $m_g$  = inertial mass  $m_a$** , which inspires **Einstein's General Relativity**.

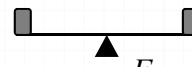
Inertial mass



$$m_a = \frac{F}{a}$$

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Gravitational mass



$$m_g = \frac{F_g}{g}$$

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🤖 If  $m_a \neq m_g$ , the acceleration due to gravity might be different for different bodies!

The current experiment verified that two masses of titanium and platinum aboard a satellite orbiting Earth fall exactly in the same way to a precision of 1 part per  $10^{15}$ . [Phys. Rev. Lett. 129, 121102 (2022)]

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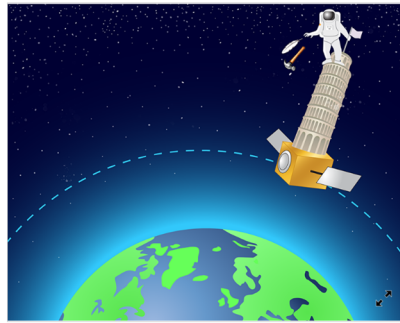
## Satellite Confirms the Principle of Falling

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The *MICROSCOPE* satellite experiment has tested the equivalence principle with an unprecedented level of precision.



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## Newton's Third Law

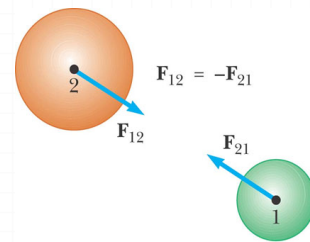
- If two objects interact, the force  $F_{12}$  exerted by object 1 on object 2 is equal in magnitude and opposite in direction to the force  $F_{21}$  exerted by object 2 on object 1.

➤  $F_{12} = -F_{21}$

- $F_{AB}$  is the force exerted by A on B

- **Force always occurs in pair.**

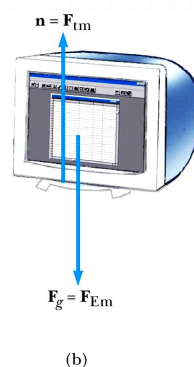
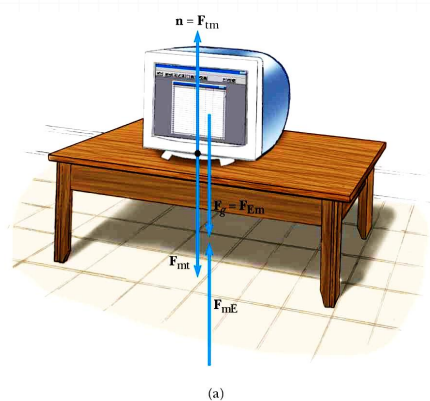
- The **action-reaction force pair** always acts on different objects.



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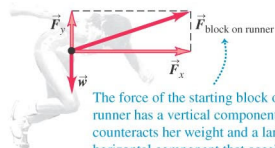


$n$ : Normal force

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(a)



The force of the starting block on the runner has a vertical component that counteracts her weight and a large horizontal component that accelerates her.

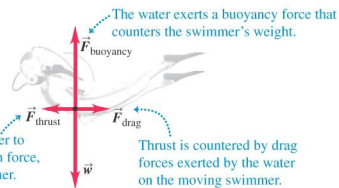
(b)



To jump up, this player will push down against the floor, increasing the upward reaction force  $n$  of the floor on him.

This player is a freely falling object.

(c)



The water exerts a buoyancy force that counters the swimmer's weight.

Kicking causes the water to exert a forward reaction force, or thrust, on the swimmer.

Thrust is countered by drag forces exerted by the water on the moving swimmer.

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