

# Understanding Newton's Laws of Motion

# Newton's First Law of Motion

- An object at rest will remain at rest unless acted upon by a net force.
- An object in motion will continue in motion with the same speed and direction unless acted upon by a net force.
- Example: A box on a surface will not move unless a force is applied.

# Understanding Inertia

- Inertia is the tendency of an object to resist changes in its state of motion.
- The greater the mass of an object, the greater its inertia.
- Can you think of a real-life example where inertia is observed?

# Newton's Second Law of Motion

- The acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the net force acting on it and inversely proportional to its mass.
- Formula:  $F = m \times a$
- Where  $F$  is the net force,  $m$  is the mass, and  $a$  is the acceleration.

## Example of Second Law

- If a force of 200 N is applied to a 10 kg box, what is the acceleration?
- Using  $F = m \times a$ :
- $200 \text{ N} = 10 \text{ kg} \times a$
- $a = 20 \text{ m/s}^2$
- How would the acceleration change if the mass increased?

# Newton's Third Law of Motion

- For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.
- Example: When you push against a wall, the wall pushes back with equal force.
- Can you identify a situation where you experience this law in action?

# Action and Reaction Forces

- Action and reaction forces occur simultaneously and act on different objects.
- Example: A swimmer pushes water backward, and the water pushes the swimmer forward.
- Formula:  $F_1 = -F_2$

# Real-Life Application of Newton's Laws

- Understanding these laws helps in various fields such as engineering, sports, and space exploration.
- Example: Engineers use these principles to design safer vehicles.
- How do you think these laws apply to sports like basketball or soccer?



# Friction and Motion

- Friction is a force that opposes motion and can affect acceleration.
- Example: A box on a rough surface requires more force to move than on a smooth surface.
- How does friction play a role in everyday activities?

# Calculating Weight Force

- Weight force ( $W$ ) is calculated using the formula:  $W = m \times g$
- Where  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity (approximately  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ ).
- Example: A 10 kg box has a weight force of  $W = 10 \text{ kg} \times 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = 98 \text{ N}$ .

# Net Force and Motion

- The net force is the sum of all forces acting on an object.
- If the net force is zero, the object remains at rest or moves with constant velocity.
- Can you think of a scenario where the net force is zero?

# Acceleration and Mass Relationship

- If the net force increases while mass remains constant, acceleration increases.
- Conversely, if mass increases while net force remains constant, acceleration decreases.
- Formula:  $a = F/m$

# Impulse and Momentum

- Impulse is the change in momentum and is calculated as:  
 $\text{Impulse} = F \times \Delta t$
- Momentum (p) is given by:  $p = m \times v$
- Understanding these concepts is crucial in collision analysis.

# Conclusion

- Newton's laws of motion provide a fundamental understanding of how forces affect motion.
- These principles are applicable in various real-world situations.