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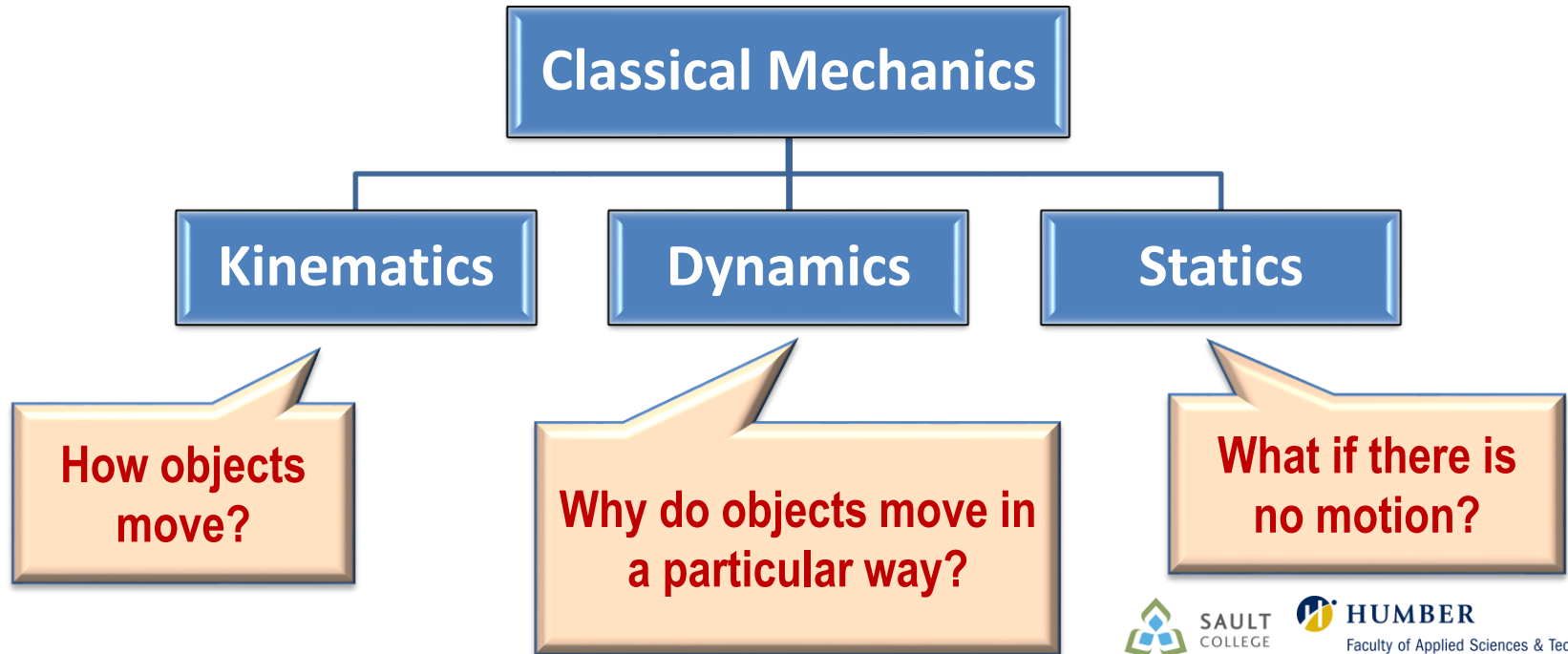
Module 4

Newton's Laws of Motion – Part 1

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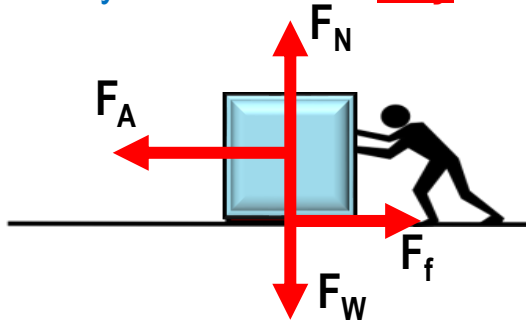
Classical Mechanics

- **Classical Mechanics** is the branch of physics that investigates the motion of objects.



What is Kinematics and Dynamics?

- **Kinematics** is the study of geometry of motion through properties such as position, velocity and acceleration.
 - Kinematics shows how the object moves.
- **Dynamics** is the study of the cause behind the changes of motion using the Newton's Laws of Motion.
 - Dynamics shows why the object moves in a particular way.



In this lecture we
will focus on the
Dynamics.

The Concept of Force

- A **force** refers to simply a **push** or **pull** acting on an object as a result of its interaction with another object. It can change **motion** and **velocity** of the object.
 - Examples:
 - Kicking ball, Pushing book away from you on table
- Forces do not always cause motion:
 - Examples:
 - When sitting → gravitational force acts on your body → you remain stationary
 - Pushing a large boulder → boulder doesn't move
- **Force** is a **vector** quantity. It has both **magnitude** and **direction**.

Units of Force

- The **SI unit** of force is the **newton (N)**.
- A force of 1 *N* is the force that, when acting on an object of mass 1 *kg*, produces an acceleration of 1 *m/s²*.
- Therefore, the newton can be expressed in terms of the following fundamental SI units of **mass**, **length**, and **time**:

$$1\text{ N} = 1\text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}^2$$

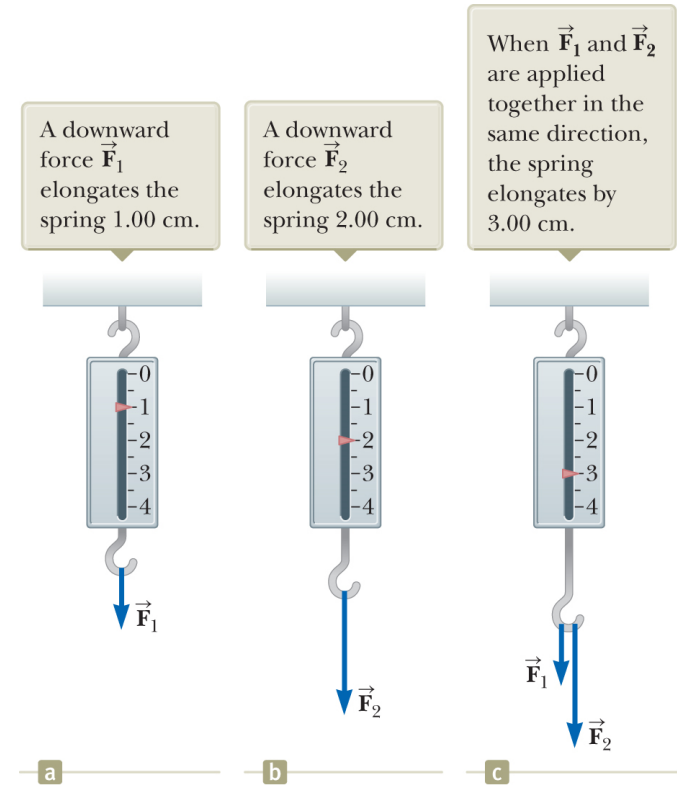
- **Sir Isaac Newton** was one of the greatest mathematical physicists.
- He published the book *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*, usually referred to as the *Principia*.
- He formulated the basic concepts and laws of mechanics, discovered the law of universal gravity and invented the mathematical methods of calculus.



Isaac Newton
English physicist and mathematician
(1642–1727)

The Vector Nature of Force

- It is possible to use the deformation of a spring to measure force.
- Imagine a calibrated spring scale that has a fixed upper end.
- When the force $\vec{F}_1 = 1N$ is applied, the pointer on the scale shows 1.00 cm.
- When the force is doubled, $\vec{F}_2 = 2\vec{F}_1 = 2N$, the pointer moves to 2.00 cm.
- This experiment shows that the combined effect of two collinear forces is the sum of the effects of the individual forces.



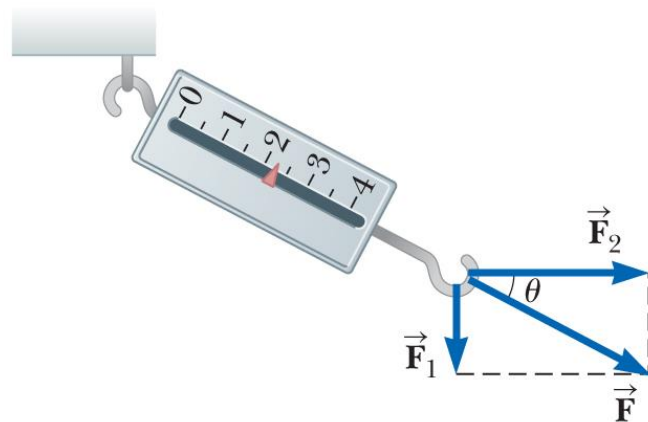
The Vector Nature of Force

- Suppose the two forces are applied simultaneously with \vec{F}_1 downward and \vec{F}_2 horizontal.
- In this case the pointer reads 2.24 cm.
- The single force \vec{F} that would produce this same reading is the sum of the two vectors \vec{F}_1 and \vec{F}_2 .

$$|\vec{F}| = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2} = 2.24 \text{ N}$$
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1.00 \text{ N}}{2.00 \text{ N}}\right) = \tan^{-1}(0.500) = 26.6^\circ$$

- This experimentally verified to behave forces as **vectors**.

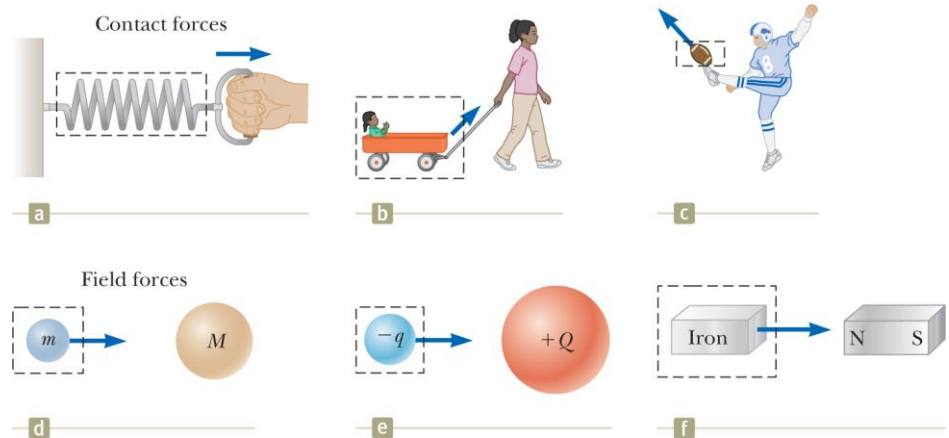
When \vec{F}_1 is downward and \vec{F}_2 is horizontal, the combination of the two forces elongates the spring by 2.24 cm.



Types of Force

- Forces can be classified as **contact forces** and **non-contact** or **field forces**.
 - Contact forces** are forces that act between two objects that are **physically touching** each other.
 - Field forces** are **non-touching**, which means that contact between the objects is **not required** to apply the force on an object.

- Following figure shows examples of contact and non-contact forces.

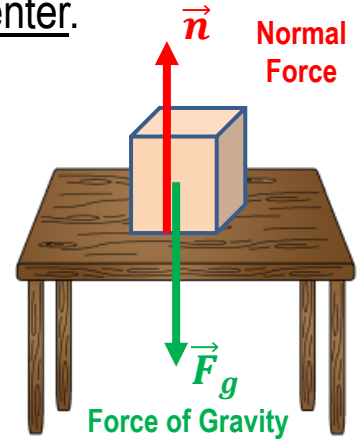


Types of Force

- Distinction between contact forces and field forces not sharp.
- At [atomic level](#), all forces we classify as contact forces caused by electric (field) forces.
- In developing models for macroscopic phenomena, it is convenient use both classifications of forces.
- The only known [fundamental forces](#) in nature are all [field forces](#):
 1. *Gravitational forces* between objects
 2. *Electromagnetic forces* between electric charges
 3. *Strong forces* between subatomic particles
 4. *Weak forces* that arise in certain radioactive decay processes
- All other forces are just some variation of one of these four forces.
- In classical physics, we are concerned only with [gravitational](#) and [electromagnetic](#) forces.

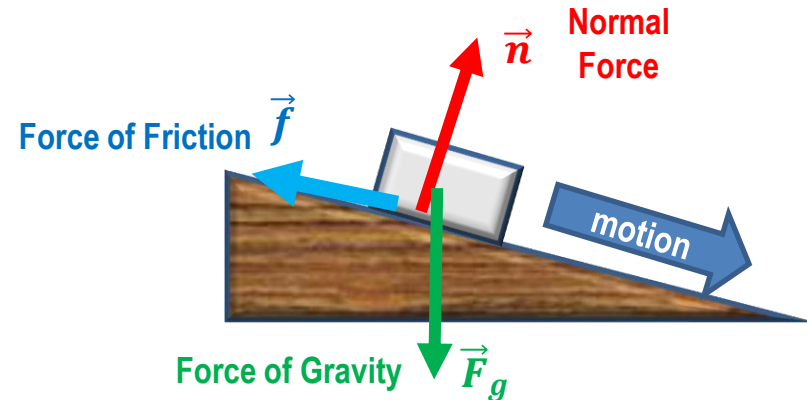
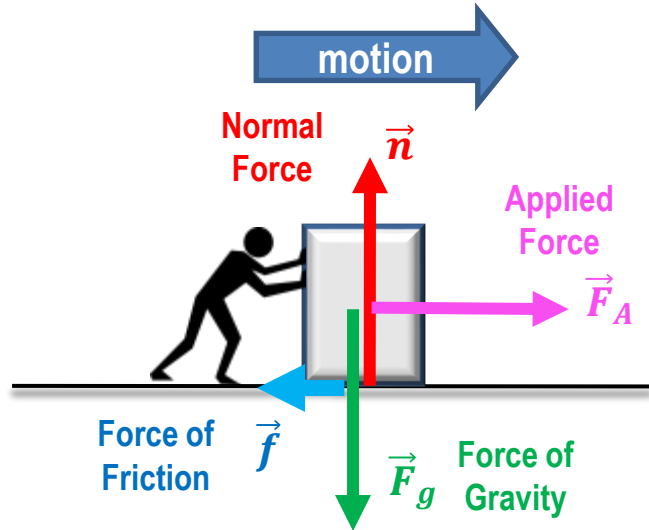
Types of Force

- **Gravitational Force, \vec{F}_g :** The force by which a planet or other body draws objects towards its center.
 - For example, the **force of gravity** keeps all the planets in orbit around the sun.
 - The **gravitational attraction of the Earth** on an object is called **weight** of the object.
 - The **force of gravity** on an object acts **downward**, toward the Earth's center.
- **Normal Force, \vec{n} or \vec{F}_N :** The force of a surface exerts on an object to support it.
 - The **normal force** **always** **perpendicular to the surface** and **points away** from the surface.



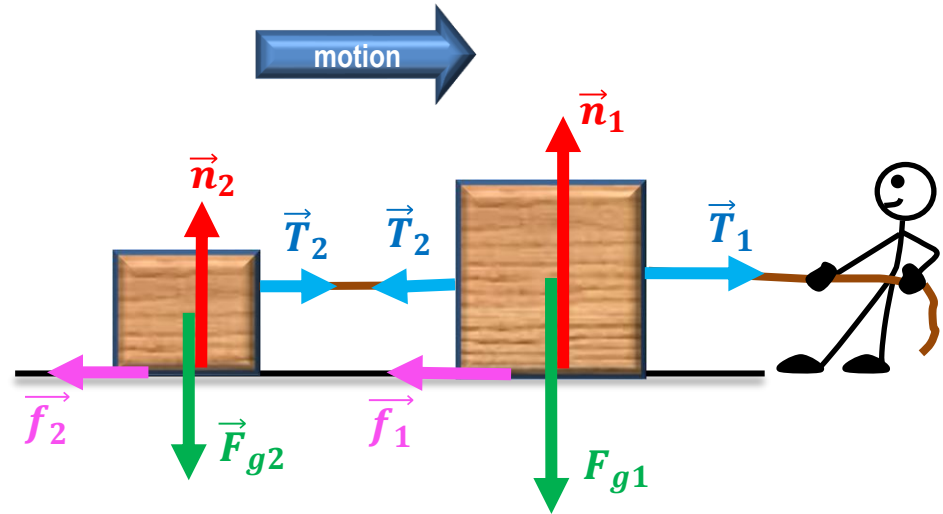
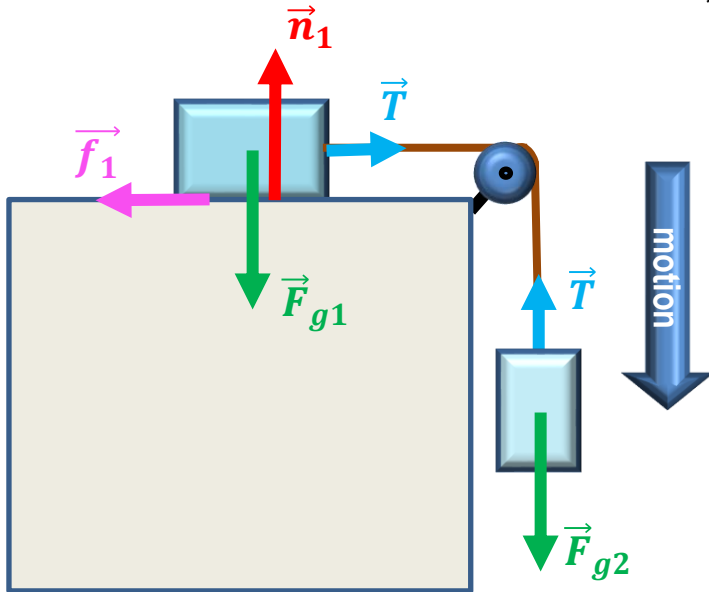
Types of Force

- **Applied Force, \vec{F}_A :** An external force used to help move an object.
 - For example, **pulling** a box or **pushing** a desk across the room.
- **Force of Friction, \vec{f} or \vec{F}_f :** A force that opposes sliding motion between surfaces.
 - The **force of friction always** acts in the direction **opposite to the direction of motion**.



Types of Force

- **Tension Force, \vec{T} or \vec{F}_T :** The pulling force exerted by materials that can be stretched.
 - For example, ropes, fibers, cables, chains and rubber bands.
 - The more the material stretched, the greater the tension is.



Laws of Motion in Classical Mechanics

- There are three main laws of motion in classical mechanics, which governs the dynamic motion of the objects:
 - **Newton's First Law of Motion**
 - It is also called the **Law of Inertia**.
 - It explains what happens to object when **no** forces act on it.
 - **Newton's Second Law of Motion**
 - It explains what happens to object when one or more forces act on it.
 - It shows the relation between **kinematics** and **dynamics** of the motion.
 - **Newton's Third Law of Motion**
 - It also called the law of **action and reaction**.
 - It describes the forces as a result of mutual interaction between two objects.



Newton's First Law of Motion: Law of Inertia

- **Statement of Newton's First Law of Motion:**

In the absence of external forces and when viewed from an *inertial reference frame*, an object at rest remains at rest and an object in motion continues in motion with a constant velocity in a straight line.

- The **inertial reference frame** is one in which Newton's law of inertia is valid.
- The **acceleration of an inertial frame is zero**, so **it moves with a constant velocity**.
- For example, the **Earth** itself is a good approximation of an inertial reference frame.

Newton's First Law of Motion: Law of Inertia

- Think about the game of ice hockey.
 - If a player does not hit a stationary puck, it will **remain at rest** on the ice
 - If puck is struck, it moves on the ice, but slowing down only slightly because of friction.
- If it were possible to remove all friction and wind resistance, and if the rink were infinitely large, the puck would **move forever in a straight line at a constant speed**.



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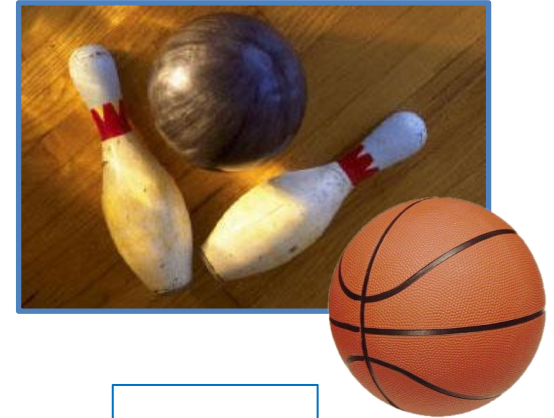
Newton's First Law of Motion: Law of Inertia

- If **all the forces** acting on a body are **balanced**, (net force is zero) then the object **will not change speed** or **direction**.
 - An object **at rest** has tendency to **remain at rest**, unless acted on by an unbalanced force.
 - An object **in motion** has tendency to **remain in motion** with **constant velocity**, ($a = 0$), unless acted on by an unbalanced force.
- For example, Newton's first law can explain
 - why a book sitting on the table remains at rest.
 - why a hockey puck moving across a smooth frictionless ice surface moves at a constant velocity.



Inertia and Mass

- The **ability of an object to resist changes to its motion** is a fundamental property called **inertia**.
- **Inertia** tends to keep a stationary object at rest or a moving object in motion in a straight line at a constant speed.
- Thus, **Newton's first law** is also called the **law of inertia**.
 - **Inertia** is directly proportional to the **mass** of the object.
 - The **more mass** an object has the **more inertia** it has.
- **Mass** is a property that specifies how much resistance an object exhibits to changes in its velocity.
- **Mass** is a **quantitative measure** of inertia.
- The greater the mass of an object, the less that object accelerates under the action of a given applied force.



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

Quick Quiz 1



- Which of the following statements is correct?
 - a) It is possible for an object to have motion in the absence of forces on the object.
 - b) It is possible to have forces on an object in the absence of motion of the object.
 - c) Neither statement (a) nor statement (b) is correct.
 - d) Both statements (a) and (b) are correct.

Quick Quiz 1: Solution



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Quick Quiz 2



- Assume an object is in equilibrium. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - a) The speed of the object remains constant.
 - b) The acceleration of the object is zero.
 - c) The net force acting on the object is zero.
 - d) The object must be at rest.
 - e) There are at least two forces acting on the object.

Quick Quiz 2: Solution



- Assume an object is in equilibrium. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - a) The speed of the object remains constant. [True]
 - b) The acceleration of the object is zero. [True]
 - c) The net force acting on the object is zero. [True]
 - d) The object must be at rest. [False]
 - e) There are at least two forces acting on the object. [False]

Newton's Second Law of Motion: $F = ma$

- Newton's first law explains what happens to object when **no** forces act on it.
- Newton's second law answers question of what happens to object when one or more forces act on it.
- **Statement of Newton's Second Law of Motion:**

When viewed from an *inertial reference frame*, the acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the net force acting on it and inversely proportional to its mass:

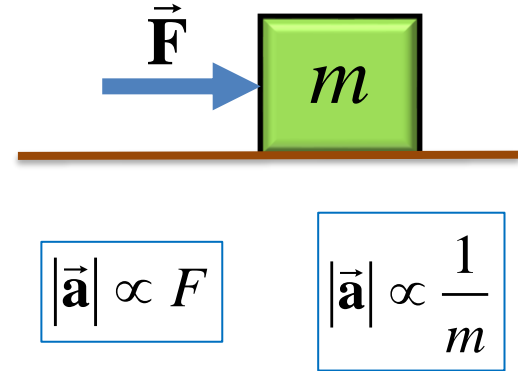
$$|\vec{a}| \propto \frac{\sum \vec{F}}{m}$$

- Newton's second law equation:

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

Newton's Second Law of Motion: $F = ma$

- If there is an **unbalanced force** acting on an object, it will **accelerate** in the **direction of the net force**.
 - The **net force** applied to the object is **non-zero**.
 - The **magnitude of the acceleration** is **directly proportional to the magnitude of the net force** and **inversely proportion to the mass** of the object.
 - The more force means the more acceleration.
 - Mass resist acceleration, **more mass** means **more inertia**.
 - Here, the mass is also called **inertial mass**.

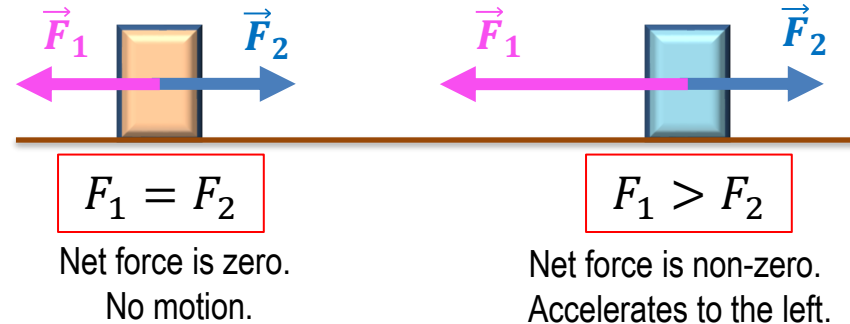


Net Force

- The **Net Force**, \vec{F}_{NET} , or **Total Force** is the **sum of all the forces** acting on an object.
 - If the **net force** is **zero**, then the object will **not move** or **move with constant velocity**.
 - If the **net force** is **non-zero**, then the object will **accelerate** in the direction of the net force.
- Some tips to determine the **Net Force**:
 - Forces are **vector quantities** and have **direction**.
 - Add** the forces in the **same direction**.
 - Subtract** the forces in the **opposite direction**.
- The component equations of Newton's second law:

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

$$\sum F_x = ma_x \quad \sum F_y = ma_y \quad \sum F_z = ma_z$$



Newton's Second Law of Motion: $F = ma$

Example 1 (An Accelerating Hockey Puck): A hockey puck having a mass of 0.30 kg slides on the frictionless, horizontal surface of an ice rink. Two hockey sticks strike the puck simultaneously, exerting the forces on the puck shown in the figure.

The force \vec{F}_1 has a magnitude of 5.0 N and is directed at $\theta = -20^\circ$ below the x -axis.

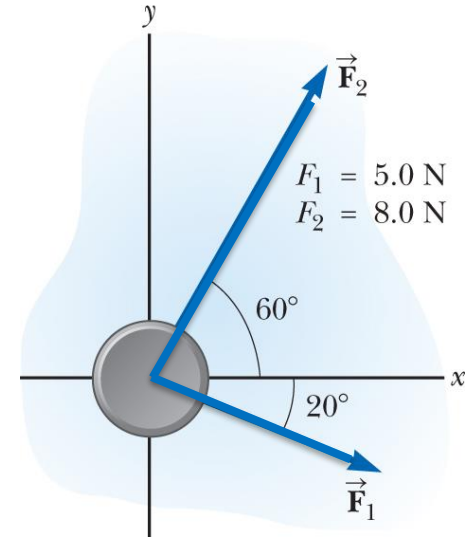
The force \vec{F}_2 has a magnitude of 8.0 N and its direction is $\phi = 60^\circ$ above the x -axis.

The given information:

$$m = 0.30\text{ kg}$$

$$F_1 = 5.0\text{ N}, \quad \theta = -20^\circ$$

$$F_2 = 8.0\text{ N}, \quad \phi = 60^\circ$$



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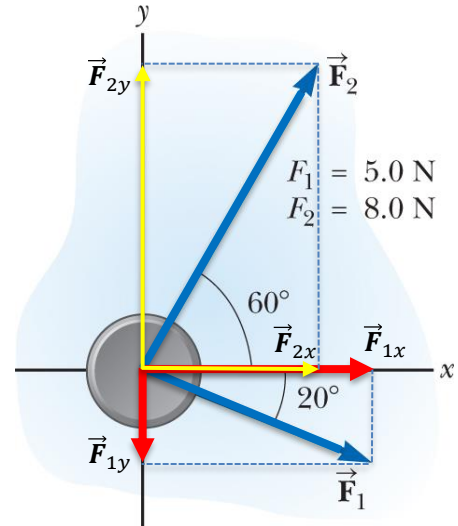
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$$\sum F_x = F_{1x} + F_{2x} = F_1 \cos \theta + F_2 \cos \phi$$

$$\sum F_y = F_{1y} + F_{2y} = F_1 \sin \theta + F_2 \sin \phi$$



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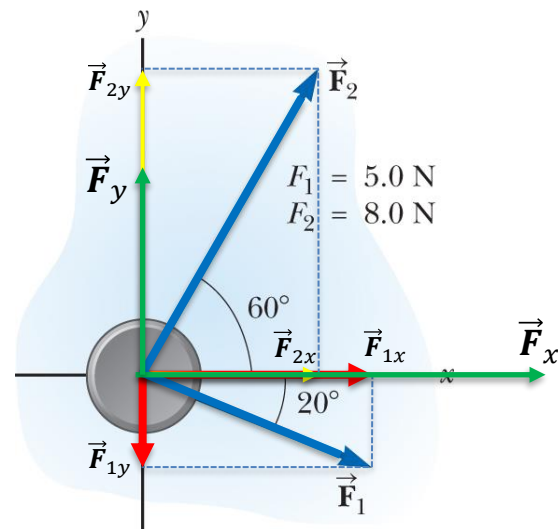
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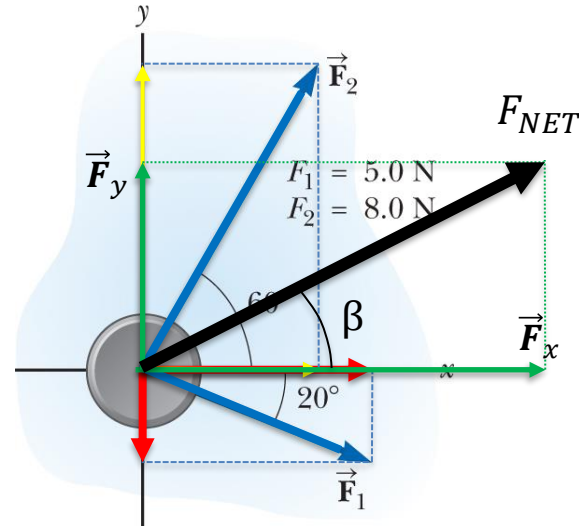
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Then find the magnitude and direction of the net force:

$$F_{NET} = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2} = \sqrt{(8.7 \text{ N})^2 + (5.2 \text{ N})^2} = \boxed{10 \text{ N}}$$

$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{F_y}{F_x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{5.2 \text{ N}}{8.7 \text{ N}} \right) = \boxed{31^\circ}$$



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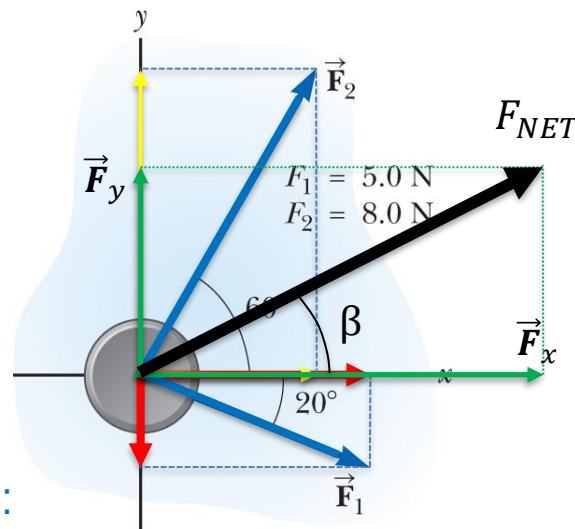
(b) Determine the magnitude and the direction of the puck's acceleration.

Use Newton's second law to find the magnitude of the puck's acceleration:

$$F_{NET} = ma \rightarrow a = \frac{F_{NET}}{m} = \frac{10 \text{ N}}{0.30 \text{ kg}} = 33 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Direction of the acceleration is the same as the direction of the net force:

$$\beta = \boxed{31^\circ}$$



Newton's Second Law of Motion: $F = ma$

Example 1 (An Accelerating Hockey Puck): Suppose three hockey sticks strike the puck simultaneously, with two of them exerting the forces shown in the figure. The result of the three forces is that the hockey puck shows *no* acceleration.

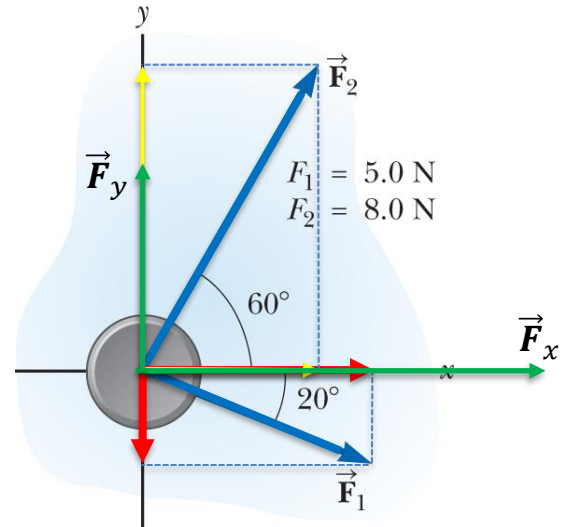
What must be the components of the third force?

Since there is no acceleration, the net force in x and y directions must be zero. From part (a) we have:

$$F_x = 8.7 \text{ N}, \quad F_y = 5.2 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{3x} = -\sum F_x = -8.7 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{3y} = -\sum F_y = -5.2 \text{ N}$$



Quick Quiz 3



- An object experiences no acceleration. Which of the following *cannot* be true for the object?
 - a) A single force acts on the object
 - b) No forces act on the object
 - c) Forces act on the object, but the forces cancel

Quick Quiz 3: Solution



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Quick Quiz 4



- You push an object, initially at rest, across a frictionless floor with a constant force for a time interval Δt , resulting in a final speed of v for the object. You then repeat the experiment, but with a force that is twice as large. What time interval is now required to reach the same final speed v ?
- a) $4\Delta t$
 - b) $2\Delta t$
 - c) Δt
 - d) $\Delta t/2$
 - e) $\Delta t/4$

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Newton's Third Law of Motion: Action & Reaction

- For every **action force**, there is a simultaneous **reaction force** that is equal in magnitude, but opposite in direction.

If two object interacts, the force \vec{F}_{12} exerted by object 1 on object 2 is equal in magnitude and opposite in direction to the force \vec{F}_{21} exerted by object 2 on object 1

$$\vec{F}_{12} = -\vec{F}_{21}$$

Newton's Third Law of Motion: Action & Reaction

- For every **action force**, there is a simultaneous **reaction force** that is equal in magnitude, but opposite in direction.



- The interactive forces always occur in pairs.
- The action-reaction forces are never on the same object.

Newton's Third Law of Motion: Action & Reaction

Example 2 (Acceleration Produced by Action and Reaction Forces): Suppose that the mass of a spacecraft is $m_s = 11000 \text{ kg}$ and that the mass of the astronaut is $m_A = 92 \text{ kg}$. In addition, assume that the astronaut pushes with a force of $\vec{P} = +36 \text{ N}$ on the spacecraft. Find the acceleration of the spacecraft and the astronaut.

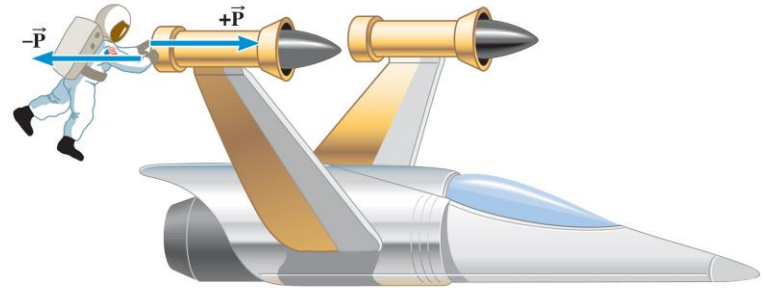
Based on Newton's third law, the spacecraft applies a reaction force $-\vec{P} = -36 \text{ N}$ to the astronaut.

The acceleration of the spacecraft is:

$$\vec{a}_s = \frac{\vec{P}}{m_s} = \frac{+36 \text{ N}}{11000 \text{ kg}} = +0.0033 \text{ m/s}^2$$

The acceleration of the astronaut is:

$$\vec{a}_A = \frac{-\vec{P}}{m_A} = \frac{-36 \text{ N}}{92 \text{ kg}} = -0.39 \text{ m/s}^2$$



Quick Quiz 5



- If a fly collides with the windshield of a fast-moving bus, which experiences an impact force with a larger magnitude?
 - a) The fly.
 - b) The bus.
 - c) The same force is experienced by both.

Quick Quiz 5: Solution



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Quick Quiz 6



- If a fly collides with the windshield of a fast-moving bus, which experiences the greater acceleration?
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Quick Quiz 6: Solution



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The Gravitational Force and Weight

- On Earth, all objects have a **gravitational force** (\vec{F}_g) acting on them, in the direction of the center of the planet.
- The **gravitational force** exerted on any object is equal to its **mass** (m) multiplied by the **acceleration due to gravity** (g).

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a} \xrightarrow{\vec{a}=\vec{g} \text{ and } \sum \vec{F}=\vec{F}_g} \boxed{\vec{F}_g = m\vec{g}}$$

- The **magnitude** of \vec{F}_g is called the **weight** of the object.
- In this equation, the mass (m) is called **gravitational mass**.
- Note that weight and mass are **NOT** the same!



The Gravitational Force and Weight

- The **acceleration due to gravity** on Earth is approximately $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ (downward).
- The actual value of g varies depending on the **geographic location** on Earth.
- Since g **decreases** with increasing distance from the center of the Earth, objects weight is less at higher altitudes than at sea level.

$$F_g = mg$$

- Suppose a student has a mass of $m = 70 \text{ kg}$.
- The student's weight in a location where $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ is:

$$F_g = (70 \text{ kg}) \left(9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right) = 686 \text{ N}$$

- However, at the top of a mountain, where $g = 9.77 \text{ m/s}^2$ the weight is:

$$F_g = (70 \text{ kg}) \left(9.77 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right) = 684 \text{ N}$$



Quick Quiz 7



- Suppose you are talking by interplanetary telephone to a friend who lives on the Moon. He tells you that he has just won a newton of gold in a contest. Excitedly, you tell him that you entered the Earth version of the same contest and won a newton of gold! Knowing $g_{Earth} \approx 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ and $g_{Moon} \approx 1.6 \text{ m/s}^2$, who is richer?
 - a) You are.
 - b) Your friend is.
 - c) You are equally rich.

Quick Quiz 7: Solution



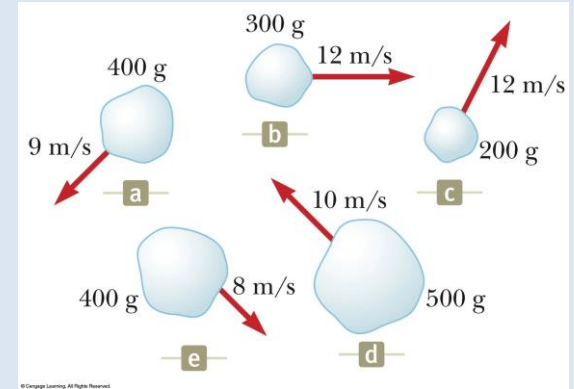
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Quick Quiz 8



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Quick Quiz 8: Solution



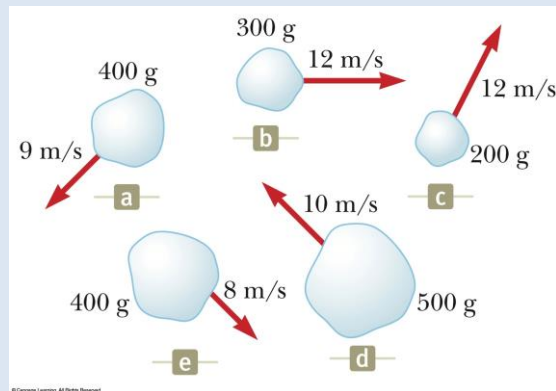
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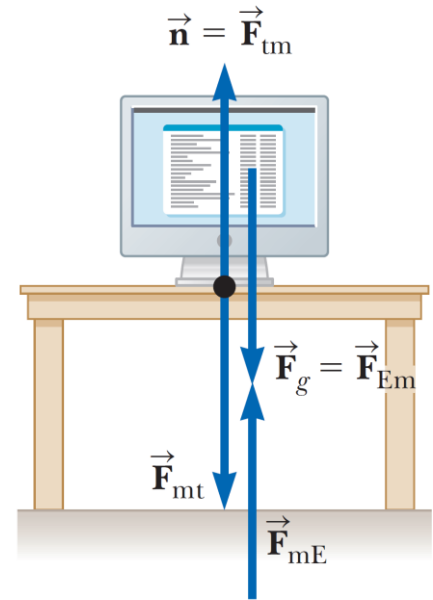
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Force Diagram

- Consider a computer monitor at rest on a table.
- The following set of forces are applied in this system.
 - The **gravitational force** on the monitor by Earth: $\vec{F}_g = \vec{F}_{Em}$
 - The **reaction force on \vec{F}_{Em}** is the force exerted by the monitor on the Earth: $\vec{F}_{mE} = -\vec{F}_{Em}$
 - The **normal force** exerts on the monitor by the table: $\vec{n} = \vec{F}_{tm}$
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- Since the monitor has **no acceleration**, the net force on the monitor is zero.



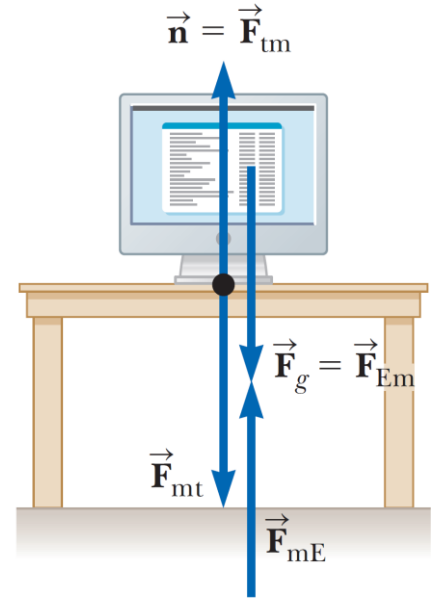
Force Diagram

- This figure shows many of the forces in the situation: those are acting on the monitor, on the table and on the earth.
- We can also show the forces acting on only *one object*, the monitor.
- The diagram is called a **force diagram**.
- Note that the forces acting on the monitor are \vec{F}_g and \vec{n} .
- Since the monitor has no acceleration, the applied net force is zero:

$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{n} + m\vec{g} = 0$$

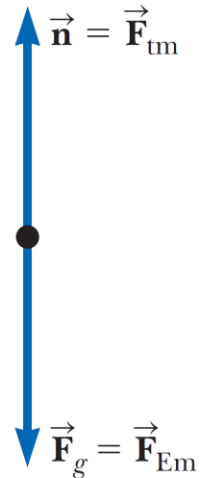
$$n\hat{j} - mg\hat{j} = 0$$

$$n = mg$$



Free-Body Diagram

- The important pictorial representation is called a **free-body diagram**.
- A **free-body diagram** is used to show the **magnitude** and **direction** of **all** the forces acting on a single object.
- It helps to isolate only the forces on the single object and eliminate the other forces from our analysis.
 - Use a **dot** or a **box** to represent the **object**.
 - Use **arrows** to represent the **forces**.
 - Arrows point outwards from the object
 - The length of an arrow shows the size of the force.
 - Forces must be labeled.



Quick Quiz 9



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- You have most likely been in an elevator that accelerates upward as it moves toward a higher floor. In this case, you feel heavier.
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NO; your weight is unchanged. The reading on the scale gives only the apparent weight rather than true weight.

Quick Quiz 9: Solution



(a) No acceleration ($a = 0$):

$$\sum F_y = +n - mg = 0 \rightarrow n = mg$$

$$n = mg$$

(b) Upward acceleration ($a > 0$):

$$\sum F_y = +n - mg = ma \rightarrow n = ma + mg$$

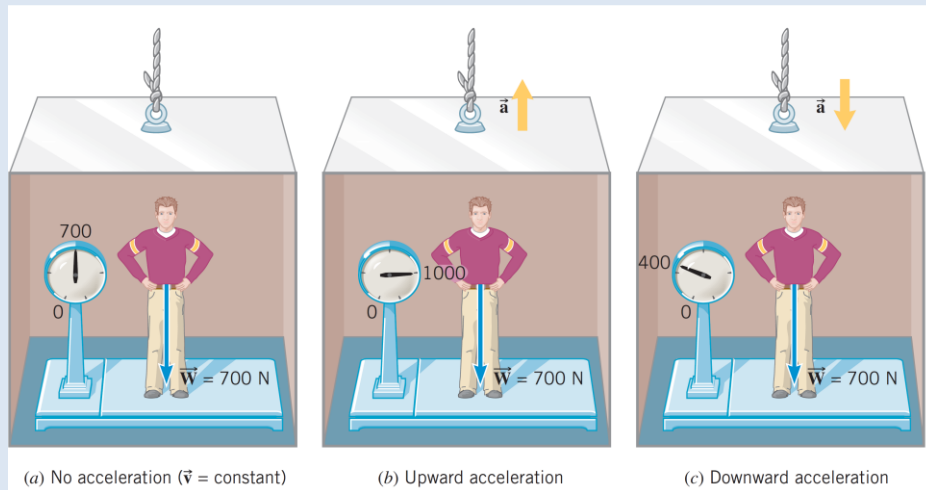
$$n > mg$$

(c) Downward acceleration ($a < 0$):

$$\sum F_y = +n - mg = ma \rightarrow n = ma + mg$$

$$n < mg$$

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$



THANK YOU