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**Chapter 4: Dynamics, Newton's Laws of Motion**

**4.1 Force**

- **Force:** push or pull exerted by one object on another.
  - Vector
  - Interaction between 2 objects: **system** (to whom) and **agent** (by whom)
  - To cause deformation (change in dimension/shape)/change velocity
  - In Newtons (N);  $1\text{N}=1\text{kgm/s}^2$ ; Measured using spring scale
  - Three factors:
    - **Magnitude:** the strength of the force vector.
    - **Direction:** in which direction the force vector acts.
    - **Point of application:** the location the force is exerted.
  - Drawing using arrow
    - Length is magnitude; tail is point of application, head is towards the force direction
    - Usually starts from central of mass of object or application

- **When drawing a free-body diagram, label all forces' directions from the center of the object**
- Four fundamental forces
  - Gravity, Strong force, Weak force, and Electromagnetic force
- **Contact force**
  - An object from the external world touches a system and thereby exerts a force on it
  - Eg: Friction, drag force (air resistance/fluid resistance), tension, normal force, spring force, applied force
- **Field force**
  - Exerted without contact
  - E.g. Gravitational force, Electric force, magnetic force
- **Gravitational Force**
  - **Weight** (W or  $F_g$ )
  - The force of Gravitational Force on an object at the surface of a planet.
  - $F_g = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$
- **Spring Force**
  - **Hooke's Law:**
  - The magnitude of the force is directly proportional to the amount of stretch/compression within the limit of a spring.
  - $F_{sp} = -kx$
  - $F_{sp}$ : the force exerted by the spring on the attached object (N)
  - $x$ : the displacement of the spring end from its equilibrium position. (cm)
  - $k$ : spring constant (N/cm)
  - Elastic limit: A point beyond which the spring will no longer return to its original shape when the force is removed.
- **Friction**
  - **Sliding Friction:** the friction that occurs when two solid surfaces slide over each other.

- **Static friction** ( $F_{sf}$ ): Caused by tendency of relative motion.
- No relative motion between 2 objects in touch
- $F_{f,static} = F_{cause}$
- **Kinetic friction** ( $F_{kf}$ ) : Caused by the relative motion (relative motion between 2 objects in touch)
- Same objects:  $F_{kf} \leq F_{fsmax}$
- $F_{kf} = \mu_k F_N$
- $\mu_k$  --coefficient of kinetic friction
- $F_{kf}$  - kinetic friction
- $F_{kf}$  does not change with the  $F_{cause}$
  
- **Rolling Friction:** the friction that occurs
- When an object rolls over a surface. (smaller than sliding friction)
  
- **Fluid Friction:** the friction that occurs when an object move through a fluid.
- Eg.: air resistance/ friction in water, oil

- **Air resistance**

- Depends on: Shape of the object
  - Streamline: reduce friction
- Depends on: Size of an object
  - Surface area  $\uparrow$   $F_{air} \uparrow$
- Depends on: Speed of an object
  - Speed  $\uparrow$   $F_{air} \uparrow$
- Depends on: Fluid type: viscosity
  - More viscous  $F_{air} \uparrow$

- **Balanced Forces**

- Equilibrant and balanced force--> two forces are balanced.

- When two different forces acting on the same object (same point of application)
- With the same magnitude, Opposite direction, Acts on the same line
- Equilibrium (When objects experience balanced forces)
  - At rest
  - Uniform motion
  - Net force=0
- Unbalanced forces: net force  $\neq 0$     Motion is changed
  - Start moving
  - Stop moving
  - Change direction
  - Unbalanced forces will change the object's motion.

## 4.2 Newton's First Law

- Galileo did experiments: concludes that when zero resistance, horizontal motion never stops
  - Newton's First law (**Law of Inertia**)
    - Every object continues in its state of rest or uniform velocity in straight line as long as no net force acts on it
    - Inertia: Tendency of object to resist change in state of motion
    - Mass: measure of inertia on object
    - if Mass increase, Inertia increases, Motion: harder

## 4.4 Newton's Second Law

- The acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the net force acting on it, and is inversely proportional to the object's mass.
- The direction of the acceleration is in the direction of the net force acting on the object
  - $\mathbf{a} = \frac{\mathbf{F_{net}}}{m}$  or  $\mathbf{F_{net}} = m \times \mathbf{a}$
  - $\mathbf{F_{net}}$  : net force,  $\mathbf{a}$ : acceleration,  $\mathbf{m}$ : object's mass
  - Unit: N
    - 1N is  $1\text{kg/s}^2$

- Increasing acceleration
  - Increase net force; when mass is constant
  - Decrease mass; when net force is constant

#### 4.5 Newton's Third Law

- If object A exerts a force on object B, then object B exerts an equal but opposite force on object A
  - Forces always come in pairs : Force (A on B) and Force (B on A)
  - **Opposite directions, equal magnitude, different systems, but Force of the same type**
  - Also called “**Action-Reaction pair of Forces**”
  - **When drawing the free-body diagram, remember to label the action and reaction pair of forces when needed!**
- **Balanced Forces**
  - **Same magnitude and Directions**
  - **Objects have the same system**; so they cancel each other
  - Doesn't always occur/change at the same time
  - **Not always the same type**
  - Doesn't change motion
- **Action-Reaction Forces**
  - **Same magnitude and Directions**
  - **Objects have the different systems**
  - Always occur/change at the same time
  - **Always the same type of force**
  - May change motion
- **Problem solving strategies**
  - Separate system(s) from external world
  - Draw a free body diagram and label the x,y-axis
  - **Connect the interaction pairs using dashed lines**
  - Use Newton's second or relate to acceleration/mass
  - Use the third law to balance the magnitudes of the forces

- Solve the problem

#### 4.7 Solving Problems with Newton's Laws : Free-Body Diagrams & 4.8 Problems Involving Friction, Inclines

- **Translational Equilibrium**

- If the net force of an object is zero, then the object is in translational equilibrium
- Object at rest
- Object moving at constant velocity
- Formula :  $\mathbf{F=0}$      $\mathbf{F_x=0}$      $\mathbf{F_y=0}$
- You can **modify the coordinate system** for convenience of calculation, **this way finding the force that needs to break down into x and y components will be easier**

### Chapter 1 Introduction, Measurement, Estimating

#### 1-4 Measurement and Uncertainty: Significant Figures

- **Measurement:** A comparison between an unknown quantity and a standard
- **Significant Figures**
  - The valid/ reliable digits in a measurement
  - Last digit in a measurement is called an estimated/uncertain digit
- **Rules for counting Significant Digits:**
  - All non-zero digits & any zeroes contained between non-zero digits count
    - Eg: 300042= 6 significant digits; 21009878= 8 significant digits
  - Exact numbers have infinite number of significant digits
    - **Eg:** 190 people=Infinite significant digits / pi has infinite significant figure, and also constants like the speed of light has infinite significant digits
  - Leading zeros don't count
    - Eg: 0.000908=3 significant digits
  - Trailing zeros count if there is a decimal point
    - Eg: 0.00090000=5 significant digits

- Trailing zeroes may/may not count if there is no decimal point
  - Eg: 1239840000=6 significant digits; but 1290000.=7 significant digits
- Scientific Notation is recommended
- Arithmetic with significant digits
  - The result can never be more precise than the least precise measurement
- **Addition and subtraction**
  - Round the results to **have as many decimal places (the number of the decimal places) as the measured number with the smallest number of decimal places**
    - Eg:  $15.90 + 11.9 = 27.8$
- **Multiplication and Division**
  - Round the results to **have as many significant figures as the measured number with the smallest number of significant places**
  - Eg:  $409.2 / 11.4 = 35.9$
- **Uncertainty (Error)**
  - **Systematic and Random Errors**
    - Note: No measurement made is ever exact
    - The accuracy and precision of a measurement are always limited
      - **Accuracy:** How close a measurement is to the ‘true value’ or accepted value
        - In other words, correctness
      - **Precision:** The repeatability of the measurement using a given instrument
        - In other words, the number of significant figures
  - Representing Experiment Results
    - **(Measured value  $\pm$  uncertainty) unit =  $x \pm \Delta x$**
  - Two types of errors
    - **Random error**
      - The statistical fluctuations in the measured data due to the precision limitations of the measurement device

- Can be reduced by averaging over large numbers of observation
- **Systematic errors**
  - Are reducible inaccuracies that are consistently in the same direction
  - Can't be reduced or reduced by repeating measurements
- **Instrument Limit of Error (ILE) and Least Count**
  - **Least Count:** the smallest division that is marked on the instrument
  - **ILE:** the precision to which a measuring device can be read, and is always equal to or smaller than the least count
    - For digital devices, the smallest division is the least count
    - Generally the ILE is the least count or 1/2 of the least count
  - **Deviation:** The difference between measurements and the average of the variety
  - **Written in (Measured value $\pm$ Uncertainty)unit**
- **Relative and Absolute Errors**
  - Representing experiment result: (Measured value  $\pm$  uncertainty) unit=  $x \pm \Delta x$
  - **Absolute error/uncertainty:**  $\Delta x$
  - **Relative uncertainty:**  $\frac{\text{uncertainty}}{\text{measured value}} = \frac{\Delta x}{x}$
  - Precision is reported by using relative or fraction uncertainty or absolute value
    - keep 1-2 significant figures
  - **Relative Error: Relative Error**  $= \frac{\text{measured value} - \text{expected value}}{\text{Expected value}}$ 
    - Accuracy is reported by using relative error
  - **Percentage Uncertainty** = relative uncertainty \* 100%
  - **Percentage Error** = relative error \* 100%
    - Keep 1-2 significant figures
- **Addition and Subtraction**
  - The absolute uncertainty of the final results = sum of absolute uncertainties
    - **Sum:**  $(A \pm \Delta A) + (B \pm \Delta B) = (A + B) \pm (\Delta A + \Delta B)$



- **Subtraction:**  $(A \pm \Delta A) - (B \pm \Delta B) = (A - B) \pm (\Delta A + \Delta B)$
- **Multiplication and Division**
  - The percent uncertainty of the final result = sum of percent uncertainties
    - **Multiplication:**  $(A \pm \Delta A) * (B \pm \Delta B) = (A * B) \pm \left(\frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta B}{B}\right) * (A * B)$
    - **Division:**  $\frac{(A \pm \Delta A)}{(B \pm \Delta B)} = \left(\frac{A}{B}\right) \pm \left(\frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta B}{B}\right) * \left(\frac{A}{B}\right)$
  - For multiplication by an exact number, multiply the uncertainty by the same exact number
- **Graphing**
  - Choose simple scales
    - Dependent Variable
      - factor that depends on the independent variable
      - On the Y axis
    - Independent Variable
      - the factor that is changed
      - On the X axis
  - Plot the points neatly
    - Do not use single bold dot
      - Use X or triangles with a dot
  - **Draw the best straight line through them if the points form one**
    - **Line of best fit:** drawn as close to all the data points as possible
  - Draw a free-hand curve of best fit if the points form a curve
  - Use apparatus to check the measurement again if a point is not on the line
    - Anomalous point: Point that is outside the range of the straight line

## Chapter 1-5 Units, Standards, and the SI System

- **SI Base units:** the Système International d'Unités (SI) uses seven base quantities
  - **Length:** Meter (m)
  - **Mass:** Kilogram (kg)
  - **Time:** Second (s)

- **Temperature:** Kelvin (K)
- **Amount of substance:** Mole (mol)
- **Electric current:** ampere (A)
- **Luminous Intensity:** Candela (cd)
- Prefixes

Prefix	Abbreviation	Value
yotta	Y	$10^{24}$
zetta	Z	$10^{21}$
exa	E	$10^{18}$
peta	P	$10^{15}$
tera	T	$10^{12}$
giga	G	$10^9$
mega	M	$10^6$
kilo	k	$10^3$
hecto	h	$10^2$
deka	da	$10^1$
deci	d	$10^{-1}$
centi	c	$10^{-2}$
milli	m	$10^{-3}$
micro <sup>†</sup>	$\mu$	$10^{-6}$
nano	n	$10^{-9}$
pico	p	$10^{-12}$
femto	f	$10^{-15}$
atto	a	$10^{-18}$
zepto	z	$10^{-21}$
yocto	y	$10^{-24}$

<sup>†</sup>  $\mu$  is the Greek letter "mu."

- Converting Units
  - Conversion factor: multiplier equal to 1
- Order of Magnitude: Rapid Estimating
  - Using an approximate value for a quantity
    - Eg: Diameter of a galaxy:  $10^{21}\text{m}$
  - Rough Estimate: rounding off all number to one significant figure and its power of 10
  - Keep one significant figure in the power of 10

## **Chapter 8**

### **8.1 Angular Quantities**

- The circumference of a circle is  $2\pi r$ . Since a radian is based on an arc with length  $r$ , there are  $2\pi$  radians in a full circle.
  - **To convert from degrees into radians, multiply by  $. 2\pi/360$**

- **To convert from radians into degrees, multiply by  $360/2\pi$**
- **Angular position:** How far an object has rotated, respect to a reference line.

- **Formula:  $d = l = \theta r$**
- $r$  = radius of circle in meters
- $l$  = the arc length subtended by the angle  $\theta$  in meters
- $\theta$  = in rad
- Clockwise : -
- Counterclockwise : +

- **Angular Displacement :** Change in angular position

- **Formula :  $\Delta \theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1$**
- Clockwise : -
- Counterclockwise : +

- **Angular Velocity :** Angular Displacement divided by the time taken to make the displacement

- Constant angular velocity: graph
- Not constant  $\omega$  : graph
- Instantaneous angular velocity – equal to the slope of a graph of angular position

- $\theta$ - $t$  graph is a straight line : constant  $\omega$
- $\theta$ - $t$  graph is not a straight line : not constant  $\omega$
- Instantaneous  $\omega$  is the tangent of the curve

- **Formula :  $v = \omega r$**