

# Newton's Laws

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## Newton's First Law

In an inertial reference frame, any isolated object that is at rest remains at rest, and any isolated object that is in motion remains in motion

## Newton's Second Law

The net force is equal to the mass times the acceleration.

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

This equation is only valid for systems where the mass is constant. For non-constant masses, the net force is the time derivative of momentum.

$$\sum \vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

## Newton's Third Law

Whenever two objects interact, they exert on each other forces that are equal in magnitude but opposite in direction.

$$F_{\text{A on B}} = -F_{\text{B on A}}$$