

Chapter 5 - The Laws of motion

So far, we have described how objects move, e.g. • the car has $a=0$ and $v=20\text{ m/s}$
 • the runner has $v_i=0$ and $a=2.5\text{ m/s}^2$

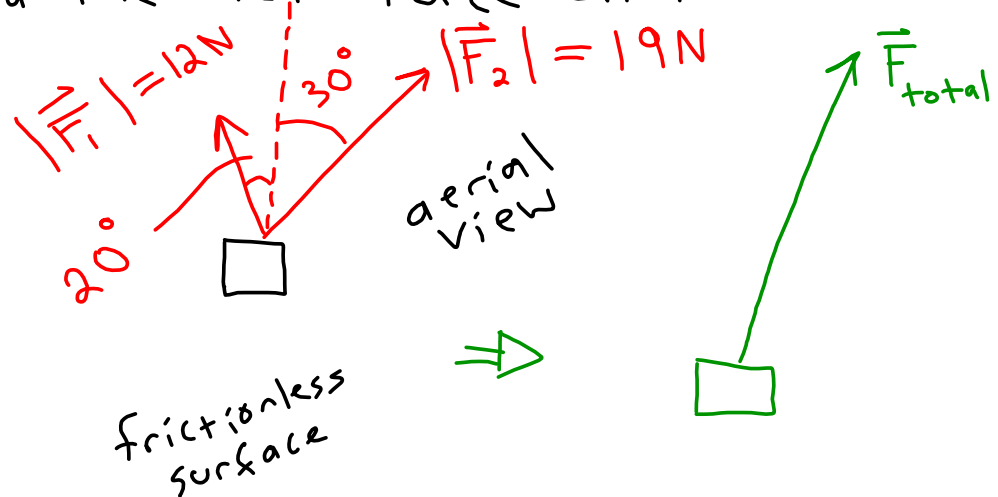
Now, we will investigate why objects move.

5.1 - the concept of force

Informal definition^{of force} - a push or pull

It has magnitude & direction
 vector

e.g. find the net force on the block



$$\vec{F}_1 = -(12\text{ N}) \cdot \sin(20^\circ) \hat{i} + (12\text{ N}) \cdot \cos(20^\circ) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = (19\text{ N}) \cdot \sin(30^\circ) \hat{i} + (19\text{ N}) \cdot \cos(30^\circ) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{total}} = [-(12\text{ N}) \cdot \sin(20^\circ) + (19\text{ N}) \cdot \sin(30^\circ)] \hat{i} + [(12\text{ N}) \cdot \cos(20^\circ) + (19\text{ N}) \cdot \cos(30^\circ)] \hat{j}$$

5.2

Definition - Inertial reference frame

$$\vec{a} = 0$$

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umLcFAI5SZg> (0:16 → 1:57)

<https://www.facebook.com/NOVApbs/videos/1900444973591374>

Newton's 1st Law: when observed from an inertial reference frame, objects move with constant velocity ($a = 0$) unless a force acts on the object.

Formal definition of force - that which causes a change in motion (velocity) of an object.

5.3 - Mass - The property of an object that determines how much it resists changes to its motion (velocity). (Note: mass not equal to weight)

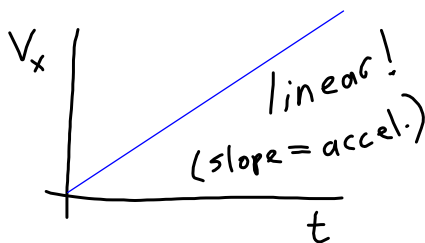
5.4 - Newton's 2nd Law

$$v_i = 0$$

[M]

F

→



$M (kg)$	$F_x (N)$	$a (m/s^2)$
1	1	1
2	1	0.5
1	2	2
2	2	1

↳ pattern: $a = \frac{F}{m}$

12.4 kg 27.8 N $\frac{27.8}{12.4} = 2.25 \frac{m}{s^2}$ ✓

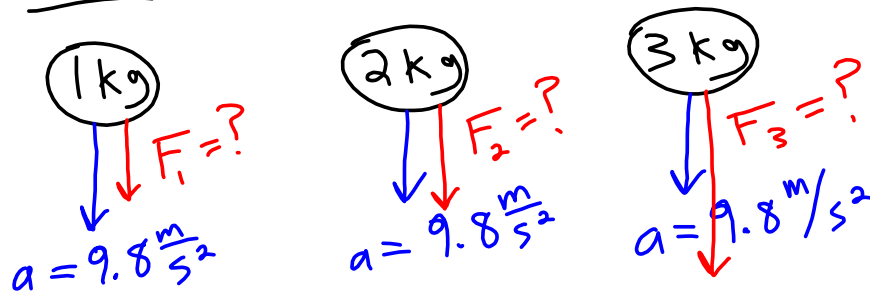
Newton's 2nd Law:

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



$$[F] = N = kg \cdot m/s^2$$

5.5 - The gravitational force (a.k.a. weight)



earth

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_1 &= (1)(9.8) \\
 &= 9.8 \text{ N} \\
 F_2 &= (2)(9.8) \\
 &= 19.6 \text{ N} \\
 F_3 &= (3)(9.8) \\
 &= 29.4 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{\text{gravity}} = mg$$

where
 $g = 9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$