# Chapter 5

# NEWTON'S THIRD LAW OF MOTION

# From previous weeks ...

- Newton's 1<sup>st</sup> Law of Motion (Law of Inertia)
  - Every object continues in a state of rest or of uniform speed in a straight line unless acted on by a nonzero net force.
- Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Motion
  - The acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the net force acting on the object, is in the direction of the net force, and is inversely proportional to the mass of the object.
     F = ma

# Objectives- Chapter 5

- Forces and Interactions
- Newton's Third Law of Motion
- Summary of Newton's Laws
- Vectors

### Forces and Interactions

#### Interaction

- is between one thing and another.
- requires a pair of forces acting on two objects.



Example: interaction of hand and wall pushing on each other

Force pair—you push on wall; wall pushes on you.

Forces occur in pairs.

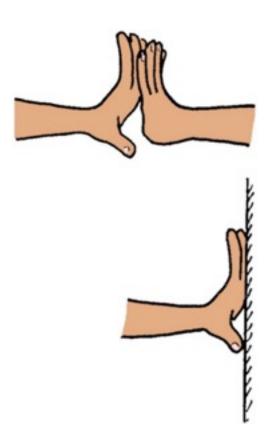
#### Force Pairs

Every force is a part of an interaction between two objects.

Forces come in pairs.

These forces are equal in magnitude (have the same strength) and opposite in direction.

An interaction requires a *pair* of forces acting in *two separate objects*.



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#### Action and reaction forces

- one force is called the action force; the other force is called the reaction force.
- are co-pairs of a single interaction.
- neither force exists without the other.
- are equal in strength and opposite in direction.
- always act on different objects.

 Reexpression of Newton's third law: To every action there is always an opposed equal reaction.

Example: Tires of car push back against the road while the road pushes the tires forward.



Action: tire pushes on road

Reaction: road pushes on tire

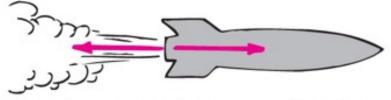
#### Simple rule to identify action and reaction

- Identify the interaction—one thing interacts with another
  - Action: Object A exerts a force on object B.
  - Reaction: Object B exerts a force on object A.

Example: Action—rocket (object A) exerts force on gas (object B).

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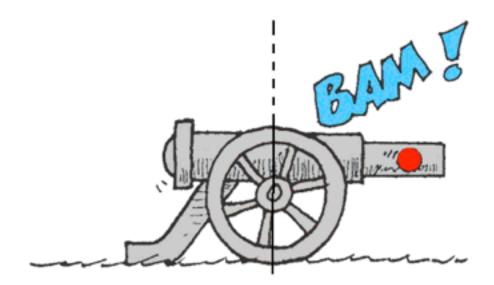
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#### Explanation:

You exert a force on Earth that is equal to the force it exerts on you. But you move more than the Earth does, because its mass is so great compared to your mass that it moves very little and you do not notice it.

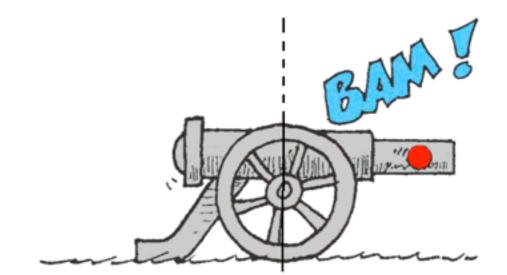
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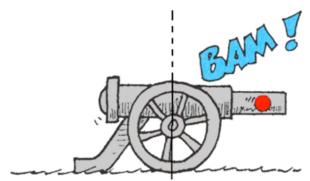


#### Action and Reaction on Different Masses

Cannonball: 
$$\frac{F}{m} = a$$
  
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- The same force exerted on a small mass produces a large acceleration.
- The same force exerted on a large mass produces a small acceleration.



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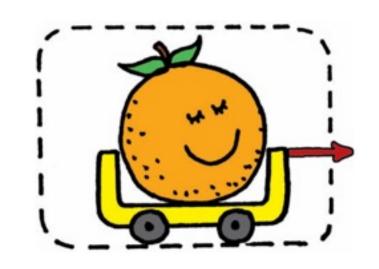
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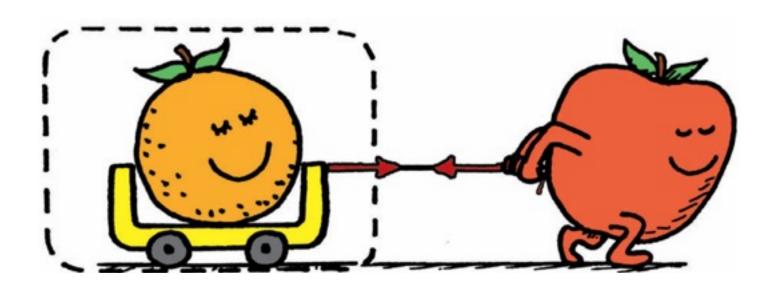
However they push, the result is equal-magnitude forces on equal masses, which produces equal accelerations; therefore, there are equal changes in speed.

#### **Defining Your System**

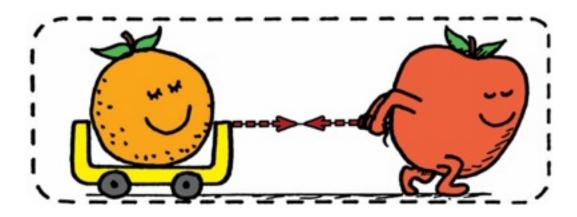
- Consider a single enclosed orange.
  - Applied external force causes the orange to accelerate in accord with Newton's second law.
  - Action and reaction pair of forces is not shown.



- Consider the orange and the apple pulling on it.
  - Action and reaction do not cancel (because they act on different things).
  - External force by apple accelerates the orange.

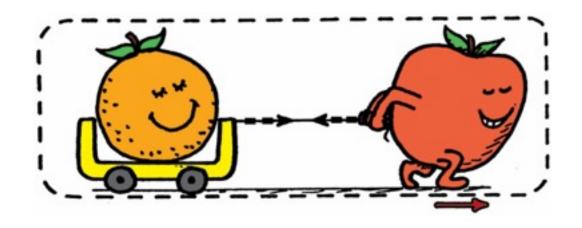


- Consider a system comprised of both the orange and the apple
  - The apple is no longer external to the system.
  - Force pair is internal to system, which doesn't cause acceleration.
  - Action and reaction within the system cancel.
  - With no external forces, there is no acceleration of system.



- Consider the same system, but with external force of friction on it.
  - Same internal action and reaction forces (between the orange and apple) cancel.
  - A second pair of action-reaction forces
     (between the apple's feet and the floor) exists.

- One of these acts by the system (apple on the floor) and the other acts on the system (floor on the apple).
- External frictional force of floor pushes on the system, which accelerates.
- Second pair of action and reaction forces do not cancel.



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#### Explanation:

The force on the air deflected downward must equal the weight of the glider.

# Summary of Newton's Three Laws of Motion

- Newton's first law of motion (the law of inertia)
  - An object at rest tends to remain at rest; an object in motion tends to remain in motion at constant speed along a straight-line path.
- Newton's second law of motion (the law of acceleration)
  - When a net force acts on an object, the object will accelerate. The
    acceleration is directly proportional to the net force and inversely
    proportional to the mass.
- Newton's third law of motion (the law of action and reaction)
  - Whenever one object exerts a force on a second object, the second object exerts an equal and opposite force on the first.

### Vector quantity

- has magnitude and direction.
- is represented by an arrow.

Example: velocity, force, acceleration

### Scalar quantity

has magnitude.

Example: mass, volume, speed

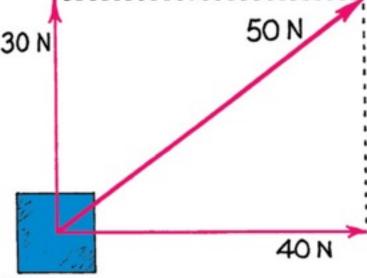
#### Resultant

- The sum of two or more vectors
  - For vectors in the same direction, add arithmetically.
  - For vectors in opposite directions, subtract arithmetically.
  - Two vectors that don't act in the same or opposite direction:
    - use parallelogram rule.
  - Two vectors at right angles to each other
    - use Pythagorean Theorem:  $R^2 = V^2 + H^2$ .

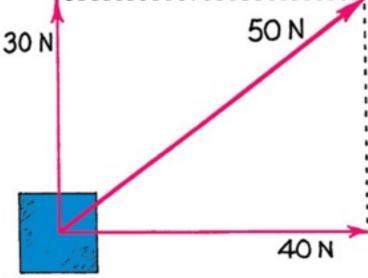
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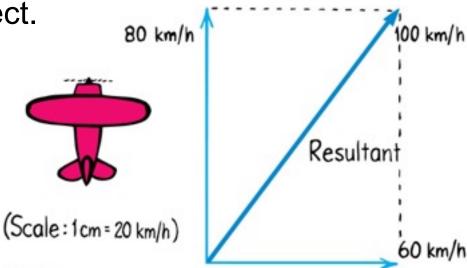


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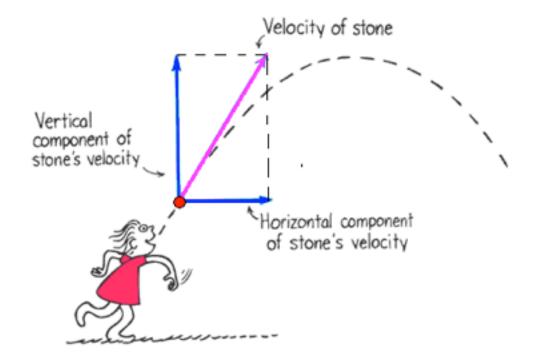
Resultant

(Scale:1cm=20 km/h)

60 km/h

#### Vector components

- Vertical and horizontal components of a vector are perpendicular to each other.
- Determined by resolution.



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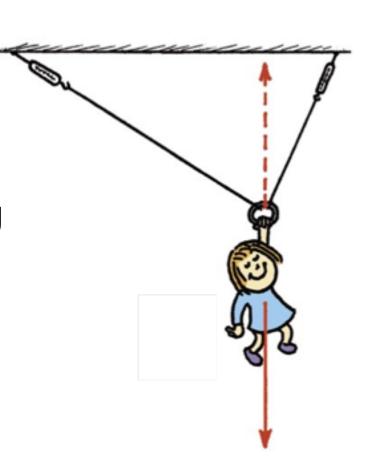
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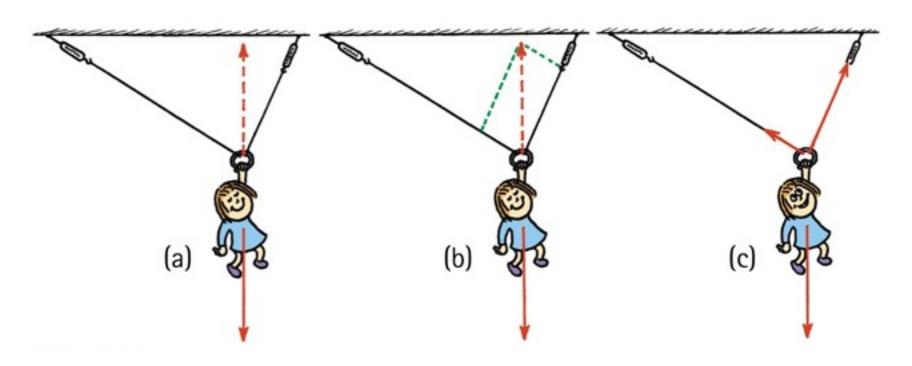
The horizontal 4 m/s and vertical 4 m/s combine by the parallelogram rule to produce a resultant of 5.6 m/s at 45°.

Nellie Newton hangs from a rope as shown.

- Which side has the greater tension?
- There are three forces acting on Nellie:
  - her weight,
  - a tension in the left-hand side of the rope,
  - and a tension in the right-hand side of the rope.



- Because of the different angles, different rope tensions will occur in each side.
- Nellie hangs in equilibrium, so her weight is supported by two rope tensions, adding vectorially to be equal and opposite to her weight.
- The parallelogram rule shows that the tension in the right-hand rope is greater than the tension in the left-hand rope.



# Chapter 5 Problems

2. If you stand next to a wall on a frictionless skateboard and push the wall with a force of 40 N, how hard does the wall push on you?

The wall must exert an equal and opposite force or 40N

If your mass is 80 kg, show that your acceleration is 0.5 m/s

a = F/m = 40 N / 80 kg = 40 kg m/s<sup>2</sup> / 80 kg =**0.5 m/s<sup>2</sup>**.

## Homework

- Read Chapter 5 in Detail.
- Do Exercises 13, 16, 24, 44
- Do Problem 2.

Homework due: Jun 04