

"I know not what I appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the sea-shore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me." - Sir Isaac Newton

> 1643 - 1727 (84 years old!)

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Sir Isaac Newton's scientific contributions

- Mathematics
- Kinematics
- Dynamics
- Gravitation
- Optics



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Consider the following diagram:



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If the string suddenly snaps when the puck is in the position shown, which path best represents the puck's subsequent motion? Chapter 5 - Force and Motion

Interesting Example



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Examples:

- A puck or hockey player on ice
- A paper weight on your desk
- ► What else?

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Types of forces:

- Tension
- Contact
- Friction
- Force at a distance
- Normal



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Lecture Question 5.1

When you drive your car down a straight highway at a constant velocity, the net force on your car is zero.

(a) True

- (b) False, because of air drag.
- (c) False, because of friction from the road.
- (d) False because of air drag and friction from the road.

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Newton's Second Law

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$$F = 100 \text{ lb} = 100 \text{ lb} \times 4.45 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{lb}} = 445 \text{ N}.$$

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Lecture Question 5.2

A car of mass *m* is moving at a speed 3v in the left lane on a highway. In the right lane, a truck of mass 3m is moving at a speed *v*. As the car is passing the truck, both drivers apply the brakes to stop ahead at a red light. What is the ratio of the force required to stop the truck to that required to stop the car? Assume each vehicle stops with a constant deceleration and stops in the same distance *x*.

- **(a)** 1/9
- **(b)** 1/3
- **(c)** 1
- **(d)** 3

(e) 9

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Other examples:

- ► Tug of war!
- Opening a door
- Jumping on a trampoline

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Example: An astronaut ($m_a = 80$ kg) is tethered to a satellite ($m_s = 800$ kg) in a remote region of space. The astronaut pulls on the tether with 40 N of force. What happens?



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First, let's simplify this picture:



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What are the forces on each object?



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• Therefore, $\vec{a}_a = \frac{-40\hat{i}}{80} = -0.5\hat{i}$ m/s²

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- Step 4: Sum the forces (head to tail)
- Step 5: Set equal to $m\vec{a}$ and solve

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Lecture Question 5.3

When a satellite travels around the Earth in a circular orbit, it moves at a (roughly) constant *speed*. Does Newton's first law apply in this situation?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No, because the satellite's position is changing
- (c) No, because the satellite is also pulled by the sun
- (d) No, because the satellite changes direction
- (e) No, because the satellite's orbit eventually decays

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