


In the absence of a **FORCE**
a body is at rest

A body only moves if it is driven. 

Aristotle
350 BC **Moving objects need to be pushed**
No push → no motion

Logical misconception from observation
Riding a bike stop pedalling > slow down
Driving a car, turn off engine > slow down



Newton clarified the mechanics of motion in the “real world”.

He postulated that there existed an **absolute** (not accelerating) reference frame, and an absolute time.

His laws applied only when measurements were made in this reference frame..... **...or**
in any other reference frame that was **at rest** or **moving at a constant velocity** relative to this absolute frame.

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A given force always gives the same acceleration to a mass .

A body that is at rest in one inertial ref. frame will either be at rest, or have a **constant velocity** in the other .

A body that is has a constant velocity in one inertial ref. frame will either be at rest, or have a **constant velocity** in the other .

Newton's 1st Law

Every body perseveres in a state of rest, or uniform motion in a right line unless compelled to change that state by forces impressed thereon.

Why???
Mass



1686 BC

Newton's 1st Law

If a body is at rest, and no force acts on it, **IT WILL REMAIN AT REST.**

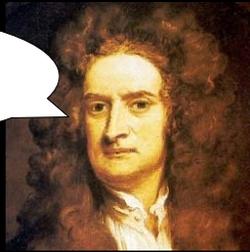
If it is moving with a constant velocity, **IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO**

If a body is moving at constant velocity, we can always find a reference frame where it is **AT REST.**

At rest ≡ moving at constant velocity

Force: Newton 2

The alteration of motion is ever proportional to the motive force impressed; and is made in the direction of the right line in which that force is impressed.



Force

If things do not need pushing to move at constant velocity, what is the role of **FORCE**???

An applied force **changes** the velocity of the body

acceleration $\rightarrow a \propto F$ acceleration is proportional to the force!!!

$$a = \frac{1}{m}F$$

Inertial mass

$$a = F/m$$

The more massive a body is, the less it is accelerated by a given force.

Mass and Weight

MASS is the property that determines the **INERTIA** of the body
How difficult it is to get moving (accelerating)

WEIGHT is the **FORCE** with which Earth pulls the mass $6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$
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$$F = m(0.000000000007 \text{ N/kg})$$

$$F = mg = \text{weight}$$

Gravitational field 9.8 N kg^{-1}
or
acceleration due to gravity 9.8 m s^{-2}

Every mass on Earth accelerates at the same rate downward!

the acceleration of a mass towards the centre of Earth is 9.8 m s^{-2} each sec.

A common misconception

Heavy things fall faster than light things

$$a = \Sigma F/m$$

$$a = \frac{\text{SUM of ALL EXTERNAL forces acting on the body}}{m}$$

$$a = \frac{mg}{m}$$

The acceleration of a falling object does NOT depend on its mass!!!!



Newton's 3rd Law

Forces come in pairs

To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

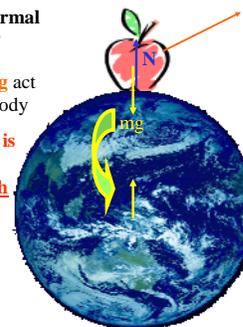
The action-reaction pairs
ALWAYS act on DIFFERENT bodies

What is reaction pair to the weight force mg ?

Is it N (normal reaction)?

NO N and mg act on the **SAME** body

The reaction pair is the force of the apple on the Earth



N is the force of the **ground** on the **apple** N_{GA}

The reaction pair to N_{GA} (or N) is the force of the **apple** on the **ground**, N_{AG}

