

# Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law



## Outcome:

S2-3-06 Describe qualitatively how force is related to motion. *Include: no force, constant force,  $F=ma$*

# More on Forces

How is the applied **FORCE RELATED** to the subsequent **MOTION** of the object?  
Does the size of the force affect the motion?

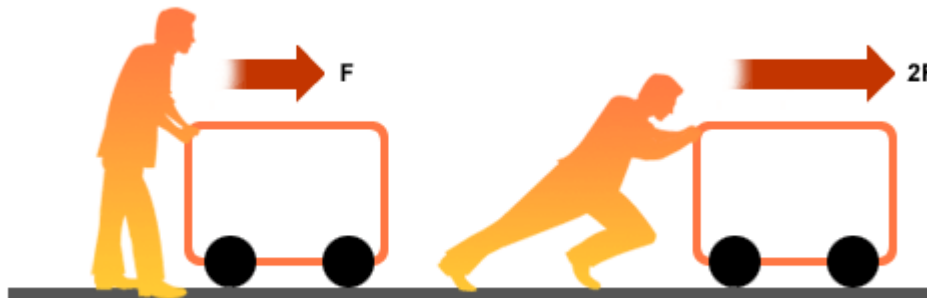
***Force is proportional to acceleration.***

- If we apply a **GREATER FORCE** we will have a **GREATER ACCELERATION** (including speeding up and slowing down).

***Force is proportional to mass.***

- **MORE MASSIVE OBJECTS** require **MORE FORCE** to accelerate (change speed).

***Force can change the direction of motion.***



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Looks at the relationship between an object's MASS and its ACCELERATION.

- The MASS of an object is not simply the QUANTITY of MATTER but is actually a measure of INERTIA of an object. What does this mean?
  - The MORE MASS an object has, the MORE DIFFICULT it becomes to CHANGE the OBJECT'S state of MOTION.

Example:

It is more difficult to budge a PIANO from rest than a PIANO BENCH. This is because the piano has much MORE mass than the bench does and there for much more INERTIA.

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Newton's second law is often stated as

$$F = ma$$

Where:

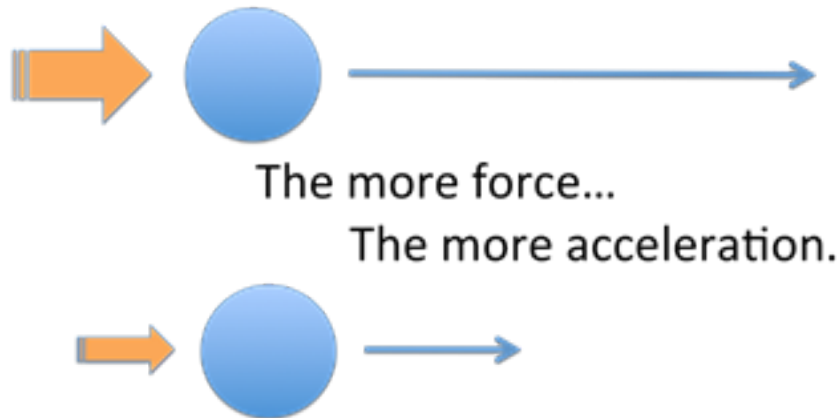
$F = \text{Force, measured in Newtons (N)} - 1\text{N} = 1\text{kg/m}\cdot\text{s}^2$

$m = \text{Mass, measured in Kilograms (Kg)}$

$a = \text{Acceleration, measured in m/s}^2$

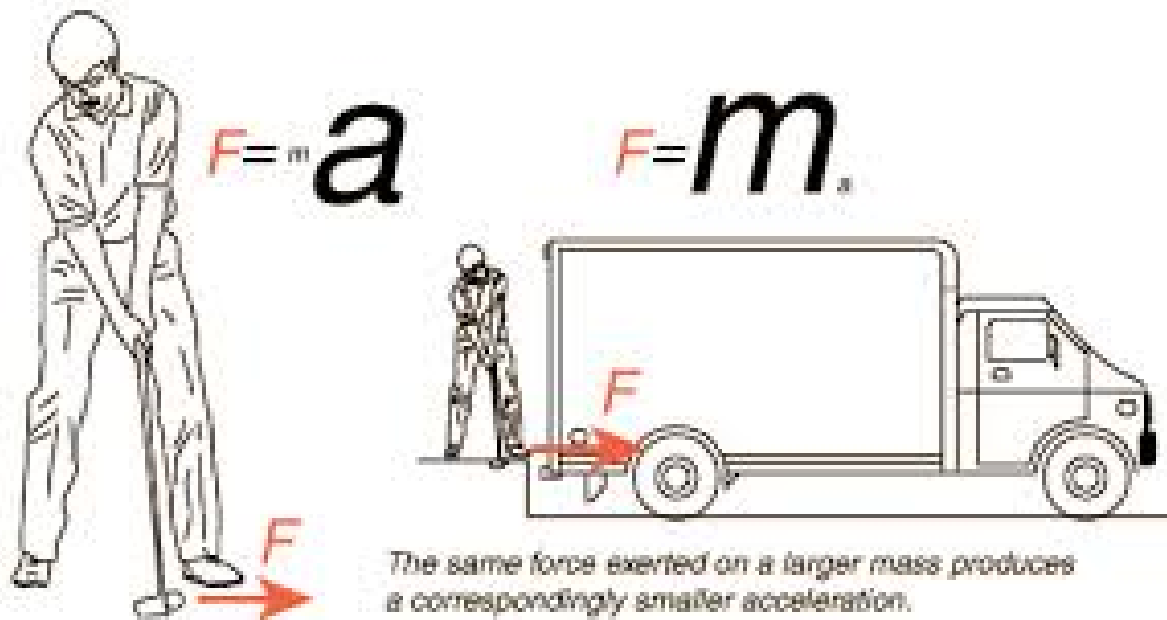
*This law states that*

- **ACCELERATION** is **PROPORTIONAL** to the applied **FORCE**.  
→ If we apply a **GREATER FORCE**, there will be a **GREATER ACCELERATION** (either speeding up or slowing down).



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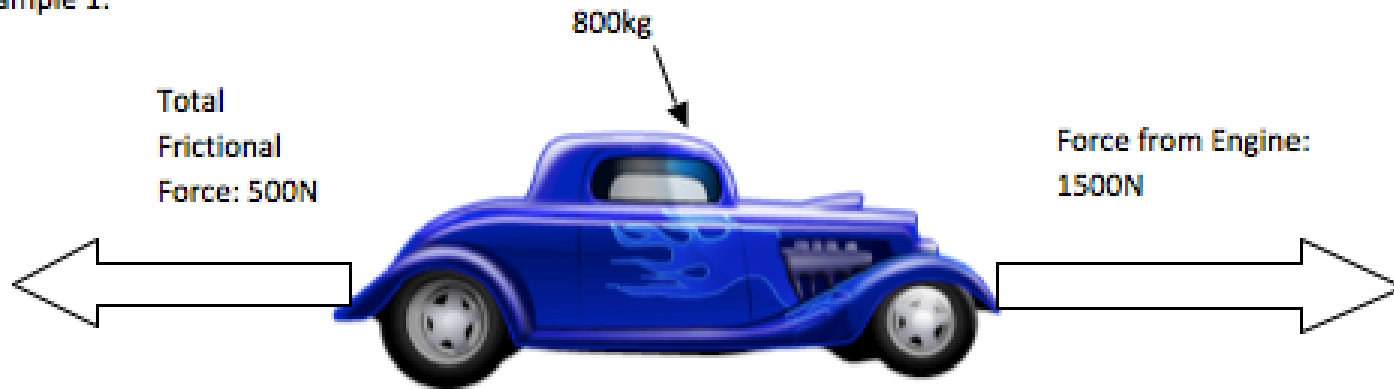
- To achieve **ACCELERATION**, the amount of applied **FORCE** is **RELATED** to the **MASS** of an object.
  - The **MORE MASSIVE** an object becomes, the **GREATER** the **FORCE** **NECESSARY** to change its speed



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- a **FORCE** is **CAPABLE** of **CHANGING** the **DIRECTION** of **MOTION** on an **OBJECT**.
  - If an unbalanced force is applied to an object, the object will **ACCELERATE** in the **DIRECTION** of the **UNBALANCED FORCE**.

Example 1.



## **Reminder:**

- A force is any kind of **PUSH** or **PULL** on an object.
- **FORCE** is a **VECTOR** quantity.

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$$\vec{F} = ma$$

## Example Problems:

1. How fast will a 700kg car accelerate if a force of 400N is applied by stepping on the gas?

$$\begin{aligned} m &= 700 \text{ kg} \\ F &= 400 \text{ N} \\ a &= ? \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= ma \\ 400 \text{ N} &= (700 \text{ kg})(a) \\ a &= \frac{400 \text{ N}}{700 \text{ kg}} = 0.57 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

2. You are driving along at 100km/hr, and a deer jumps out in front of you. If you slam on the breaks and stop in 5s, find the following:

- a. Your acceleration (in m/s<sup>2</sup>)

$$100 \text{ km/hr} \div 3.6 = 27.8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{v_2 - v_1}{\Delta t} \\ &= \frac{0 \text{ m/s} - 27.8 \text{ m/s}}{5 \text{ s}} = -5.56 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

- b. If your car has a mass of 900 kg, what force did your breaks have to apply to stop the car?

$$\begin{aligned} F &= ma \\ F &= (900 \text{ kg})(-5.56 \text{ m/s}^2) \\ F &= (-5004 \text{ N}) \end{aligned}$$

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## Example Problems:

3. Find the mass of an object that accelerates at a rate of  $3\text{m/s}^2$  when a force of  $1000\text{N}$  is applied.

$$F = 1000\text{N}$$

$$a = 3\text{m/s}^2$$

$$m = ?$$

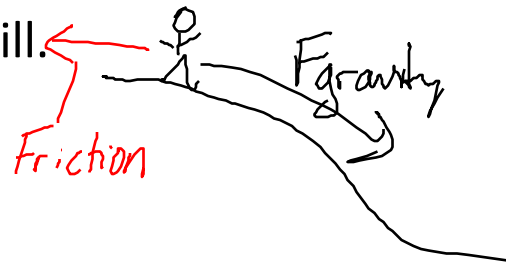
$$F = ma$$

$$1000\text{N} = m(3\text{m/s}^2)$$

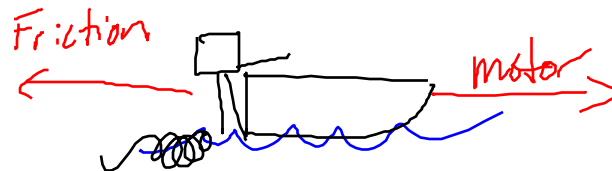
$$m = 333.3\text{ Kg}$$

4. Draw a diagram showing all the forces in the following situations:

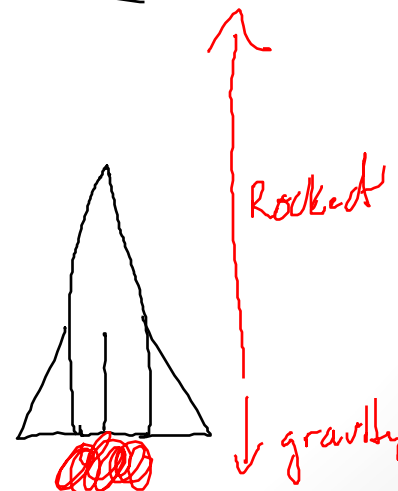
- a. A skier goes down the hill.



- b. A boat is moving at a constant speed.



- c. A rocket is launched.





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*Try these ones...*

1. You are pushing a stalled car. Describe how acceleration would change if:
  - a. Applied more force.

acceleration ↑

- b. The car was heavier.

acceleration ↓

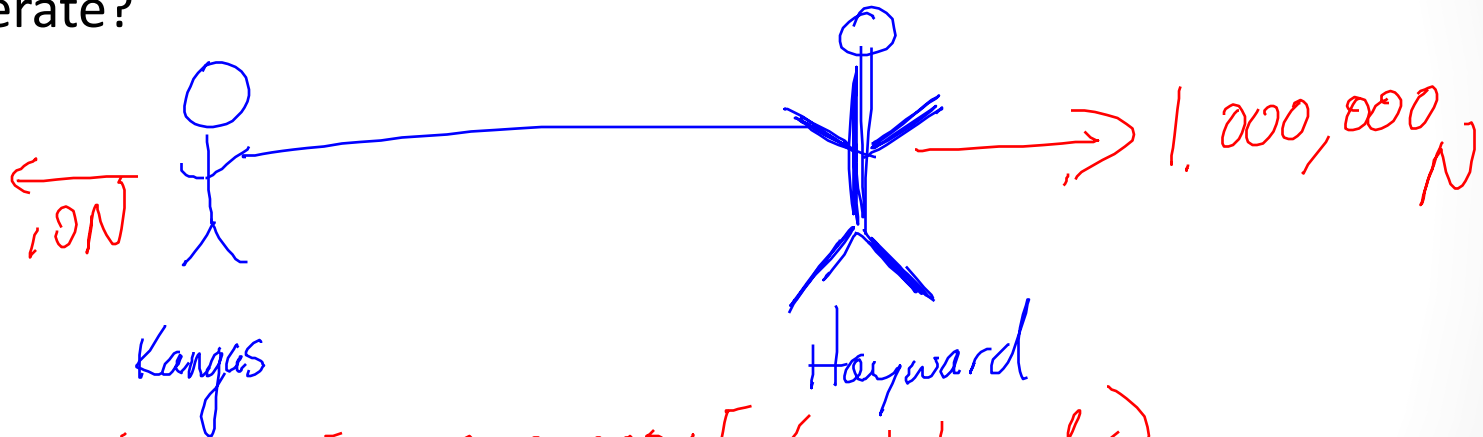
2. Calculate the force required to throw a football (1kg) with an acceleration of  $2.5\text{m/s}^2$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= ma \\ &= (1\text{kg})(2.5\text{m/s}^2) \\ &= 2.5\text{N} \end{aligned}$$

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Try these ones...

3. Hayward and Kangas are having a tug-of-war. If Hayward can pull with a force of 1,000,000 N and Kangas can only pull with a force of 10 N, and Kangas has a mass of 60kg, how fast will Mr. Kangas accelerate?



$$1,000,000 \text{ N} - 10 \text{ N} = 999,990 \text{ N} \text{ (unbalanced)}$$

$$F = ma$$

$$999,990 \text{ N} = 60 \text{ kg} (a)$$

$$a = 16,666 \text{ m/s}^2$$