

## *Definition of Dynamics*

*Dynamics* is the study of why an object moves.

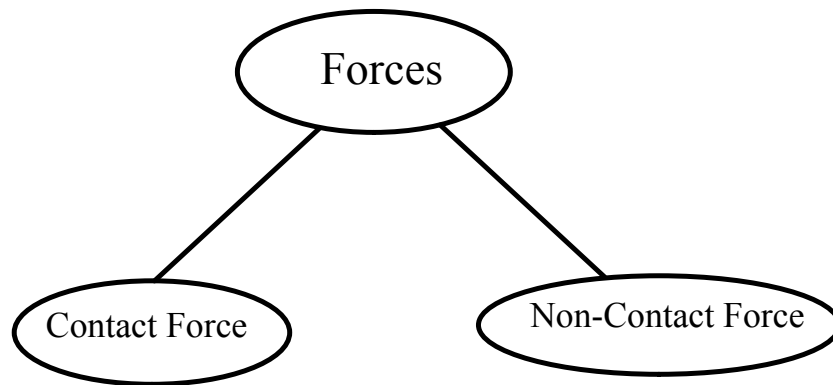
In order to understand why objects move, we must first study forces.

## *Forces*

A *force* is defined as a push or a pull.

Forces are vector quantities - they have magnitude and direction.

In the last unit, the sum of all the forces acting on an object was referred to as the resultant force. *Net force*,  $\mathbf{F}_{\text{net}}$ , is another term used for the vector sum of forces.



- a force exerted by an object in direct contact with another object

Examples  
friction  
tension  
normal force  
applied force

- a force that acts over a distance

Examples  
force of gravity  
magnetic force  
electric force

## Types of Forces

An object can experience many different forces simultaneously. Some of the more common forces are listed below.

$\vec{F}_g$  : gravitational force (force of *gravity*)  
- this is an attractive force that acts over a distance between masses

**NOTE:** Weight is the force of gravity acting on an object.

$$\vec{F}_g = m\vec{g}$$

Fg -> Force of gravity or weight (N)

m -> mass (kg)

g -> acceleration due to gravity (m/s<sup>2</sup>)

## PRACTICE PROBLEMS

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1. Find the weight of a 2.3 kg bowling ball on Earth.
2. You have a weight of 652.58 N[down] while standing on a spring scale on Earth near the equator.
  - (a) Calculate your mass.
  - (b) Determine your weight on Earth near the North Pole.
  - (c) Determine your weight on the International Space Station. Why would this value be impossible to verify experimentally?
3. The lunar roving vehicle (LRV) pictured here has a mass of 209 kg regardless of where it is, but its weight is much less on the surface of the Moon than on Earth. Calculate the LRV's weight on Earth and on the Moon.
4. A 1.00 kg mass is used to determine the acceleration due to gravity of a distant, city-sized asteroid. Calculate the acceleration due to gravity if the mass has a weight of  $3.25 \times 10^{-2}$  N[down] on the surface of the asteroid.

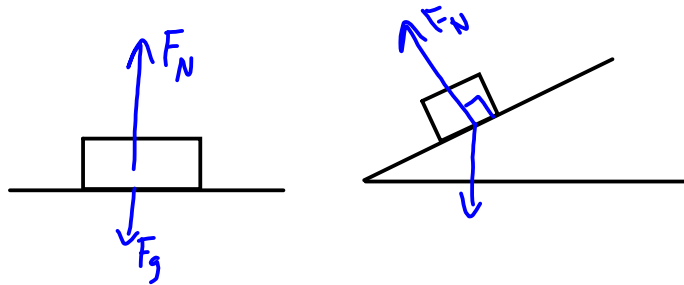


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$F_a$ : an *applied* force  
 - a push or pull you exert on an object

$F_N$ : the *normal* force  
 - a force that acts perpendicular to the surface on which an object rests

**NOTE:** "normal" means perpendicular



$F_f$ : the force of *friction*  
 - a force that opposes an object's motion

static frictional force ( $F_{fs}$ ) - exists when you start to move an object from rest

kinetic frictional force ( $F_{fk}$ ) - exists while an object is in motion

$$F_f = \mu F_N$$

$F_f$  -> force of friction (N)  
 $\mu$  -> coefficient of friction  
 $F_N$  -> normal force (N)

**Table 4.5** Coefficients of Friction

Surfaces	Coefficient of Static Friction $\mu_s$	Coefficient of Kinetic Friction $\mu_k$
rubber on dry solid surfaces	1 – 4	1
rubber on dry concrete	1.00	0.80
rubber on wet concrete	0.70	0.50
glass on glass	0.94	0.40
steel on steel (unlubricated)	0.74	0.57
steel on steel (lubricated)	0.15	0.06
wood on wood	0.40	0.20
ice on ice	0.10	0.03
Teflon™ on steel in air	0.04	0.04
lubricated ball bearings	< 0.01	< 0.01
synovial joint in humans	0.01	0.003

$F_T$ : *tension*  
 - the force that acts along a rope, wire, string, etc.

## *Free-Body Diagrams*

*'Physics is all about simplification.'*

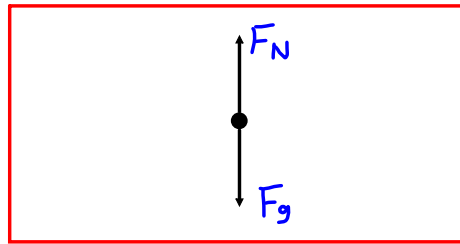
A *free-body diagram* (FBD) is a picture that shows ALL the forces acting on an object.

For the sake of simplicity, an object is usually represented by a dot and only the forces acting on the object are included on the diagram. The forces are represented by arrows.

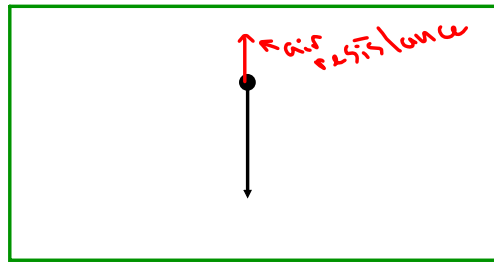
*When drawing FBDs, put the tail of the force vectors on the object, with the arrow pointing away from the object. NEVER draw a force vector pointing toward an object.*

**Examples:**

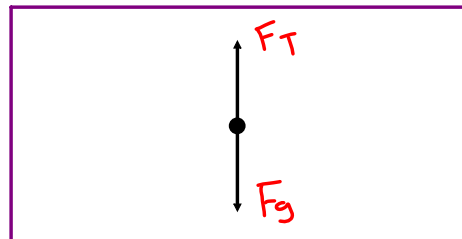
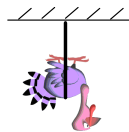
An *apple* rests on a desk.



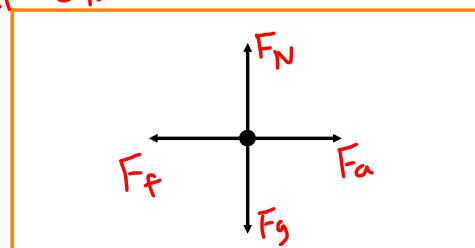
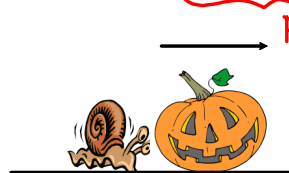
A *flower pot* falls in the absence of air resistance.



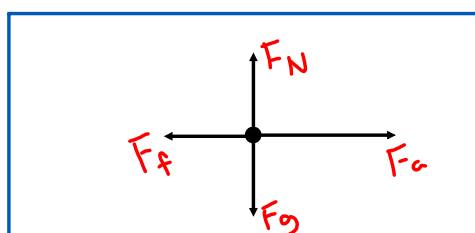
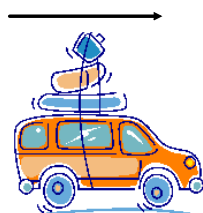
A *turkey* is hung from the ceiling of a classroom.



A snail pushes a *pumpkin* across the floor at constant speed.



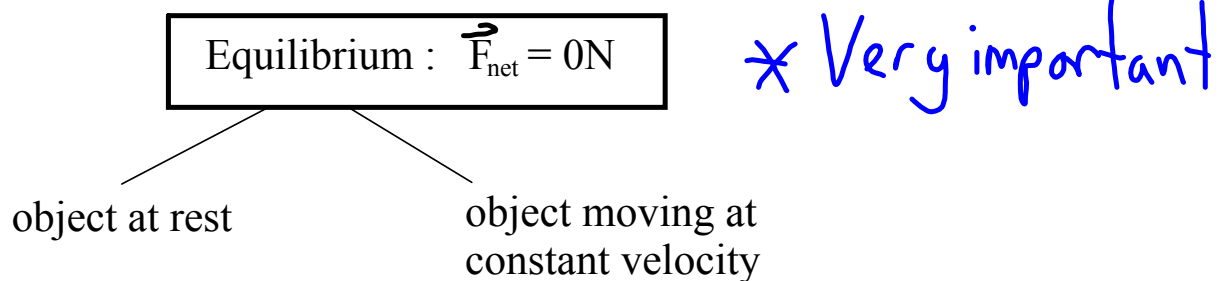
A *car* speeds up while traveling on a dirt road.



## *Motion and Forces*

When the net force on an object is zero, it is in a state of *equilibrium*. This means that the object is either at *rest* or moving at a *constant velocity*. *It cannot be accelerating.*

*What determines an object's motion?  
Why, the value of the net force of course!*



If the net force does not equal zero, the object will accelerate at a constant rate!

### NOTE

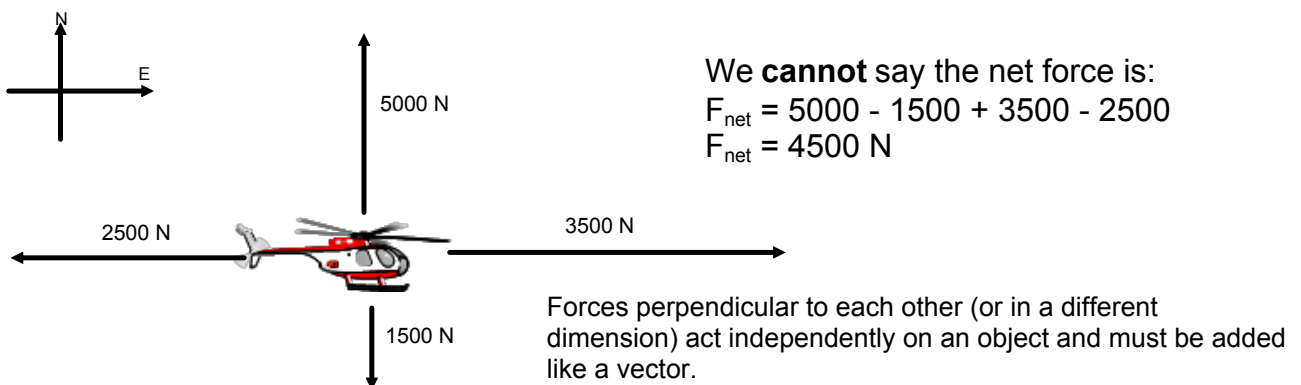
The object will accelerate in the direction of the net force.



## Net Force

The net force is the vector sum of all the forces acting on an object. Only forces acting in the same dimension (i.e. left and right or up and down) can be mathematically added (or subtracted).

Consider the four forces acting on the object below:



We can talk about the net force in each dimension:

$$F_{\text{net}} [\text{East}] = 3500 \text{ N} - 2500 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{net}} [\text{E}] = 1000 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{net}} [\text{North}] = 5000 \text{ N} - 1500 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{net}} [\text{N}] = 3500 \text{ N}$$

To find the actual net force on the object we would need to do a scale diagram with the vectors or a calculation (grade 12).

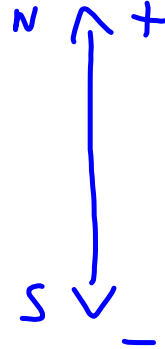
Often to identify which direction we are focusing on we use the subscripts x and y. Like in your math class, x - horizontal direction and y - vertical direction. Directions are all in the way your set up your problem for analysis - your frame of reference.

The force of gravity on a ball is 10 N. An upward wind acts with 14 N. What is the net force on the ball?

$$F_{\text{net}} = F_g + F_{\text{wind}}$$

$$F_{\text{net}} = -10\text{ N} + 14\text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{net}} = 4\text{ N (up)}$$

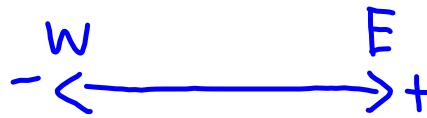


The force applied to a car from the gas is 1575 N [E]. Air resistance acts with 1230 N [W]. What is the net force on the car?

$$F_{\text{net}} = F_a + F_{\text{air}}$$

$$= 1575 - 1230$$

$$F_{\text{net}} = 345\text{ N}$$



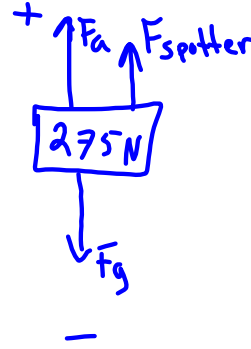
A person tries to bench press 275 N but can only lift 252 [N]. How much weight must a spotter support?

$$F_{net} = F_a + F_{sp} + F_g$$

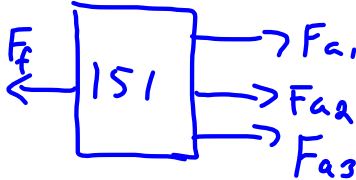
$$F_{net} = 0 \text{ N (just enough to overcome gravity)}$$

$$0 = 252 + F_{sp} - 275$$

$$23 \text{ N} = F_{sp}$$



Two people are supplying forces on a 151 kg box sitting on the floor. One person pushes with 144 N [E] and the other pulls with 175 N [E]. What force would a third person need to apply to start the box moving if  $\mu_s = 0.33$ ?



$$F_{net} = 0 \text{ N (just enough to overcome friction)}$$

$$F_{net} = F_{a1} + F_{a2} + F_{a3} + F_f$$

$$F_{a1} = 144 \text{ N}, F_{a2} = 175 \text{ N}, F_{a3} = ?, F_f = ?$$

$$F_f = \mu F_N \rightarrow \text{Normal Force} = \text{Force gravity, } mg$$

$$F_f = \mu mg = (0.33)(151)(9.81)$$

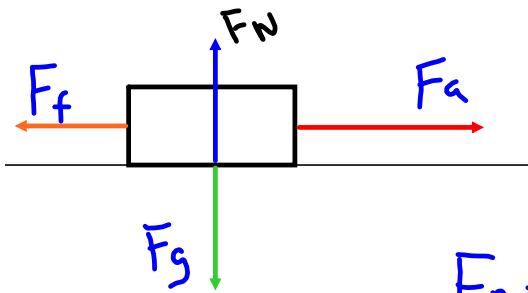
$$F_f = 489 \text{ N}$$

So, use the  $F_{net}$  relation:

$$0 = 144 + 175 + F_{a3} - 489$$

$$170 \text{ N} = F_{a3} \quad * \text{ Answer is positive so the direction is East.}$$

NOTE: The net force equation is applied to different dimensions independently.



A horizontal force of 85 N is required to pull a child in a sled at constant speed over dry snow to overcome the force of friction. The child and sled have a combined mass of 52 kg. Calculate the coefficient of kinetic friction between the sled and the snow. (0.17)

$$F_f = \mu F_N$$

$$F_{net} = F_a + F_f, F_{net} = 0$$

Find  $F_f$ :

$$0 = 85 + F_f \rightarrow -85 = F_f$$

Find  $F_N$ :

$$F_N = F_g = mg$$

$$F_N = (52)(9.81) = 510 \text{ N}$$

Find  $\mu$

$$F_f = \mu F_N$$

$$85 = \mu(510) \Rightarrow \mu = 0.17$$

Always use magnitudes (positive) numbers with this formula.

1. A 62 kg crate is pulled at a constant velocity with an applied force of 337 N.
  - a. Calculate the force of friction.
  - b. Calculate the normal force on the crate.
  - c. Calculate the coefficient of kinetic friction.

a)  $F_{\text{net}} = 0 \text{ N}$  (constant velocity)

$$F_{\text{net}} = F_a + F_f \text{ (only two forces acting in that direction)}$$

$$0 = 337 + F_f$$

$$-337 \text{ N} = F_f$$

b)  $F_N = F_g = mg$

$$F_N = (62 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)$$

$$F_N = 608 \text{ N}$$

c)  $F_f = \mu F_N$

$$\mu = \frac{F_f}{F_N} = \frac{337}{608}$$

$$\mu = 0.55$$

← always use + numbers

2. A box has a weight of 625 N and is being pulled with a net force of 12 N. The coefficient of kinetic friction is 0.23.

- What is the mass of the box?
- What is the force of friction?
- What is the applied force?

$$a) F_g = mg$$

$$625 = m(9.81)$$

$$63.7 \text{ Kg} = m$$

$$b) F_f = \mu F_N$$

$$F_N = F_g$$

$$\text{So, } F_f = (0.23)(625)$$

$$F_f = 144 \text{ N}$$

$$c) F_{\text{net}} = F_a + F_f$$

$$12 = F_a - 144$$

↑  $F_f$  always  
opposite motion  
of object.

↑ This is the  
magnitude of the  
force.

$$156 \text{ N} = F_a$$