

Modern Physics



Isaac Newton

- Three laws of motion
- Universal Gravitation
- Calculus (kind of, Leibniz did too)

Simple central principals from which all motion, either on Earth or in the heavens, can be derived.

Gottfried Leibniz also invented calculus.

India had a long history of trigonometry as witnessed by the 8th century BCE treatise [Sulba Sutras](#), or rules of the [chord](#), where the sine, cosine, and tangent were conceived. Indian mathematicians gave a semi-rigorous method of differentiation of some trigonometric functions. In the Middle East, [Alhazen](#) derived a formula for the sum of [fourth powers](#). He used the results to carry out what would now be called an [integration](#), where the formulas for the sums of integral squares and fourth powers allowed him to calculate the volume of a [paraboloid](#).^[7] In the 14th century, Indian mathematician [Madhava of Sangamagrama](#) and the [Kerala school of astronomy and mathematics](#) stated components of calculus such as the [Taylor series](#) and [infinite series](#) approximations

In the 17th century, European mathematicians [Isaac Barrow](#), [René Descartes](#), [Pierre de Fermat](#), [Blaise Pascal](#), [John Wallis](#) and others discussed the idea of a [derivative](#).

On the integral side, Bonaventura [Cavalieri](#) developed his [method of indivisibles](#) in the 1630s and 1640s. Evangelista [Torricelli](#) extended this work to other curves such as the [cycloid](#), and then the formula was generalized to fractional and negative powers by Wallis in 1656. In a 1659 treatise, Fermat is credited with an ingenious trick for evaluating the integral of any power function directly

Importantly, Newton and Leibniz did not create the same Calculus and they did not conceive of modern Calculus.

Newton's First Law

The Law of Inertia

*Galileo already
said this*



The **NATURAL** state of motion is
to *resist changes*.

Aristotle says:

The natural state of objects on the Earth is a state of rest.

Newton Says:

The natural state of motion of an object is to keep doing what it's doing.

Galileo had already said this.

Aristotle divided the universe into "The Heavens" and "The Earth"

The "Heavens" were eternal and unchanging. The natural state of the heavens was perfect motion.

The Earth was temporary and ever changing.

The natural state of motion of Earth bound objects was rest.

Newton (and Galileo) said that the natural state of motion is to not change.

Newton's Third Law

“For every *action*, there is an equal and opposite *reaction*”



If you **PUSH** on something, it *pushes back*

Forces come in pairs.

If you apply a force to something, it responds by pushing back.

As I push against a baseball to throw it, I can FEEL it pushing back.

This is how rockets work. We push mass out the back of the rocket and the opposing force pushes back, propelling the rocket forward.

A few examples of force pairs:

Standing on the ground (ground pushes on me; I push on the ground)

Pushing on a wall (I push on wall; wall pushes on me)

Bug hitting a windshield

Throwing a baseball

The *effects* of those forces can be vastly different, but the *forces* are the same

What do you think?

Case 1: Sail + Boat

Case 3: Sail + Fan

A: Left B: Right C: Neither

Which direction will the boat move, and why?

Discuss Case 3 first, then vote. Revote after additional discussion if needed.

Newton's Second Law

A *change in motion* is caused by a
 $a = F/m$
FORCE



Galileo didn't say this.

To get an object to change, a force must be applied.

When we push the gas pedal in the car, the engine generates a force causing the car to move.

Why does the car stop if I stop pushing with the engine?

Mass



**Measures
Mass**



**Measures
Force**

Balance scale:

Balance test object against a REFERENCE mass

Independent of gravitational force.

You'll get the same answer on Mars as on Earth

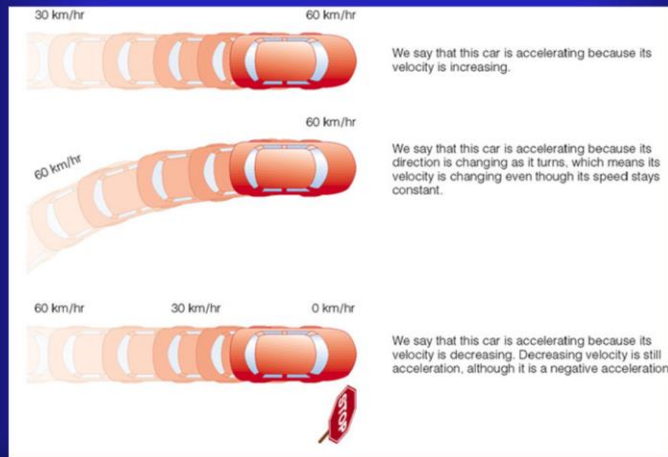
Spring scale.

Measurement is dependent on gravitational force.

Measures how far a spring is stretched or compressed,
which is a measure of FORCE.

You'll get DIFFERENT answers on Earth versus Mars

Acceleration



So... forces cause changes in **velocity**... or accelerations.

The acceleration is proportional to the force... and inversely proportional to the mass.

Universal Law of Gravitation

Objects having **mass** exert an attractive force on one another.

This force is:

- **Proportional** to the product of the masses
- **Inversely proportional** to the square of the distance between them.

Phew! What a mouthful! What does it mean?

Give proportional examples: number of apple slices is proportional to the number of apples I start with. Doubling a recipe: I need to double each ingredient (usually). Making skirts – I need twice as much fabric to make twice as many skirts for myself.

Give inverse proportional examples: time needed to dig a hole is inversely proportional to the number of people digging. As temperature increases, sale of sweaters decreases. Etc.

Universal Law of Gravitation

$$F = G \frac{M_1 M_2}{r^2}$$

Objects with **mass** exert an attractive force on one another.

But often on Earth we see: $F = m g$. The “m” is the mass of the object you are dropping.

What is “g”? $g = G M_{\text{earth}} / r_{\text{earth}}^2$

g is also the *acceleration* of whatever you’re dropping. Remember $F = m a$!

Which Falls Faster?



Exercise... Reason it out... not just a prediction.
I want the answer to talk about gravitation, mass, and acceleration.

Why do they land at the same time?

A Light object and a Heavy object strike the ground at the same time because:

- A. The force of gravity is the same.
- B. The Earth is MUCH bigger so the mass difference doesn't matter.
- C. The force of gravity isn't the same, but the acceleration is the same.
- D. Heavy objects fall faster.

$F_g, \text{ bowling ball} = m \text{ bowling ball} * g$ since the mass is larger than the baseball, the force is larger.

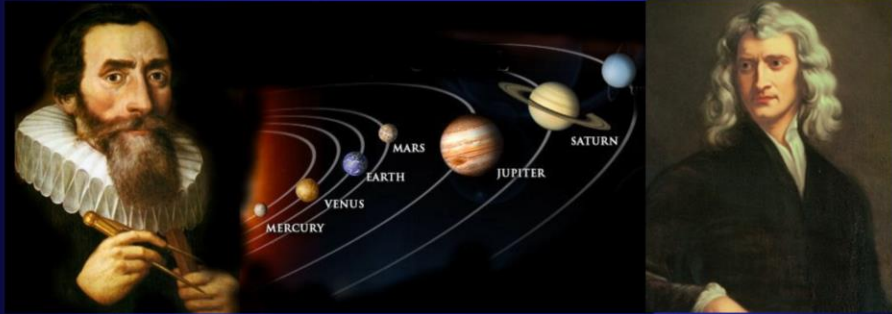
Is the earth much bigger? Yes. But twice the mass still is twice the force.

However the “g” is the same! That only depends on the mass of the Earth and the distance, which is

Heavy objects, it turns out, do NOT fall faster. Even if you want them to!

Does it work?

Newtonian mechanics provides extremely accurate predictions.



Kepler's Laws are a special case.

Extremely accurate, that is, until we get near something really REALLY massive, or start moving very VERY fast ($\sim 1/3$ the speed of light). But that doesn't happen every day.

Kepler's Laws

$$P^2 = ka^3$$

So what is that constant?

$$P^2 = k_2 \frac{a^3}{(M_1 + M_2)}$$

M_1 and M_2 are the masses of our orbiting objects!

Our constant is just the mass of our two bodies orbiting each other! But why do we get the same thing for all the planets? Jupiter has a lot more mass than Earth, so why does this still work?

Even though Jupiter has a lot more mass than Earth, it is still MUCH MUCH smaller than the mass of the Sun! So, we can ignore the M_2 in the equation because it's so much smaller than M_1 . $M_1 + M_2$ is the total mass of the system.

NOTE: we are using **special units** (P in years, a in AU). If we do this, the mass comes out in Solar Masses (our sun is 1 solar mass). But what if we use real units?

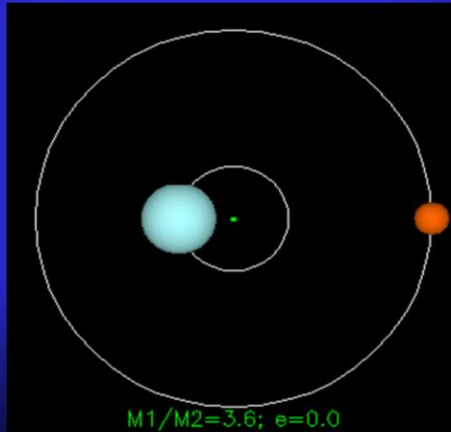
Kepler's Third Law

$$P^2 = \frac{G}{4\pi} \frac{a^3}{(M_1 + M_2)}$$

Now we can use real units! $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}/\text{s}^2$

Kepler's Laws

Binary Stars... it still works!



Now I can't ignore the mass of the secondary object... it's too big!

Tutorial: Kepler's Laws



Class discussion:

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Ask: Which one changes the most (percentage-wise)?

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