PHYS 1443 – Section 002

Lecture #8

Monday, Sept. 24, 2007
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• Newton’s Laws of Motion

  – Force
  – Newton’s Law of Inertia & Mass
  – Newton’s second law of motion
  – Gravitational Force and Weight
  – Newton’s third law of motion
  – Free Body Diagram

Today’s homework is homework #5, due 7pm, Monday, Oct. 1!!
Announcements

• Remember the first term exam this Wednesday, Sept. 26
  – Time: 1 – 2:20pm
  – Location: SH103
  – Covers Ch 1 – Ch 4.6

• The homework system acted up again
  – I extended the due additional two days to 7pm Friday
  – It should have been sufficient for those of you inputting the answers

• E-mail distribution list: 69 of you subscribed to the list so far
  – Again, it is very important for you to be registered to the list since all communications are done through it
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Some Clues to the Progenitors of Afterglows of Gamma-Ray Burst: The Most Luminous Events in the Universe

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Abstract

Multi-wavelength follow-up of Gamma-Ray Burst (GRB) afterglows has revolutionized GRB astronomy in recent years, yielding a wealth of information about the nature and origin of GRBs. One of the most important clues to the origin of GRBs is the total amount of energy released in the event. Optical observations have helped to derive this important quantity in a number of cases by setting the distance scale through measurement of redshift, and by determining the degree of collimation of the initial emission. We started the optical observations of long duration GRB with 1 meter class telescope at Nainital in January 1999 under a long term research program in collaboration with astronomers from all over the globe including India. Multi-wavelength follow-up observations of GRB afterglows obtained so far, though they are mostly after few hours of the burst, clearly indicate that long duration GRBs are produced from stellar-like systems e.g. merging remnants or explosions of massive stars. However, the clues about the origin of short duration, hard GRBs indicate a different origin for them. Present scenario of both types of GRBs shall be discussed during the presentation.

Refreshments will be served in the Physics Library at 3:30 pm
Force

We’ve been learning kinematics; describing motion without understanding what the cause of the motion is. Now we are going to learn dynamics!!

Can someone tell me what FORCE is?

FORCE is what causes an object to move.

The above statement is not entirely correct. Why?

Because when an object is moving with a constant velocity no force is exerted on the object!!!

FORCEs are what cause any changes to the velocity of an object!!

What does this statement mean? When there is force, there is change of velocity!!

What does force cause? It causes an acceleration.!!

What happens if there are several forces being exerted on an object?

Forces are vector quantities, so vector sum of all forces, the NET FORCE, determines the direction of the acceleration of the object.

When the net force on an object is 0, it has constant velocity and is at its equilibrium!!
More Force

There are various classes of forces

Contact Forces: Forces exerted by physical contact of objects

Examples of Contact Forces: Baseball hit by a bat, Car collisions

Field Forces: Forces exerted without physical contact of objects

Examples of Field Forces: Gravitational Force, Electro-magnetic force

What are possible ways to measure strength of the force?

A calibrated spring whose length changes linearly with the force exerted.

Forces are vector quantities, so the addition of multiple forces must be done following the rules of vector additions.
Newton’s First Law and Inertial Frames

Aristotle (384-322BC): A natural state of a body is rest. Thus force is required to move an object. To move faster, ones needs larger forces.

Galileo’s statement on natural states of matter: Any velocity once imparted to a moving body will be rigidly maintained as long as the external causes of retardation are removed!!

Galileo’s statement is formulated by Newton into the 1st law of motion (Law of Inertia): In the absence of external forces, an object at rest remains at rest and an object in motion continues in motion with a constant velocity.

What does this statement tell us?

• When no force is exerted on an object, the acceleration of the object is 0.
• Any isolated object, the object that do not interact with its surroundings, is either at rest or moving at a constant velocity.
• Objects would like to keep its current state of motion, as long as there are no forces that interfere with the motion. This tendency is called the Inertia.

A frame of reference that is moving at a constant velocity is called an Inertial Frame

Is a frame of reference with an acceleration an Inertial Frame? NO!
Mass

**Mass:** A measure of the inertia of a body or quantity of matter

- Independent of the object’s surroundings: The same no matter where you go.
- Independent of the method of measurement: The same no matter how you measure it.

**The heavier the object, the bigger the inertia!!**

It is harder to make changes of motion of a heavier object than a lighter one.

The same forces applied to two different masses result in different acceleration depending on the mass.

\[
\frac{m_1}{m_2} \equiv \frac{a_2}{a_1}
\]

Note that the mass and the weight of an object are two different quantities!!

Weight of an object is the magnitude of the gravitational force exerted on the object. Not an inherent property of an object!!

Weight will change if you measure on the Earth or on the moon but the mass won’t!!
Newton’s Second Law of Motion

The acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the net force exerted on it and is inversely proportional to the object’s mass.

How do we write the above statement in a mathematical expression?

Since it’s a vector expression, each component must also satisfy:

\[ \sum F_i = ma \]

Newton’s 2nd Law of Motion

\[ \sum F_{ix} = ma_x \]
\[ \sum F_{iy} = ma_y \]
\[ \sum F_{iz} = ma_z \]

From the above vector expression, what do you conclude the dimension and the unit of the force are?

The dimension of force is \([M][LT^{-2}]\)

The unit of force in SI is \(kg \cdot m/s^2\)

For ease of use, we define a new derived unit called, Newton (N)

\[ 1 N \equiv 1 kg \cdot m/s^2 \approx \frac{1}{4} lb \cdot s \]
Example

What constant net force is required to bring a 1500 kg car to rest from a speed of 100 km/h within a distance of 55 m?

\[ v_0 = 100 \text{ km/h} \quad v = 0 \]

\[ x = 0 \quad x = 55 \text{ m} \]

What do we need to know to figure out the force?

- Acceleration!!

What are given?

- Initial speed: \( v_{xi} = 100 \text{ km/h} = 28 \text{ m/s} \)
- Final speed: \( v_{xf} = 0 \text{ m/s} \)
- Displacement: \( \Delta x = x_f - x_i = 55 \text{ m} \)

This is a one dimensional motion. Which kinetic formula do we use to find acceleration?

\[ v_{xf}^2 = v_{xi}^2 + 2a_x(x_f - x_i) \]

\[ a_x = \frac{v_{xf}^2 - v_{xi}^2}{2(x_f - x_i)} = \frac{-(28 \text{ m/s})^2}{2(55 \text{ m})} = -7.1 \text{ m/s}^2 \]

Thus, the force needed to stop the car is

\[ F_x = ma_x = 1500 \text{ kg} \times (-7.1 \text{ m/s}^2) = -1.1 \times 10^4 \text{ N} \]

Given the force how far does the car move till it stops?

\[ \Delta x = x_f - x_i = \frac{v_{xf}^2 - v_{xi}^2}{2a_x} = \frac{m(v_{xf}^2 - v_{xi}^2)}{2ma_x} = \frac{m(v_{xf}^2 - v_{xi}^2)}{2F_x} \]

- Linearly proportional to the mass of the car
- Squarely proportional to the speed of the car
- Inversely proportional to the force by the brake

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Example for Newton’s 2nd Law of Motion

Determine the magnitude and direction of the acceleration of the puck whose mass is 0.30 kg and is being pulled by two forces, \( \mathbf{F}_1 \) and \( \mathbf{F}_2 \), as shown in the picture, whose magnitudes of the forces are 8.0 N and 5.0 N, respectively.

- Components of \( \mathbf{F}_1 \):
  - \( F_{1x} = |\mathbf{F}_1| \cos \theta_1 = 8.0 \times \cos (60^\circ) = 4.0 \text{ N} \)
  - \( F_{1y} = |\mathbf{F}_1| \sin \theta_1 = 8.0 \times \sin (60^\circ) = 6.9 \text{ N} \)

- Components of \( \mathbf{F}_2 \):
  - \( F_{2x} = |\mathbf{F}_2| \cos \theta_2 = 5.0 \times \cos (-20^\circ) = 4.7 \text{ N} \)
  - \( F_{2y} = |\mathbf{F}_2| \sin \theta_2 = 5.0 \times \sin (-20^\circ) = -1.7 \text{ N} \)

- Components of total force \( \mathbf{F} \):
  - \( F_x = F_{1x} + F_{2x} = 4.0 + 4.7 = 8.7 \text{ N} = ma_x \)
  - \( F_y = F_{1y} + F_{2y} = 6.9 - 1.7 = 5.2 \text{ N} = ma_y \)

- Magnitude and direction of acceleration \( \mathbf{a} \):
  - \( a_x = \frac{F_x}{m} = \frac{8.7}{0.3} = 29 \text{ m/s}^2 \)
  - \( a_y = \frac{F_y}{m} = \frac{5.2}{0.3} = 17 \text{ m/s}^2 \)
  - \( |\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{(a_x)^2 + (a_y)^2} = \sqrt{(29)^2 + (17)^2} = 34 \text{ m/s}^2 \)
  - \( \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{a_y}{a_x} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{17}{29} \right) = 30^\circ \)

- Acceleration Vector \( \mathbf{a} \):
  - \( \mathbf{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} = \left( 29 \hat{i} + 17 \hat{j} \right) \text{ m/s}^2 \)
Gravitational Force and Weight

Gravitational Force, $F_g$

The attractive force exerted on an object by the Earth

$$\vec{F}_g = ma = mg$$

Weight of an object with mass $M$ is

$$W = |\vec{F}_g| = M |\vec{g}| = Mg$$

Since weight depends on the magnitude of gravitational acceleration, $g$, it varies depending on geographical location.

By measuring the forces one can determine masses. This is why you can measure mass using the spring scale.
Newton’s Third Law (Law of Action and Reaction)

If two objects interact, the force $F_{21}$ exerted on object 1 by object 2 is equal in magnitude and opposite in direction to the force $F_{12}$ exerted on object 2 by object 1.

\[ F_{12} = -F_{21} \]

The action force is equal in magnitude to the reaction force but in opposite direction. These two forces always act on different objects.

What is the reaction force to the force of a free falling object? The gravitational force exerted by the object to the Earth!

Stationary objects on top of a table has a reaction force (called the normal force) from table to balance the action force, the gravitational force.
Example of Newton’s 3rd Law

A large man and a small boy stand facing each other on frictionless ice. They put their hands together and push against each other so that they move apart. a) Who moves away with the higher speed and by how much?

$$\vec{F}_{12} = -\vec{F}_{21}$$

$$\vec{F}_{12} = m \vec{a}_{b}$$

$$\vec{F}_{21} = M \vec{a}_{M}$$

Since $$\vec{F}_{12} = -\vec{F}_{21}$$ and $$|\vec{F}_{12}| = |\vec{F}_{21}| = F$$

Establish the equation

$$ma_{bx} = F = Ma_{Mx}$$

Divide by m

$$a_{bx} = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{M}{m} a_{Mx}$$
b) Who moves farther while their hands are in contact?

Given in the same time interval, since the boy has higher acceleration and thereby higher speed, he moves farther than the man.