



Forces and Newton's Second Law



A Review of Forces

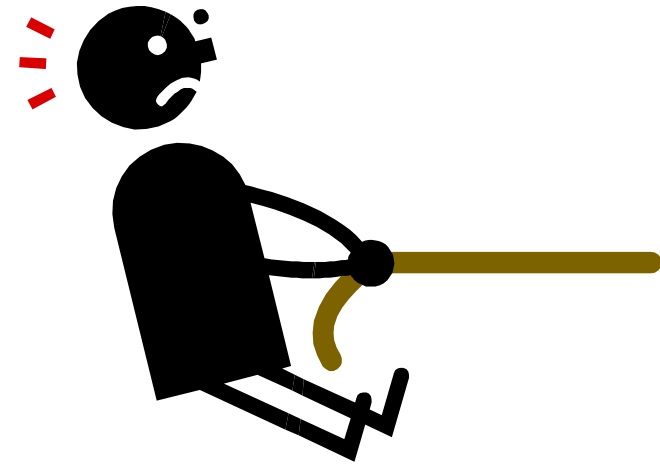
What is a force?

What are the **2 categories** of forces?

What are **7 kinds** of forces we have learned so far?



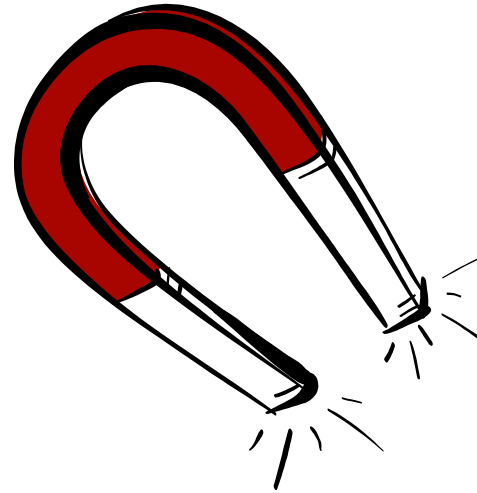
What type(s) of force is shown here?



Contact force:

applied force

What type(s) of force is shown here?



Non-contact force:

magnetic force

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Contact forces: applied force & friction

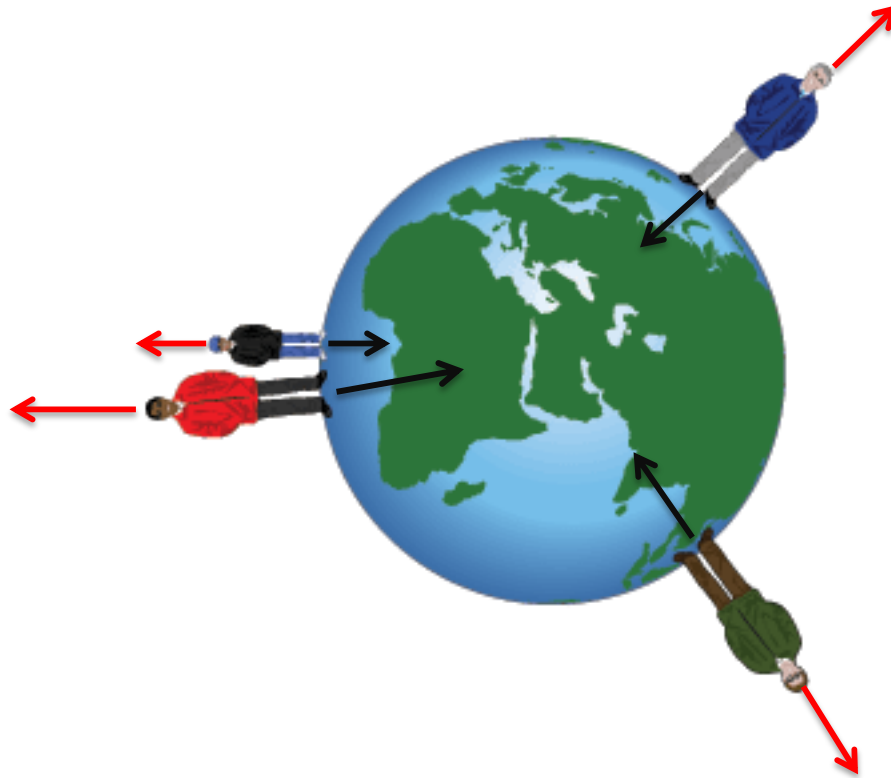
What type(s) of force is shown here?



Contact force: drag

**Non-contact force:
force of gravity**

What type(s) of force is shown here?



Contact force:
the normal force

Non-contact force:
force of gravity

Types of Forces

Contact forces: interactions between objects that touch



applied force



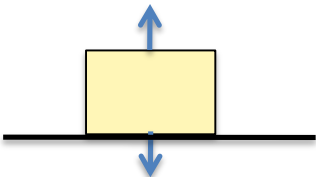
spring force



drag force



frictional force

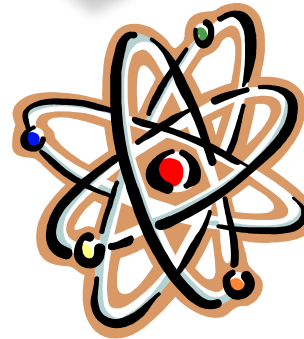


normal force

Non-contact forces: attract or repel, even from a distance



magnetic force



electric force



gravitational force

A force is a push, pull or twist

Applying a force can change an object's velocity.



What is the
scientific unit
of forces?

Newtons!

What is Newton's first law?

Give some examples of Newton's first law.

What is acceleration?

Acceleration is a change in **velocity**.



Applying a force can change an object's velocity.

Newton's Second Law of Motion

An object's **acceleration** depends on:

- the strength of the *unbalanced force* acting on it
- the **mass** of the object

$$\text{acceleration} \rightarrow \mathbf{a} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{m}$$

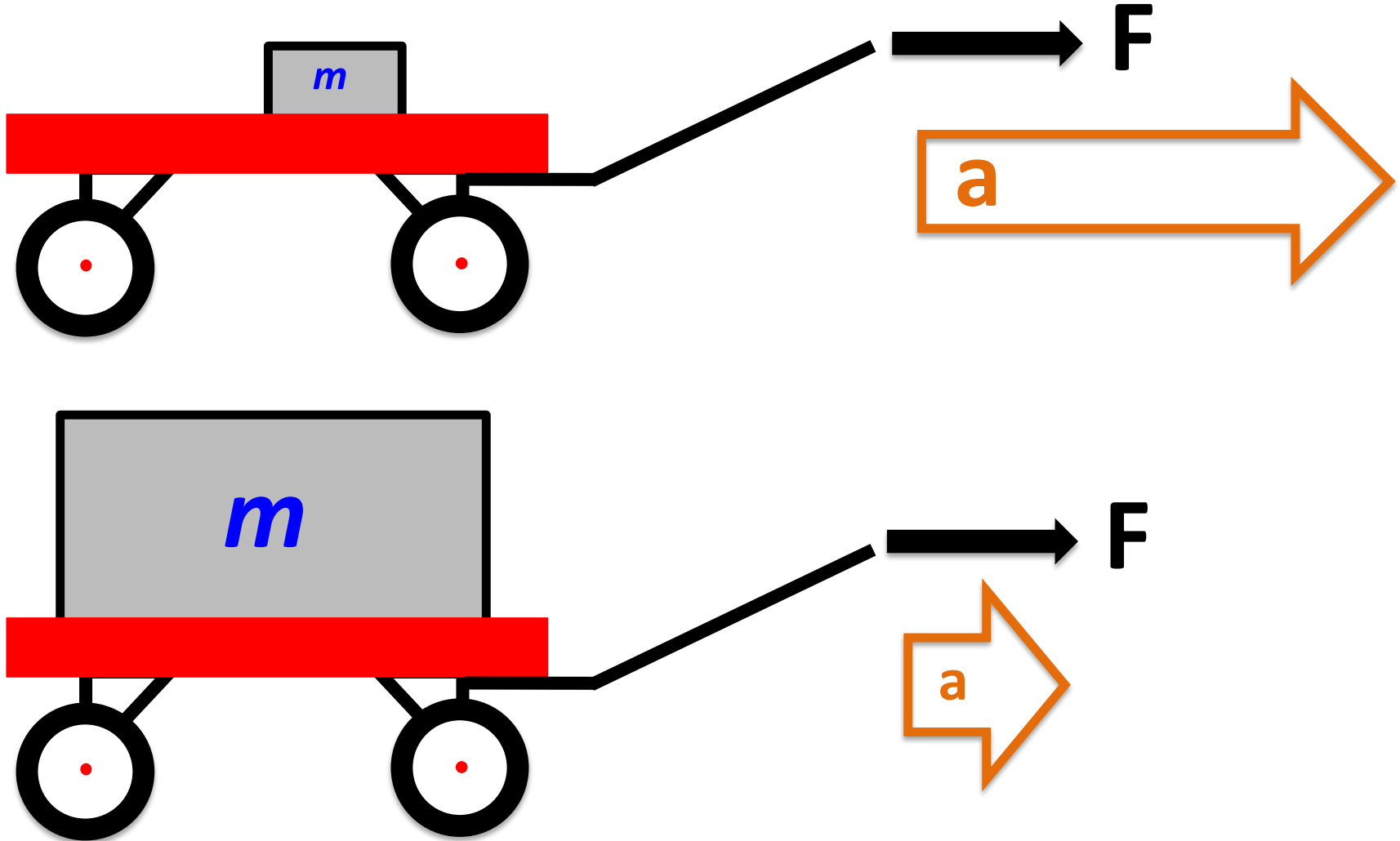
← force
← mass

More commonly written as: $\mathbf{F} = ma$

Newton's Second Law

$$F = ma$$

Pull on each wagon as hard as you can, applying the same force...



Mass vs. Weight—A Goldilocks Story

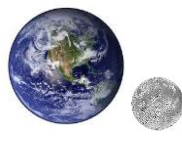
Mass is the amount of matter an object contains

Weight is a gravitational force; a measure of how strongly gravity pulls on an object

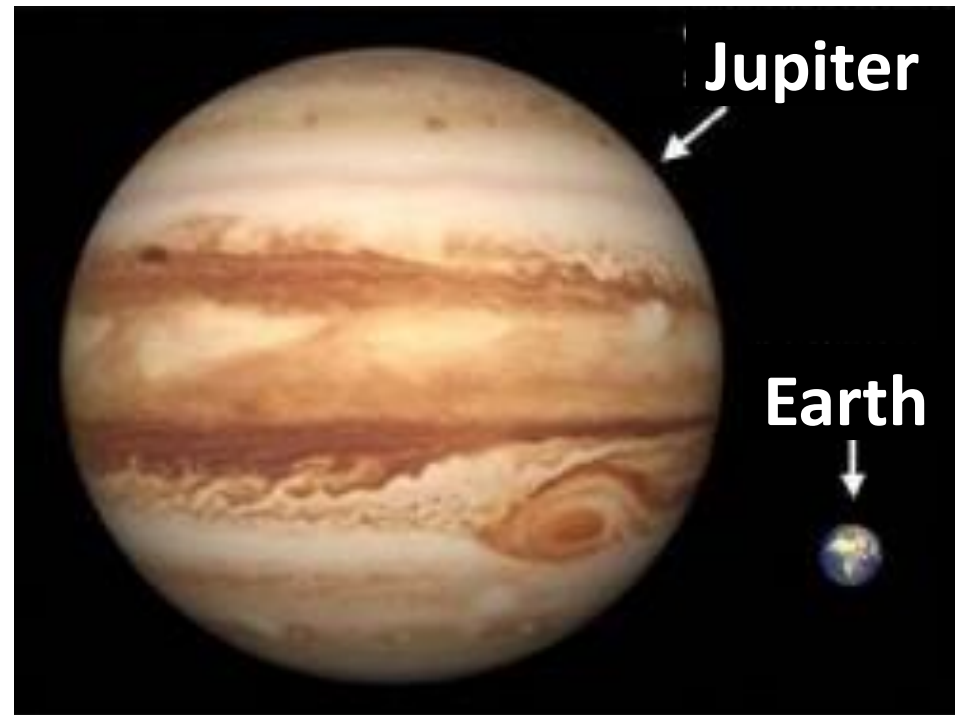
Your **weight** depends on the strength of gravity:

$$F = m \times a$$

$$\text{Force} = m \times g$$


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So **weight** changes depending on where you are:

On **Earth**, acceleration due to gravity is **9.8 m/s²**



$$F = m \times a$$

It's only **1.6 m/s²** on the **Moon**



$$F = m \times a$$

On **Jupiter**, acceleration due to gravity is **26 m/s²**



$$F = m \times a$$

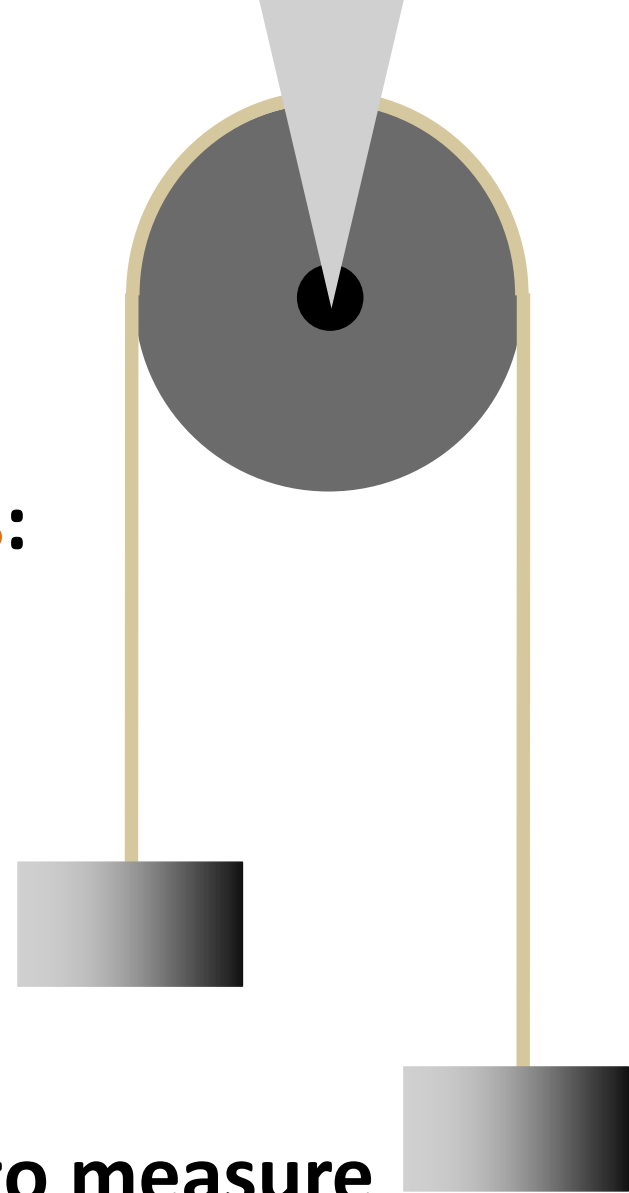
Atwood Machine

Equal **masses**, at different **heights**:

What happens when I let go?

Use what you know about **forces**
and Newton's first and second
laws of motion!

You can use an Atwood machine to measure
frictional **forces** and the **force** of gravity



Concept Review

1. Newton's second law can be written mathematically as:

$$\underline{\text{force}} = \underline{\text{mass}} \times \underline{\text{acceleration}}.$$

2. From Newton's second law, an object's acceleration depends on the object's mass and the strength of the unbalanced force acting on it.

3. Your weight will be different on other planets because the acceleration due to gravity is different.

4. BONUS: What are some examples of engineering designs that must consider Newton's second law of motion? **The design of vehicles, structures, products...**