

## NEWTON'S LAWS:

### Newton's First Law of Motion (the Laws of Inertia)

An object will remain at rest or in uniform motion unless acted upon by an external unbalanced force.

### Newton's Second Law of Motion:

$$\vec{F}_{net} = m \vec{a}$$

$\vec{F}_{net}$ : Net force (Newton, N)

$m$ : Mass (kg)

$\vec{a}$ : Acceleration  $\left(\frac{m}{s^2}\right)$

### Newton's Third Law of Motion:

For every action (applied) force, there is an equal and opposite reaction force. The reaction force is equal in magnitude and opposite in direction to the action force.

### Friction and the Normal Force:

$$F_f = \mu F_n$$

$F_f$ : Frictional force (Newton, N)

$\mu$ : Coefficient of friction (dimensionless) ( $\mu_k$ : Kinetic friction <  $\mu_s$ : Static friction)

$F_n$  = Normal force (always perpendicular to the surface) (Newton: N)

**Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation:**

$$F_g = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$

$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \left( \frac{Nm^2}{kg^2} \right)$  Universal gravitational constant

$F_g$  : Gravitational force (Newton: N)

$m_1$  : Mass of the first object (kg)

$m_2$  : Mass of the second object (kg)

r: Separation of the centres of two objects

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Gravitational Acceleration

$$g = \frac{Gm_E}{r_E^2}$$

g: Gravitational Acceleration near the earth's surface  $\left( \frac{m}{s^2} \right)$

$m_E$  : Mass of the earth (kg) =  $5.98 \times 10^{24}$  kg

$r_E$  : Radius of the earth (m) =  $6.38 \times 10^6$  m