# Newton' s $3^{\text {rd }}$ Law 

The Nature of Force

## Forces - Dynamics

I. Laws of Motion: 1 \& 2

- inertia, force, mass
- weight
II. Law 3
- interaction \& nature of force
- types of force: normal, friction
- air resistance, terminal velocity
III. Applications/Problem Solving
- components, inclines

|  | The student will be able to: | HW: |
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| 2 | Recognize and state the proper SI unit of force and give its equivalence in <br> fundamental units and use the relation $\mathbf{F}_{\text {net }}=$ ma to solve problems. | $6-10$ |
| 3 | Recognize the difference between weight and mass and convert from one to the <br> other. | $11-18$ |
| 4 | State and utilize Newton' s 3rd Law to solve related problems. | $19-21$ |
| 5 | Understand and utilize the concept of the normal force to solve related <br> problems. | $22-25$ |
| 6 | Understand and utilize the relation between friction force, normal force, and <br> coefficient of friction for both cases: static and kinetic. | $26-32$ |
| 7 | State the factors that influence air resistance and describe qualitatively the <br> effect of each factor on the magnitude of the frictional force. And explain what <br> is meant by "terminal velocity". | $33-35$ |
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## Popularly known as: "equal and opposite action and reaction".

All forces arise in pairs as a result of an interaction of two objects. The equal and opposite forces (of each pair) act on two separate objects.

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\vec{F}_{B A}=-\vec{F}_{A B}
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What forces are there when a person stands at rest on the ground being pulled down by gravity?

If this is "the action", what is "the reaction"?

What object exerts this force on the person?



## Is this a $3^{\text {rd }}$ Law pair of forces?



No! Not every pair of equal and opposite forces is a $3^{\text {rd }}$ Law pair!

These two forces are not always equal and opposite - only if the person is not accelerating.
 up on feet. But, what is the "reaction" to this $F_{\mathrm{N}}$ force?

This is a $3^{\text {rd }}$ Law pair of forces: equal and opposite at all times!



## a $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Law pair of forces!

Force of
Person on $F_{\text {PF }}$ Floor

Force of Floor on Person

$$
\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{F}_{P F}=-\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{F}_{F P}
$$

always equal and opposite!

## Not a $3^{\text {rd }}$ Law pair of forces!



$$
\begin{gathered}
\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{F}_{E P} \stackrel{?}{=}-\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{F}_{F P} \\
\text { maybe... } \\
\ldots \text { maybe not }
\end{gathered}
$$

Force of $F_{\text {EP }}$ Earth on Person

Force of
Floor on Person

Not always equal and opposite!

## Objects in Contact (when worlds collide ...)

- Whenever two objects touch there will be an interaction and forces will occur.
- There are two aspects of contact: frictional force and normal force.

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## Normal Force

- The word "normal" in this context means perpendicular to the surface of an object.
- By definition, "normal force" is the amount of force perpendicular to the surface at a point of contact between two objects.
- The magnitude of the normal force depends on how much the two objects are pressed together and results from an interaction of atoms in the objects.

