

AP Physics - Newton's Laws

Note Title

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mass - amount of matter [kg]

force - a push or pull which causes acceleration [Newtons] = [N]

weight - the force due to gravity on an object. Because it is a force, weight is measured in Newtons.

Newton's Laws (3 total, today we are learning two of them)

1st Law - aka. Law of Inertia

An object at rest will stay at rest, and an object in motion will stay in motion with the same velocity, unless acted on by a net external force.

3rd Law - For every force there is an equal and opposite reaction force.

If an object has a mass of 50 kg,
what is its weight?

$$\text{weight} = g \cdot \text{mass}$$

$g = a_g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$
down
= acceleration
due to gravity

$$\text{weight} = (9.8) (50 \text{ kg})$$

$$\text{weight} = 499 \text{ N}$$