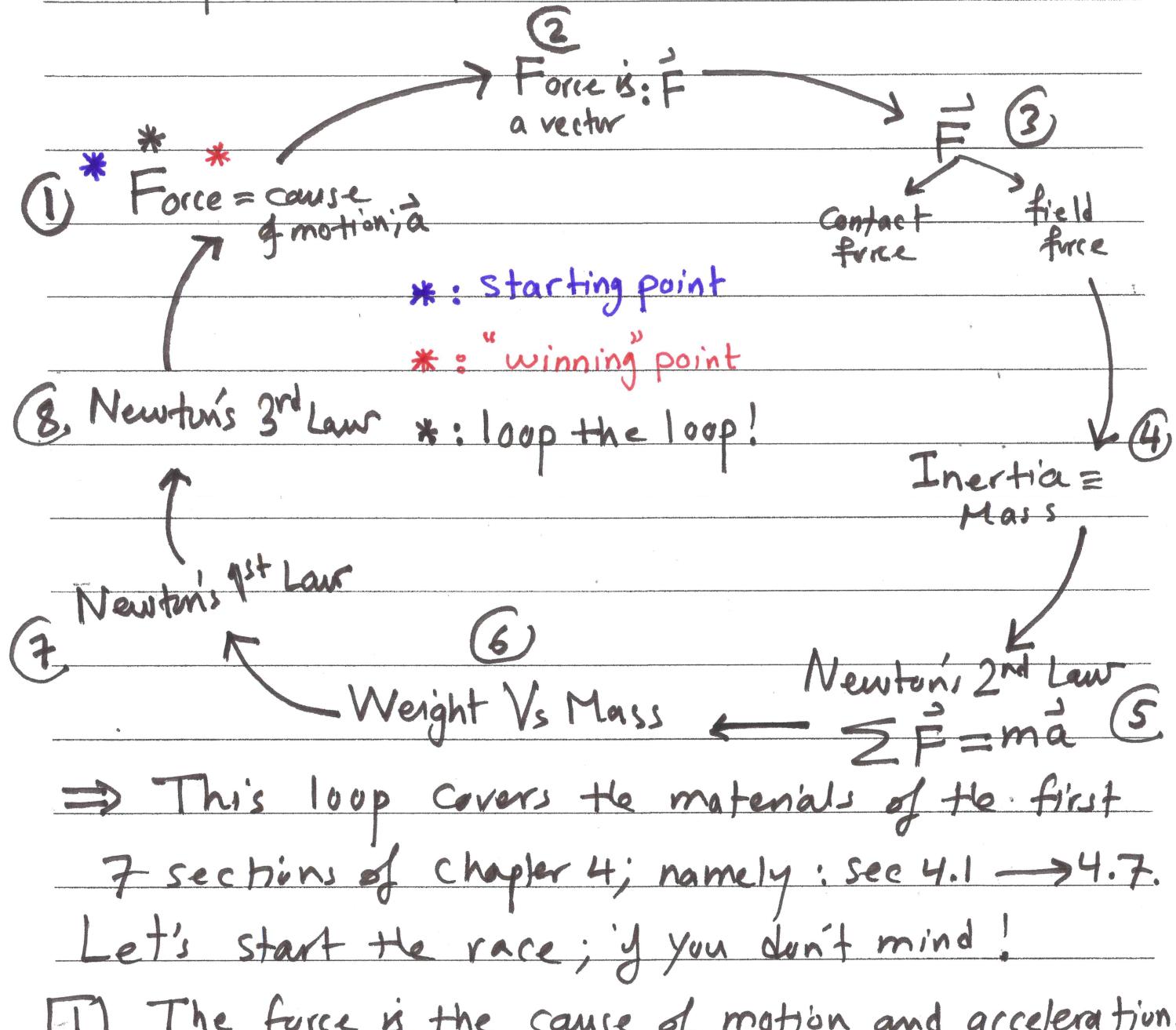


## Chapter 4: Dynamics :-



**I** The force is the cause of motion and acceleration.

Causality: cause precedes effect.  $\Rightarrow$  The force is the cause, and the acceleration is the effect.

2 The force is a vector quantity ;  $\vec{F}$ . Obviously, vector sum (chapter 3) is needed to determine the net (total, resultant) force acting upon an object.  $\Rightarrow \sum \vec{F}$  is a vector sum, not an algebraic sum.

3 Generally, forces can be categorized into two broad classes or types:

i) Contact forces : a push or a pull force : physical contact is required : ex  $\Rightarrow$  normal force, tension force.

ii) Field forces: act through empty space : no physical contact is required : ex  $\Rightarrow$  gravitational force, electromagnetic force, nuclear force.

4 Inertia: is the property of an object that specifies the tendency to resist changes in its velocity. Mass: is the property of an object that specifies the amount of matter in it.

A more massive object has a greater tendency to resist changes in its velocity.

- Cambridge university Library holds the largest collection of Newton's manuscripts. Newton used the terminology *inertia*. We can "safely" use mass as a measure of inertia.
- For physicians, mass of a human body is the "sum" of the "stuff" in skeleton, flesh, blood, fluids...etc. Thus, mass is a scalar quantity  $\Rightarrow$  SI unit: kg.

**5** Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law: is an empirical law (expt.) based on observations and experiments, i.e., it is not derivable mathematically!

Empirically: the vector sum (2)  $\vec{F}_7$  of the forces acting on an object of mass m (4) equals  $\Rightarrow \boxed{\sum \vec{F} = m \vec{a}}$

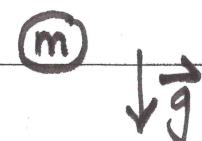
$$\therefore \vec{a} = \frac{\sum \vec{F}}{m} \Rightarrow \therefore \vec{F} \text{ is the cause of } \vec{a} \text{ (1)}$$

$\therefore \vec{a}$  is inversely proportional to m (4).

- $\sum \vec{F}$  = the vector sum = net, total, resultant.
- $\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$  : this expression is not a single equation!  
It holds component by component:-  
 $\sum \vec{F}_x = m\vec{a}_x$  and  $\sum \vec{F}_y = m\vec{a}_y$  and  $\sum \vec{F}_z = m\vec{a}_z$ .
- The SI unit of force is: kg (4) \*  $m\bar{s}^2$   
 $\Rightarrow kg\bar{m}s^{-2} = N$  (newton), named after Newton.

### 6 Weight Vs Mass:

Weight is the gravitational field force (3) exerting on an object of mass  $m$ .



Earth

Apply Newton's 2nd law (5) :-

$\vec{F}$  exerted by the field  $\vec{g}$  on the mass  $m$  is

$\vec{F}_g = m * [\vec{a} = \vec{g}] = m\vec{g}$ . The weight of the object is  $m\vec{g}$ . The weight has a magnitude of  $mg$  (N) and points downward ↓.

Recall point (5):  $\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ ,  $m$  is always +ve, thus  $\vec{F}$  and  $\vec{a}$  are parallel: as  $\vec{g}$  points downward, the weight points downward accordingly.

**7] Newton's 1<sup>st</sup> law:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> law describes what happens if a net (resultant) force is exerted on m. The 1<sup>st</sup> law, on the other hand, determines what happens if the net force (the vector sum 2) equal zero! It is extremely important to distinguish between the absence of forces acting on m and the absence of a net force acting on m!

If  $\sum \vec{F} = 0$ , then:  $m\vec{a} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a} = 0 = \frac{D\vec{V}}{DT} \Rightarrow D\vec{V} = 0 = \vec{v}_f - \vec{v}_i \Rightarrow$   
 ∵  $\vec{V}$  (velocity) is constant: the object moves with a constant speed in a straight line. If you walk  $4\text{m/s}$  west, then you continue walking  $4\text{m/s}$  west, and if you are at rest (@JU!), then you will remain so!

**8] Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law: Action - Reaction law**

Take:  $\vec{F}_{21}$ : force exerted by object 2  
on object 1 (weight of book 6).

Take:  $\vec{F}_{12}$ : force exerted by object 1  
on object 2.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law: } \vec{F}_{21} = -\vec{F}_{12}$$

book  
1



Earth  
2

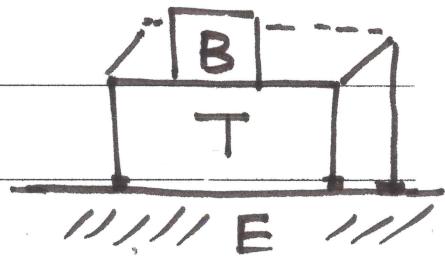
• Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law acts on pair of objects !

The 2 forces act on different objects !

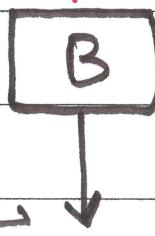
• The "action" force is equal in magnitude to the "reaction" force and opposite in direction. It does not matter which is considered the "action" and which is considered the "reaction".

■ Consider a book (B) resting on a table (T), and the latter rests on the earth (E).

Let's analyze the forces between each pair: (B,E), (T,E), (B,T).



⑤  $\vec{F}_{TB}$  = the table = normal  
upholds force  
the book



①  $\vec{F}_{EB}$   
by E on B

= weight of  
B (6)

③  $\vec{F}_{ET}$   
by E on T

= weight  
of T (5)

⑥  $\vec{F}_{BT}$   
by B on T



②  $\vec{F}_{BE}$  ④  $\vec{F}_{TE}$

$\vec{F}_{BE}$  = by B on E

$\vec{F}_{TE}$  = by T on E

- The 2 forces  $\vec{F}_{EB}$  and  $\vec{F}_{BE}$  are action-reaction pair.
- The 2 forces  $\vec{F}_{ET}$  and  $\vec{F}_{TE}$  are action-reaction pair.
- The 2 forces  $\vec{F}_{TB}$  and  $\vec{F}_{BT}$  are action-reaction pair.
- The 2 forces  $\vec{F}_{EB}$  and  $\vec{F}_{TB}$  are NOT action-reaction pair
- The book is at rest because it holds up by the table:

Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law (not 3<sup>rd</sup> law) tells us that the vector sum of the forces acting on B  $\Rightarrow \vec{F}_{EB} + \vec{F}_{TB} = 0$

$\therefore \vec{F}_{TB} = mg \uparrow$ ; this force is a contact force (3), and acts perpendicular to the bottom surface of B.

$\vec{F}_{TB}$  is called normal force, in the sense that it acts perpendicular to the surface: {  $\overrightarrow{\uparrow}$   $\overrightarrow{\nwarrow}$  }.

Caution: it just happened that  $\vec{F}_{EB}$  (weight) =  $-\frac{\vec{F}_{TB}}{m}$  (normal)  
but it is not always the case because the 2 forces act on the same object (the book) and not on pair of objects.

- The two upward forces acting on E:  $\vec{F}_{BE}$  and  $\vec{F}_{TE}$ :  
the mass of the earth is of order of  $10^{24}$  kg so  $\vec{a}_E \approx 0$ !
- The two downward forces acting on T:  $\vec{F}_{ET}$  and  $\vec{F}_{BT}$  :- cause a table dent in carpet !