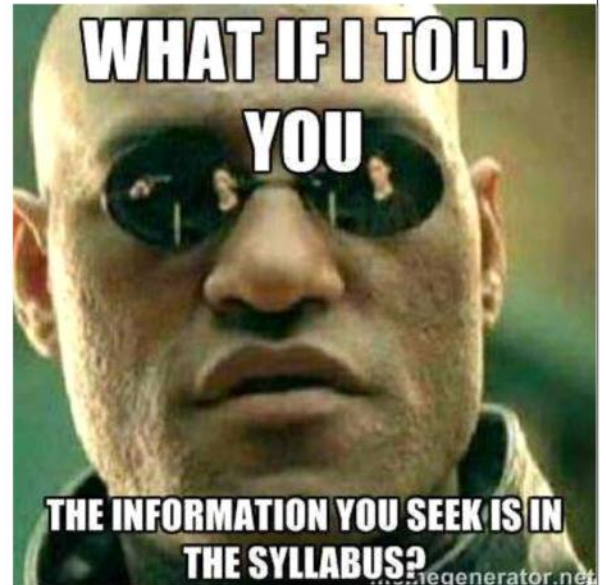


### To do...

- Register i>clicker (Compass)
- MATLAB office hours
  - WED/FRI 9-5 pm in MEL 1001
- Mastering Engineering office hours
  - WED/THURS
  - 4-6 pm in Grainger 429
- HW 0 (PrairieLearn) due FRI
- HW 1 (Mastering Engineering) due SUN
- HW 2 (PL) due TUES



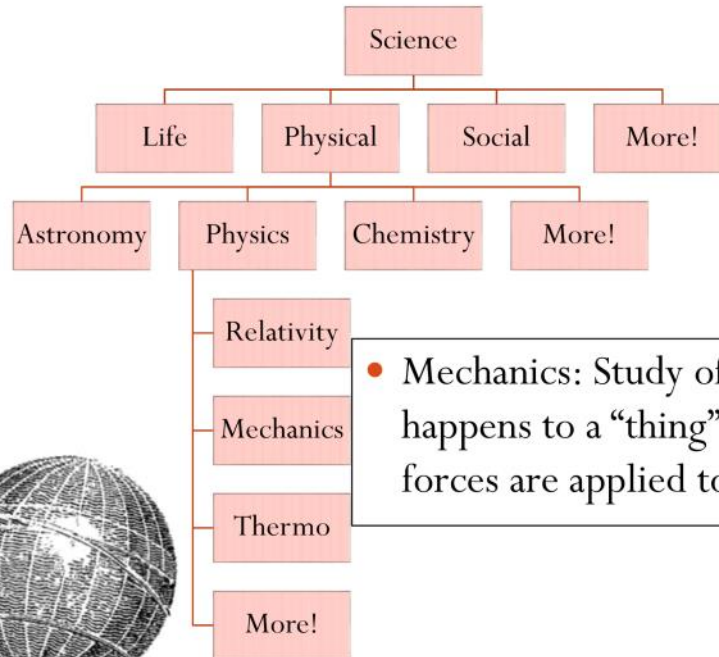
## Main goals and learning objectives

- Introduce the basic ideas of *Mechanics*
- Give a concise statement of Newton's laws of motion and gravitation
- Review the principles for applying the SI system of units
- Examine standard procedures for performing numerical calculations
- Outline a general guide for solving problems

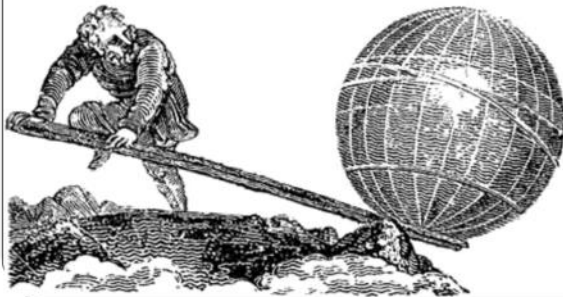


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## What is "statics"?



• Mechanics: Study of what happens to a "thing" when forces are applied to it



Archimedes

"Give me a lever long enough and a place to stand and I will move the Earth."

Q: What is statics?

Analysis of loads on physical systems in equilibrium.

# Mechanics

Mechanics is a branch of the physical sciences that is concerned with the **state of rest or motion of bodies** that are subjected to the **action of forces**

\* Design objects with the intention that they remain in equilibrium

## Rigid Bodies



Statics



Dynamics

Linkage example

## Deformable Bodies



Solid Mechanics

## Fluids



Compressible and incompressible

\* Mechanics Important  
At many length  
scales

\* close link with  
materials.



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Which forces?



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contact vs. field  
forces.

- Mechanics: State of rest or motion of bodies subjected to forces

Q: # of fundamental forces in nature?

4!

- Gravity
- Electromagnetic
- Strong
- weak

} Action At  
A distance

{ → Attraction  
→ Attraction / repulsion

## Fundamental concepts

### Basic quantities:

- length
- time
- mass
- force

### Idealizations:

- Particle:

→ has mass but size is neglected

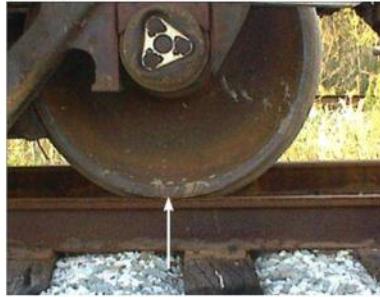
- Rigid Body:

→ Shape of body does not change before/after applied force

- Concentrated Force:

→ force applied over small area compared to body

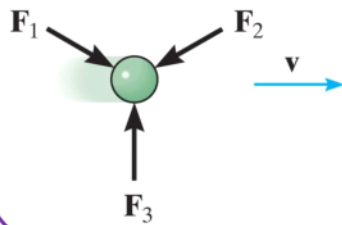
Understanding and applying these things allows for amazing achievements in engineering! (planes, robotics, etc)



- \* Length - locate and describe the size of a physical system
- \* mass - measure of a quantity of matter, should not change in space
- \* time - succession of events
- \* force - action exerted by one body on another.

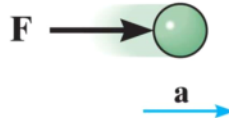
# Newton's laws of motion

**First law:** An object remains at rest or moves w/ constant velocity in a straight line unless acted upon by a net force

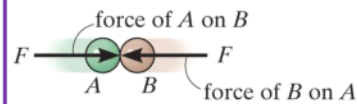


**Second law:** a particle acted upon by an unbalanced force  $\mathbf{F}$  experiences an acceleration  $\mathbf{a}$  that is proportional to the particle mass  $m$ :

$$F = ma$$



**Third law:** the mutual forces of action and reaction between two particles are Equal, opposite and colinear.



Principia  
1687  
Newton  
WOW!



# Newton's law of gravitational attraction

The mutual **force F of gravitation** between two particles of mass  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  is given by:

$$F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$G$  is the universal constant of gravitation (small number)

$r$  is the distance between the two particles

**Weight** is the **force exerted by the earth on a particle** at the earth's surface:

$$W = m \frac{G M_e}{r_e^2} = mg \quad \therefore \quad g = \frac{G M_e}{r_e^2}$$

$M_e$  is the mass of the earth

$r_e$  is the distance between the earth's center and the particle near the surface

$g$  is the acceleration due to the gravity



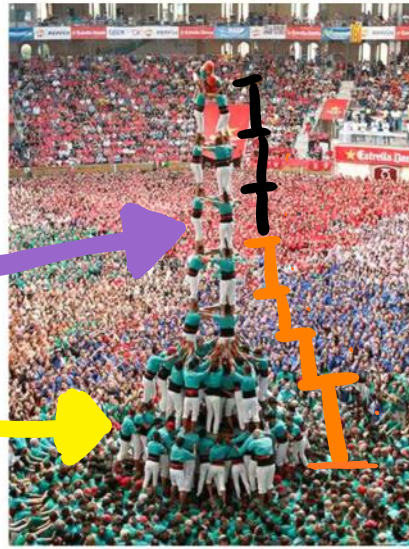
Figure: 01\_PH003  
The astronaut's weight is diminished, since she is far removed from the gravitational field of the earth.

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## Castells of Catalonia

\* what is the  
force experienced  
here or here



\* forces of NATURE  
PBS

7 level tower!

$W_{avg} = 140 \text{ lb}$

What if you fall?

you statics doesn't work !!

$$PE = KE$$

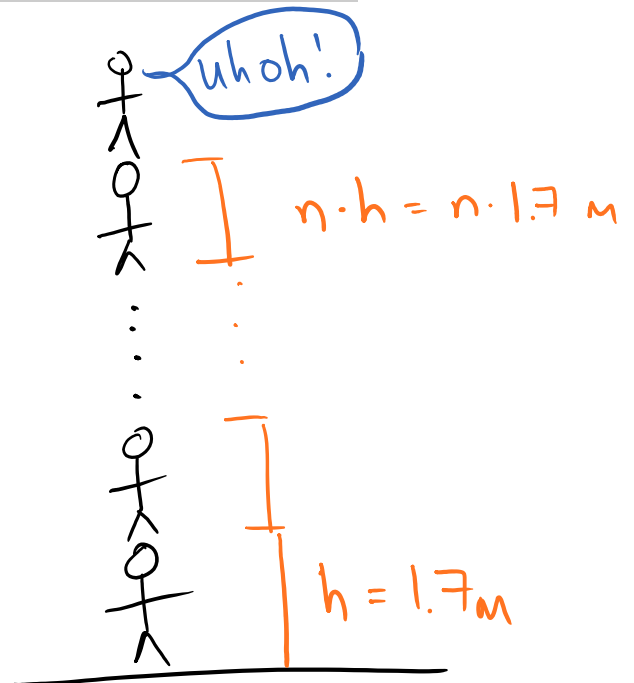
$$mgy = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\sqrt{2gh} = v$$

$$v = \sqrt{2gh}$$

for  $n = 7,$

$$v = \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \cdot (1.7 \text{ m})} = 15.3 \text{ m/s}$$



$$v = \sqrt{2gh} = \sqrt{14 \left( 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right) \cdot (1.7 \text{ m})} = 15.3 \text{ m/s}$$

or

33.6 mph!

(ouch!)

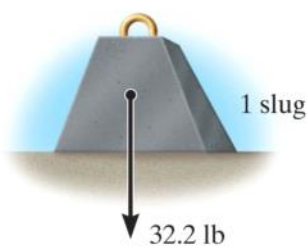
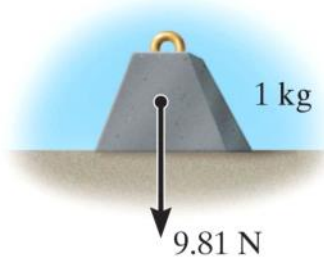
# Units

TABLE 1-1 Systems of Units

| Name                                | Length     | Time        | Mass   | Force  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--|--|
| International System of Units<br>SI | meter<br>m | second<br>s | kilogram<br>kg   | newton*<br>N<br>$\left(\frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right)$ |
| U.S. Customary<br>FPS               | foot<br>ft | second<br>s | slug*<br>$\left(\frac{\text{lb} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{ft}}\right)$ | pound<br>lb  |

\*Derived unit.

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$$G = 66.73 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^2}$$

$$g = 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$g = 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$$

\*REMEMBER\*

dimensions

units

units

## Why so picky? Units matter...

- A national power company mixed up prices quoted in kilo-Watt-hour (kWh) and therms.
  - Actual price = \$50,000
  - Paid while trading on the market: \$800,000
- In Canada, a plane ran out of fuel because the pilot mistook liters for gallons!. He landed the plane safely without power on an emergency airstrip.



Mars climate orbiter -- \$327.6 million

doh!!

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## The 'super-tall' age is here: World welcomes 100th mammoth skyscraper



~1400 ft tall

Approx  
4-5 football  
fields tall



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# Could this detachable plane cabin really save lives? ... *hmmm...*



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# Numerical Calculations

## Dimensional Homogeneity

Equations **must** be dimensionally homogeneous, i.e., each term must be expressed in the same units. Consider the following example:



the Kinematic eqn.

$$x = vt + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length} &= \text{velocity} \cdot \text{time} + \text{acceleration} \cdot (\text{time})^2 \\ &= \frac{\text{length}}{\text{time}} \cdot \text{time} + \frac{\text{length}}{\text{time}^2} \cdot \text{time}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{length} = \text{length} + \text{length}$$

O.K. ☒

Remember

Dimension  $\nearrow$

unit  $\rightarrow$  meter  
feet  
mile



# Numerical Calculations

## Significant figures

The number of significant figures contained in any number determines the accuracy of the number. Use 3 significant figures for final answers. For intermediate steps, use symbolic notation, store numbers in calculators or use more significant figures, in order to maintain precision.

**Example 1:** If  $d = 3.2$  in.,  $w = 1.413$  in., and  $h = 2.7$  in., then

the Area is  $A = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} - wh$

for the #'s

4.227 in

becomes

4.23 in



if  $>5$  round up

if  $<5$  do not round up

if  $=5$  if odd Round up

if even do not Round up

Examples:

0.5896 becomes 0.590

0.3762  $\rightarrow$  0.376

75.25  $\rightarrow$  75.2

0.1275  $\rightarrow$  0.128

## General procedure for analysis

1. Read the problem carefully; write it down carefully.
2. Model the problem: Draw given diagrams neatly and construct additional figures as necessary.
3. Apply principles needed.
4. Solve problem symbolically. Make sure equations are dimensionally homogeneous
5. Substitute numbers. Provide proper units *throughout*. Check significant figures. Box the final answer(s).
6. See if answer is **reasonable**.

\*check units !; magnitude

Most effective way to learn engineering mechanics is to **solve problems!**  
**PRACTICE!!!**

Step 1

Interpret:

\* Read and determine what is given and what to be found

\* make assumptions

Step 2

Plan:

\* think about major steps (Road map)

\* think about alternative and creative solutions

Step 3

Execute:

\* carry out steps

\* Appropriate diagrams/eqns.

\* estimate, reflect, revise