Force Intro Notes Week 24 Tuesday

Forces against forces

A force is a push or pull Forces have magnitude/intensity (the size of the force) Forces have a direction



Forces against forces

The intensity of a force is measured in a unit called a Newtons.

The direction of a force can be indicated as left, right, up, down, north, south, etc.
To show the intensity and direction we use an arrow called a VECTOR.

Forces against forces

Vector:

To show the intensity, you draw an arrow. The length of the arrow shows the intensity:

Example:



The shorter arrow shows less intensity

The tip shows the direction...

Forces against forces

Forces always work in PAIRS

 Depending on the direction or intensity three things can happen:

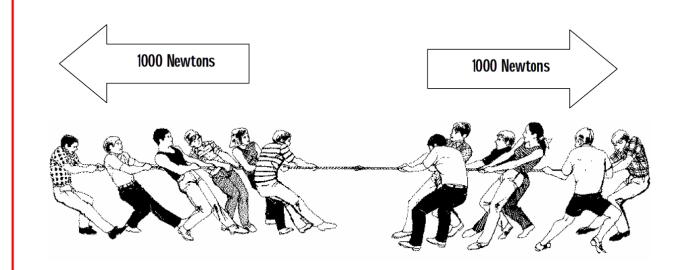
No movement
Movement in a direction or a
change of speed
Steady speed and direction
Steady change in speed



Forces against forces

Forces can be "balanced"

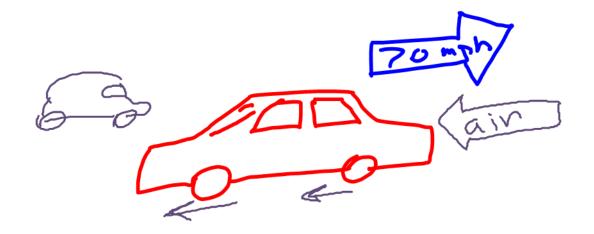
- NO MOVEMENT
- Magnitude/intensity are equal
- Direction is opposite



Forces against forces

Forces can be "balanced"

- CONSTANT SPEED
- Magnitude/intensity stays the same
- Direction is opposite



Forces against forces

Forces can be "unbalanced"

- Force and/or Direction is different
- Results: a) you have a change in speed; b) you have a change in direction or c) both

