

Q: How much "effort" required to stop with one hand

- baseball with  $v = 60 \text{ mph}$
- linebacker with  $v = 6 \text{ mph}$
- train with  $v = 0.2 \text{ mph}$ ?

(Is there more to motion than just speed?)

In "weightless" space:

- Can astronaut tell a full box of bolts from empty box?

(Yes! Shake the box, but why?)

- If astronaut hits thumb with "weightless" hammer, does it hurt? (Yes - same as on earth!)

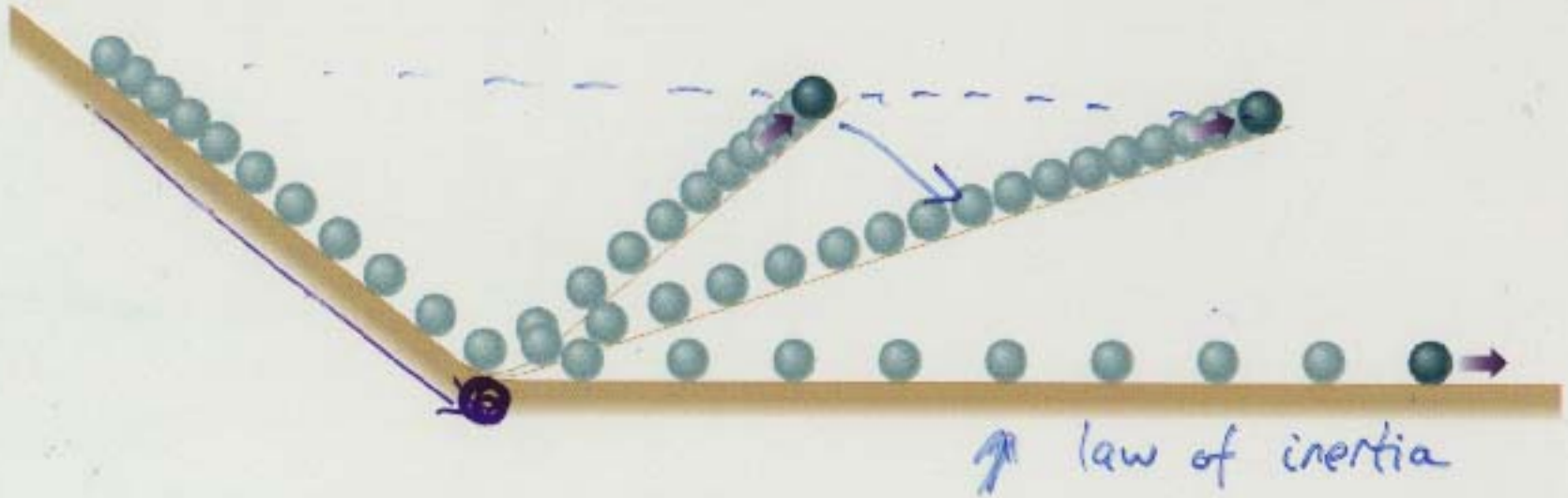
- On moon, or underwater, does weight belt add extra "gravity" without side-effects? (No!)

- If stranded in space,  $\sim 100 \text{ m}$  from Shuttle, how can astronaut return to safety?

(Use hammer, box of bolts - anything that can be thrown)

Figure 4.1

# Ball rolling down an incline plane illustrating the laws of inertia



Newton's 2nd Law: Force = rate of change of momentum

When object changes motion over time interval  $\Delta t$ , need to define "force" (effort) required to cause that change.

We want: Force  $\propto$  mass  
 $\propto \Delta v$  in direction of  $\Delta \vec{v}$   
 $\propto \frac{1}{\Delta t}$  ("gentle" vs. "harsh")

$\Rightarrow$  Force  $\propto m \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \propto \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$  in direction of  $\vec{v}, \vec{p}$ .

Let  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  Newton's 2nd Law:

"The rate of change of an object's momentum is proportional to the force applied in the direction of that change."

i.e.

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \quad \text{SI Units: kg m s}^{-2}$$

or Newton

$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$  : Mass as "inertial resistance" to change of motion.

We have  $\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = m\vec{a}$

∴ For given applied force ("cause"), the effect is an acceleration  $a = \frac{F}{m}$  : note depends on mass not weight

e.g. On moon, objects weigh  $\frac{1}{6}$  of earth weight ( $g_m = \frac{1}{6}g$ )

BUT massive objects are still difficult to accelerate/decelerate.

e.g. Weight belt increases force of gravity downwards, but also increases inertia

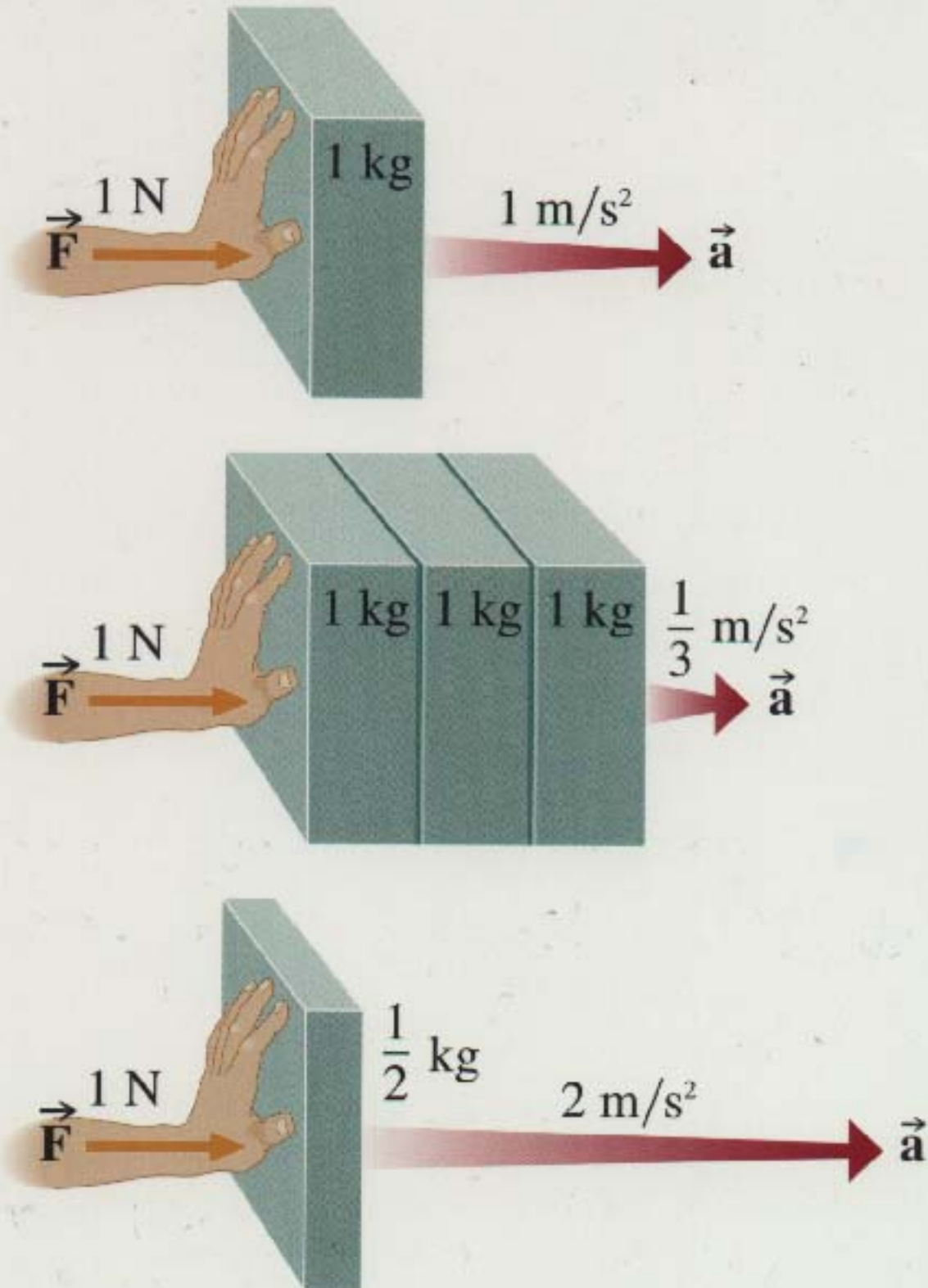
e.g. In "weightless" space, shake box of bolts to determine if full or empty (force required  $\propto$  mass)

e.g. Change motion of "weightless" hammer with thumb.

Force  $\propto$  mass  $\times$  accel.  $\Rightarrow$  ouch!

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Figure 4.10  
**Examples of how  $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$  works**



## Momentum as Measure of Motion

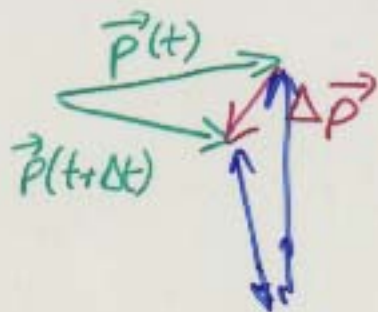
Define: Momentum  $\vec{p} = \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}$

$$\vec{p} = m \vec{v} \quad (\text{kg m/s})$$

- $\vec{p}$  is a vector. Like  $\vec{v}$ , measured w.r.t. some inertial reference frame ("local standard of rest")

- BUT change in momentum  $\Delta \vec{p} = m \Delta \vec{v}$

is not relative, i.e. all observers agree on the effect  $\Delta \vec{p}$ . (So they should agree on the cause: force)



c.f. height gain  $\frac{\Delta h}{\text{here to Mt. Palomar}}$   
- regardless of sea level, center of earth, etc.

e.g. Baseball,  $m = 0.2 \text{ kg}$ ,  $v = 28 \text{ m/s}$

$$\text{has } p = |\vec{p}| = 0.2 \times 28 = \underline{5.6 \text{ kg m/s}}$$

linebacker  $m = 100 \text{ kg}$ ,  $v = 2.8 \text{ m/s}$

$$p = 100 \times 2.8 = \underline{280 \text{ kg m/s}}$$

train  $m = 10^5 \text{ kg}$ ,  $v = 0.09 \text{ m/s}$

$$p = 10^5 \times 0.09 = \underline{9000 \text{ kg m/s}}$$

... now we know which is easiest to stop (smallest  $\Delta p = p - 0$ ).