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University of Idaho Chapter 13 - Kinetics of

a Particle: Force and Acceleration

Sections 13.1, 13.2, 13.4

- Newton's laws of Motion
- The Equations of Motion
- Equations of Motion: Rectangular Coordinates

Overview: We now have some practice calculating acceleration. We'll use our  $F=ma$  to calculate a given  $F$ , or vice-versa.

### Newton's Laws of Motion:

First Law: A particle originally at rest, or moving in a straight line with constant velocity, will remain in that state until acted on by

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University of Idaho on external force.

Second law: A ptele subjected to an unbalanced external force  $\vec{F}$  experiences an acceleration  $\vec{a}$  that is in the same direction as  $\vec{F}$ , and is directly proportional to  $|\vec{F}|$  ( $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ ).

Third law: The mutual forces of action and reaction between two bodies are equal, opposite

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University of Idaho & Collier. (Rigid bodies and  
system of particles)

Newton's Second law & Mass

$$\vec{F} = m \vec{a}$$

$$m = \frac{|\vec{F}|}{|\vec{a}|}$$

vector resultant  
of applied external  
forces

University of Idaho Assume we choose rectangular

coordinates to represent our force and accel vectors.

Then

$$\vec{F} = F_x \vec{i} + F_y \vec{j} + F_z \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{a} = a_x \vec{i} + a_y \vec{j} + a_z \vec{k}$$

$$F_x \vec{i} + F_y \vec{j} + F_z \vec{k} = m(a_x \vec{i} + a_y \vec{j} + a_z \vec{k})$$

Three separate

Scalar equations  $\Rightarrow$

$$F_x = ma_x$$

$$F_y = ma_y$$

$$F_z = ma_z$$

Newton's 2nd

Law in

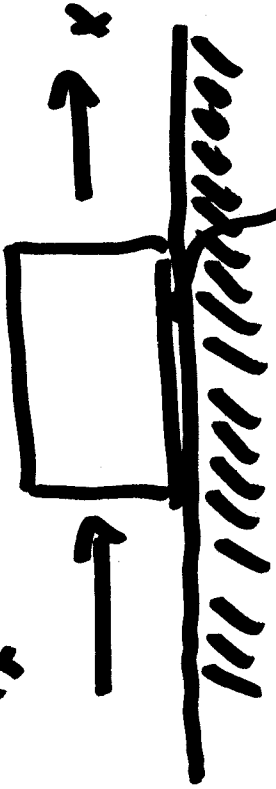
Rectangular Coords.

University of Idaho Consider 1.0 meter in the

$$x\text{-dir: } F_y = F_x = a_y = a_x = 0$$

$$\vec{F} = F_x \hat{i}$$

$\uparrow y$



frictionless surface.

We know that  $F_x = \max$

Metric Unit:  $a_x = 1 \text{ m/s}^2$ ;  $m = 1 \text{ kg}$ ;  $F_x = 1 \text{ Newton}$

English Unit:  $a_x = 1 \text{ ft/s}^2$ ;  $m = 1 \text{ slug}$ ;  $F_x = 1 \text{ lb}$

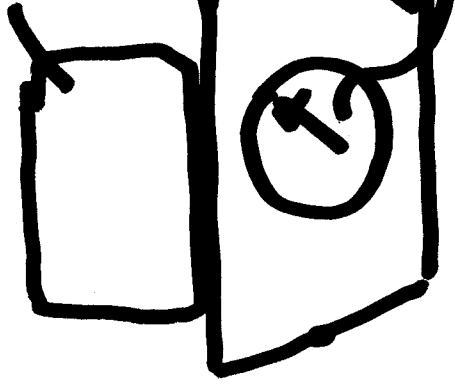
University of Idaho Mass in English units are most

Commonly given in units of "lbm" ....

32.2 ft/sec<sup>2</sup>



1 lbm of mass



F = ma

Scale to the

1 lbf

1 lbf = 1 lbm · 32.2 ft/sec<sup>2</sup>

1 lbm =  $\frac{1 \text{ lbf}}{32.2 \text{ ft/sec}^2}$

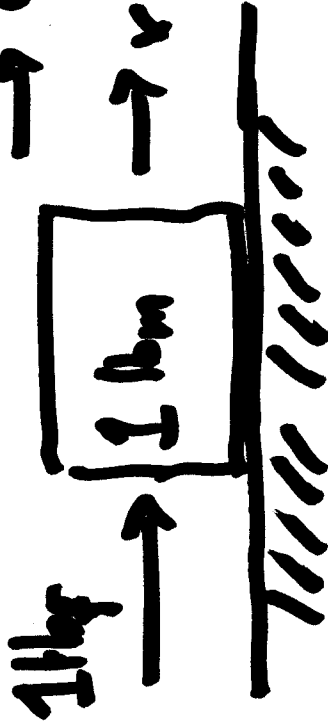


University of Idaho lets work on example problem

in English units

$\uparrow \gamma$

$\rightarrow a_x = ?? \text{ ft/sec}^2$



$$1 \text{ lbf} = 1 \text{ lbm} \cdot a_x \text{ ft/s}^2$$

$$1 \text{ lbf} = 1 \frac{\text{lbf}}{32.2} \text{ ft/s}^2 [a_x \text{ ft/s}^2]$$

$$a_x = 32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2$$