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Newton's Second Law

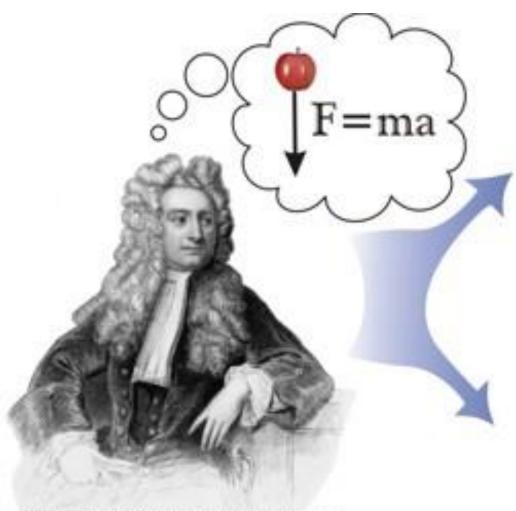
 An object acted upon by an unbalanced force will accelerate in the direction of the force.

Force = Mass x Acceleration

SI Units of Force

• 1 Newton (N) = 1kg * m/s2

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Weight

 WEIGHT is a measure of the force of GRAVITY on the mass of an object

ACCELERATION of GRAVITY(Earth) = 9.81 m/s2
Weight (force) = mass x gravity (Earth)

 Your weight on Earth is the gravitational force between you and Earth.

Gravity and Weight

- Weight is a force, like the push of your hand is a force, and is measured in newtons.
- Mass is the amount of matter in an object, and doesn't depend on location.
- Weight will vary with location, but mass will remain constant.

Moon's gravity is 1/6 of the Earth's

 If you weigh 420 Newtons on earth, what will you weigh on the Moon?

 If your mass is 41.5Kg on Earth what is your mass on the Moon?