

# Newton's Laws

- Newton's 1<sup>st</sup> Law (Same as Galileo's law of inertia): No force  $\Rightarrow$  no acceleration.

*"An object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion with the same speed and in the same direction unless acted upon by a force."*

$$\vec{F} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{v} = \text{const}$$

Modern interpretation: "there exists a reference frame called inertial, in which the above statement is correct."

- Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law:

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

*"Force equals mass times acceleration"*

- Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law:

$$\vec{F}_{B \rightarrow A} = -\vec{F}_{A \rightarrow B}$$

*"Any Force of action has an equal and opposite Force of reaction "*

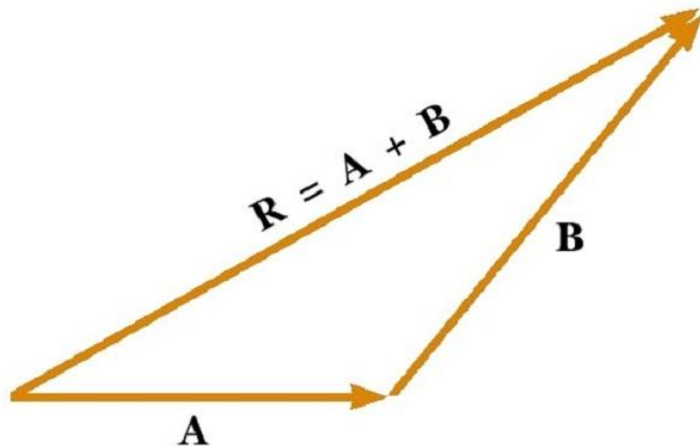
Unit of force is called Newton (N)  $1\text{N} = 1 \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$

# Adding Forces

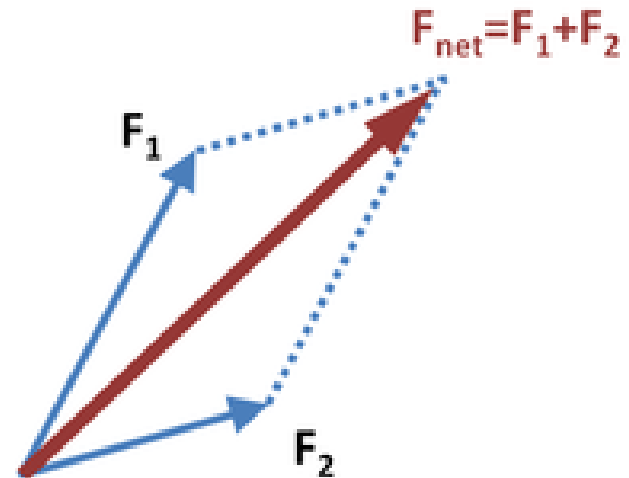
- Force is a measure of interaction. It is a vector (has direction)
- When several forces are acting on an object, they **are added as vectors**

There are two equivalent ways of adding vectors graphically:

**Triangle rule**  
(best for displacements)



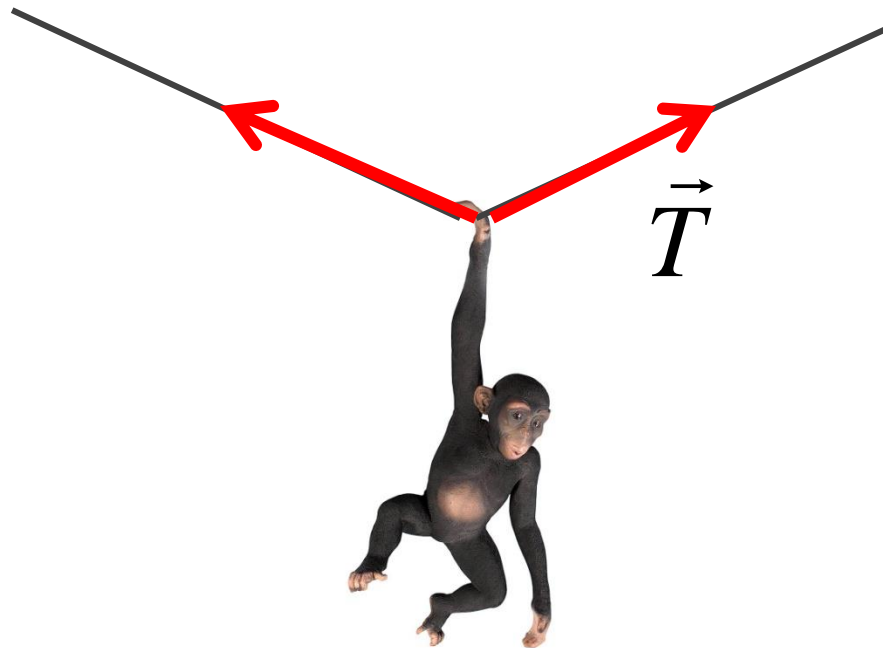
**Parallelogram rule**  
(best for forces)



# Homework

## Problem 1.

A monkey is hanging on a wire as shown in the figure. Find the tension force  $T$  (shown as red arrows), by using the graphical method of force addition. The mass of monkey is  $m=10\text{ kg}$ . Remember that gravity acts on it with a downward force  $mg$ .



## Problem 2.

A rocket shown in the figure has mass  $m=10\text{ kg}$ . In addition to gravity, there is a thrust force  $F=200\text{ N}$  applied to it, directed forward.

- Sketch both forces (gravity and thrust) as vectors, up to scale to each other.
- By adding forces graphically, find the total force acting on the rocket, and its acceleration.

