

Newton's Laws

- **Newton's 1st Law (Same as Galileo's law of inertia): No force => 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."

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

- **Newton's 2nd Law:**

"Force equals mass times acceleration"

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

- **Newton's 3rd Law:**

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

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

Unit of force is called Newton (N)

$$1N = 1 \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

Homework 14

When solving the problem below follow these steps:

- Draw a picture with all the forces acting on the rocket shown.
- Use Newton's 2nd Law to find its acceleration. DO NOT SUBSTITUTE NUMBERS! Try to get a general formula for acceleration a in terms of F , M , and g .
- Now substitute appropriate numbers in your formula and get result for both (a) and (b)

Problem

The Apollo mission to Moon was launched by a very powerful rocket called Saturn V. The total mass of the rocket right before launch was $M=2.8 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}$. Total thrust (propulsion force) of 5 engines of the first stage is $F=34 \times 10^6 \text{ N}$ (Newtons). The rocket is launched vertically upward.

- Find the **total force** acting on the rocket and acceleration of the rocket right after the launch. Neglect air resistance.
- Similarly to part (a), find acceleration right before the fuel of the first stage is fully burned. The mass of the fuel is $m=2.1 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}$. The force will remain constant at this point.

