Physics 131- Fundamentals of Physics for Biologists I



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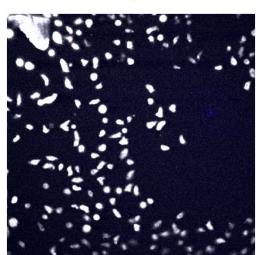
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-How can we describe motion (Kinematics)

 What is responsible for motion (Dynamics)

Movie of the Day Chemically guided motion



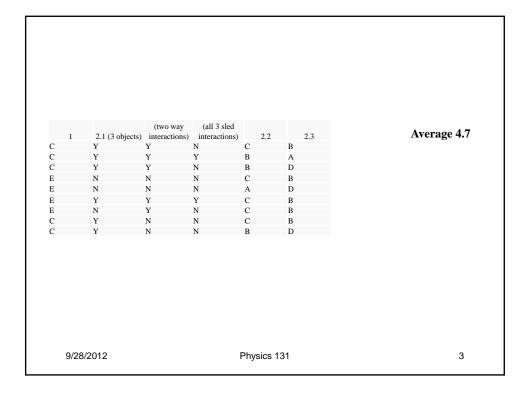
Quiz 3 review

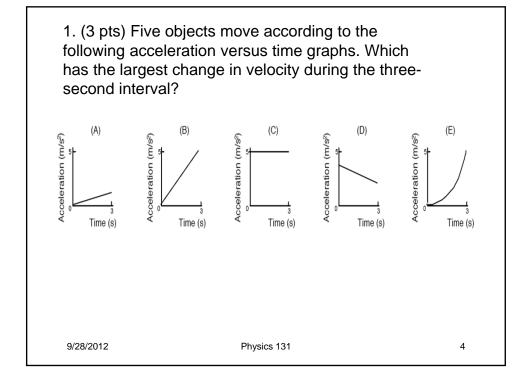
Outline

- NEW office hours
 - 5pm-6.30pm Thursday
- Exam next week Fri
 - See "Course Mechanics" website and "Grading" website for more info
 - Read over HW do Sample problems that will be posted Fri -> solutions posted on Wednesday
 - Explain your reasoning in regrade requests
 - Opportunity for Makeup two grades are averaged
- Forces
 - Gravitational Force
 - Spring force
 - Normal force
 - Friction force

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System schema

- +1 for at least three objects (including the sled)--common objects included sled, trapper, earth, ice/lake, and boots.
- +1 for showing that <u>all</u> interactions are two-way interactions (double-headed arrows or separate arrows in each direction between objects).
- +1 for showing all three <u>sled</u> interactions (tension/rope with the trapper, gravity with the earth/ice/lake, and some kind of contact (normal, friction) with the earth/ice/lake).

- the rope may be its own object, as may the hand or boots of the trapper; and
- the sled-ice interaction could be one arrow (for all contact) or two arrows (one for the normal force contact and one for the frictional contact).
- KEY: System schema has to be consistent, focus on the object of interest

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Weight Force W

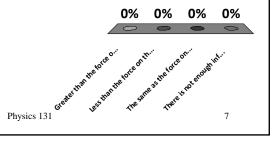
■ Experiment: See how it behaves when gravity is the <u>only</u> force acting on it. We expect it to speed up (accelerate). How does that acceleration depend on the object?

$$\vec{a}_A = \frac{\vec{W}_{E \to A}}{m_A}$$

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The prof drops two metal spheres, one of 1 kg, the other of 5 kg. They hit the ground at (almost) exactly the same time. The weight force on the 5 kg weight is:

- 1. Greater than the force on the 1 kg weight
- 2. Less than the force on the 1 kg weight
- 3. The same as the force on the 1 kg weight.
- 4. There is not enough information to tell.



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