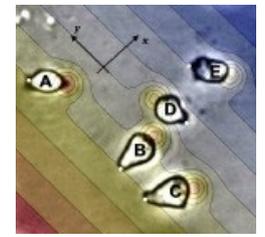
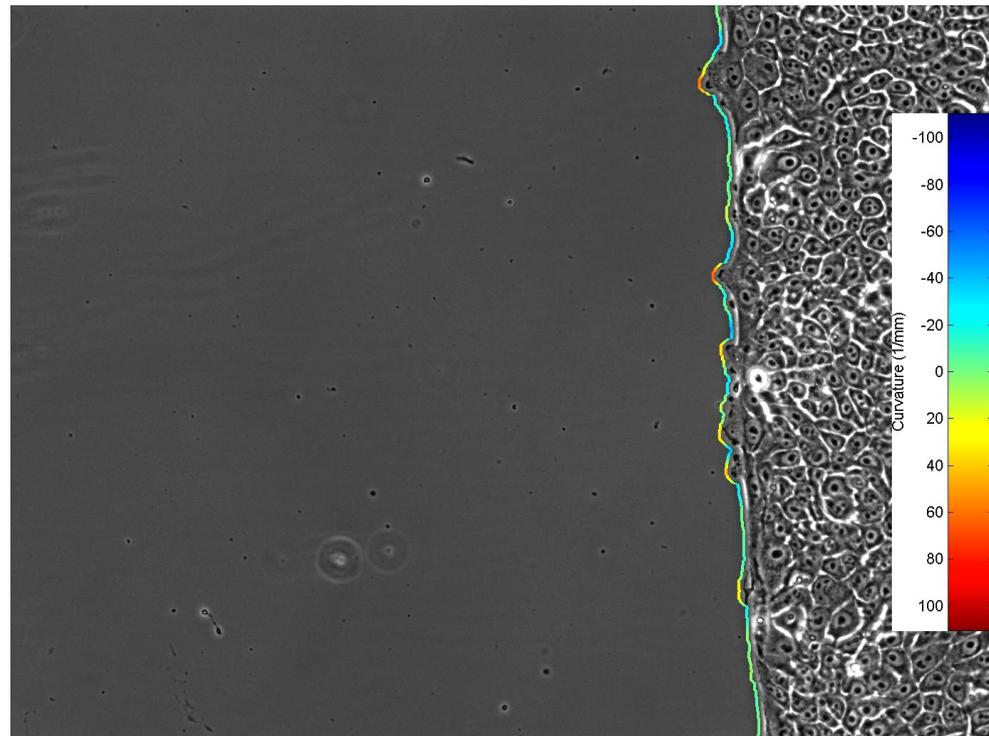


# Physics 131- Fundamentals of Physics for Biologists I



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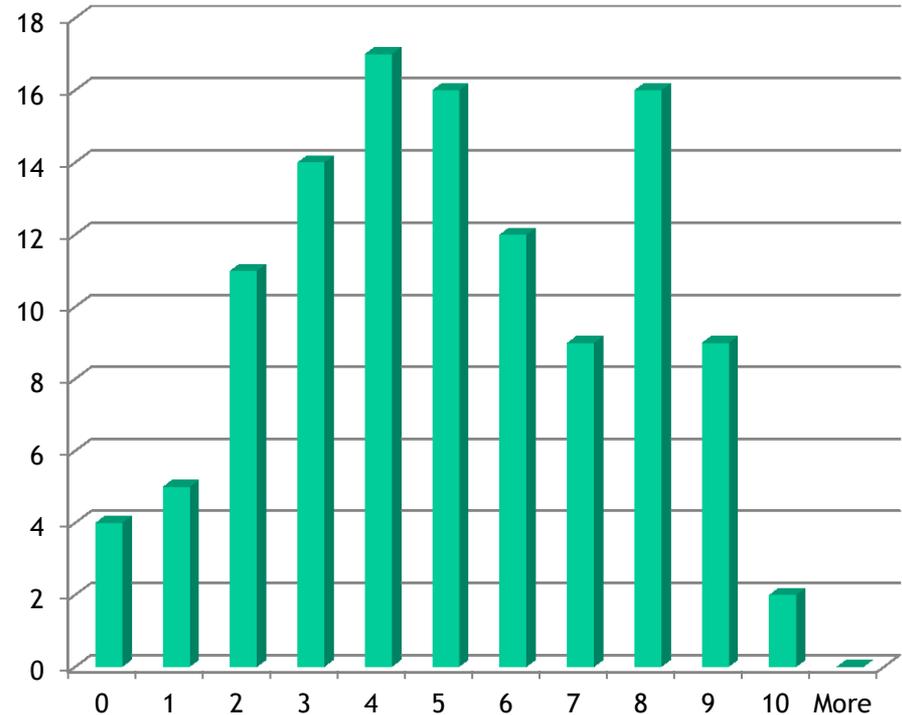


# Quiz 2

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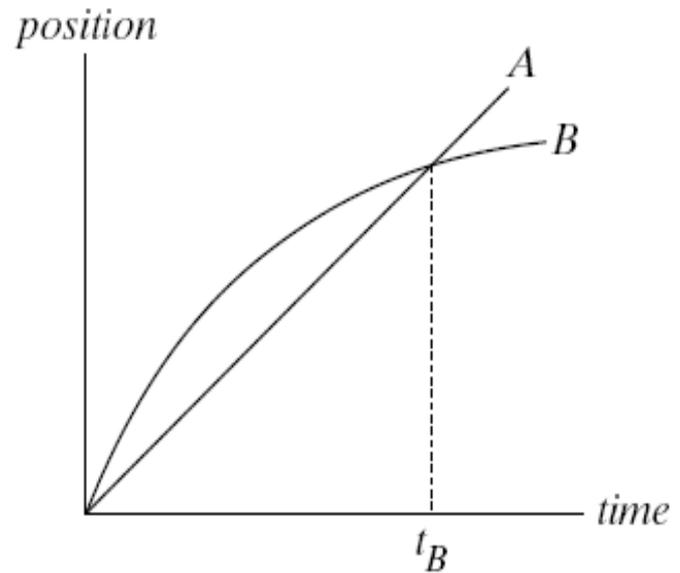
Avoid one step recall!



The graph shows position as a function of time for two trains running on parallel tracks. Which is true:

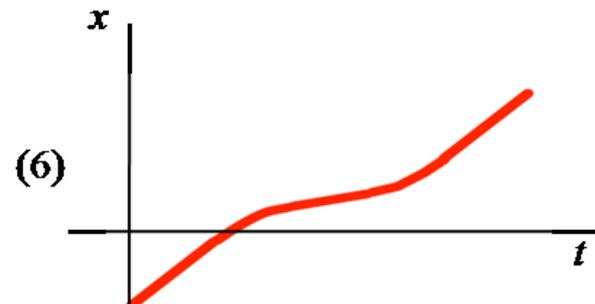
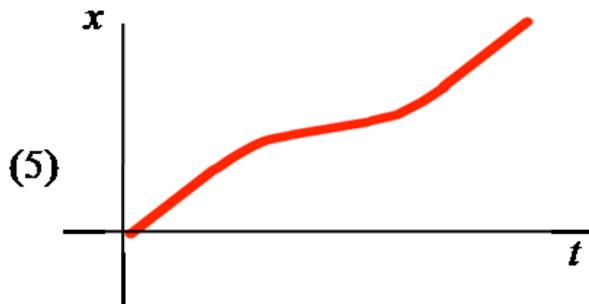
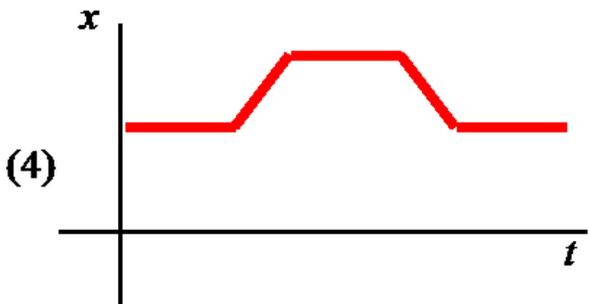
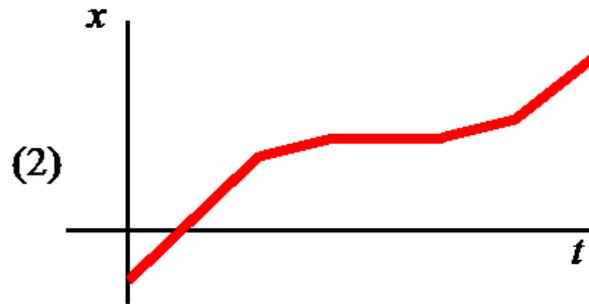
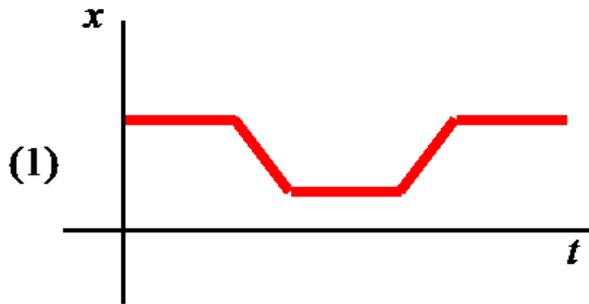
(from E. Mazur, "Peer Instruction: A users manual", Prentice Hall 1997)

1. At time  $t_B$ , both trains have the same velocity.
2. Both trains speed up all the time.
3. Both trains have the same velocity at some time before  $t_B$ .
4. Somewhere on the graph, both trains have the same acceleration.



Velocity: Slope of position vs time graph

A ball rolling is rolling at a constant speed along the horizontal part of the track. It comes to a hill and has enough speed to get over it. By thinking about its speed as it goes, sketch a graph of the Position / Velocity of the ball as a function of time.



As discussed in recitation, many organisms grow isometrically, meaning that each linear dimension increases by the same factor. Let's assume that a young butterfly has a surface to volume ratio of  $1 \frac{1}{mm}$ . If it doubled its lengths when grown up, calculate the ratio of surface to volume for the grown-up butterfly.



Area: Increases by factor 4

Volume: Increases by factor 8

Area to Volume ratio  $4:8 \frac{1}{mm}$  or  $1:2 \frac{1}{mm}$

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1: YES

2: NO

3: Not sure?

# Kinematics and Dynamics

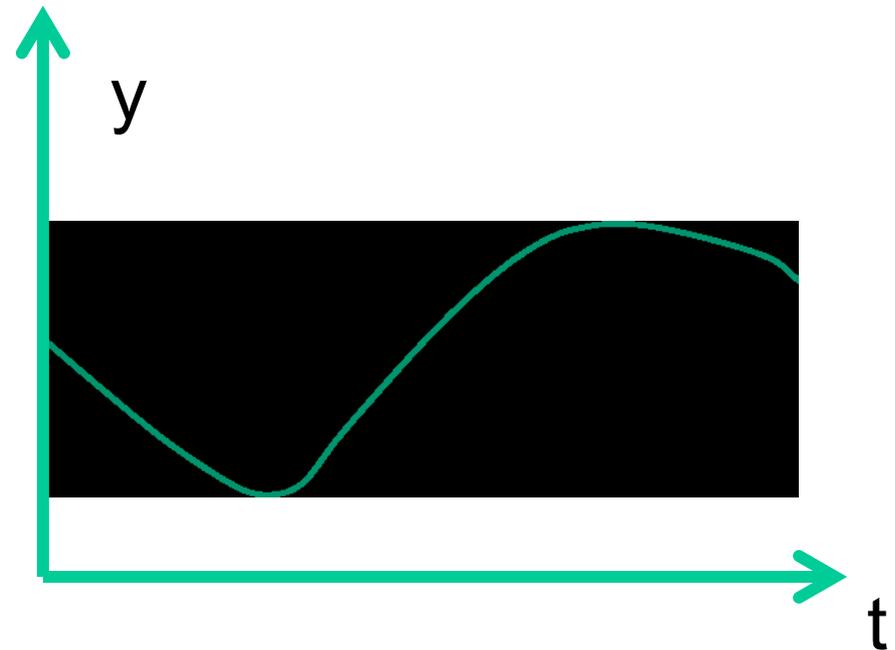
- Kinematics: Describing motion (Chapter 3)
  - Acceleration
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# Juggling Example

## *whiteboard*

- Draw the position of one of the juggled balls during one throw  $y$  vs  $t$

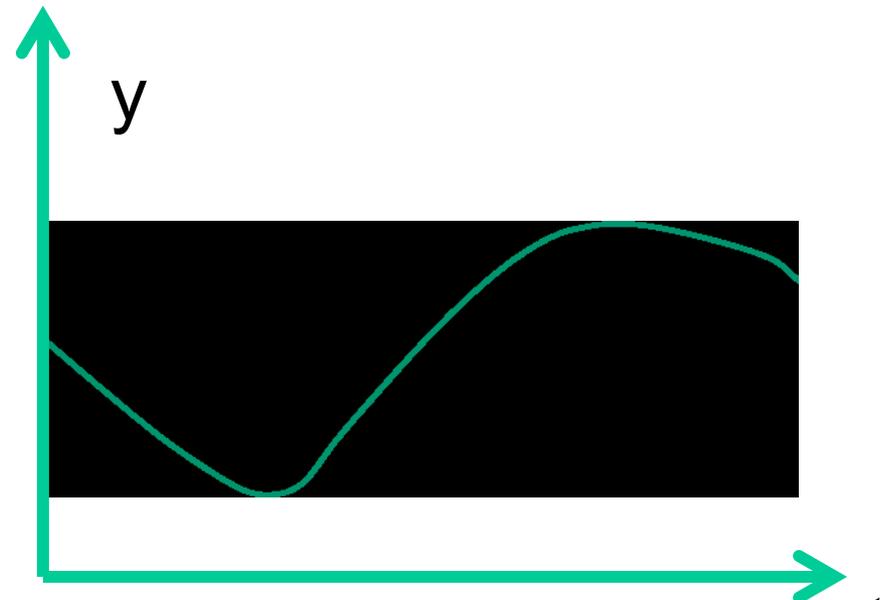
*Leave space to add more words or graphs!*



You are throwing a ball straight up in the air.  
At the highest point, the ball's

1. velocity and acceleration are zero
2. velocity is nonzero but its acceleration is zero.
3. acceleration is nonzero, but its velocity is zero.
4. velocity and acceleration are both nonzero.

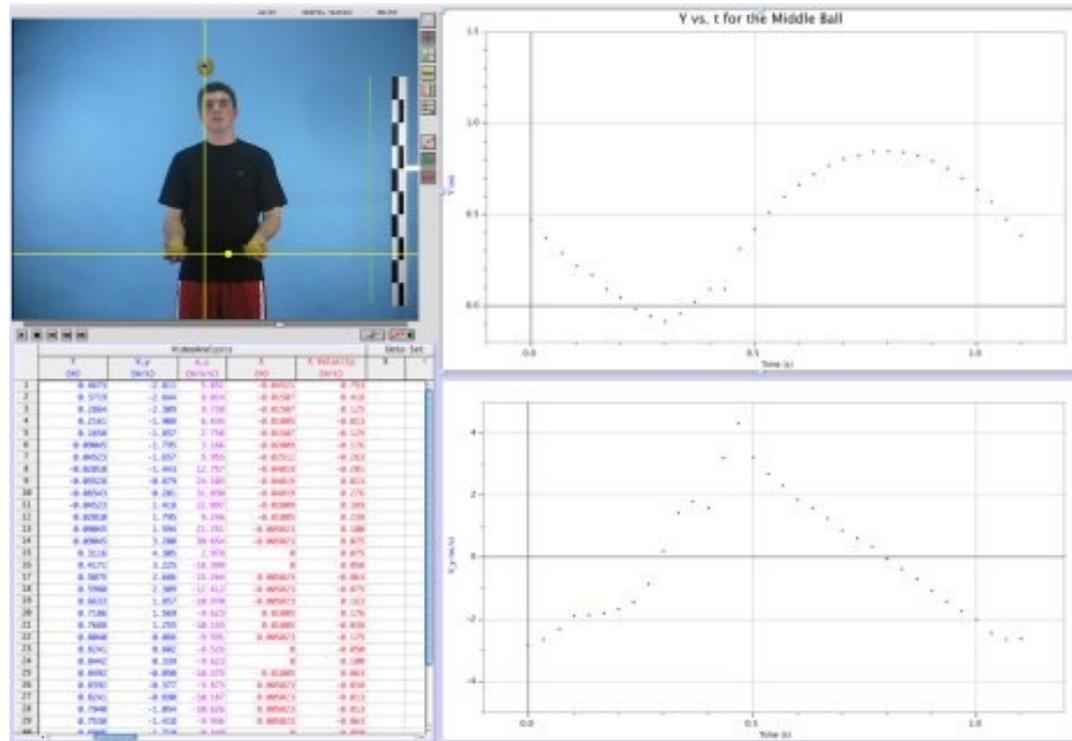
**As always, you can  
use your whiteboard to  
answer this question**



# Figuring out acceleration *whiteboard*

- Looked at the y-t
- PLOT  $v_y$ -t plots for a ball going up and down.
- PLOT  $a_y(t)$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$



# We learned about Kinematics



- Position  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$  (where  $x$  and  $y$  are signed lengths)
- Velocity  $\langle \vec{v} \rangle = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$        $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$
- Acceleration  $\langle \vec{a} \rangle = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$        $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$
- Connecting different representations of motion
  - Graphs of Position, Velocity, Acceleration
  - Text
  - Equations

*Since we can calculate velocity as the rate of change of distance over a time interval, and acceleration as the rate of change of velocity over a time interval, is there a quantity that is the rate of change of acceleration over a time interval?*

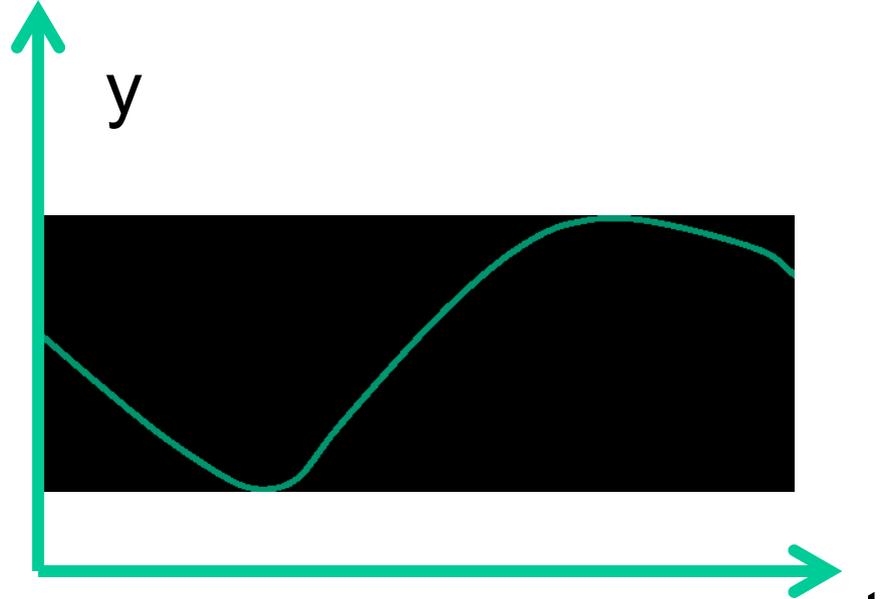
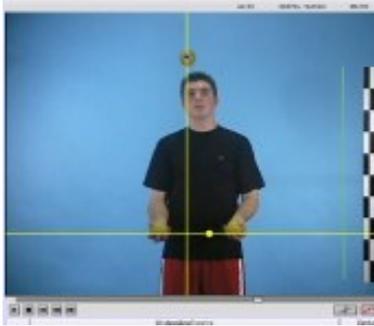
YES - It is called “Jerk”, which is defined as the change in acceleration over a time interval.

**Our body can only take a limited range of acceleration AND a limited amount of Jerk**

# Kinematics and Dynamics

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# What causes Motion?

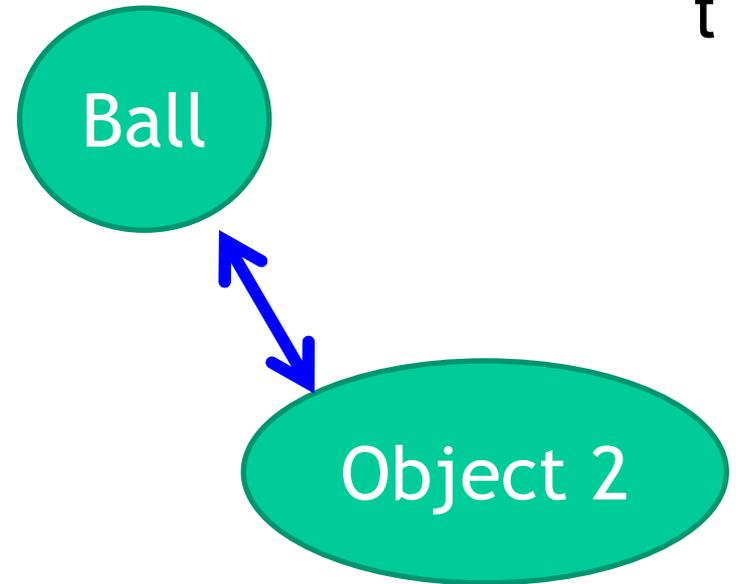


Whose motion we are describing?

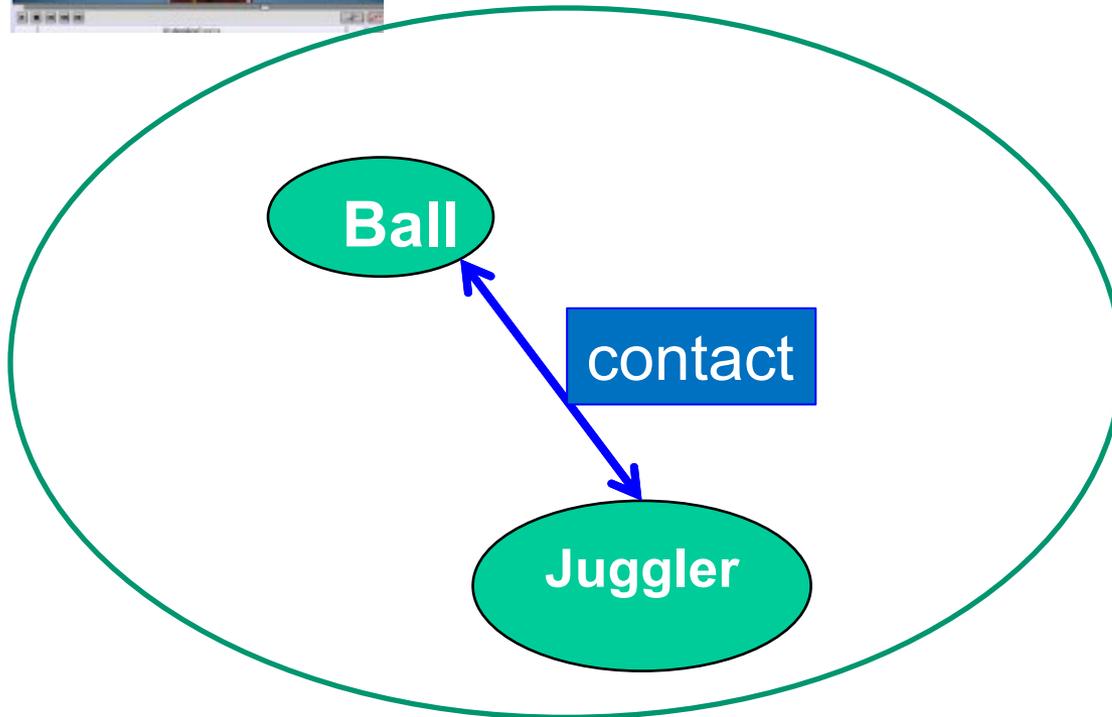
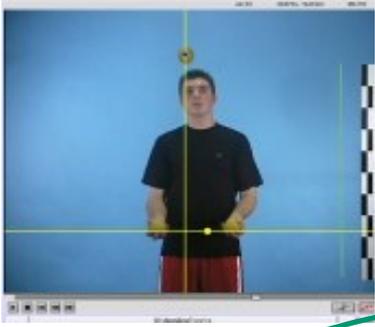
An object of interest (the ball)

What Causes its motion?

Other objects interacting with ball



# System Schema



The Ball interacts with other objects, it is part of a system

*How can we take all of these concepts into consideration when we are dealing with more than two objects?*

*How exactly would this principle be applied to ... living organisms?*