## Experiments to Understand Physics Phenomena Observed In Daily Life

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## Chap． 1 Mechanics

## 1．，Demonstration of the First Law

＊how to reduce the friction between two objects
＜Hover Craft＞
－No friction takes place due to thin air space between two objects．


Flat plane
－Let make a frictionless tool using a balloon and CD．


Experiment on frictionless motion


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One dimensional frictionless equipment employed in school（air blowing off type）．
＜Frictionless equipment using small beads＞
＊principle：the use of rollers．


Move to only one direction



Microscopic view of small beads

Attention: Don't touch your fingers to beads. If you touch them, please wipe your hands with a wet tissue, or wash them out under flowing water.


Frictionless equip. using small beads


Trace of uniform motion using the frictionless table; flash lamp was operated with a periodical interval of 0.25 second.



Experiment to demonstrate the effect of seat belt; if the doll was not buckled to the seat belt, it will collide to the wall.


The blade will get into the wooden handle by applying the law of inertia.


A knife is slightly stabbed.


Strike the apple on
the table.
The knife is stabbed deeply. It is due to the law of inertia.
<Let's play a game like a Pee-Kay (player killing) game >


Everybody has a chance to shoot with the plastic lid and aim to at the goal!
<The law of inertia for standstill object>


Try to move quickly the frictionless plate, then the object will not move due to the inertial law.


The beaker and water will stay as it is if we pull the cloth quickly. In order to make the beaker move, a very large force is required which cannot be conveyed through the friction.
<Demonstration of uniform circular motion>

- It is difficult to see the uniform circular motion because of the existence of friction.

However, our frictionless equipment has realized it.


Plastic lid (with a hole
Fixed pin to let a stringpass)


- Since there is no friction in the space of universe, planets can move eternally around the sun.


## <rotation of rigid body>

- Confirmation of rigid body rotation around the point of center of gravity.



## 2., Demonstration of the Second Law



On the paper, force is in minus direction, thus minus acceleration takes place, and velocity decreases.

## 2., Demonstration of the Third Law

- Usually in the physics textbook, the Third law is demonstrated by using two spring balances. Even in dynamic phenomenon, the Third law is always fulfilled, but usually it is difficult to visualize it.


Two spring balance indicate that the same force happen.


The weights are pushing each other on the rollers.


On the frictionless table

One magnet is standstill, while another one moves close to it, then due to the repulsion force the standstill magnet stats to move, and bending in trace takes place in another one due to the Third Law.


## 4. Falling object

*How to realize that the two objects fall down precisely at the same time



A pulsar falls down due to gravity

Fee falling object

$\mathrm{M}=$ mass
$\mathrm{a}=. \mathrm{g}$ (acceleration of gravity)

Falling on the slope

a. $=g x \sin \theta$ $\mathrm{g} \rightarrow \mathrm{g} \sin \theta \quad$ (smaller than g )

Strobe-photograph of the falling objects that have different mass on the frictionless slope.



$$
\begin{aligned}
& x=1 / 2\left(g^{\prime} \cdot t^{2}\right) \\
& g^{\prime}=g \cdot \sin \theta \\
& \sin \theta=0.01
\end{aligned}
$$

Slightly Inclined glass plate with small beads

- Quantitative experiments are available using stopwatch



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\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{X}=\text { distance from the start }, \\
\mathrm{t}
\end{gathered}=\text { time from the start }
$$

<non- gravity experiment>

## Free


falling


Jumping just before falling will make him stays floating

Attention: Put some soft cushion to support the falling
balance ! !


Top view: circles show
Petri dishes, and dots represent small beads


No water flowing takes place, when the pet bottle falls freely. It is due to no gravity on the water.

Free falling


Human in the space shuttle has the same acceleration motion (circular motion) as the space shuttle itself, thus human never feel any gravity;
Newton said: The moon always falls toward Earth due to gravity. Namely, the space shuttle and human always fall toward Earth in the same manner.

## 5. Motion in a slope

1) Horizontal projection


Note that the motion to X direction and the motion to Y direction are independent.


The phenomena can be observed very slowly by using the frictionless plate..
2)Monkey hunting.


Slow motion Monkey Hunting
The price of commercial tool is about US400\$ and it is
less effective since the motion finish in a short time.
3) Projection to 45 degree



Tool that can project Petri dish with a constant speed.
6. From potential energy to kinetic energy


In the case of rolling ball, potential energy is consumed for rotation, thus the speed is lower compared to that of the Petri dish on the frictionless slope.

## 7.Collision



Aluminum disks ( 50 mm diameter and 5 mm thickness) were used in this experiment on the frictionless table.


Demonstration of the momentum conservation in collision process, which was done on the frictionless table.

## 8.Centrifugal force



Merry-go-round


The particles move to outer side since they receive the centrifugal force.

- direct demonstration of the centrifugal force


Try to rotate the big Petri dish with a string, then the small Petri dish move towards outside due to the centrifugal force; beads should be scattered both on the table and in the big Petri dish.

- Top of "Latru back"


Turn to clockwise, then it finally change to anticlockwise rotation.

- Turn to anticlockwise, then nothing happen.


Strike the one end, then it start to rotate anticlockwise.


Cross sectional view of the top (anti-symmetric)


Similar experiment using spectacle case

