

PhET Lab: Forces in 1 Dimension

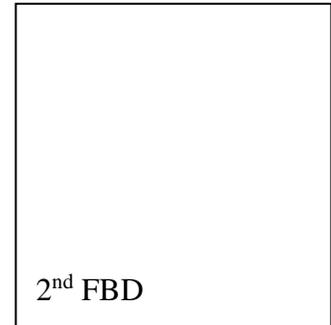
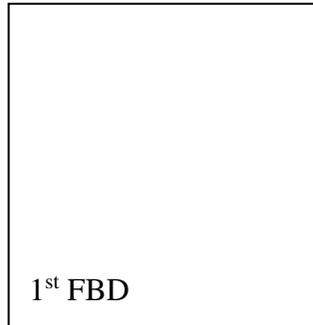
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Google Search: "Forces 1d phet", click on top link.  
Click "run now", then "keep".  
Open the .jnlp file

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hour: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Click the tabs "Graph Applied Force", "Graph Acceleration", "Graph Velocity", and "Graph Position" to open these graphs.
2. **In the upper right of the simulation, make sure friction is turned "off"**
3. Make sure the "File Cabinet" is selected, and the initial position is set to -7.0 m (negative seven meters).
4. Draw the free-body diagram found in the upper left corner of the sim in the 1<sup>st</sup> box above.
5. In the upper left of the simulation, set the applied force to 200. This is in Newtons (N), **but only type in "200" in the sim, and then press "Enter" on the keyboard.**
6. Draw the *new* free-body diagram in the box labeled 2<sup>nd</sup> FBD, now that you have added a force of 200 N to the system.
7. Note: The sim is currently paused. What do you expect the net force will cause the file cabinet to do when you click "Go" in the sim?

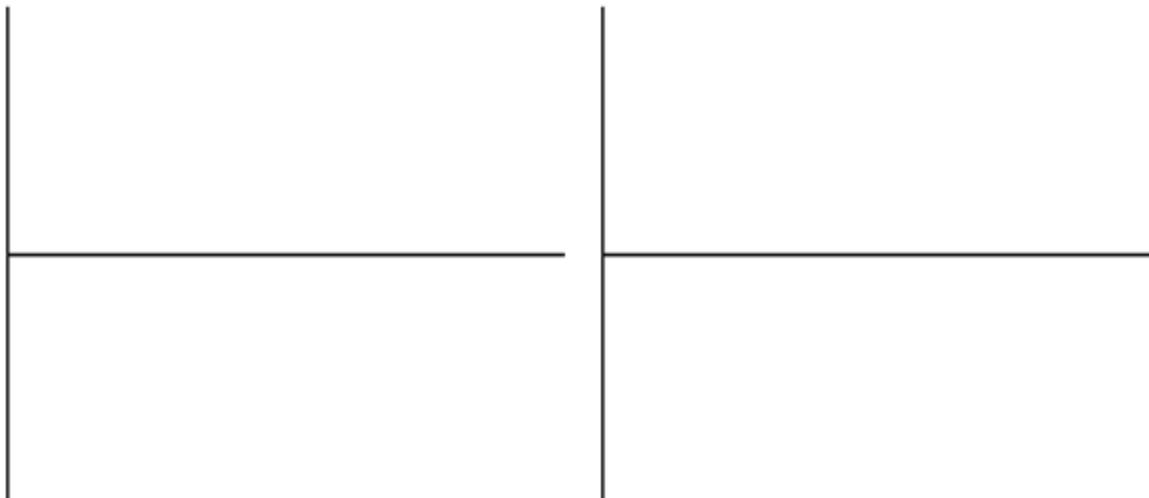


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8. Click "Go" near the upper left corner of the sim. **Let it run for about 10 seconds and then Pause the sim.**
  9. Label and Graph each of the following: Total (Net) Force, Acceleration, Velocity, and Position. Include title, scaling, units, and graphed line for each of the four graphs. Include scaling for at least 5 seconds of time in the X-axes below (time is almost always graphed on the X-axis).

The Y-intercept of Force vs. Time is \_\_\_\_\_. The Y-intercept of Acceleration v. Time is \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Y-intercept of Velocity vs. Time is \_\_\_\_\_. The Y-intercept of Position v. Time is \_\_\_\_\_

These Y – intercepts represent the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ at time  $t = 0$ .





- 10. Now turn friction “on.”
- 11. Clear the graphs by pressing “Clear”. Then “Yes”, you want to clear the graphs.
- 12. Again, set the “Applied Force” to 200 (Newtons). Press “Enter” on your keyboard.
- 13. Draw the new free-body diagram in the space to the right:
- 14. What is the total/net force? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

- 15. How do you predict the cabinet will behave when you press “Go” on the sim? \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Press “Go” on the sim. Were you correct? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did the Cabinet move? \_\_\_\_\_

- 17. Now Clear the graphs by pressing “Clear”. Then “Yes”, you want to clear the graphs.
- 18. Set the “Applied Force” to 600 (Newtons). Press “Enter” on your keyboard.

- 19. Draw the new free-body diagram in the space to the right:
- 20. Is there a total/net force? \_\_\_\_\_ How do you know?

- 21. How do you predict the cabinet will behave when you press “Go” on the sim? \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. Press “Go” on the sim. Were you correct? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did the Cabinet move? \_\_\_\_\_

- 23. Record the new graphs and include all relevant markings on the next page.

- 24. Record *all* observations you notice, *especially observations that relate to the force and acceleration graphs*, but other graphs too: \_\_\_\_\_

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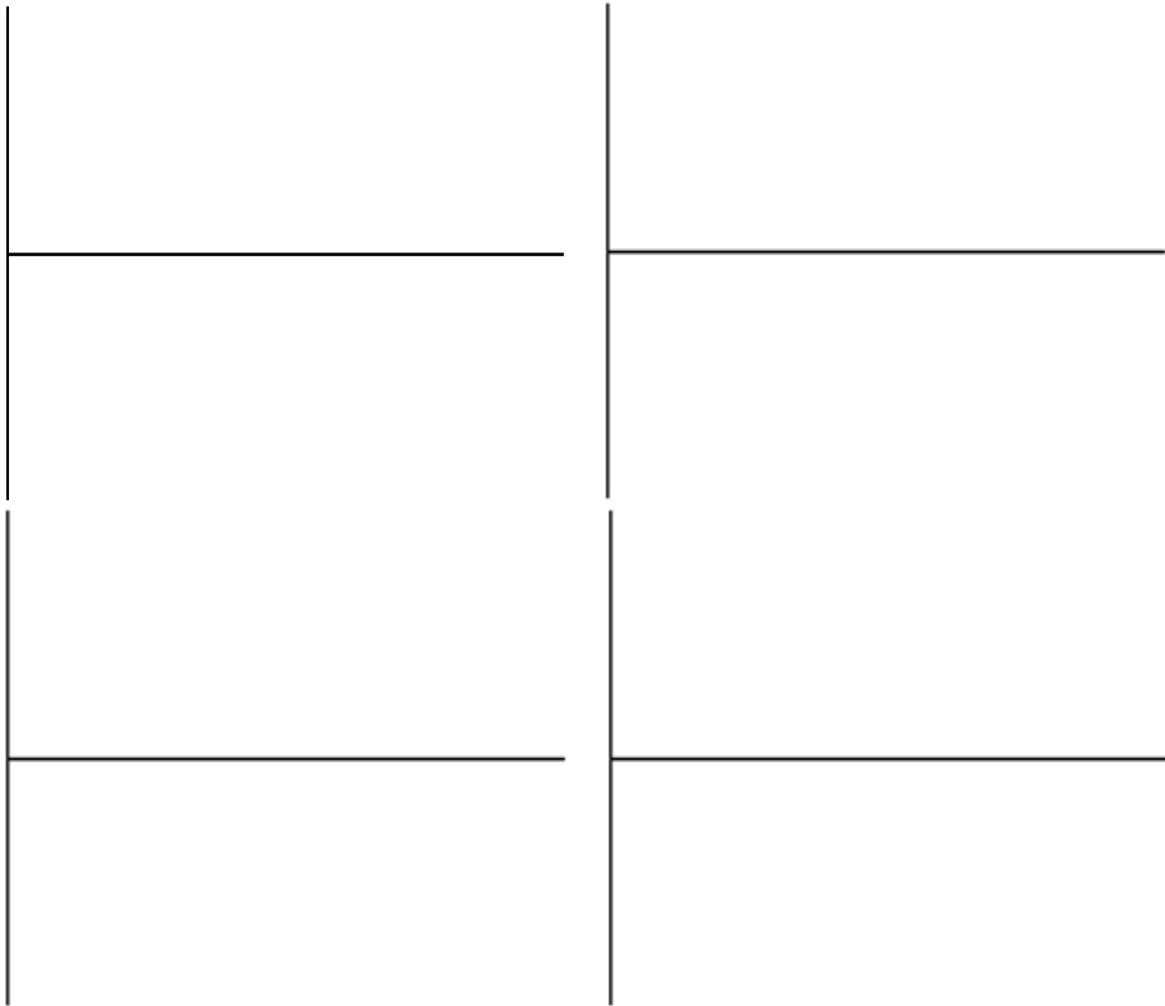
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3<sup>rd</sup> FBD

4<sup>th</sup> FBD



The mass of the cabinet is 200 kg ( $m = 200\text{kg}$ ).

The coefficient of static friction  $\mu_s = 0.3$

The normal force **of an object on flat ground** is  $F_N = \text{mass} * \text{gravity} = \text{mass} * 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Note that this is equal in magnitude and opposite in direction of the equation for the force due to gravity (also known as *weight*):

$$F_g = m * g$$

The maximum opposing force due to static friction is  $F_S$ , and is given by:

$$F_S = \mu_s * F_N = \mu_s * m * g$$

25. Calculate the maximum force due to static friction, using the information above, in the space below.

26. Predict the amount of force it would take to get the cabinet moving, that is, how much force would be required to overcome static friction and produce a net horizontal force?