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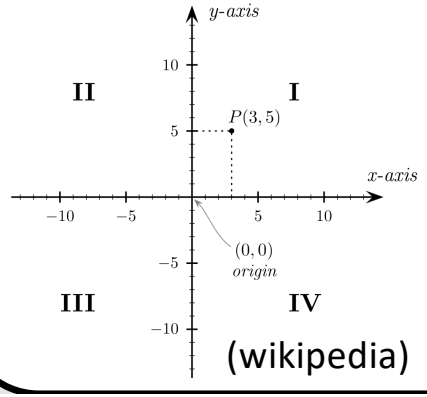
- Published in *Principia*, 1687
- Include three laws of motion
  - Inertia
  - F=ma
  - action/reaction
- Point mass in a Cartesian coordinate system

Standing on the Shoulder of a Giants

- René Descartes (1596-1650) paved the way to the Newtonian mechanics
- Introduced Cartesian coordinate system

Cogito, ergo sum!



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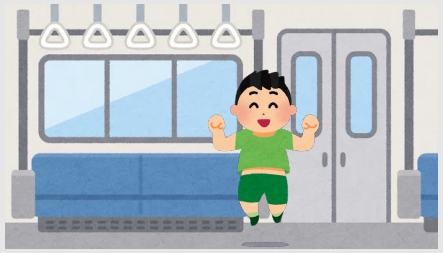
Decartes connected algebra and geometry

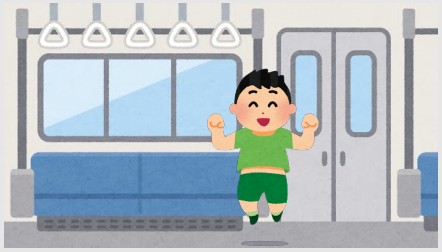
Newton's First Law

- A body persists at rest or in uniform motion in a straight line unless acted upon by a force

- Law of Inertia
  - Defines an inertial frame of reference

No force, no move!





Newton's Second Law ($m\vec{a} = \vec{F}$)

- The rate of change of momentum of a body is directly proportional to the force applied to the body

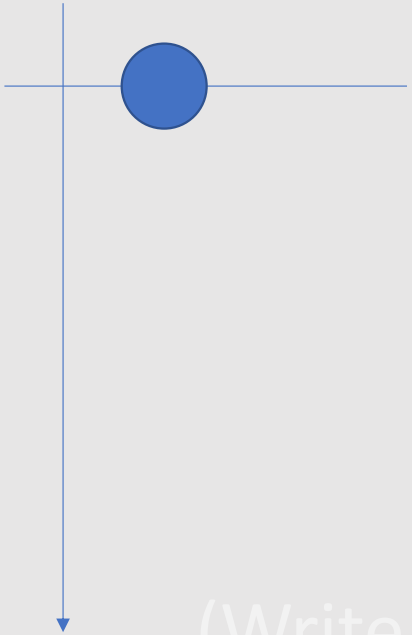
$$m\vec{a} = \vec{f}$$

integration

$$m(\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1) = \int \vec{f}\,dt$$

impulse

Position of a Falling Ball



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Projectile Motion

- Quadratic equation descrives trajectory

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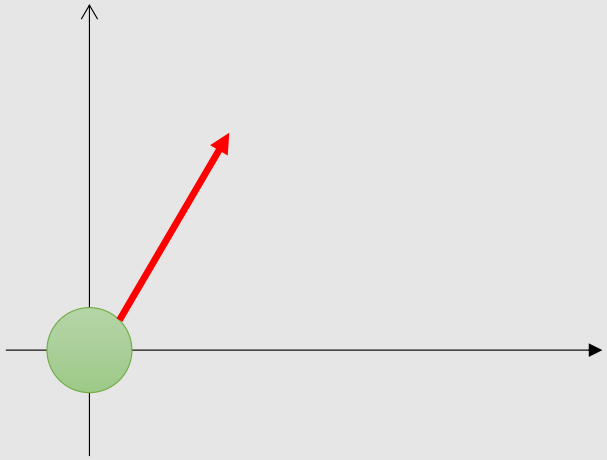

Newton’s Third Law (Action / Reaction)

- For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction

Colliding Balls

- What is the velocity after collision? Take impulse as unknown variable