

# Topic 6 Circular motion and gravitation

## 6.1 Circular motion

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1) Essential idea - A force applied perpendicular to a body's displacement can result in its circular motion.

2) The force must act inwards in all cases of circular motion.

3) Data booklet

1°  $v = \omega r$

2°  $a = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$

3°  $F = \frac{mv^2}{r} = m\omega^2 r$

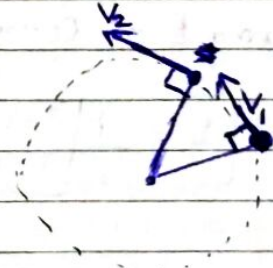
4) Utilization - Motion of charged particles in magnetic fields. Unit 5.4

5) A particle is said to be in uniform circular motion if it travels in a circle (or arc) with constant speed  $v$ .

Magnitude of velocity does not change.

Direction of velocity does change.

Thus, there is an acceleration although speed does not change.

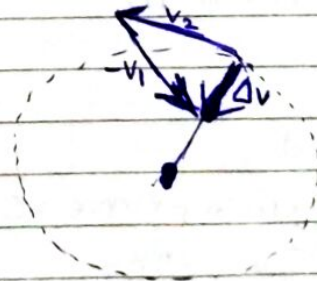


$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta v = v_2 - v_1$$

$$\Delta v = v_2 + (-v_1)$$

Acceleration is towards the center.  
Centripetal = center seeking



~~$F_c = ma_c$~~

6)  $F_c = ma_c$  centripetal force

↓ radius = ↑  $F_c$

↑ velocity = ↑  $F_c$

$$7) \quad a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} \quad \text{centripetal acceleration}$$

E.g. 730 kg car negotiates 30m radius turn at  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .  
Centripetal acceleration and force? What force is causing this acceleration?

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{25^2}{30} = \frac{625}{30} = 20.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

$$F_c = m a_c$$

$$F_c = 730 \times 20.8 = 15208 \text{ N}$$

$$= 1.5 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$$

The centripetal force is caused by the friction between the tires and the pavement.

8) Period  $T$  - Period  $T$  is the time for one complete revolution.  
Frequency  $f$  - Cycles or oscillation or revolutions per second. Hz

$$f = \frac{1}{T} \quad \text{Period and Frequency}$$

Find period & frequency of one day.

$$\text{Period } T = 24 \times 60 \times 60 = 86400 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{Frequency } f = \frac{1}{86400} = 1.16 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Hz}$$

9) Velocity ~~is~~ <sup>and</sup> period

One revolution is circumference  $C = 2\pi r$

$$\text{Therefore } v = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^2}{T^2}$$

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r^2}{T^2 r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$$

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$a_c = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$$

Centripetal  
acceleration

Example

A 50 kg cat swung by string having radius 3.00 meters. He takes 5.00 seconds to complete one revolution. What are  $a_c$  and  $F_c$ ?

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$F_c = ma_c$$

$$a_c = \frac{\left(\frac{2\pi r}{T}\right)^2}{r}$$

$$F_c = 2.50 \times 4.74$$

$$F_c = 11.8 \text{ N}$$

$$a_c = \frac{r}{5^2 \times 3} \Rightarrow \frac{4\pi^2(3)^2}{5^2 \times 3}$$

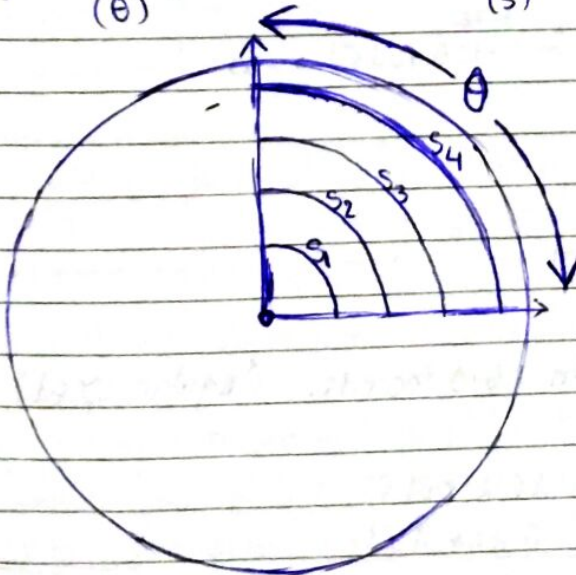
$$a_c = \frac{36\pi^2}{75}$$

$$a_c = 4.74 \text{ m/s}^2$$

10) Angular displacement and arc length

( $\theta$ )

(s)



Radians & Degrees

$$\pi \text{ rad} = 180^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \text{ rev.}$$

$$2\pi \text{ rad} = 360^\circ = 1 \text{ rev}$$

Radian-degree-revolution  
conversions

displacement or arc length  
or distance

$$s = r\theta \quad \begin{array}{l} \theta \text{ in radians} \\ \text{radius} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Angular} \\ \text{displacement} \end{array} \quad \text{relation between } s \text{ and } \theta$$

$$\omega = \frac{\theta}{t} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Angular} \\ \text{velocity} \end{array} \quad \text{rad/s} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{angular speed}$$

$$v = \frac{s}{t} = \frac{r\theta}{t} = r \left( \frac{\theta}{t} \right) = r\omega = v$$

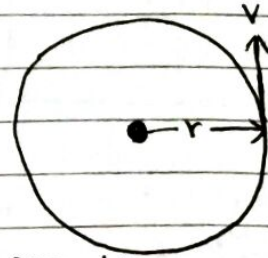
$$v = r\omega \quad \text{relation between } v \text{ and } \omega$$

Example

Q Mass moving at constant speed  $v$  in a circle of radius  $r$  as shown.

Find...

- the period  $T$  of the point mass, and
- the frequency  $f$  of the point mass, and
- the angular speed  $\omega$  of the point mass.



~~$T = 12$  seconds~~

$$a) \quad v = \frac{s}{t} = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v}$$

$$b) \quad f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{v}{2\pi r}$$

$$c) \quad \omega = \frac{v}{r} = \frac{2\pi r}{T r}$$

Q) Find the angular speed of the second hand on a clock. Find speed of the tip of the hand if it is 18.0 cm long.

$$\omega = \frac{\theta}{t} = \frac{2\pi}{60} = \frac{\pi}{30} = \frac{0.105}{1} \text{ rad s}^{-1} = \omega$$

$$v = r\omega$$

$$v = 18 \times 10^{-2} \times 0.105$$

$$v = 0.0189 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Q) Car rounds a  $90^\circ$  turn in 6.0 seconds. Angular speed?

$$\omega = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2}}{6} = \frac{\pi}{12} = 0.262 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

The car can turn due to the friction between tire and pavement.  
The friction always points towards center of circle.

This is banking. (Considered qualitatively only in syllabus.)

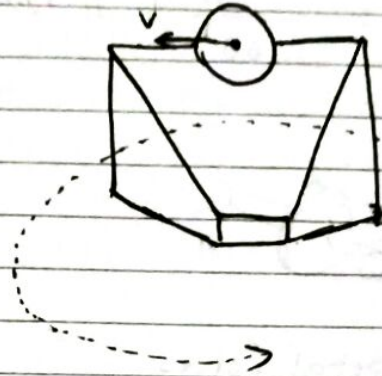
- As a plane banks (rolls), lift vector begins to have a horizontal component.
- The centripetal force causes the plane to begin traveling in a horizontal ~~circle~~ circle.

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Even though cars use friction, roads are banked so that the need for friction is reduced.

A component of the normal force provides centripetal force.



(like an uplifted curve or corner) (Maut ka kua)

(It can turn even if it is frictionless.)

### 1) Angular speed and centripetal acceleration

$$v = r\omega$$

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{r^2\omega^2}{r} = r\omega^2$$

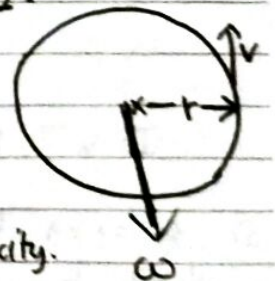
$a_c = r\omega^2$	$F_c = m\omega^2 r$	$a_c$ and $F_c$ (all three forms)
$a_c = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$	$F_c = \frac{4\pi^2 mr}{T^2}$	
$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$	$F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r}$	

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f = \frac{\theta}{t} \quad \text{relation between } \theta, T \text{ and } f$$

Angular speed with a direction is called angular velocity.

Direction of a rotation, Right hand rule:

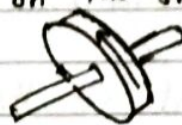
- 1) Rest heel of your right hand on the rotating object.
- 2) Make sure your fingers are curled in the direction of rotation.
- 3) Your extended thumb points in the direction of the angular velocity.



Angular velocity  $\omega$  always points perpendicular to the plane of motion.

Example

Find angular velocity (in  $\text{rad s}^{-1}$ ) of the wheel on the shaft. It is rotating at 30.0 rpm (revolutions per minute).



$$\omega = \frac{\Delta \theta}{t} = \frac{30 \times 2\pi}{60} = \frac{60\pi}{60} = \pi \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

Magnitude =  $3.14 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

Direction = RHR =



## 12) Forces providing centripetal forces

Example

Friction (Race car making a turn)

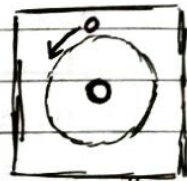
Tension (Albert the physics cat spinned)

Gravitational force (Baseball and the Earth)

Electric force (an electron orbiting a nucleus)

Magnetic force (a moving charge in a B-field)

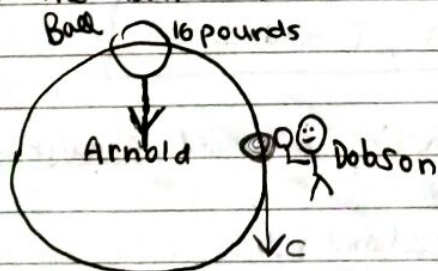
Baseball



Nucleus &amp; Electron

Example

- 1) Dobson watching 16-pound bowling ball being swung around at  $50 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  by Arnold. If string is cut at the instant the ball is next to the ice cream, what will the ball do?



It will fly tangent to the original circular path along C.

- 2) 0.500 kg Baseball is placed in a circular orbit around earth at slightly higher than tallest point 8850 m, mount everest. Given  $R_E = 6400000 \text{ m}$  is radius of Earth, Find the speed of ball.

~~$GF = 0 \text{ N}$~~   $F_c$  is caused by gravitational force.

$$mg = 0.500 \times 9.81 = 4.905 \text{ N}$$

~~$mg = mv^2$~~

$$\sqrt{\frac{4.905 \times 6400000}{0.5}} = v$$

$$v = 8000 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

~~$\sqrt{\frac{4.905 \times 6400000}{0.500}} = v = 8000 \text{ m s}^{-1}$~~

b) How long will it take the ball to return to the crest?

$$v = \frac{ds}{t}$$

$$8000 = \frac{2\pi(6400000)}{T}$$

$$T = 5033.5 \text{ seconds}$$

$$= 1.40 \text{ hours}$$

c) Explain how an object can remain in orbit yet always be falling?

When the ball is thrown at a small speed, the ball is drawn by gravity towards the center of the earth. But, when the ball is finally thrown at a great enough speed that it matches the curvature of the Earth, the ball is effectively falling around the Earth while in orbit.

Q) Angular speed of the minute hand of a clock?

$$\omega = \frac{\theta}{t} = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{3600}$$

$$= 0.00175 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

Angular speed of rotation of the Earth in one day?

$$r = 6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$2\pi r = 2\pi(6.4 \times 10^6) = 4.02 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{60 \times 60 \times 24} = 7.27 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

The small angular speed is why we can't feel the Earth as it spins.

### Example

Find the apparent weight of someone standing on an equatorial scale if his weight is 882 N at the North pole.

$$\omega = 0.0000727 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

Lines are line of a latitude.

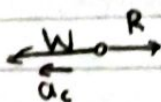
R line is earth's radius

r represents the radius of a circle a point at a latitude of  $\theta$  follows.

$$r = R \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ \text{ at the pole}$$

$$0^\circ \text{ at equator}$$



So, at equator  $r = R$ , and at the pole,  $r = 0$ .  $R = 6400000 \text{ m}$ .

At the equator,

$$a_c = R\omega^2 = 6.4 \times 10^6 \times 0.0000727^2 = 0.0338 \text{ m/s}^2$$

At the pole,

$$a_c = r\omega^2 = 0 \times 0.0000727^2 = 0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$W - R = F_c$$

$$W = F_c + R$$

$$R = W - ma_c = 882 - \left( \frac{882}{9.8} \times 0.0338 \right) = 879 \text{ N}$$

Man lost 3 N.

**Example**

A linear spring of negligible mass requires 180N to cause its length to increase by 1.0 cm. A sphere of mass 75.0g is attached to one of the spring. Distance between centre of ~~spring~~ <sup>sphere</sup> M & other end P of the unstretched spring is 25.0 cm, as shown below



Sphere is rotated at constant speed in horizontal circle with centre P. PM increases to 26.5 cm

a) Explain why the spring increases in length when the sphere is moving in a circle.

$F = kx = \frac{mv^2}{r}$ , As velocity increases, force increases to keep it moving in a circle. In this case,  $x$  and  $v^2$  are ~~proportional~~ directly proportional. ~~to force~~  
So,  $x$  increases.

b) Determine the speed of the sphere.

~~$F = 18 \times 0.015 = 0.27 \text{ N}$~~

~~$0.27 = \frac{0.075 \times v^2}{0.25}$~~

~~$v = 0.95 \text{ ms}^{-1}$~~

~~$\frac{0.27 \times 0.25}{0.075} = v^2$~~

Solution

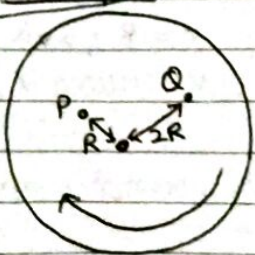
$18.0 \text{ N cm}^{-1} = 1800 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ ,  $k = 1800 \text{ N m}^{-1}$

$F = kx$ ,  $F = 1800 \times 0.015 = 27 \text{ N}$

$27 = \frac{0.075 \times v^2}{0.265}$

$\sqrt{\frac{27 \times 0.265}{0.075}} = v = 9.77 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

Example



Point P has linear speed  $v$  and centripetal acceleration  $a$ .  
What about point Q?

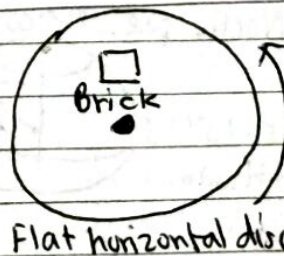
$v_1 = R\omega$        $v_2 = 2R\omega$   
 $2v_1 : v_2$

$a_1 = R\omega^2$        $a_2 = 2R\omega^2$

$2a_1 : a_2$

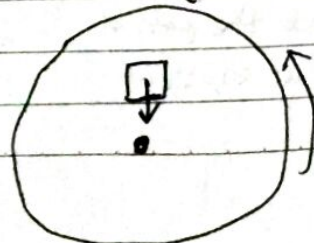
Linear speed :  $2v$

Cent. Acceleration :  $2a$



Rotating at constant speed. Draw the horizontal force or forces acting on the brick?

Centripetal acceleration is always towards center. (center-seeking)





# Topic 6 Circular motion and gravitation

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## 6.2 Newton's law of gravitation

### 1) Newton's Law of Gravitation

The gravitation force is the weakest of all the 4 fundamental forces.

Newton's law of gravitation - gravitational force between two point masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  is proportional to their product, & inversely proportional to the square of their separation  $r$ .

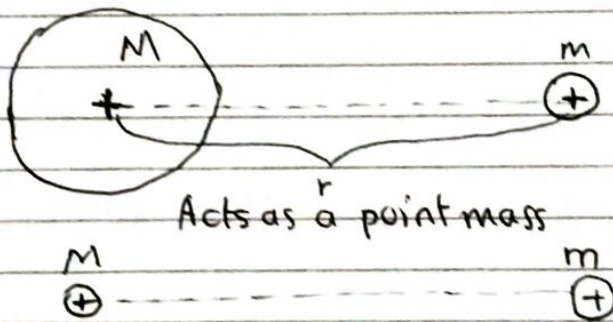
$F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$	Universal law OF gravitation
where $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$	

$G$  is universal gravitational constant.

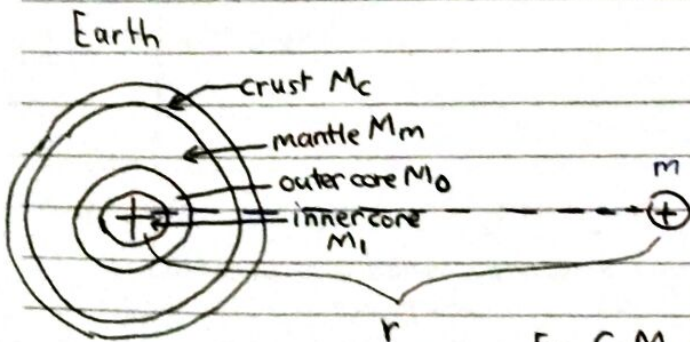
Discovered by Henry Cavendish

The celestial bodies we observe are point masses. They have layers.

"A spherically symmetric shell of mass  $M$  acts as if all of its mass is located at its center." - Newton



### 2) Solving problems involving gravitational force



Assuming each shell is symmetric, the gravitational force caused by that shell acts as though its mass is all concentrated at its center.

Net force at  $m$  =

$$F = \frac{G M_1 m}{r^2} + \frac{G M_0 m}{r^2} + \frac{G M_m m}{r^2} + \frac{G M_c m}{r^2}$$

$$F = \frac{G (M_1 + M_0 + M_m + M_c) m}{r^2}$$

Thus,  $F = \frac{G M m}{r^2}$  where  $M = M_1 + M_0 + M_m + M_c$

$M$  is just total mass of Earth kh!

$r$  is distance between the centres of the masses.

Example

Earth has a mass of  $M = 5.98 \times 10^{24}$  kg and moon has mass of  $m = 7.36 \times 10^{22}$  kg. Mean distance between Earth & moon is  $3.82 \times 10^8$  m. What is the gravitational force between them?

$$F = \frac{GMm}{r^2} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24} \times 7.36 \times 10^{22}}{(3.82 \times 10^8)^2}$$

$$= \frac{7.68 \times 10^{20} \text{ N}}{}$$

$$= 2.01 \times 10^{20} \text{ N}$$

Radius of each mass is immaterial here because we are already referring to point masses. So, don't worry about adding it here.

Example

Moon mass  $7.36 \times 10^{22}$  kg. Mean distance between earth & moon is  $3.82 \times 10^8$  m. What is the speed  $v$  in its orbit about Earth?

$$F_a = 2.01 \times 10^{20} \text{ N}$$

$$F_a = F_c$$

$$2.01 \times 10^{20} = \frac{7.36 \times 10^{22} \times v^2}{3.82 \times 10^8}$$

$$\frac{2.01 \times 10^{20} \times 3.82 \times 10^8}{7.36 \times 10^{22}} = v^2$$

$$v = 1021.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$v = 1020 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$v = 1.02 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

For circular orbits,  
the ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
 $F_a$  is the  $F_c$ .

$$F_a = F_c$$

b) what is period of moon (in days) in its orbit around Earth?

One cycle time

$$\frac{d}{v} = t$$

$$t = \frac{2\pi \times 3.82 \times 10^8}{1.02 \times 10^3} = 2353114.5 \text{ seconds}$$

$$\frac{2353114.5}{86400} = 27.2 \text{ days}$$

## 3) Gravitational Field Strength

$m$  is located at distance  $r$  from  $M$ .

Gravitational field strength  $g$  is force per unit mass on  $m$  due to presence of  $M$ .

$g = \frac{F}{m}$	Gravitational Field strength	$N kg^{-1}$
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$$F = ma$$

$$N = kg \times m s^{-2}$$

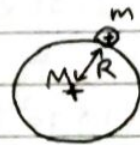
$$\frac{N}{kg} = m s^{-2}$$

$$N kg^{-1} = m s^{-2}$$

$F = mg$	On Earth's surface $g = 9.8 m s^{-2}$
$g$ is none other than the gravitational field strength.	

## 4) Solving problems involving gravitational field strength

Suppose  $m$  is on surface of  $M$  with radius  $R$ .



From universal law of gravitation, weight of  $m$  is equal to its attraction to the planet's mass  $M$  and equals  $F = \frac{GMm}{R^2}$

$$mg = \frac{GMm}{R^2}$$

$g = \frac{GM}{R^2}$	Gravitational field strength at surface of a planet of mass $M$ and radius $R$ .
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The same derivation works for any  $r$ .

$g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$	Gravitational field strength at distance $r$ from center of a planet of mass $M$
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Practice: Mass of Earth is  $M = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$  and the radius of Earth  $R = 6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ . Find gravitational field strength at Earth's surface, and at a distance of one Earth radius ~~surface~~ above its surface.

$$g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

$$g_1 = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{(6.37 \times 10^6)^2} = 9.83 \text{ N kg}^{-1} (\text{m s}^{-2})$$

$$g_2 = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{(6.37 \times 10^6 \times 2)^2} = 2.46 \text{ N kg}^{-1} (\text{m s}^{-2})$$

Practice: Satellite 525 kg is launched from Earth's surface to a height of one Earth radius above the surface. a) Weight at surface and b) at altitude?

$$g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

$$g_1 = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{(6.37 \times 10^6)^2} = 9.83 \text{ N kg}^{-1} (\text{m s}^{-2})$$

$$W = mg_1 = 525 \times 9.83 = 5.16 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$$

$$g_2 = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{(2 \times 6.37 \times 10^6)^2} = 2.46 \text{ N kg}^{-1} (\text{m s}^{-2})$$

$$W = mg_2 = 525 \times 2.46 = 1290.2 \text{ N} \\ = 1.29 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$$

5) Gravitational Field strength (again)

Compare:  $F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$

(Force-action at a distance)

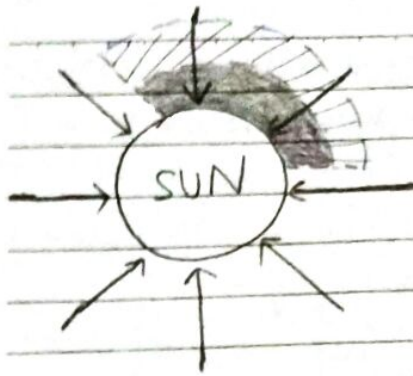
$$g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

(Field-local curvature of space)

(Two masses, and force is the result of their interaction at a distance.)

(Just one mass, that sets up the local field in the space surrounding it. It "curves" it.)

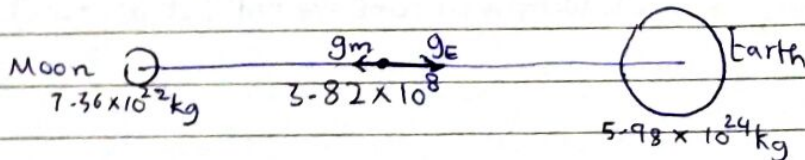
Field view of universe is preferred over the force view of action at a distance. "Force signal" will be slightly delayed in telling orbital mass when to turn. End result would be an expanding spiral motion. We do not observe planets leaving their orbits as they travel around the sun. Thus, action at a distance doesn't work if we believe special relativity. Current evidence points to correctness of special relativity. Field view eliminates the need for long distance signaling between 2 masses. It distorts space about one mass.



- We look at concentration of field lines to know how strong the field is at a particular point in the vicinity of a mass.
- The closer together the field lines, the ~~stronger~~ <sup>stronger</sup> the field.
- Shaded portion lines are closer together than striped portion.
- Shaded field is thus stronger than striped field.

### c) Solving problems involving gravitational field strength - (again)

Q Find gravitational field strength at a point between the Earth and the moon that is right between their centers.



$$r = \frac{3.82 \times 10^8}{2} = 1.91 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$$

$$E_m = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 7.36 \times 10^{22}}{(1.91 \times 10^8)^2}$$

$$E_m = 0.000135 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$$

$$E_E = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{(1.91 \times 10^8)^2}$$

$$E_E = 0.0109 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Net } &= 0.0109 - 0.000135 = 0.010765 \text{ N, towards the Earth.} \\ &= 1.08 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N kg}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

### Practice

Jupiter's gravitational field strength at its surface is  $25 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$  while its radius is  $7.1 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$ . a) Deduce Jupiter's mass. b) Weight of 65 kg man on Jupiter.

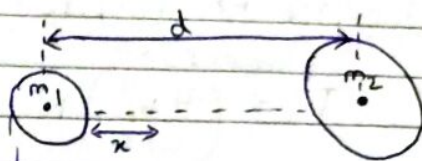
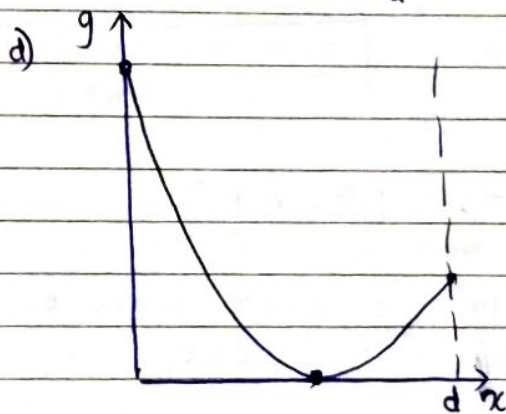
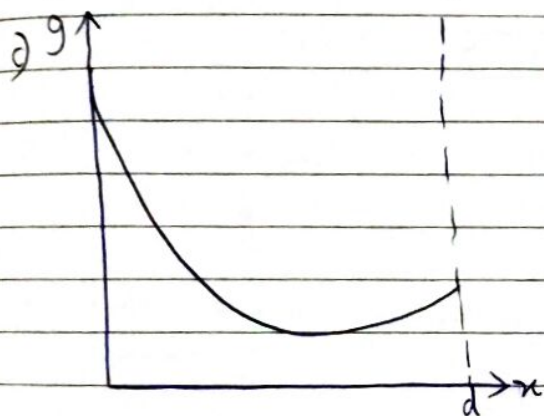
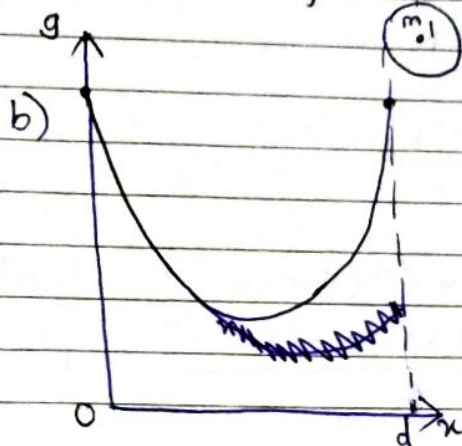
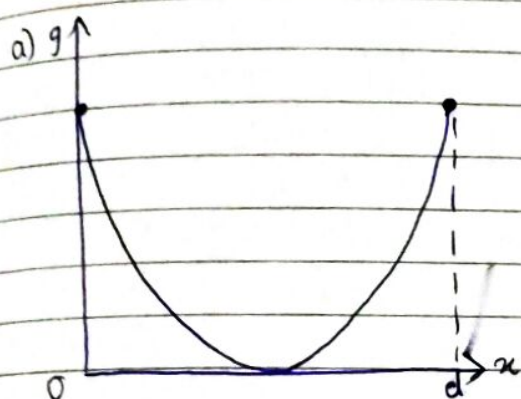
$$a) \quad 25 = \frac{GM}{r^2} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times M}{(7.1 \times 10^7)^2}$$

$$\frac{25 \times (7.1 \times 10^7)^2}{6.67 \times 10^{-11}} = M = 1.9 \times 10^{27} \text{ kg}$$

$$b) \quad 25 \times 65 = 1625 \text{ N} \\ = 1600 \text{ N}$$

Practice: Two spheres of equal mass & different radii are held a distance  $d$  apart. The gravitational field strength is measured on the line joining the 2 masses at position  $x$  which varies.

Which graph shows the variation of  $g$  with  $x$  correctly?



At the surfaces, both masses have their ~~big~~ strongest  $E$ . But,  $m_2$  has higher radius, so its ~~maximum~~  $E$  has surface is lower than  $m_1$ . a & b are wrong.

Somewhere closer to  $m_2$ ,  $r_1 + x = r_2 + (d-x)$ , so  $E$  is 0. c is wrong.

**D** is correct.

7) Solving problems involving orbital ~~period~~ period.

Kepler's law - period  $T$  of an object in a circular orbit about a body of mass  $M$

is given by  $T^2 = [(4\pi^2)/(GM)]r^3$ . Derive it.

$F_c = ma_c$ , in circular orbit.

$F_c = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$ , from Newton's law of gravitation

$a_c = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$ , from 6-1

$$4\pi^2 r^3 = GMT^2$$

$$T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GM}$$

$$T^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}\right)r^3$$

(Not in data booklet!) Memorize!

$$m a_c = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2} = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

(KIKY)

Example A satellite in geosynchronous orbit takes 24 hours to orbit the Earth. So, it can be above same point of Earth at all times, if desired. Find the necessary radius & express it in terms of earth radii.  $R_E = 6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ .

$$\text{Kepler's law} \\ T^2 = \left( \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} \right) r^3$$

$$86400^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GM}$$

$$86400^2 \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24} = 4\pi^2 r^3$$

$$\frac{86400^2 \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{4\pi^2} = r^3$$

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{86400^2 \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{4\pi^2}}$$

$$= 4.23 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{4.23 \times 10^7}{6.37 \times 10^6} = 6.63 \text{ times Earth's radius.} \\ = 6.63 R_E$$

Kepler Third Law, Not in data booklet	$T^2 = \left( \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} \right) r^3$	$T \propto r^{3/2}$ $\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}$ is constant
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Initially, this was just  $T^2 \propto r^3$ . Newton's law was needed to get the proportionality constant.

Example - Rings of Saturn are made of rocky particles that orbit the planet. Period  $T$  of each particle depends on distance  $r$  from the centre of Saturn.  $T$  is proportional to  $R^n$ .

What is  $n$ ?

$$T^2 = \left( \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} \right) r^3$$

$$\sqrt{T^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2}{GM} (r^3)}$$

$$T = \left( \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} r^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

(KEY)  $n = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5, T \propto r^{1.5}$

Q) Two satellites X & Y, move in circular orbits about Earth. Orbital period of satellite X is eight times of satellite Y.

Find ratio  $\frac{\text{orbital radius of satellite X}}{\text{orbital radius of satellite Y}}$

~~$$T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} r^3$$~~

$$T^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}\right) r^3$$

~~$$\frac{T_x^2}{T_y^2} = \frac{(8T_y)^2}{64T_y^2}$$~~

$$T_x^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} r_x^3$$

$$T_y^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM} r_y^3$$

$$T_x = 8T_y$$

64 times period of Y when squared

$$T_x^2 = 64T_y^2$$

~~$$T^2 \propto r^3$$~~

~~$$T^2 = kr^3$$~~

~~$$64T^2 = kr^3 \times 64$$~~

~~$$r_x = 4r$$~~

$$\frac{T_x^2}{T_y^2} = 64$$

$$1 = \frac{\frac{4\pi^2}{GM} r_x^3}{\frac{4\pi^2}{GM} r_y^3}$$

$$64 = \frac{r_x^3}{r_y^3} = \frac{T_x^2}{T_y^2}$$

$$(64)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left(\frac{r_x^3}{r_y^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$4 = \frac{r_x}{r_y}$$

4 is the ratio.

8) Solving problems involving gravitational field.

If Dobson is in an elevator, and he drops a ball - Accelerate downward is  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

Q But, what about when ~~the~~ ~~elevator~~ elevator is accelerating upwards at  $2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ ? What is a? Since, elevator moves  $2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  upwards to meet the ball, and ball goes down at  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ , Dobson would observe an acceleration of  $12 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

If elevator was going down at  $2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ , then he will observe ball to be accelerating at  $8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

If elevator goes at  $10 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  down, 0 acceleration observed for ball. He thinks it is "weightless".



Astronauts feel weightlessness because, they and the spacecraft, <sup>both</sup> accelerate at the same value.  $a_c = g$ . They fall together and appear weightless.

In deep space, we are truly weightless.

$r$  is so large for every  $m$  in  $\frac{GMm}{r^2}$ , that Force ( $F$ ), the force of gravity, is almost zero.

### Practice

Satellite of mass  $m$  and speed  $v$  orbits the Earth at distance  $r$  from centre of the Earth. The gravitational field strength due to earth is ?

$$F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

$$F = mg = \frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{GM}{r}$$

Cancel  $m$

$$E = g = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

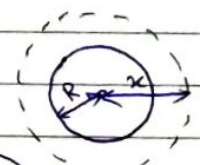
$$E = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

### Acceleration

Gravitational field strength is  $\frac{v^2}{r}$ .

### Practice

A satellite of mass  $m$  orbits a planet of mass  $M$  and radius  $R$  as shown. Radius of circular orbit is  $x$ . The planet can be as point mass with mass concentrated at center.



a) Deduce that linear speed  $v$  of satellite in its orbit is  $v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{x}}$ .

$$F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{mv^2}{R+x-R} = \frac{GMm}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{mv^2}{x} = \frac{GMm}{x^2}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{GM}{x}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{x}}$$

b) Derive expression in  $m, G, M$  and  $x$ , for kinetic energy of satellite.

$$K_e = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

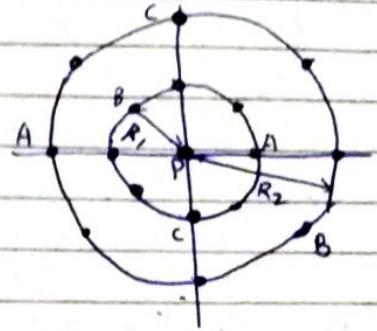
$$= \frac{1}{2}m \left( \frac{GM}{x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{GMm}{x} = \frac{GMm}{2x}$$

1) Solving problems with gravitational force

Practice A binary star consists of 2 stars that each follow circular orbits about a fixed point.

They have same orbital period  $T$ . Can be considered as point masses with mass concentrated at its centre. The stars, of masses  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  orbit at distances  $R_1$  &  $R_2$  respectively from point  $P$ .



a) Force that provides the centripetal force?  
Gravitational force

b) By considering the force acting on one of the stars, deduce orbital period  $T$  is given by  $T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM_2} R_1 (R_1 + R_2)^2$ .

~~$F_1 = \frac{GMm_1}{r^2}$        $F_2 = \frac{GMm_2}{r^2}$~~

$F = \frac{GM_1 M_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2}$  They always have radius  $R_1 + R_2$  between them.

$F = \frac{GM_1 M_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} = \frac{m v^2}{r}$

$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$

$\frac{m v^2}{r} = \frac{M_1 \times 4\pi^2 r^2}{r_1 T^2}$

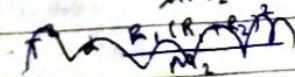
$\frac{GM_1 M_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} = \frac{M_1 \times 4\pi^2 r^2}{r_1 T^2}$

$M_2 G R_1 T^2 = (4\pi^2 R_1^2) \times (R_1 + R_2)^2$

$T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 R_1 (R_1 + R_2)^2}{GM_2}$

c)  $M_1$  is closer to point  $P$  than  $M_2$ . Using (b), state & explain which star has the larger mass.

$T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 R_1 (R_1 + R_2)^2}{GM_2} = \frac{4\pi^2 R_2 (R_1 + R_2)^2}{GM_1}$  (Same period)



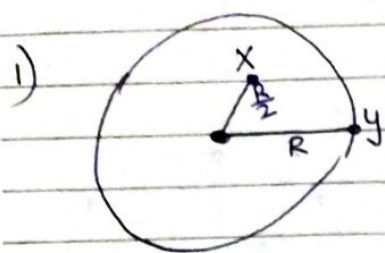
$\frac{R_1}{M_2} = \frac{R_2}{M_1}$

$R_1 M_1 = R_2 M_2$

$M_1$  has larger mass than  $M_2$  because  $R_2 > R_1$ .

~~$T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GM}$   
 $T = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GM}}$   
 $T_1 = T_2$   
 $\frac{1}{T} = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$   
 $\frac{GMm_2}{r^2} = \frac{m v^2}{r}$   
 $\frac{GMm_2}{r^2} = \frac{m_2 \times \frac{4\pi^2 r^2}{T^2}}{r}$   
 $\frac{GM}{r^2} = \frac{4\pi^2 r^2}{R_2 T^2}$   
 $\frac{GM}{R_2} = \frac{4\pi^2 r^2}{T^2}$   
 $T^2 GM = 4\pi^2 r^3$   
 $T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GM}$   
 $r_2 = r_1 + (r_2 - r_1)$~~

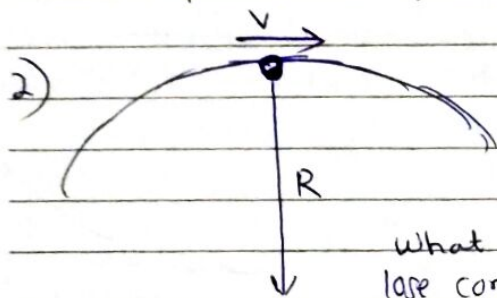
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1) X,  $a_c = a$   
 $v = v$   
 $v = \omega r$   
 $v = \omega \times \frac{R}{2}$   
 $a = \frac{v^2}{r} = \omega^2 r$   
 $a = \omega^2 \frac{R}{2}$

Y,  $r = R$   
 $v = \omega r$   
 $v = \omega R$   
 $a = \omega^2 r$   
 $a = \omega^2 R$

D. Speed  $= 2v$ , Acceleration  $= 2a$



2) Car moves along a path that is part of a vertical ~~radius~~ circle of radius R. Speed of car at highest point is v.

What is the max value of v so that the car does not lose contact with road?

$$\frac{mv^2}{r} = mg - N \text{ (normal force)}$$

$$\frac{mv^2}{r} = mg - N$$

$$mg - \frac{mv^2}{r} = N$$

If car loses contact, ~~mg - N = mg~~ Centripetal force is not enough to keep it on track. It is when  $mg = N$ , and resultant vertical force is 0.

$$\frac{mv^2}{r} = mg$$

$$v^2 = rg$$

$$v = \sqrt{rg}$$

$$B. v_{max} = \sqrt{gR}$$

(3) Particle moves along horizontal circle with constant speed. Magnitude & direction of current?



$$F = \frac{kq_1q_2}{r^2}$$

$$a = \frac{kq_1}{r^2} = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$\frac{ar^2}{k} = q_1$$

	Mag.	Dirac.
(A)	Constant	Changing
B	Constant	Constant
C	Changing	Changing
D	Changing	Constant

a is changing in direction. Magnitude is 0. So, magnitude of q is ~~0~~ constant. Direction changing.

4) A probe orbits a planet in circular orbit of radius  $r$ . Period  $T$ . What is the mass of the planet?

- a)  $\frac{4\pi^2 r}{GT^2}$
- b)  $\frac{4\pi^2 r}{GT^2}$
- c)  $\frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{T^2 G}$
- d)  $\frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{T^2 G}$



$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$F = ma = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

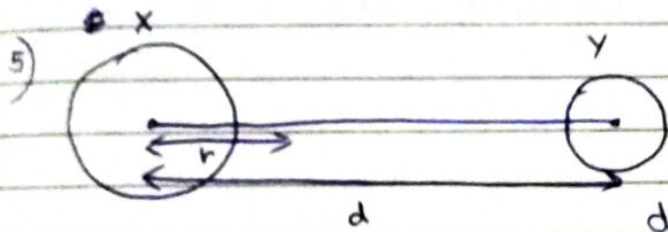
$$v = \omega r \quad F = m\omega^2 r$$

$$\frac{GMm}{r^2} = m\omega^2 r$$

$$\omega^2 r = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$$

$$\frac{GM}{r^2} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$$

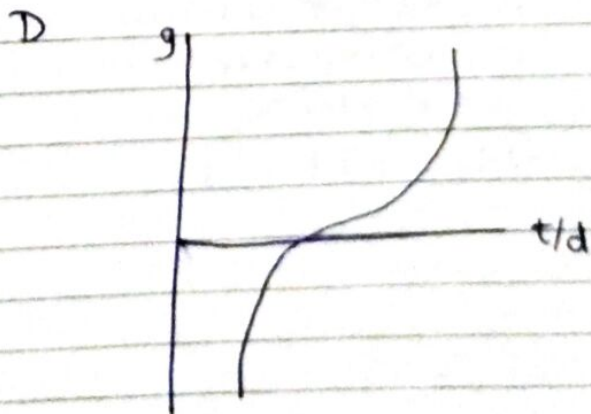
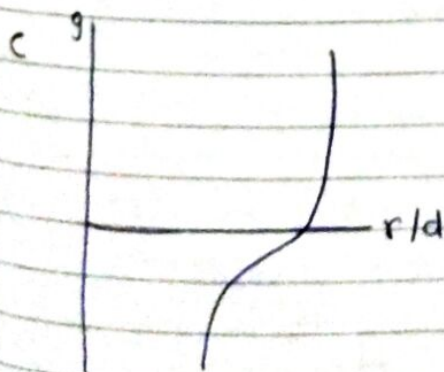
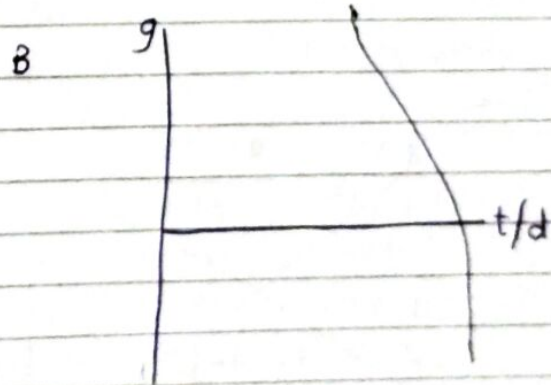
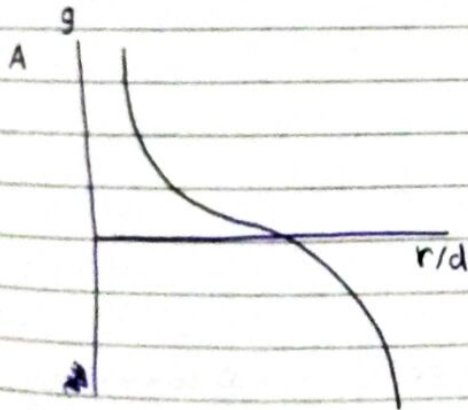
$$GM = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{T^2}, \quad M = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{T^2 G}, \quad \text{Option A.}$$



Mass of X is 4 times mass of Y.

Net gravitational field strength along the dotted line a distance  $r$  from centre of X is  $g$ . Positive  $g$  means field is towards right.

Which graph shows the variation  $g$  with  $r/d$ ?



Solved on next page.

As  $r/d$  increases,  $r$  increases

$$m_x = 4y \quad m_y = y$$

+g means towards right.

$$r_1 < r_2 < r_3$$

$$\frac{GM}{r_1^2} - \frac{GM}{(d-r_1)^2}, \quad \frac{GM}{r_2^2} - \frac{GM}{(d-r_2)^2}$$

$\frac{GM}{r_1^2}$  is smaller than  $\frac{GM}{r_2^2}$ .  $\frac{GM}{(d-r_1)^2}$  is bigger than  $\frac{GM}{(d-r_2)^2}$

It decreases as  $r$  increases. So, decreased with  $r/d$ .  
C & D options are out.

$$0 = \frac{GM}{r^2} - \frac{GM}{(d-r)^2}$$

$$\frac{GM}{(d-r)^2} = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{GM}{(d-r)^2} = \frac{4GM}{r^2}$$

~~$$\frac{GM}{(d-r)^2} = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$~~

$$r^2 > (d-r)^2$$

$$r > d-r$$

$$2r > d$$

~~$$\frac{GM}{(d-r)^2} = \frac{4GM}{r^2}$$~~

~~$$\frac{GM}{(d-r)^2} = \frac{4GM}{r^2}$$~~

~~$$\frac{1}{(d-r)^2} = \frac{4}{r^2}$$~~

~~$$r^2 = 4(d-r)^2$$~~

~~$$r^2 = 4(d^2 + r^2 - 2dr)$$~~

~~$$r^2 = 4d^2 + 4r^2 - 8dr$$~~

~~$$4d^2 + 3r^2 - 8dr = 0$$~~

~~$$(2d - r)(2d - r) = 0$$~~

Book says answer is C, I don't know.

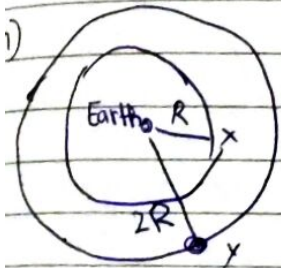
- 6) A planet has 3 times the mass & 3 times the radius of Earth. GFS at surface of Earth is  $g$ . What is  $g_p$  at surface of the planet.

$$g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

$$a = \frac{3GM}{(3r)^2} = \frac{3GM}{9r^2} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{3} g$$

- A)  $g$     B)  $\frac{g}{3}$     C)  $\frac{g}{9}$     d)  $\frac{g}{27}$



What is ratio  $\frac{v_x}{v_y}$  of orbital speeds of the 2 satellites?

$$v_x = \omega R$$

$$v_y = 2\omega R$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$\frac{v_x}{v_y} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{GM}{r}$$

$$v^2 r = GM$$

$$v^2 = \frac{GM}{r}$$

$$v^2 \propto \frac{1}{r}$$

$$X, v_x^2 \propto \frac{1}{R}$$

$$Y, v_y^2 \propto \frac{1}{2R}$$

$$v_x = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R}} \quad v_y = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{2R}}$$

$$\frac{v_x}{v_y} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{GM}{R}}}{\sqrt{\frac{GM}{2R}}} = \sqrt{2}$$

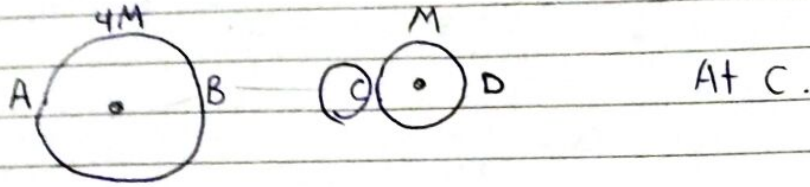
D  $\sqrt{2}$

- 8) What is correct about probe that orbits the Earth in a circular orbit at constant speed?

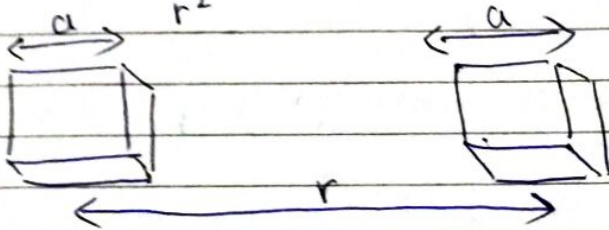
- A Acceleration is constant  
 B Velocity is constant  
 C Kinetic energy is constant  
 D Momentum is constant

9) Two stars have masses  $4M$  and  $M$ .

At which point is magnitude of combined gravi. field least?



10)  $F = \frac{Gm^2}{r^2}$  to calculate GF between two uniform cubes side  $a$  & mass  $M$ .



Result will be :

- A correct
- B approximately correct
- C approximately correct only if  $a = r$
- D approximately correct only if  $a \ll r$ , volume can't be too much? idk?