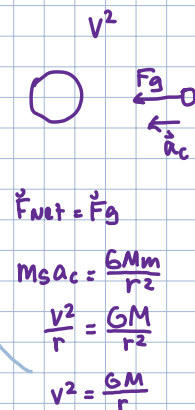


## Circular Orbits

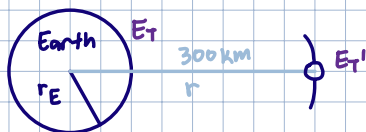
Formula Development: How much energy does an object have in a circular orbit?



$$\begin{aligned}
 E_T &= E_g + E_k \\
 &= \frac{-GMm}{r} + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \\
 &= \frac{-GMm}{r} + \frac{1}{2}m\left(\frac{GM}{r}\right) \\
 &= \frac{GMm}{r} \left(-1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{GMm}{r} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} E_g
 \end{aligned}$$



Example 1: A 500kg satellite is to be put into a 300km high circular orbit. How much energy must be added to get it from the ground into orbit?



$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ kg m}^3/\text{s}^2$$

$$M = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_E = 6.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$r = r_E + 300000 = 6.68 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$E_T = E_T'$$

$$E_g + W_{in} = \frac{1}{2} E_g'$$

$$W_{in} = \frac{1}{2} E_g' - E_g$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-GMm}{r} \right) - \left( \frac{-GMm}{r_E} \right)$$

$$= GMm \left( \frac{1}{r_E} - \frac{1}{2r} \right)$$

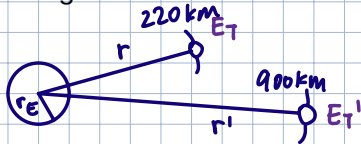
$$= (6.67 \times 10^{-11}) (5.98 \times 10^{24}) (500) \left( \frac{1}{6.38 \times 10^6} - \frac{1}{2(6.68 \times 10^6)} \right)$$

$$= 1.63 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}$$

$$m = 500 \text{ kg}$$

$$= 16.3 \times 10^9 \text{ J} = 16.36 \text{ GJ}$$

Example 2: A 2T probe is in a 220 km high circular orbit. How much energy does it take to get it into a 900 km high orbit?



$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg s}^2$$

$$M = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_E = 6.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$r = r_E + 220000 \text{ m}$$

$$= 6.6 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$r' = r_E + 900000 \text{ m}$$

$$= 7.28 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$m = 2000 \text{ kg}$$

$$E_T = E_{T'}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} E_g + W_{in} = \frac{1}{2} E_{g'}$$

$$W_{in} = \frac{1}{2} (E_{g'} - E_g)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-GMm}{r'} - \left( \frac{-GMm}{r} \right) \right)$$

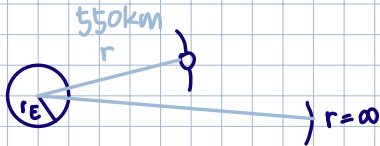
$$= \frac{GMm}{2} \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r'} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(5.98 \times 10^{24})(2000)}{2} \left( \frac{1}{6.6 \times 10^6} - \frac{1}{7.28 \times 10^6} \right)$$

$$= 5.64 \text{ GJ}$$



Example 3: A 1.5T probe is in a 550 km high circular orbit. How much energy is needed to get the probe to just escape the Earth?



$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg s}^2$$

$$M_E = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_E = 6.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$r = r_E + 550000 = 6930000 \text{ m}$$

$$E_T = E_{T'}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} E_g + W_{in} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-GMm}{r} \right) + W_{in} = 0$$

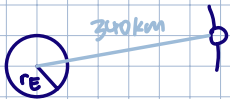
$$W_{in} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-GMm}{r} \right)$$

$$W_{in} = \frac{GMm}{2r}$$

$$W_{in} = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(5.98 \times 10^{24})(1500)}{2(6930000)}$$

$$W_{in} = 43.2 \text{ GJ}$$

Example 4: A 4T spaceship is in a 340km high circular orbit. How much energy is needed so it ends up with a velocity of 2km/s in deep space?



$$m = 4000 \text{ kg}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg s}^2$$

$$M_E = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_E = 6.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$r = r_E + 340000 = 6720000 \text{ m}$$

$$E_T = E_{T'}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} E_g + W_{in} = E_k$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-GMm}{r} \right) + W_{in} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$$W_{in} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-GMm}{r} \right)$$

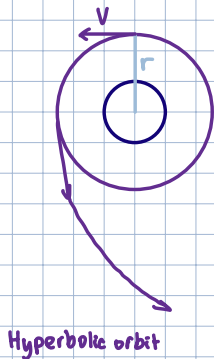
$$W_{in} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + \frac{GMm}{2r}$$

$$W_{in} = \frac{1}{2} (4000)(2000)^2 + \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(5.98 \times 10^{24})(4000)}{2(6720000)}$$

$$W_{in} = 126.7 \text{ GJ}$$

Example 5:

A 3T probe is in a 400km high circular orbit. It has a rocket engine that has an ISP of 4000 and uses 20kg of fuel a minute. How long must you fire the engine so it ends up in deep space with a velocity of 1km/s



ISP

$$\Delta t = \text{ISP} = 4000\text{s}$$

$$\vec{F} = 9.8\text{N}$$

$$\Delta m = 1\text{kg}$$

$$\vec{F} \Delta t = \Delta m V_{\text{exh}}$$

$$9.8(4000) = 1 V_{\text{exh}}$$

$$V_{\text{exh}} = 39200\text{m/s}$$

Thrust

$$V_{\text{exh}} = 39200\text{m/s}$$

$$\Delta m = 20\text{kg}$$

$$\Delta t = 60\text{s}$$

$$F \Delta t = \Delta m V_{\text{exh}}$$

$$F = \frac{20(39200)}{60}$$

$$\vec{F} = 13067\text{N}$$

$\Delta V$

$$\vec{F} = 13067\text{N}$$

$$m = 3000\text{kg}$$

$$\Delta V = ?$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{m \Delta V}{F}$$

$$= \frac{3000(2323)}{13067}$$

$$= 740\text{s}$$

① Find  $\Delta V$

$$\Delta V = V_H - V_C$$

② Find  $V_C$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = F_g$$

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

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

$$V_C = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$$

$$V_C = 7670\text{m/s}$$

③ Find  $V_H$

$$E_T = E_{T'}$$

$$E_g + E_k = E_{k'}$$

$$\frac{-GMm}{r} + \frac{1}{2} m V_H^2 = \frac{1}{2} m V'^2$$

$$V_H = \sqrt{V'^2 + \frac{2GM}{r}}$$

$$V_H = 10893\text{m/s}$$

④ Finally find  $\Delta V$

$$\Delta V = V_H - V_C$$

$$= 10893 - 7670$$

$$= 3223\text{m/s}$$