



GRAVITATIONAL FORCE AND FIELD

1. If we ignore the presence of the sun, then there exists a point on the line joining the earth and the Moon where gravitational force is zero. The point is located from the moon at a distance of (Given that earth is 81 times heavier than moon and the separation between earth and moon 4×10^8 m) :
- (A) 8×10^7 m (B) 4×10^6 m (C) 4×10^7 m (D) 8×10^6 m
2. Four similar particles of mass m are orbiting in a circle of radius r in the same direction because of their mutual gravitational attractive force. Velocity of a particle is given by

(A) $\left[\frac{Gm}{r} \left(\frac{1+2\sqrt{2}}{4} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(B) $\sqrt[3]{\frac{Gm}{r}}$

(C) $\sqrt{\frac{Gm}{r} (1+2\sqrt{2})}$

(D) $\left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{Gm}{r} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

3. A certain triple-star system consists of two stars, each of mass ' m ' revolving about a central star of mass M in the same circular orbit of radius ' r '. The two stars are always at opposite ends of a diameter of the circular orbit. An expression for the period of revolution of the stars is :

(A) $\frac{4\pi r^{3/2}}{G(M+m)}$

(B) $\frac{4\pi r^{3/2}}{\sqrt{G(4M+m)}}$

(C) $\frac{4\pi r^{3/2}}{\sqrt{G(M+m)}}$

(D) $\frac{4\pi r^{3/2}}{G(4M+m)}$

4. An experiment using the Cavendish balance to measure the gravitational constant G found that a mass of 0.800 kg attracts another sphere of mass 4.00×10^{-3} kg with a force of 1.30×10^{-10} N when the distance between the centres of the spheres is 0.0400 m. The acceleration due to gravity at the earth's surface is 9.80 m/s^2 and the radius of the earth is 6380 km. The mass of the earth from these data is (approximately) –
- (A) 8×10^{24} kg (B) 8×10^{23} kg (C) 6×10^{23} kg (D) 6×10^{24} kg

5. A spherical hollow cavity is made in a lead sphere of radius R , such that its surface touches the outside surface of the lead sphere and passes through its centre. The mass of the sphere before hollowing was M . With what gravitational force will the hollowed-out lead sphere attract a small sphere of mass ' m ', which lies at a distance d from the centre of the lead sphere on the straight line connecting the centres of the spheres and that of the hollow, if $d = 2R$:

(A) $\frac{7GMm}{18R^2}$

(B) $\frac{7GMm}{36R^2}$

(C) $\frac{7GMm}{9R^2}$

(D) $\frac{7GMm}{72R^2}$

6. A straight rod of length ℓ extends from $x = \alpha$ to $x = \ell + \alpha$. If the mass per unit length is $(a + bx^2)$. The gravitational force it exerts on a point mass m placed at $x = 0$ is given by

(A) $Gm \left(a \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{1}{\alpha + \ell} \right) + b\ell \right)$

(B) $\frac{Gm(a + b\ell^2)}{\ell^2}$

(C) $Gm \left(\alpha \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{a + \ell} \right) + b\ell \right)$

(D) $Gm \left(a \left(\frac{1}{\alpha + \ell} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) + b\ell \right)$

7. Two concentric shells of uniform density of mass M_1 and M_2 are situated as shown in the figure. The forces experienced by a particle of mass m when placed at positions A, B and C respectively are (given $OA = p$, $OB = q$ and $OC = r$)

- (A) zero, $G \frac{M_1 m}{q^2}$ and $G \frac{(M_1 + M_2)m}{p^2}$
 (B) $G \frac{(M_1 + M_2)m}{p^2}$, $G \frac{(M_1 + M_2)m}{q^2}$ and $G \frac{M_1 m}{r^2}$
 (C) $G \frac{M_1 m}{q^2}$, $G \frac{(M_1 + M_2)m}{p^2}$, $G \frac{M_1 m}{q^2}$ and zero
 (D) $G \frac{(M_1 + M_2)m}{p^2}$, $G \frac{M_1 m}{q^2}$ and zero

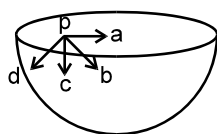
8. Three particles P, Q and R are placed as per given figure. Masses of P, Q and R are $\sqrt{3} m$, $\sqrt{3} m$ and m respectively. The gravitational force on a fourth particle 'S' of mass m is equal to

- (A) $\frac{\sqrt{3} GM^2}{2d^2}$ in ST direction only
 (B) $\frac{\sqrt{3} Gm^2}{2d^2}$ in SQ direction and $\frac{\sqrt{3} Gm^2}{2d^2}$ in SU direction
 (C) $\frac{\sqrt{3} Gm^2}{2d^2}$ in SQ direction only
 (D) $\frac{\sqrt{3} Gm^2}{2d^2}$ in SQ direction and $\frac{\sqrt{3} Gm^2}{2d^2}$ in ST direction

9. Solid spheres of same material and same radius 'r' are touching each other. If the density is 'ρ' then find out gravitational force between them.

10. Figure show a hemispherical shell. The direction of gravitational field intensity at point P will be along:

- (A) a (B) b (C) c (D) d



11. Gravitational field at the centre of a semicircle formed by a thin wire AB of mass m and length ℓ is :

- (A) $\frac{Gm}{\ell^2}$ along +x axis (B) $\frac{Gm}{\pi \ell^2}$ along +y axis
 (C) $\frac{2\pi Gm}{\ell^2}$ along +x axis (D) $\frac{2\pi Gm}{\ell^2}$ along +y axis

12. A uniform ring of mass m is lying at a distance $\sqrt{3} a$ from the centre of a sphere of mass M just over the sphere where a is the small radius of the ring as well as that of the sphere. Then gravitational force exerted is :

- (A) $\frac{GMm}{8a^2}$ (B) $\frac{GMm}{3a^2}$ (C) $\sqrt{3} \frac{GMm}{a^2}$ (D) $\sqrt{3} \frac{GMm}{8a^2}$

13. In a spherical region, the density varies inversely with the distance from the centre. Gravitational field at a distance r from the centre is :
- (A) proportional to r (B) proportional to $\frac{1}{r}$ (C) proportional to r^2 (D) same everywhere
14. In above problem, the gravitational potential is -
- (A) proportional to r (B) proportional to $\frac{1}{r}$ (C) proportional to r^2 (D) same every where.
- 15.* Inside a uniform spherical shell :
- (A) The gravitation potential is zero (B) The gravitational field is zero
(C) The gravitational potential is same everywhere (D) The gravitational field is same everywhere.
16. Imagine a light planet revolving around a very massive star in a circular orbit of radius R with a period of revolution T . If the gravitational force of attraction between the planet and the star is proportional to $R^{-5/2}$ then
- (A) T^2 is proportional to R^3 (B) T^2 is proportional to $R^{7/2}$
(C) T^2 is proportional to $R^{3/2}$ (D) T^2 is proportional to $R^{3.75}$
17. A solid sphere of uniform density and radius 4 units is located with its centre at the origin O of coordinates. Two spheres of equal radii 1 unit with their centres at $A(-2, 0, 0)$ and $B(2, 0, 0)$ respectively are taken out of the solid leaving behind spherical cavities as shown in the figure.
- (A) The gravitational field due to this object at the origin is zero.
(B) The gravitational field at the point $B(2, 0, 0)$ is zero
(C) The gravitational field at the point $A(-2, 0, 0)$ is zero.
(D) The gravitational field at points A, O and B is zero.

ANSWER KEY

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| 1. | C | 2. | A | 3. | B |
| 4. | D | 5. | B | 6. | A |
| 7. | D | 8. | C | 9. | $\frac{4}{9}\pi^2\rho^2Gr^4$ |
| 10. | C | | | | |
| 11. | D | 12. | D | 13. | D |
| 14. | A | 15.* | BCD | | |
| 16. | B | 17. | A | | |