

You are designing a gravity train that will travel along a diametric path through the centre of the earth. Assume the mass and radius of earth are M and R , respectively. The force acting on the train with mass m at position r from the centre of the earth is given by $F_r = -\frac{GMm}{R^3}r$ where G is the gravitational constant.

- Find a differential equation for the position of the train with respect to the centre of earth.
- Assume the train starts at the surface of the earth with downwards speed v_0 . Determine the position and velocity of the train as functions of time.
- How far can the gravity train reach from the centre of the earth? What is its maximum speed?
- Assume the gravity train starts at rest. How long will it take to reach the other side of the earth?

a) $\ddot{r} + \frac{GM}{R^3}r = 0$ $m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$ $r \in R$

b) $\dot{r}|_{r=R} = v_0, v_0 > 0$
 $k = \frac{GMm}{R^3}$

$r(t) = -R \cos(kt) + \frac{v_0}{k} \sin(kt)$

$\approx \sqrt{R^2 + \frac{v_0^2}{k^2}} \sin\left(\left[kt + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{v_0}{Rk}\right)\right]\right)$

c) $\begin{cases} \text{start: } E = -\frac{GMm}{R} + \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 \\ a: E = -\frac{GMm}{R'} \quad R' > R \end{cases}$

According to Einstein's theory of special relativity, the kinetic energy of an object with rest mass m and speed v is given by $K = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}} - mc^2$ where c is the speed of light.

- Find a second order Maclaurin polynomial for K as a function of $\frac{v^2}{c^2}$ for the kinetic energy.
- Derive the classical form of kinetic energy by only considering first order terms.
- Assume $v \leq v_1$ for some v_1 . Find an upper bound for the error in the second order Maclaurin polynomial.
- Graph the first order, second order, and exact forms of K .

$K_e = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}} - mc^2$

Newton $K_n = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

when $v/c \ll 1$

$K_e \approx K_n$ $\gamma(v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$

$K_e = mc^2(\gamma(v) - 1)$ - Taylor expansion
 $= mc^2 \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \frac{3}{8} \frac{v^4}{c^4} + \dots \right) - 1 \right]$

$= \left[\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{3}{8}m \frac{v^4}{c^2} + \dots \right]$
 Newton K relativity

Gauss's law

$V \sim r^{-1}$



closed orbit:

$V \sim r^{-1}$ Gravity field
 $V \sim r^{-2}$ Electric field

$V \sim r^{-k}$



SR.

energy increase
 time dilation
 length contraction

$\begin{pmatrix} m^2(r-1) \\ Tr \\ L \cdot r \end{pmatrix} \approx 1$

$v/c \approx 0.1$

Lorentz's metric

$\frac{v/c \approx 10^{-6}}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$

$$\gamma(\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sigma}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma^{(n)}(\sigma)}{n!} \cdot \sigma^n$$

$$\sigma \rightarrow 0$$

$$\sigma = (v/c)^2$$