

# Physics 1: Mechanics and Waves

## Week 7 – Circular motion

2023.4

# Review

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## 1. Acceleration in curvilinear Motion

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \hat{t} + \frac{v^2}{\rho} \hat{n} = \vec{a}_t + \vec{a}_n$$

## 2. Nonuniform circular motion

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \hat{t} + \frac{v^2}{r} \hat{n} = \vec{a}_t + \vec{a}_c$$

## 3. Acceleration in uniform circular motion

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \hat{t} + \frac{v^2}{r} \hat{n} = \frac{v^2}{r} \hat{n}$$

# Review

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## 4. Description of the circular motion with angular coordinates

① Angular position (coordinate)  $\theta(t)$

② Angular displacement  $\Delta\theta(t)$

③ angular speed and angular velocity vector

$$\vec{\omega}(t) = \omega_z(t)\hat{k} = \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt}\hat{k} \quad \text{SI: rad/s}$$

④ angular acceleration

$$\vec{\alpha}(t) = \frac{d\vec{\omega}(t)}{dt} = \alpha_z(t)\hat{k} \quad \text{SI: rad/s}^2$$

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## 5. The relationship between angular and linear quantities in circular motion

$$\vec{r}(t) = r \cos \theta \hat{i} + r \sin \theta \hat{j}$$

$$\Delta s = r \Delta \theta$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{ds(t)}{dt} = r \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} = r\omega$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{\omega}(t) \times \vec{r}(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a}(t) &= \vec{\alpha}(t) \times \vec{r}(t) + \vec{\omega}(t) \times \vec{v}(t) \\ &= r\alpha_z \hat{t} + r\omega^2 \hat{n} \\ &= \vec{a}_t + \vec{a}_c\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}a_t &= r\alpha_z \\ a_n &= r\omega^2\end{aligned}$$

# Nonuniform circular motion - with a constant angular acceleration

**Initial time:**  $\alpha_z = \text{constant}, \quad \omega(t_i) = \omega_{z0}, \quad \theta(t_i) = \theta_0$

From  $\alpha_z = \frac{d\omega_z}{dt} = \text{constant}$

Integrate in both sides  $\int_{\omega_{z0}}^{\omega_z} d\omega_z = \int_0^t \alpha_z dt, \quad \omega_z(t) = \omega_{z0} + \alpha_z t$

From  $\omega_z(t) = \frac{d\theta(t)}{dt}$

Integrate in both sides  $\int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} d\theta = \int_0^t \omega_z dt = \int_0^t (\omega_{z0} + \alpha_z t) dt$

$$\theta(t) = \theta_0 + \omega_{z0}t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_z t^2$$

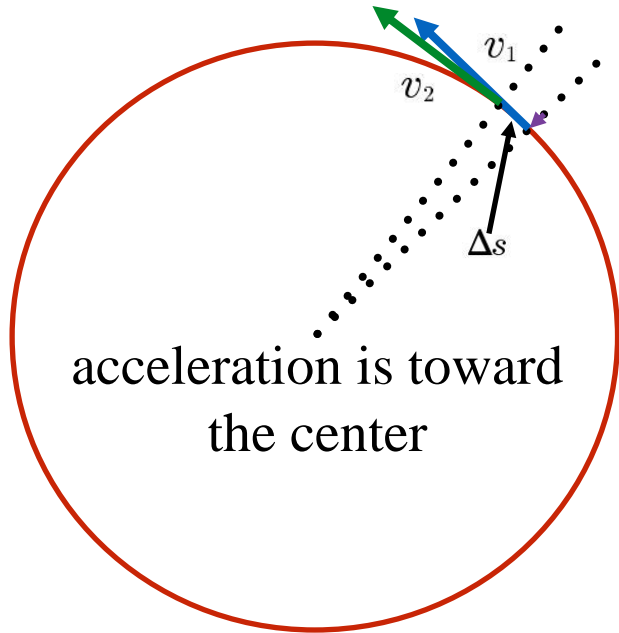
# Nonuniform circular motion - with a constant angular acceleration

**Comparison** : nonuniform circular motion with a constant angular acceleration and the rectilinear motion with a constant acceleration

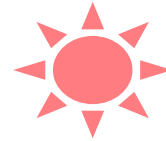
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_z = \frac{d\omega_z}{dt} = \text{constant} \\ \omega_z(t) = \omega_{z0} + \alpha_z t \\ \theta(t) = \theta_0 + \omega_{z0}t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_z t^2 \\ \omega_z^2 - \omega_{z0}^2 = 2\alpha_z \Delta\theta \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt} = \text{constant} \\ v_x(t) = v_{x0} + a_x t \\ x(t) = x_0 + v_{x0}t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2 \\ v^2 - v_0^2 = 2a\Delta x \end{array} \right.$$

# Uniform Circular motion - Centripetal acceleration



Direction and magnitude



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

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

*Number of revolutions per second  $f = 1/T$  Time for one complete revolution*



# Correspondence

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	Linear	Circular	Relationship
Displacement	$x$	$\theta$	$\theta = \frac{x}{r}$
Velocity	$v$	$\omega$	$\omega = \frac{v}{r}$
Acceleration	$a_{\tau}$	$\alpha$	$\alpha = \frac{a}{r}$

# Why

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How to make sure the speed limit when a car rounds a curve?



Why a people in a satellite orbit close to the Earth will experience “weightlessness”

There is no gravity in space?

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# Dynamics of Uniform Circular Motion

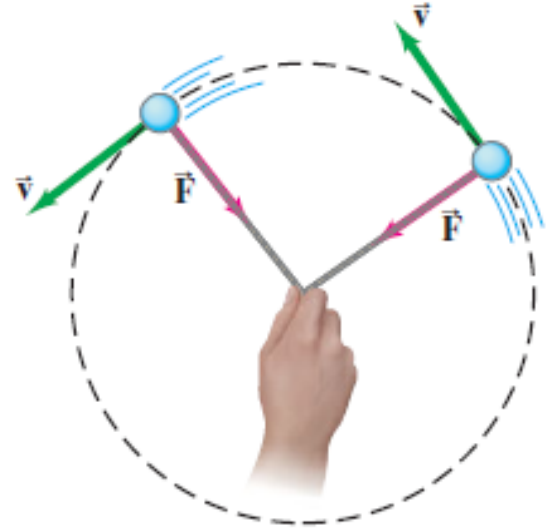
## Centripetal force :

If the particle has a mass  $m$  and is being accelerated, it must be subject to a force.

$$F = ma$$

This force is acting towards the center of the circle – it is centripetal (meaning = center seeking)

$$F = ma_{cent} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$



# Dynamics of Uniform Circular Motion

What is the normal force at the top and at the bottom ?



Roller Coaster

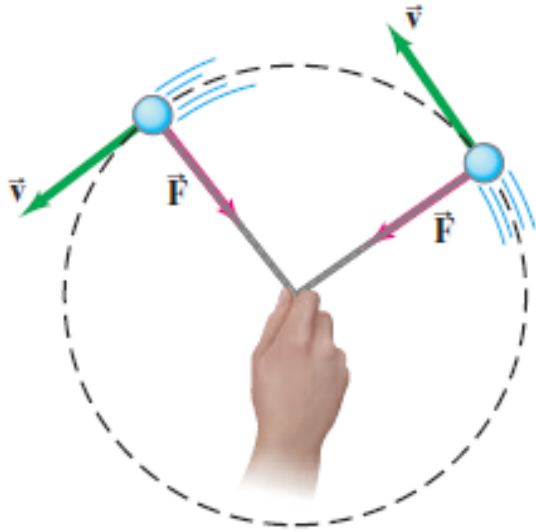
$$\textit{speed} = 15 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\textit{diameter} = 40 \text{ m}$$

$$\textit{total mass} = 1200 \text{ kg}$$

# Centripetal Force

What will happen without this force?



# Centripetal Force

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**EXERCISE D** To negotiate a flat (unbanked) curve at a *faster* speed, a driver puts a couple of sand bags in his van aiming to increase the force of friction between the tires and the road. Will the sand bags help?



Increasing the friction force to increase  $a$  and  $v$

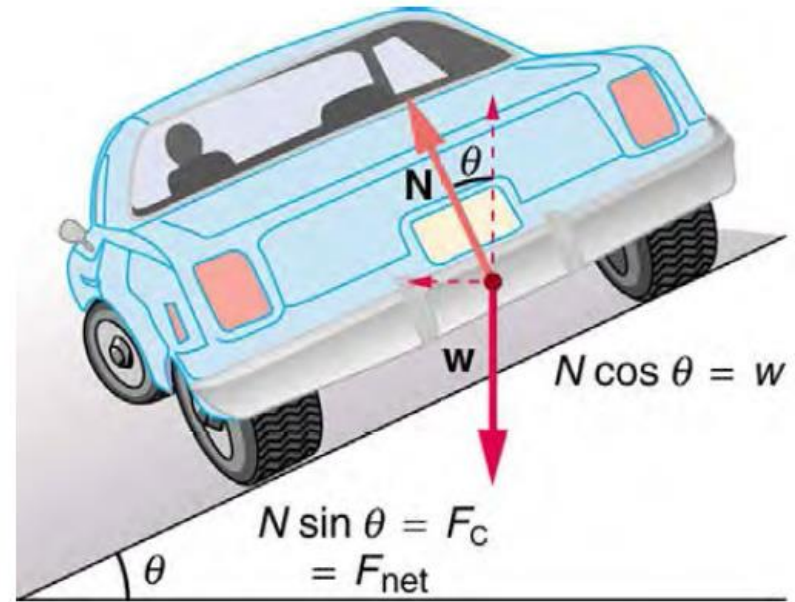
For a faster speed, will the sand bags help?

What will help?

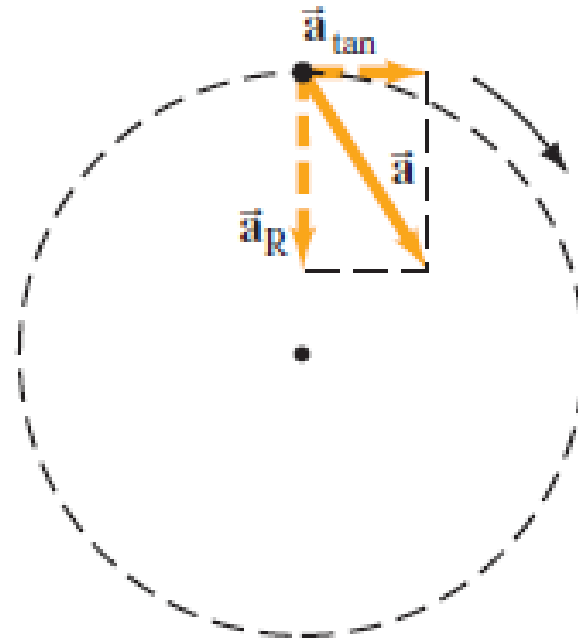
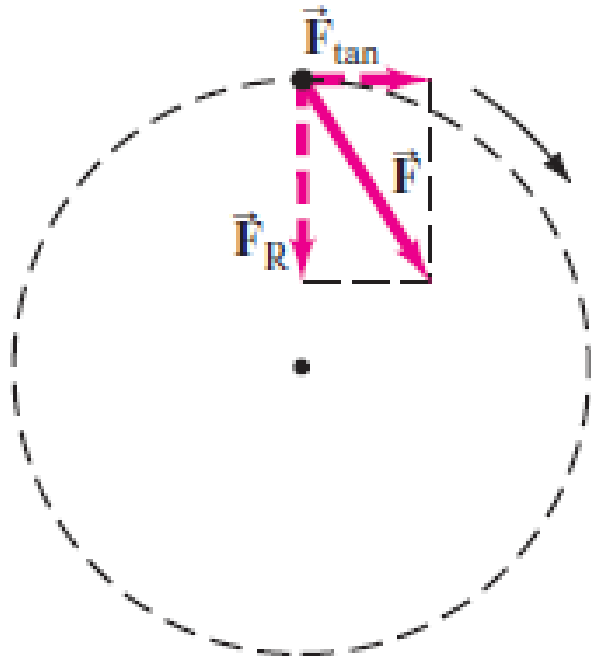
# Banked curves

To reduce the chance of skidding, banking road

What's the ideal angle for  $v$

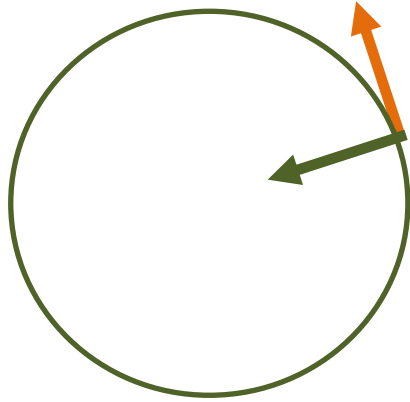


# Nonuniform Circular Motion





# Nonuniform Circular Motion - Angular acceleration



$$\vec{a} = \vec{a}_{\text{tan}} + \vec{a}_R$$

Angular acceleration

*Tangential and centripetal (radial) acceleration*

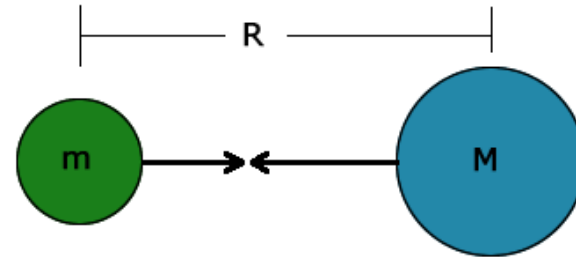
# Newton's law of Universal Gravitation



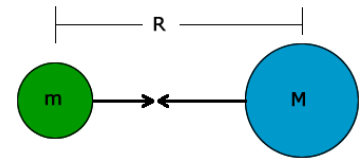
Group work : thinking map



$$F_G = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$



# Newton's law of Universal Gravitation



*Every particle* in the universe *attracts* every other particle with a force that is *proportional* to the product of their masses and *inversely proportional* to the square of the distance between them. This force acts *along the line* joining the two particles.

$$F_G = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$

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

Universal Gravitational Constant ( $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}\cdot\text{s}^2$  )

# Example

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Estimate the gravitational force of attraction between two students sitting next to each other.

Gravitational constant:  $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{kg}^{-2}$ )

Assume the mass of each student to be  $m = 60 \text{ kg}$  ( $m_1 = m_2$ )

Assume two students are sitting 0.5 m apart in classroom

# The gravity of the earth

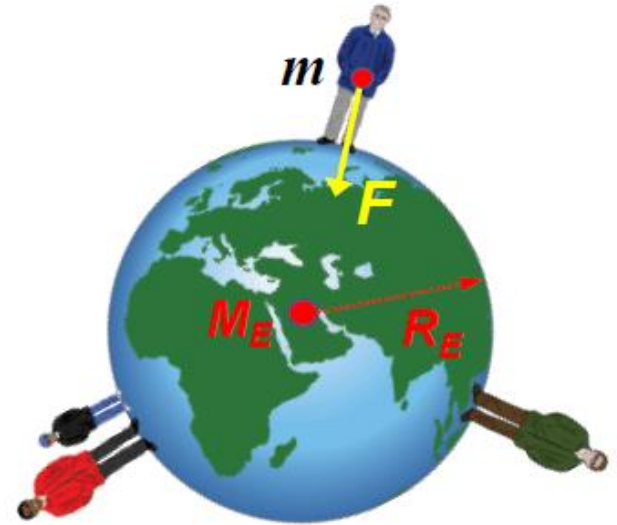
For a body with *spherical symmetry*, such as the Earth, all the mass can be regarded to be at the *center of mass*, when calculating the gravitational force.

$$M_E = 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$m = 60 \text{ kg}$$

$$R_E = 6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$



$$F_G = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$

$$F = 588.8 \text{ N}$$

# Gravitational force of a uniform sphere on a particle

## 1. Shell theorem #1

**A uniformly dense spherical shell attracts an external particle as if all the mass of the shell were concentrated at its center.**

## 2. Shell theorem #2

**A uniformly dense spherical shell exerts no gravitational force on a particle located anywhere inside it.**

# Gravity Near the Earth's Surface

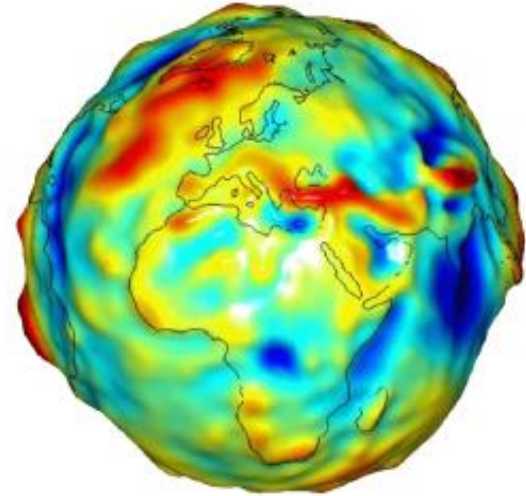
$$F_G = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$

$$F_G = mg$$



$$g = G \frac{m_E}{r_E^2}$$

Map of Map of  $g$



Gravity not exactly the same on the surface of Earth

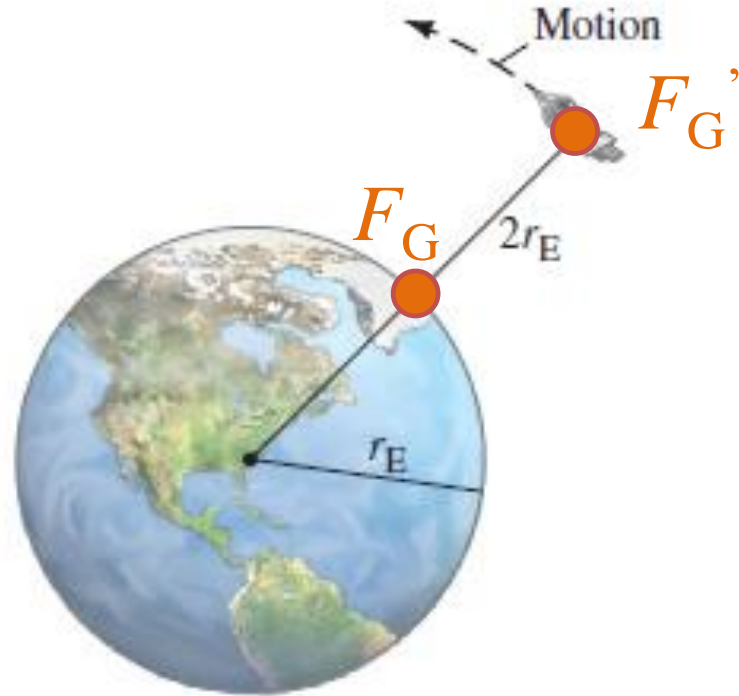
# The gravity of the earth

For a body with *spherical symmetry*, such as the Earth, all the mass can be regarded to be at the *center of mass*, when calculating the gravitational force.

What is  $F_G$  for an object at the surface of the earth?

How about  $F_G$  for two Earth radii?

$$F_G = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$





# Example

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The mass of the Moon is  $7.35 \times 10^{22}$  kg and the radius of the Moon is 1740 km. What is  $g$  on the surface of the Moon,  $g_{\text{Moon}}$ ?

$$g_{\text{Moon}} = \frac{GM_{\text{Moon}}}{r_{\text{Moon}}^2} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 7.35 \times 10^{22}}{(1740 \times 10^3)^2} = 1.62 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

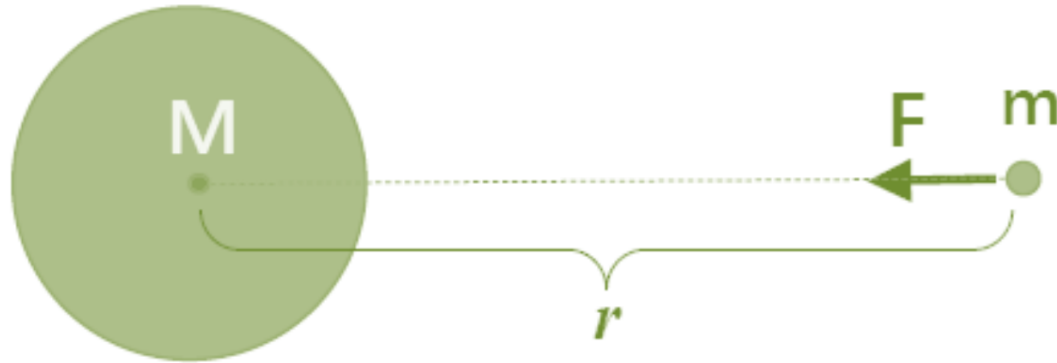
$$\frac{g_{\text{Earth}}}{g_{\text{Moon}}} = \frac{9.80}{1.62} = 6.0$$

- How does your mass change on the moon?
- How does your weight change on the moon?

# Gravitational potential energy

Suppose the Earth is stationary.

What is the potential energy of an object a distance  $r$  away from the center of Earth?

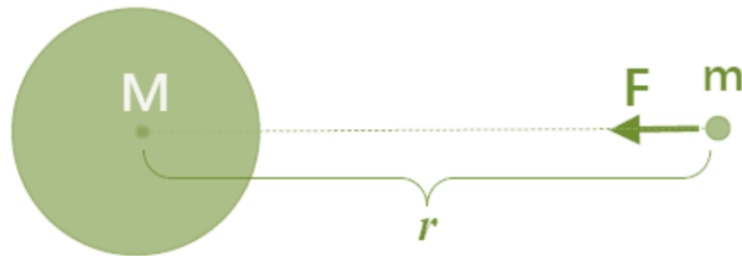


# Gravitational potential energy

Let's move the object to

*infinitely far away* .

The work done by the gravitational force is :



$$W = \int_r^{\infty} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = - \int_r^{\infty} F dr = - \int_r^{\infty} G \frac{Mm}{r^2} dr$$

$$W = \frac{-GMm}{r}$$

**Negative work = increase of potential energy**

# Gravity in orbit

## The International Space Station

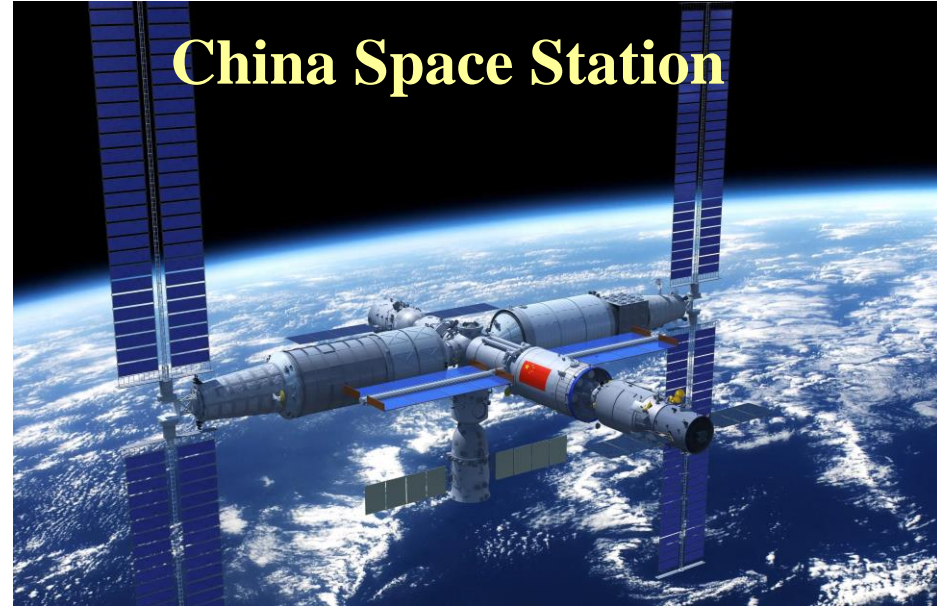


$$r = 6751 \text{ km}$$

$$g = 8.75 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

380 km above the ground

## China Space Station



# Satellites

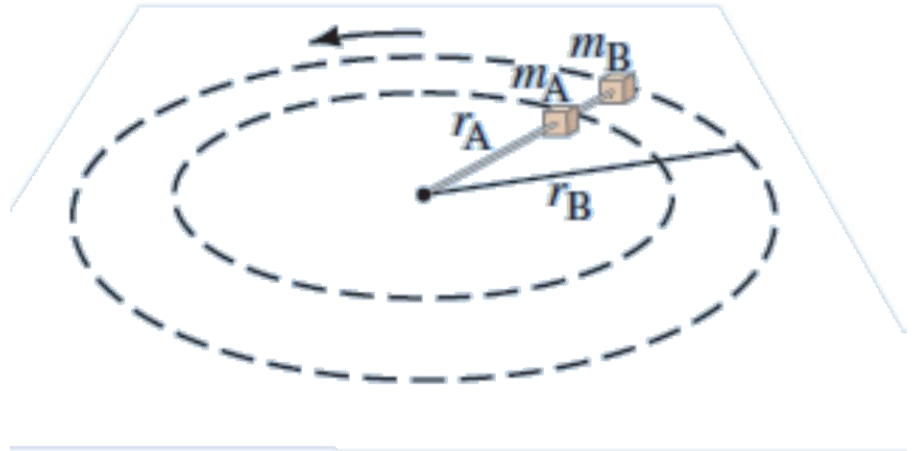
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Which needs a faster speed?

Close to the earth ?

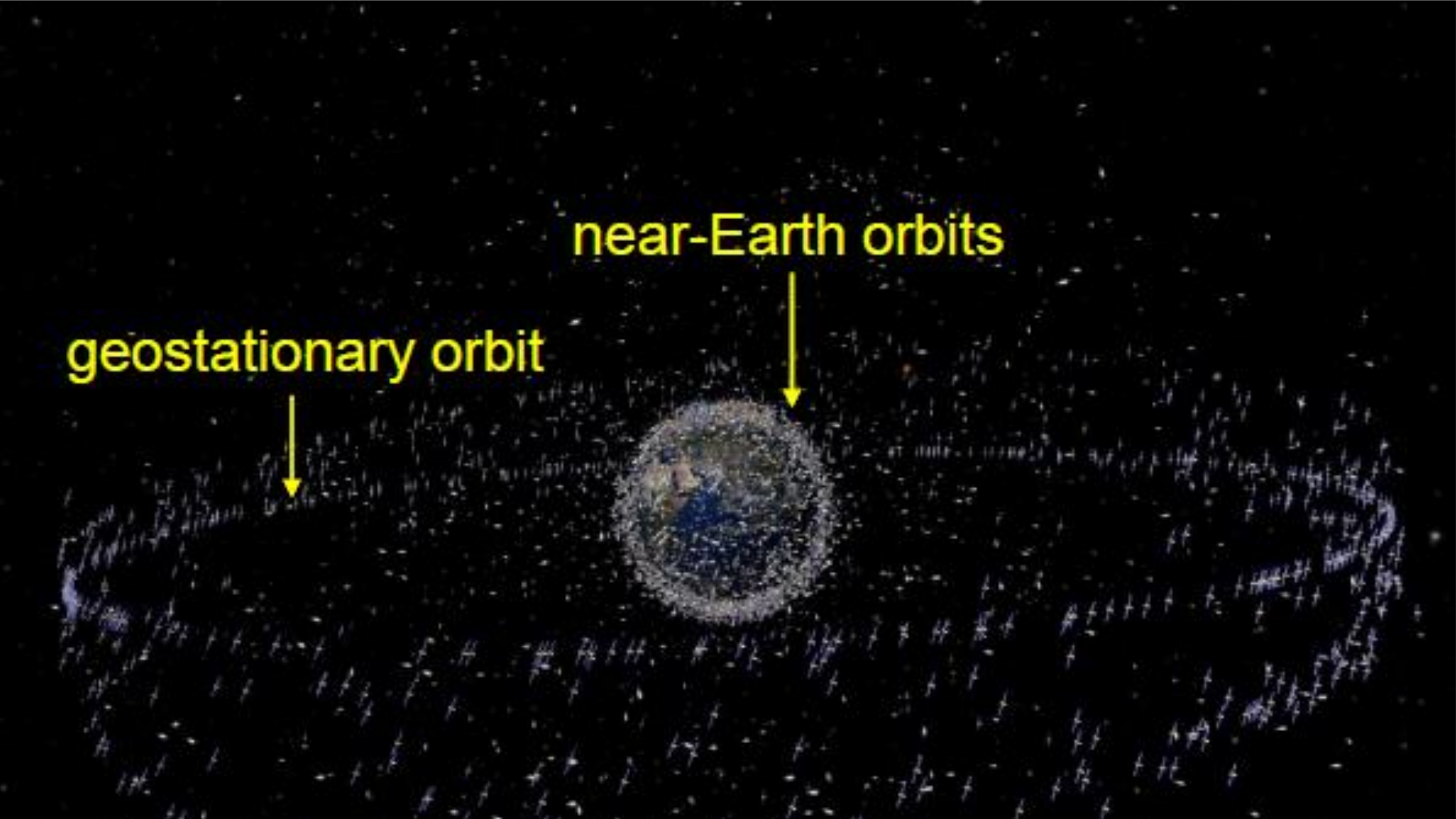
Far away from the earth?

Try to find speed and period.



near-Earth orbits

geostationary orbit



# Near-Earth orbits

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Low near-Earth orbits are usually from **160 to 2000 km** above earth.

With a very rough approximation, we assume **the orbit radius is the radius of the Earth** (which could be true for planets without atmosphere)

$$\text{Orbital speed: } v = \sqrt{gr} = \sqrt{9.8 \times 6.37 \times 10^6} = 7910 \text{ m/s}$$

*The first cosmic speed*

*The orbital period is about 84 mins*

# Example

If a satellite is travelling at 7 km/s, what is the radius of its orbit?

Orbital Speed:  $v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$   $r = \frac{GM}{v^2}$

$$r = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{(7000)^2} = 8.14 \times 10^6 m \quad (1760 \text{ km above the Earth's surface})$$

What is the total energy of the satellite?

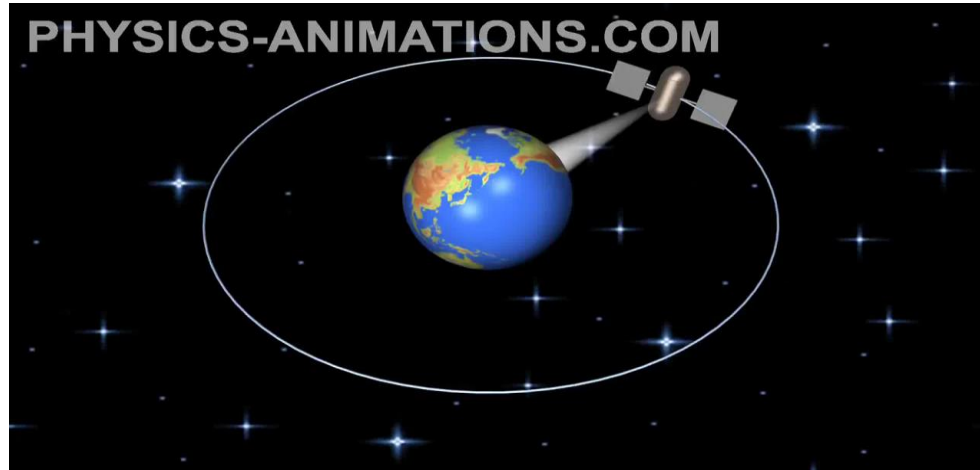
$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad E_p = -G \frac{Mm}{r} = -m \frac{GM}{r} = -mv^2$$
$$E_k + E_p = -\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = -\frac{GMm}{2r}$$

Negative and inversely proportional to the radius



# Geostationary satellite (Geosynchronous)

**The orbit's period is equal to the Earth's rotation period**



**What is the height of this kind of satellite?**

# Orbit of the satellite



# Weightlessness

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Why a people in a satellite orbit close to the Earth will experience “weightlessness”?

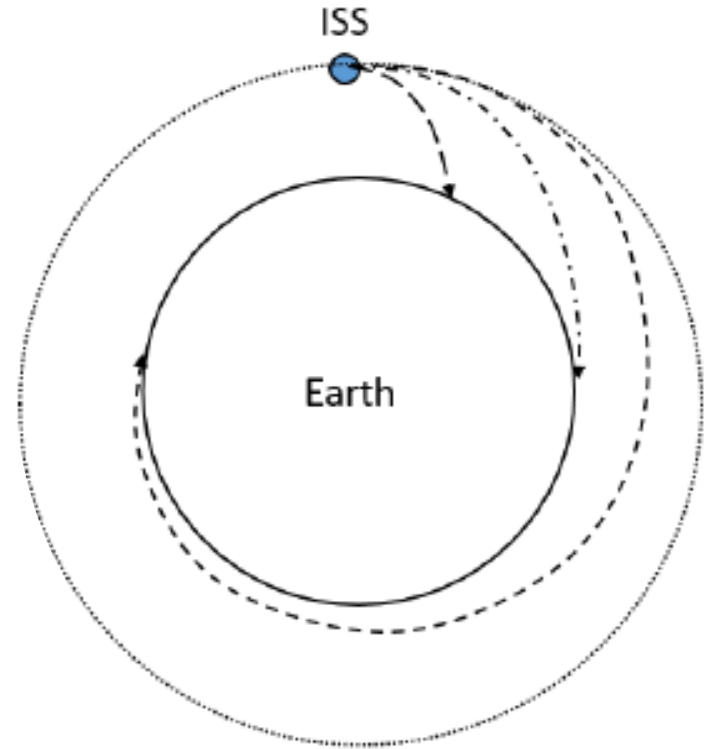
There is no gravity in space?

What is the net force on an astronaut at rest inside the space station?

# Weightlessness

The station and astronauts are both in *free -fall* . But due to the horizontal speed, the projectile motion might be *a circular motion* .

*Gravity* provides the *centripetal force* to keep the space station orbiting around the Earth.  
For a uniform circular motion, the *centripetal* acceleration equals the *gravitational* acceleration.



# Apparent weightlessness

A person on a scale in an elevator.

If the elevator fall freely, the *reading of the scale would be 0*

*Apparent* (not real)

1. Don't seem to have weight
2. Gravity doesn't disappear

# Weightlessness

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Apparent weightlessness?

