

# CH-10

## GRAVITATION

→ GRAVITATION - The earth attracts ~~each~~  
(or pulls) all the objects towards its centre. The force with which the earth pulls the objects towards it is called the gravitational force of the earth or gravity (of earth).

Ex - A stone dropped from a height falls towards the earth exerts a force of attraction (called gravity) on the stone and the pulls it down.

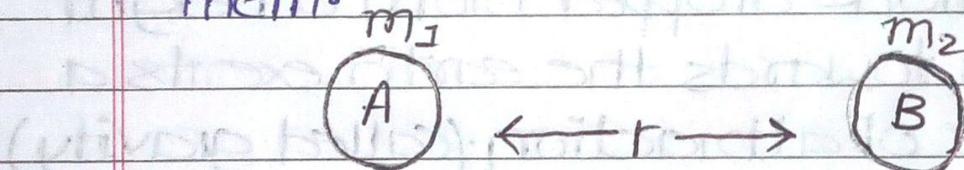
EVERY OBJECTS IN UNIVERSE ATTRACTS  
EVERY OTHER OBJECTS.

According to the Newton, every objects in the universe attracts every other object with a certain force. The force with two objects attracts each other is called gravity.

Note: If the mass of the objects are small, then the gravitational force between them is very small (which can not be detected easily.)

## UNIVERSAL LAWS OF GRAVITATION

Every body in the universe attracts every other body with a force which is directly proportional to the products of their masses and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them.



- i) The force between the two bodies is directly proportional to the products of their masses.

$$F \propto m_1 \times m_2$$

- ii) The force between the two bodies is directly proportional to the square of the distance between them.

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

→ Combining the 1) and 2). We get :

$$F \propto \frac{m_1 \times m_2}{r^2}$$

→ Gravitational Force :  $F = G \times \frac{m_1 \times m_2}{r^2}$

→ If we double the distance between two bodies. then the gravitational force become four times.

### UNITS OF THE GRAVITATIONAL CONSTANT, G.

According to the universal law of the gravitation, the gravitational force  $F$  between two bodies of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  placed at a distance,  $r$  apart is given by :

$$\rightarrow F = G \times \frac{m_1 \times m_2}{r^2}$$

This can be rearranged to get an expression for the gravitational constant  $G$  as follows:

$$\Rightarrow G = F \times \frac{r^2}{m_1 \times m_2}$$

## Value of Gravitational Constant, $G$

The gravitational constant  $G$  is numerically equal to the force of gravitation which is exerted between two bodies of unit masses kept at a unit distance from each other. The value of universal gravitational constant  $G$  has been found to be  $6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$ .

### Important point.

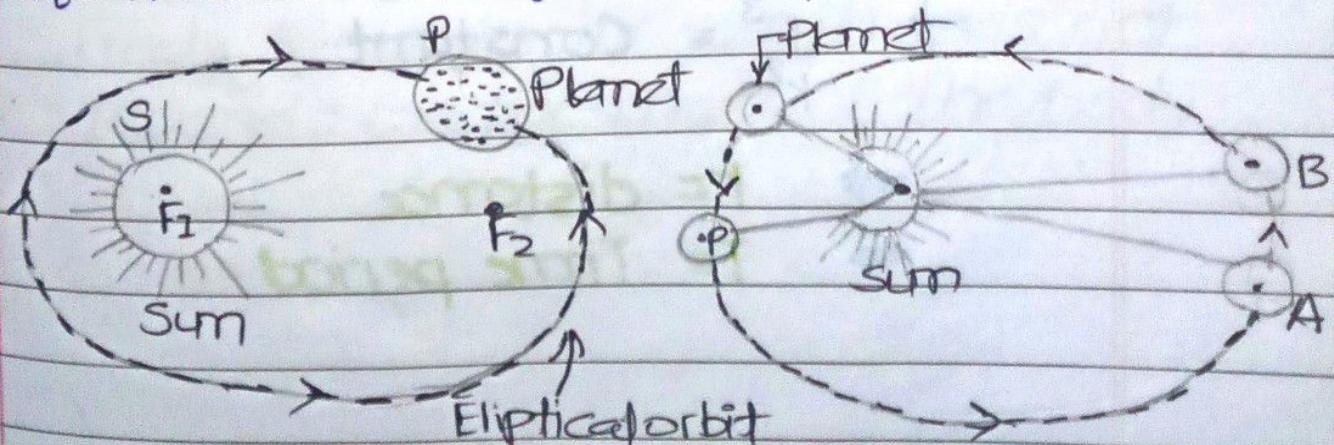
- i) Gravitational Force is vector quantity.
- ii) Its S.I Unit = Newton
- iii) Its C.G.S Unit = DYNE
- iv) Smallest unit of gravitational Force is known as gravitation graviton.
- v) Radius of Earth =  $6.4 \times 10^3 \text{ km}$
- vi) Mass of Earth =  $6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$
- vii) Mass of Sun =  $2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$
- viii) Mass of Moon =  $7.4 \times 10^{22} \text{ kg}$

## GRAVITATIONAL FORCE HOLDS SOLAR SYSTEM TOGETHER.

- It is the gravitational force between the sun and the earth which keeps the earth in uniform circular motion around the sun.
- The tides in the sea formed by the rising and falling of water level in the sea, are due to the gravitational force of attraction which the moon and the sun exerts on the water surface in the sea.

## KEPER'S LAWS OF PLANETARY MOTION.

- I) The planets moves in elliptical orbits around the sun, with the sun at one of the two foci of the elliptical orbit.



2. Kepler's second law states that: Each planet revolves around the sun in such a way that the line joining the planet to the sun sweeps over equal interval of time.

→ A planet moves faster when it is closer to the sun, and moves slowly when it is farther from the sun.

→ A planet does not move with constant speed around the sun. The speed is greater when the planet is nearer the sun and less when the planet is farther away from the sun.

3. → The cube of the mean distance of a planet from the sun is directly proportional to the square of time it takes to move around the sun.

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

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = \text{constant} \times T^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r^3}{T^2} = \text{constant}$$

→  $r$  = distance

→  $T$  = Time period

## IMPORTANCE OF THE UNIVERSAL LAWS OF GRAVITATION.

The universal law of gravitation successfully explained several phenomena which were believed to be unconnected:

- i) The Force that binds us to the earth.
- ii) The motion of the moon around the earth;
- iii) The motion of planets around the sun and;
- iv) The tides due to the moon and the sun.

### **FREE FALL :-**

The falling of the body (an object) from a height towards the earth under the gravitational force of earth (With no other forces acting on it) is called Free Fall.

→ Acceleration of an object falling freely towards the earth does not depends on the mass of the body.

## Acceleration due to the Gravity (g)

→ When a body freely falls under gravity then acceleration produced in the body is known as acceleration due to the gravity;

It is denoted by 'g'!

Note:  It's a vector quantity

Its S.I unit is  $\text{N/kg or m/sec}^2$

Its C.G.S Unit is  $\text{Dyne/gm or cm/sec}^2$

Its average value on the surface of Earth is  $9.8 \text{ m/sec}^2$

Value of g is different on different places of earth.

Value of g is maximum at pole and minimum at equator.

→ TO CALCULATE THE VALUE OF G.

To calculate the value of g, we should put the value of G, M, and R in Eq. namely, universal gravitational constant

$G = 6.7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^2$ , Mass of the Earth

NOTE:- The value of  $g$  on the moon is about one-sixth ( $\frac{1}{6}$ ) of the value of  $g$  on the earth.

## Equations of Motion For Freely Falling Bodies.

General equations  
of motion.

Equations of  
motion for freely  
falling bodies.

$$1) v = u + at \text{ change to } v = u + gt$$

$$2) s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \text{ change to } h = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$3) v^2 = u^2 + 2as \text{ change to } v^2 = u^2 + 2gs$$

When a body is falling vertically downwards, its velocity is increasing so the acceleration due to gravity,  $g$  is taken as positive.

⇒ Acceleration due to gravity  
 $= +9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

For freely falling bodies.

- b) When a body is thrown vertically upwards, its velocity is decreasing, so the acceleration due gravity 'g' is taken as negative.

→ Acceleration due to gravity  
for a body thrown upwards  
 $\Rightarrow -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

- c) When a body is dropped freely from a height, its initial velocity 'u' is zero.
- d) When a body is thrown vertically upward its final velocity 'v' becomes zero.
- e) The time taken by a body to rise to the highest point is equal to the time it takes to fall from the same height.

### MASS:-

→ The mass of a body is the quantity of matter (or materials) contained in it.

- Mass is the scalar quantity.
- The S.I unit of mass is kilogram.
- The mass of a body is constant and does not change from place to place.
- The mass of a body cannot be zero.

## WEIGHT

The weight of body is the force is the weight with which it is attracted towards the centre of the earth.

$\text{Force} = \text{Mass} \times \text{Acceleration due to the gravity.}$

'W' weight is placed in the above equation.

We get:- ∴ Weight =  $m \times g$

- The S.I unit of weight is also newton.
- The weight of 1 kg mass is 9.8 newton.
- Weight is a vector quantity.
- The weight of body changes to place to place. Thus, the gravity weight of a body is not constant.
- Weight cannot be zero.

- Whatever be the weight of a body on the surface of the earth its weight becomes zero when it is taken to the centre of the earth.
- It is the gravitational Force acting on the object which operates a spring balance and not its mass.

### Weight of object on the moon.

The weight of an object on the moon will be about one-sixth of what it is on the earth.

### THRUST

The effect of a Force depends on the area of the object on which it acts.

Please note that:

The weight of a body is also a Force. And it always acts in the downward direction.

**THRUST** - The force acting on a body perpendicular to its surface called thrust.

→ The S.I Unit of Pressure is 'PASCAL'.  
And it denoted by symbol 'Pa'.

### **PRESSURE :-**

The Thrust Per Unit Area is called Pressure

**Pressure = Thrust / Area**

→ The S.I Unit of Thrust is Newton (N).

→ The same Force produces less pressure if it acts on a large area but it can produce high pressure if it acts on a small area.

→ It is denoted by "P".

Note: ① It is scalar quantity.

② Its S.I Unit is  $N/m^2$  or Pascal.

③ Its G.G.S Unit is DYNNE/cm<sup>2</sup>.

## PRESSURE IN FLUIDS

- Those substances which can flow easily are called Fluids.
- All the liquids and gases are Fluids.
- A Fluid (liquid or gases) exerts pressure in all the directions - even upwards!

## BUOYANCY

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## BOYANTANT FORCE

The upward force acting on the objects immersed in a liquid called Boyantant Force.

- The upward force exerted by liquid called upthrust.

→ It is the buoyant force makes the heavy objects seems lighter in water.

### Archeimedes' Principle

When an objects is wholly immersed in a liquid, it experiences than a buoyant force (or upthrust) which is equal to the weight of liquid displaced by the objects.

Buoyant force = weight of liquids (or upthrust)

= displaced by acting on the objects that objects

→ The magnitude of buoyant force acting on an objects immersed in a liquid is equal to the weight of liquid displaced by the immersed objects.

Note → even gases (like air) exerts an upward force (or buoyant force) on the objects placed in them.

### Why objects float or sink in a liquid.

When an object is put in a liquid, then two forces act on it :-

- 1) Weight of the object acting downwards (which tends to pull down the objects.)
- 2) Buoyant force (up thrust) acting upwards (which tends to push up the objects.)

An object will float on liquid if the upwards buoyant force it receives from the liquid is great enough to overcome the downward force of its weight.

## The Principle of Floatation

An objects will float in a liquid if the weights of the objects is equal to the weight of liquids displaced by it.

**Weight of body = Weight of a liquid displaced by it.**

### Density

The density of a substance is defined as mass of the substance per unit volume.

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}}$$

→ The S.I. Unit of density is kilogram per cubic meter.

## DENSITY OF SOME COMMON SUBSTANCES

Substances	Density	also written
1) Cork	$240 \text{ kg/m}^3$	$0.24 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
2) Wood	$800 \text{ kg/m}^3$	$0.8 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
3) Ice	$920 \text{ kg/m}^3$	$0.92 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
4) Water	$1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$	$1.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
5) Glycerine	$1260 \text{ kg/m}^3$	$1.26 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
6) Glass	$2500 \text{ kg/m}^3$	$2.5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
7) Aluminium	$2700 \text{ kg/m}^3$	$2.7 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
8) Iron	$7800 \text{ kg/m}^3$	$7.8 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
9) Mercury	$13600 \text{ kg/m}^3$	$13.6 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$
10) Gold	$19300 \text{ kg/m}^3$	$19.3 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$

→ The density of the substances is one of its characteristic properties.

→ If the density of a substance is more than the density of water, then the substance will be heavier than water and hence sink in water. In the other, if the density of a substance is less than the density of water, then the substance will be lighter than water and hence float in water.

## Relative density

The relative density of a substance is the ratio of its density to that of water.

Relative density = Density of sub

Density of

Water.

The relative density of substances is the ratio of the mass of any volume of the substances to the mass of an equal volume of water.

→ As the relative density is the ratio of two similar quantities (masses), it has no unit.

Relative density of some substances

Substances

relative density

I. Cork

0.24

II. Wood

0.8

III. ICE

0.92

IV. Water

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V. Glycerine

1.26

VI. Glass

2.5

VII. Iron

7.8

→ Relative density is very important in the accurate determination of density.

→ The relative density of a substance expresses the heaviness (or density) of the substance in comparison to water.

By saying that relative density of Iron is 7.8 means iron is 7.8 times as heavy as an equal volume of water.