

## Chapter-7 Gravitation

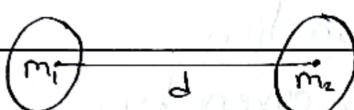
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### # Forces in Nature

- Gravitation (mass dependent)
- Electromagnetic (charge dependent)
- Short range nuclear force (distance dependent active in  $10^{-15}$  m)
- Weak force (Active in  $10^{-17}$  m)

### # Newton's Law of Gravitation



Let us consider the force of attraction between two bodies of mass  $(m_1)$  and  $(m_2)$  separated by distance ' $d$ ' from their centre is directly proportional to the product of their mass and inversely proportional to the square of their separation from their centre.

$$\text{i.e. } F \propto m_1 \cdot m_2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Also, } F \propto \frac{1}{d^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Combining equation (1) and (2)

$$F \propto \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2}{d^2}$$

$$\text{or, } F = G \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2}{d^2} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Where,  $G$  is proportionality constant called Universal Gravitational Constant and its value is  $6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$

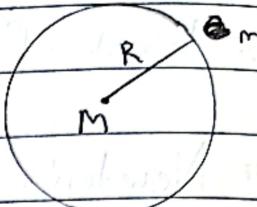
## # Acceleration due to gravity

Let us consider a body of mass 'm' lies on a surface of the earth having mass 'M' and radius 'R'.

Then,

According to the Newton's Law of gravitation, the force of attraction between earth and body is given by:

$$F = G M m \frac{1}{R^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$



If 'g' be the acceleration due to gravity than according to the Newton's second law of motion, The force of on the body is given by:

$$F = mg \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From equation (1) and (2), we get

$$mg = G M m \frac{1}{R^2}$$

$$\text{or, } g = \frac{G M}{R^2} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

This is the req. expression for acceleration due to gravity and it shows that 'g' is independent on the mass of the body.

## # Variation of acceleration due to gravity.

### 1. Due to shape of earth:

We know,

$$g = G M \frac{1}{R^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow g \propto \frac{1}{R^2}$$

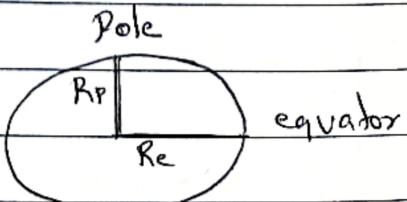


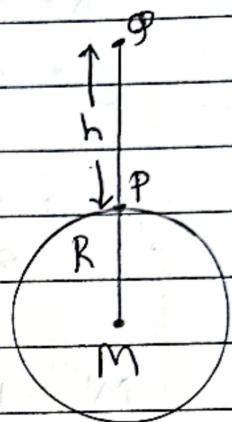
Fig: Variation of 'g' due to the shape of earth.

Since, Polar radius ( $R_p$ ) is smaller than equatorial radius ( $R_e$ ). So, acceleration due to gravity at pole is greater than that of a equator. i.e.  $g_p > g_e$  when  $R_e > R_p$

## 2. Due to height (Altitude)

Let ' $M$ ' be the mass of earth and ' $R$ ' be its radius. Also, let 'P' be any point on the earth surface. So acceleration due to gravity at point 'P' is given by;

$$g = \frac{GM}{R^2} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$



Again, let 'Q' be any point at height 'h' from the surface of the earth. So, acceleration due to gravity at point 'Q' is given by:

$$g' = \frac{GM}{(R+h)^2} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Dividing eq. (ii) by (i)

$$\frac{g'}{g} = \frac{R^2}{\left[R\left(1 + \frac{h}{R}\right)\right]^2}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{g'}{g} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{h}{R}\right)^2}$$

Using binomial expansion and neglecting higher power terms,

$$\frac{g'}{g} = 1 - \frac{2h}{R}$$

$$\text{or, } g' = g \left(1 - \frac{2h}{R}\right) \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Equation (iii) shows that acceleration due to gravity goes on decreasing when height increases.

### 3. Variation of 'g' due to depth

Let,  $m$  = mass of a body at 'x' depth from earth's surface.

$M$  = mass of earth

$R$  = Radius of earth

$g$  = acceleration due to gravity on surface of earth.

$g'$  = acceleration due to gravity on surface of earth at 'x' depth from earth surface.

$M'$  = mass of earth of radius ( $R-x$ )

Now,

At Surface of earth, force of gravitation

$$g = \frac{GM}{R^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$g' = \frac{GM'}{(R-x)^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now,

$$\frac{g'}{g} = \frac{R^2}{(R-x)^2} \cdot \frac{M'}{M}$$

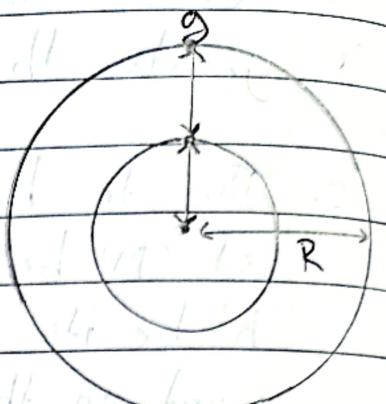
$$= \frac{R^2}{(R-x)^2} \cdot \frac{\frac{4\pi}{3} M (R-x)^3}{R^3}$$

$$\frac{4\pi}{3} R^3$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{g'}{g} = \frac{R-x}{R}$$

$$\text{or, } g' = g \left( 1 - \frac{x}{R} \right)$$

$$g' < g$$



## # Gravitational Field

The space around the earth where a body experiences its force of attraction is called its field. It is represented by  $F$ .

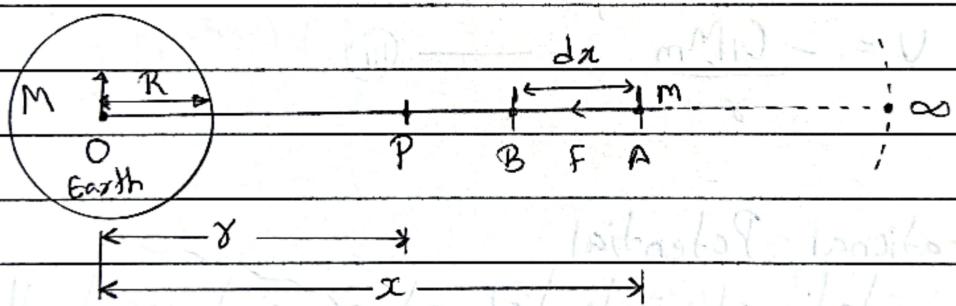
## # Gravitational Strength

The gravitational force experienced per unit mass of a body in its field is called gravitational field strength.

$$E = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{G M m}{R^2 \cdot m} = \frac{G M}{R^2} \approx g = \text{acc. due to gravity}$$

## # Gravitational Potential Energy

Gravitational Potential energy at a point is defined as "amount of work done on bringing mass 'm' of any body from infinity to that point."



Let  $M$  = mass of earth

$R$  = radius of earth

Let  $P$  be a point at a distance ' $x$ ' from the centre  $O$  of the earth.

$m$  = mass of body at infinity

Now,

$$F = \frac{G M m}{x^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Work done  $dw$  by this force on moving the body in small displacement  $dx$  from point  $A$  to  $B$  is,

$$dw = \frac{G M m}{x^2} dx \quad \text{--- (2)} \quad \text{Where, } \frac{G M m}{x^2} = f$$

Now, Integrating equation ② from  $\infty$  to  $x$ . Therefore,

$$W = \int_{\infty}^x dw$$

$$= \int_{\infty}^x \frac{G M_m}{x^2} dx$$

$$= G M_m \int_{\infty}^x x^{-2} dx$$

$$= G M_m \left[ \frac{-1}{x} \right]_{\infty}^x$$

$$= -G M_m \left[ \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{\infty} \right]$$

$\therefore W = -G M_m$  (from Gravitational Law)

This work done is equal to gravitational potential energy 'U' of mass  $m$  at point P.

$$\therefore U = -\frac{G M_m}{x} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

## # Gravitational Potential

The gravitational potential at a point inside the gravitational field is defined as the amount of work done in bringing a unit mass from infinity to that point without acceleration. It is denoted by V. Its SI unit is  $J kg^{-1}$ .

## # Escape Velocity

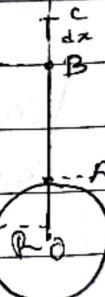
It is the velocity of a body with which if projected from earth surface goes into space.

We know,

$$F = \frac{G M_m}{x^2}$$

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$$\text{Also, } dw = F dx$$



$$\text{or } dW = G M m x^{-2} dx$$

Integrating

$$W = \int_R^\infty G M m x^{-2} dx$$

$$= G M m \left[ \frac{x^{-2+1}}{-2+1} \right]_R^\infty$$

$$= \left[ -\frac{1}{x} \right]_R^\infty G M m$$

$$= -G M m \left[ \frac{1}{\infty} - \frac{1}{R} \right]$$

$$W_{\text{ext}} = \frac{G M m}{R} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$k \cdot E = \frac{1}{2} M V_e^2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\text{But, } k \cdot E = W_{\text{ext}}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{2} M V_e^2 = G M m$$

$$\text{or } V_e^2 = \frac{2 G M}{R}$$

$$\text{or } V_e = \sqrt{\frac{2 G M}{R}}$$

$$\text{or } V_e = \sqrt{2 g R}$$

$$\text{Note: } \frac{2 G M}{R} \cdot \frac{R}{R}$$

$$\approx \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{G M}{R^2} \right) R} = \sqrt{2 g R}$$

## # Orbital Velocity of Satellite

The velocity required to keep a satellite into its orbit is called the orbital velocity of the satellite. It is denoted by  $V_o$ .

Let  $m$  = mass of satellite

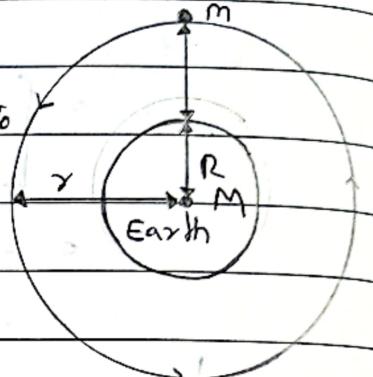
$M$  = mass of planet

$r$  = radius of orbit of satellite

$V_o$  = Orbital Velocity of satellite

Now, Centripetal force on satellite

$$F = \frac{MV_o^2}{r} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$



Gravitational force between planet and satellite

$$F = \frac{GMm}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From (1) and (2)

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

$$\text{or, } V_o = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R+h}} \quad [ \because r = R+h ]$$

$$\text{or, } V_o = \sqrt{\frac{gR^2}{R+h}} \quad \text{--- (3)} \quad [ \because g = \frac{GM}{R^2} ]$$

Now,

When satellite is not close to earth surface, then  $R+h \rightarrow R$  i.e.  $h \rightarrow 0$

From equation (3), we get

$$V_o = \sqrt{\frac{gR^2}{R+0}}$$

$$\therefore V_o = \sqrt{gR} = 7.2 \text{ km/s}$$

## # Time Period of Satellite ( $T$ )

It is the time taken by the satellite to make one complete revolution around the Earth.

$$\therefore T = \frac{\text{Circumference of orbit}}{\text{orbital Velocity}}$$

$$\text{or, } T = \frac{2\pi r}{V_o}$$

$$\text{or, } T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{r}{GM}} \quad \left[ \because V_o = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}} \right]$$

$$\text{or, } T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{r^3}{GM}}$$

$$\text{or, } T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(R+h)^3}{gR^2}} \quad \left[ \because r = R+h \text{ & } GM = gR^2 \right]$$

When  $h = 0$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R^3}{gR^2}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R}{g}} = 84 \text{ minutes}$$

## # Height of Satellite ( $h$ )

We have,

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(R+h)^3}{GM}}$$

$$\text{or, } 4\pi(R+h)^3 = \frac{T^2}{GM} 4\pi^2 T^2$$

$$\text{or, } (R+h)^{3/2} = \left[ \frac{T^2 GM \cdot R^2}{4\pi^2 R^2} \right]^{1/3} = \left[ \frac{T^2 g R^2}{4\pi^2} \right]^{1/3}$$

$$\text{or, } (R+h) = \left( \frac{T^2 g R^2}{4\pi^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\text{or, } h = \left( \frac{T^2 g R^2}{4\pi^2} \right)^{1/3} - R$$

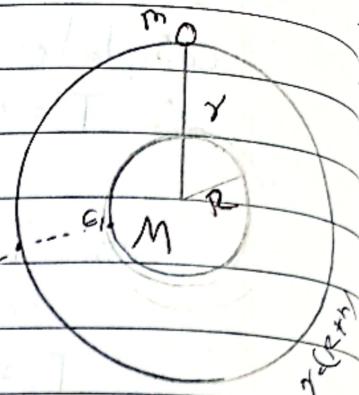
## # Energy of Satellite

Let us consider a satellite of mass 'm' is revolving around the earth of mass 'M' and radius 'R' on its orbit of radius 'r'

Now,

Gravitational force of earth between earth and satellite is given by;

$$F = G \frac{Mm}{r^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$



The gravitational force provides the necessary centripetal force i.e.  $F = F_c$

$$\text{or, } G \frac{Mm}{r^2} = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$\text{or, } mv^2 = G \frac{Mm}{r}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{2} mv^2 = G \frac{Mm}{2r}$$

$$\therefore \text{K.E.} = \frac{G \frac{Mm}{2r}}{2r} \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

Again, P.E. at a point on its orbit is given by

$$\text{P.E.} = - \frac{G \frac{Mm}{r}}{r} \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

Then, Total energy of satellite is given by;

$$E = \text{K.E.} + \text{P.E.}$$

$$= \frac{G \frac{Mm}{2r}}{2r} - \frac{G \frac{Mm}{r}}{r}$$

$$= \frac{G \frac{Mm}{r}}{2r} - 2 \frac{G \frac{Mm}{r}}{r}$$

$$\therefore E = - \frac{G \frac{Mm}{r}}{2r}$$

$\because$  Here, -ve sign shows that the satellite is attracted towards earth.]

$$\Delta E = G \frac{Mm}{r} \left( \frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{2(R+h)} \right)$$

,  $\Delta E$  = energy req. to launch satellite

## # Geostationary Satellite

The satellite which seems to be stationary when viewed from a point on the earth's surface is called geostationary satellite.

## # Centre of Gravity (C.G.)

The centre of gravity of a body is defined as a point at which the algebraic sum of the moments of weights of all the particles constituting the body is zero.

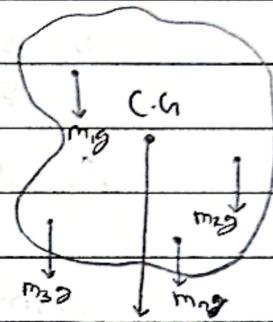
Let us consider a body of Mass 'M' consist of n particles of masses  $m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n$  resp.

The force due to gravity on these masses are  $m_1g, m_2g, m_3g, \dots, m_ng$  resp. all acting vertically downwards. Then,

$$W = m_1g + m_2g + m_3g + \dots + m_ng$$

$$\therefore W = Mg$$

Where  $M$  is the sum of all masses



$$W = mg$$

## # Centre of Mass (C.M.)

A point with respect to a body at which the whole mass of the body is supposed to be concentrated, is called centre of mass.

Let us consider a system of n particles of masses  $m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n$  with coordinate position  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ , respectively.

Let  $(x, y)$  be the coordinate of c.m.

The various force masses force acting are  $F_1 = m_1a_1, F_2 = m_2a_2, \dots, F_n = m_na_n$

where  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are acceleration

produced on masses  $m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n$  resp.

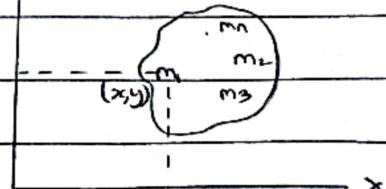


Fig: coordinate of  $m_1, m_2, m_3$   
mn.... particles of x-y plan

Total force acting on a body,

$$F_1 + f_2 + f_3 + \dots + f_n$$

$$= m_1 a_1 + m_2 a_2 + m_3 a_3 + \dots + m_n a_n$$

$$\text{or, } \sum F = \frac{m_1 d^2 x_1}{dt^2} + \frac{m_2 d^2 x_2}{dt^2} + \frac{m_3 d^2 x_3}{dt^2} + \dots + \frac{m_n d^2 x_n}{dt^2}$$

$$\text{or, } \sum F = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} (m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots + m_n x_n)$$

Total mass  $\Sigma m = m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\sum F}{\Sigma m} = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots + m_n x_n}{\Sigma m} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{\sum F}{\Sigma m} = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots + m_n x_n}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n} \right)$$

$$\therefore x = m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots + m_n x_n$$

Similarly,

$$y = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + \dots + m_n y_n}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots + m_n}$$

$$\text{So, } (x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + m_n x_n & m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + \dots + m_n y_n \\ m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n & m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots + m_n \end{pmatrix}$$

# Condition for a body in Stable Equilibrium

- The C.G of the body should lie as low as possible
- The base of the body should be as large as possible.
- C.G should lie within the base of the body on displaced position.