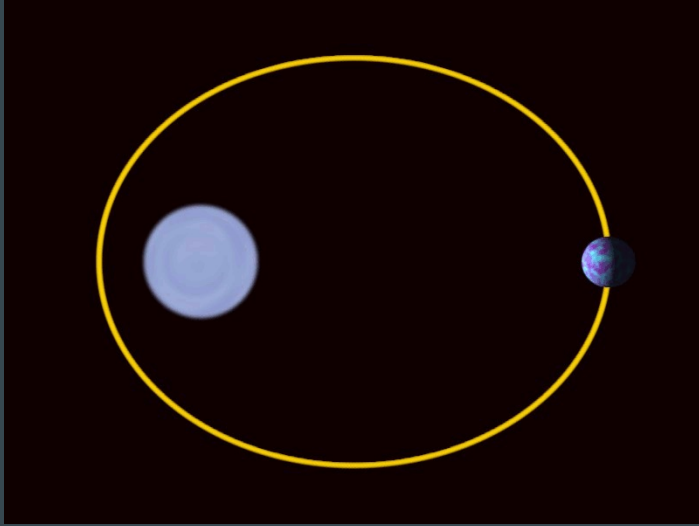


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Week 4, Lecture 1

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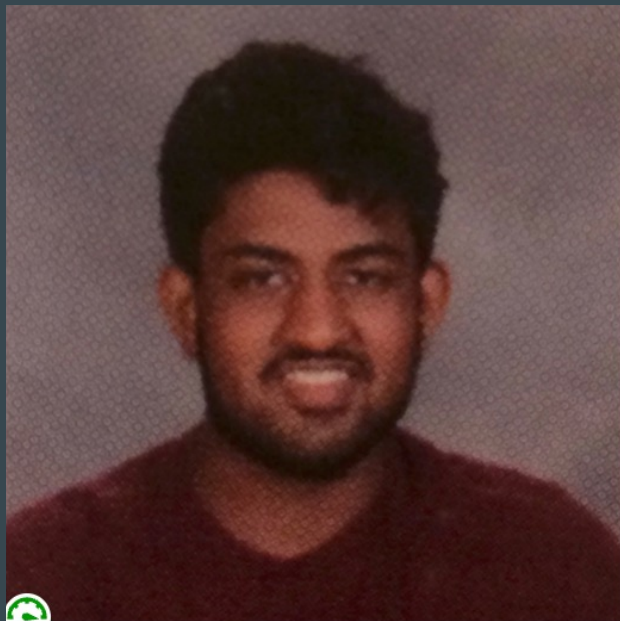
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## On today's class...

1. Universal gravitation
2. Predicting motion with universal gravitation

# Reminders!

- **We now have a PLUS leader!** Contact info and timing of PLUS sessions are in the canvas front page (scroll all the way down)



## **PLUS Leader: Vishnav Deenadayalan**

- Contact: [vishnavdeena@gatech.edu](mailto:vishnavdeena@gatech.edu)
- **PLUS Sessions**
  - Day: Mondays and Thursdays
  - Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
  - Location: CULC 280

# Reminders!

- Test 1 is next Monday!
- Details are in edstem, post #128:  
<https://edstem.org/us/courses/17074/discussion/1069706>



QR code to the link  
(you still need to  
sign in though)

**READ THE ENTIRE  
TEST DETAILS POST!!!**

# What we've learned so far...

- Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law  $\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_i + (\vec{F}_{\text{net}}/m)\Delta t$
- Position update  $\vec{r}_f = \vec{r}_i + \vec{v}_{\text{avg}}\Delta t$
- Gravity near surface of Earth (constant force)  $\vec{F}_g = \langle 0, -mg, 0 \rangle$
- Spring force (non-constant)  $\vec{F}_s = -k(|\vec{L}| - L_0)\hat{L}$

# And also, iteration...

- Find **net force**  $\vec{F}_{\text{net}}$

- Update **velocity** using Newton's 2nd Law  $\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_i + (\vec{F}_{\text{net}}/m)\Delta t$

- Update **position** using position update formula

- For **constant** force:

$$\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\vec{v}_i + \vec{v}_f}{2}$$

- For **non-constant** force:

$$\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} \approx \vec{v}_f$$

# CLICKER 1: What's your favorite sportsball?



A. Basketball



B. Baseball



C. American  
Football



D. Soccer



E. Tennis

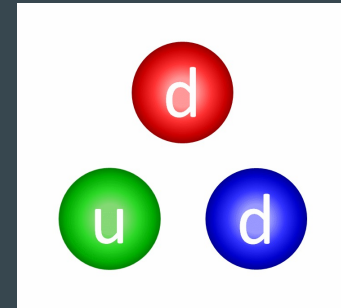
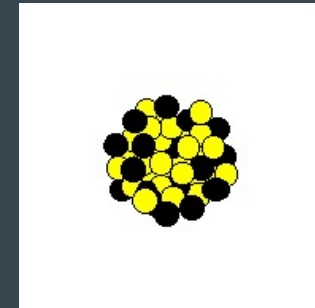
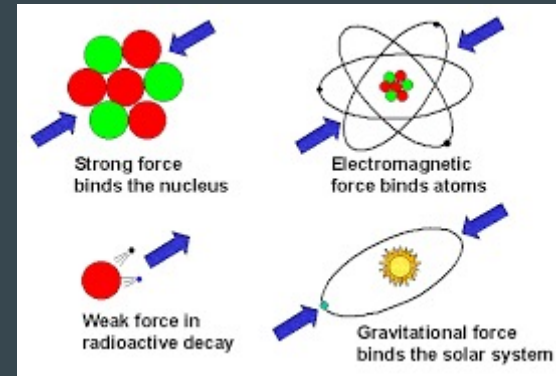
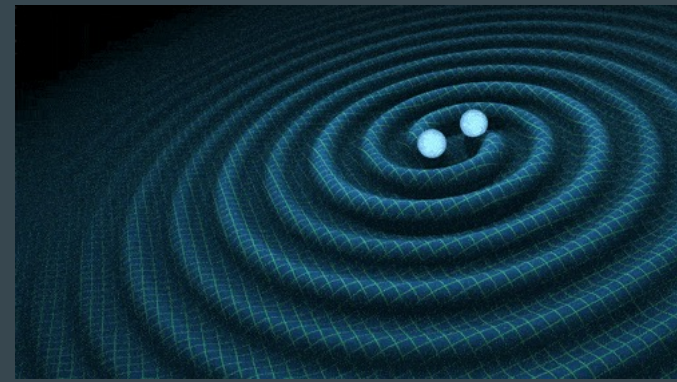
$$\vec{F}_g = -\frac{GMm}{r^2}\hat{r}$$





# Universal gravitation

- Gravitation is one of the four fundamental interactions
  - Responsible for things falling to the ground, things orbiting other things, black holes, gravitational waves, the large-scale structure of the universe, etc
- The other three are:
  - Electromagnetic force
  - Weak nuclear force
  - Strong nuclear force





# Universal gravitation

- We've already seen gravity near the surface of Earth:

$$\vec{F}_g = \langle 0, -mg, 0 \rangle$$

- Now we'll talk about **Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation**
  - Attractive force between any two objects with mass
  - Proportional to product of masses
  - Inversely proportional to square of separation distance
  - Gravity near the surface of Earth is a good approximation as long as the height at which the object is located is much smaller than the radius of Earth

# Gravitation

$$\vec{F}_g = -\frac{GMm}{r^2}\hat{r}$$

- Relative position vector

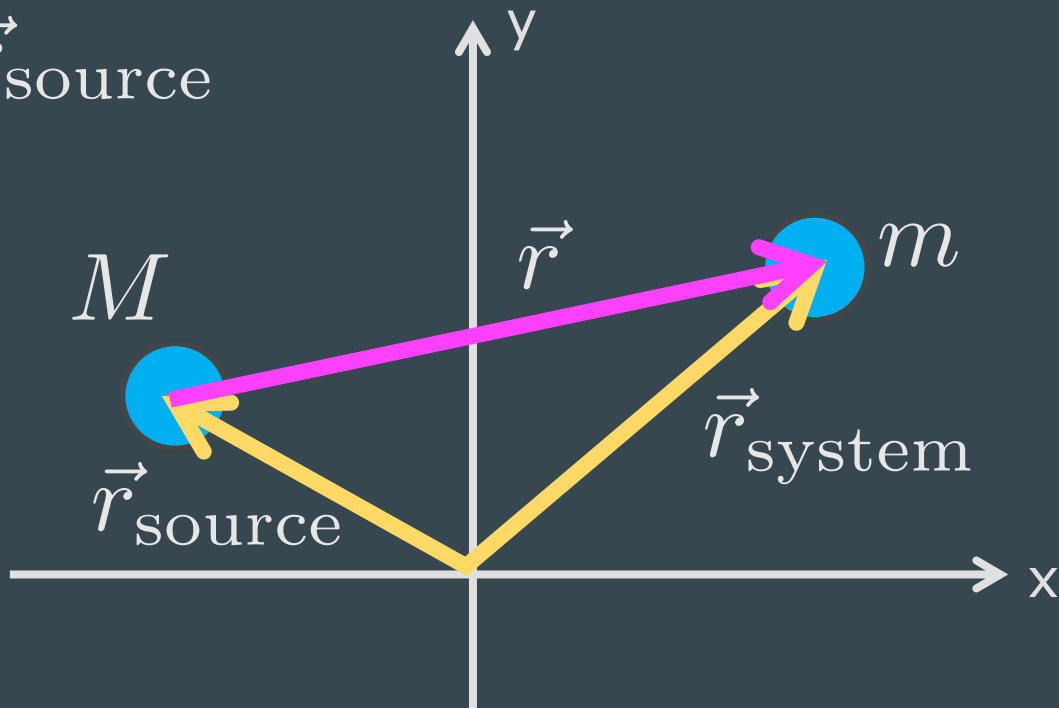
$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_{\text{system}} - \vec{r}_{\text{source}}$$

- Direction of gravity:  
towards the source

$$-\hat{r}$$

- Gravitational constant:

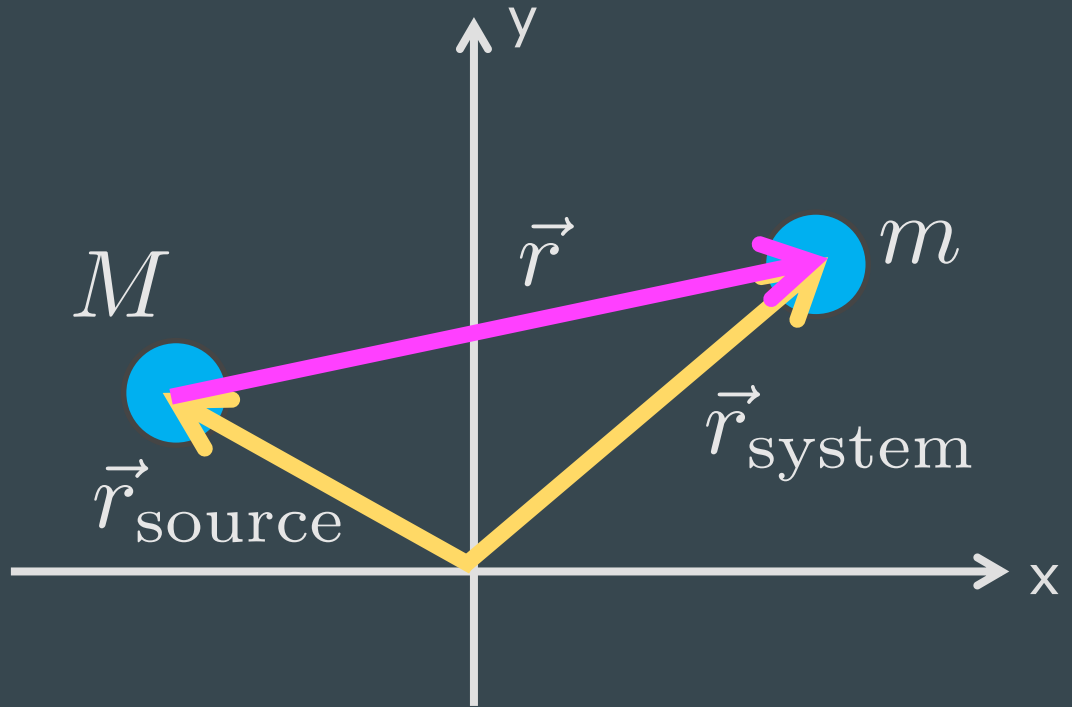
$$G = 6.7 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{N m}^2}{\text{kg}^2}$$



# Gravitation

- This is the force **felt by the system** due to the mass of the object which is the source
- If the **source is M** and the **system is m**, then we call this "F on m by M"

$$\vec{F}_g = -\frac{GMm}{r^2}\hat{r}$$



# Gravitation

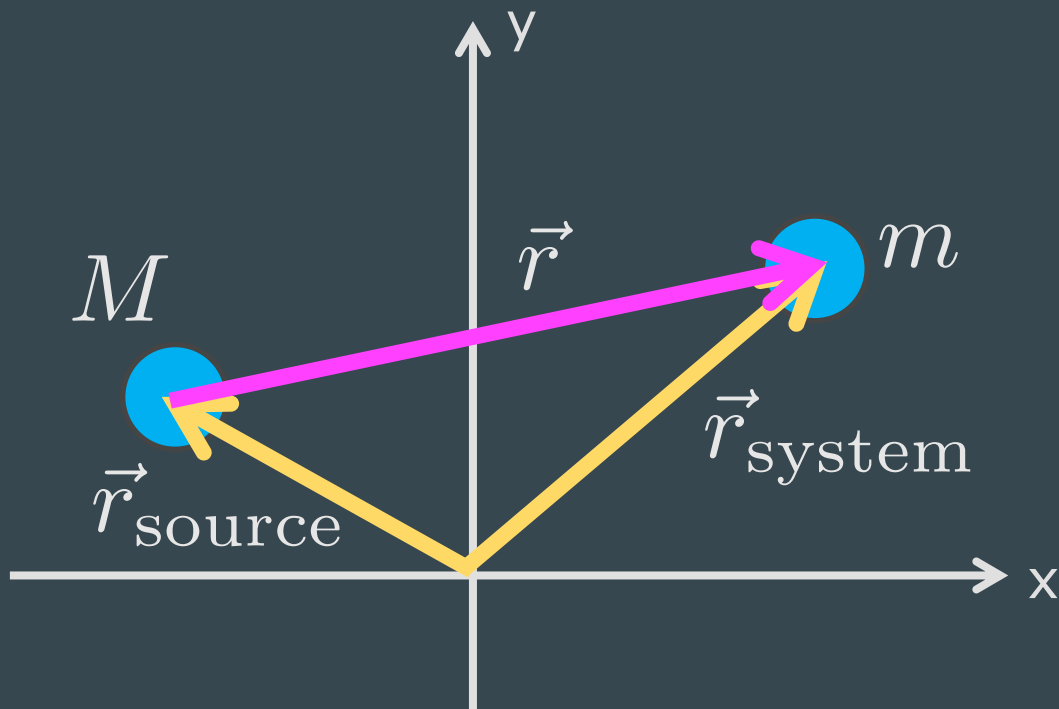
- Magnitude (always positive):

$$|\vec{F}_g| = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

- Full vector combines magnitude and direction:

$$\vec{F}_g = |\vec{F}_g|(-\hat{r})$$

$$\vec{F}_g = -\frac{GMm}{r^2}\hat{r}$$



**CLICKER 2:** The gravitational force exerted by a planet on one of its moons is  $3 \times 10^{23}$  N when the moon is at a particular location. If the **mass of the moon were three times as large**, what would the force on the planet be due to the moon?

- A.  $1 \times 10^{23}$  N
- B.  $3 \times 10^{23}$  N
- C.  $6 \times 10^{23}$  N
- D.  $9 \times 10^{23}$  N
- E. We need more info

**CLICKER 3:** The gravitational force exerted by a planet on one of its moons is  $3 \times 10^{23}$  N when the moon is at a particular location. If the **distance between the moon and the planet was cut in half**, what would the force on the moon be?

- A.  $1.2 \times 10^{24}$  N
- B.  $6 \times 10^{23}$  N
- C.  $3 \times 10^{23}$  N
- D.  $1.5 \times 10^{23}$  N
- E.  $0.33 \times 10^{23}$  N

# Gravity on Earth

$$|\vec{F}_g| = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

M = mass of Earth =  $6 \times 10^{24}$  kg

m = mass of whatever object near the surface of Earth

r = radius of Earth + distance between Earth's surface and object

radius of Earth:  $6.4 \times 10^6$  m (six million meters)

What is the magnitude of the force of gravity felt by a rock of mass 3kg sitting at the top of Mt Everest? (elevation: 8848 m)

$r = 6.4 \times 10^6$  m + 8848 m = essentially  $6.4 \times 10^6$  m → height doesn't matter, it'll always be small enough compared to the radius of Earth!



# Gravity on Earth

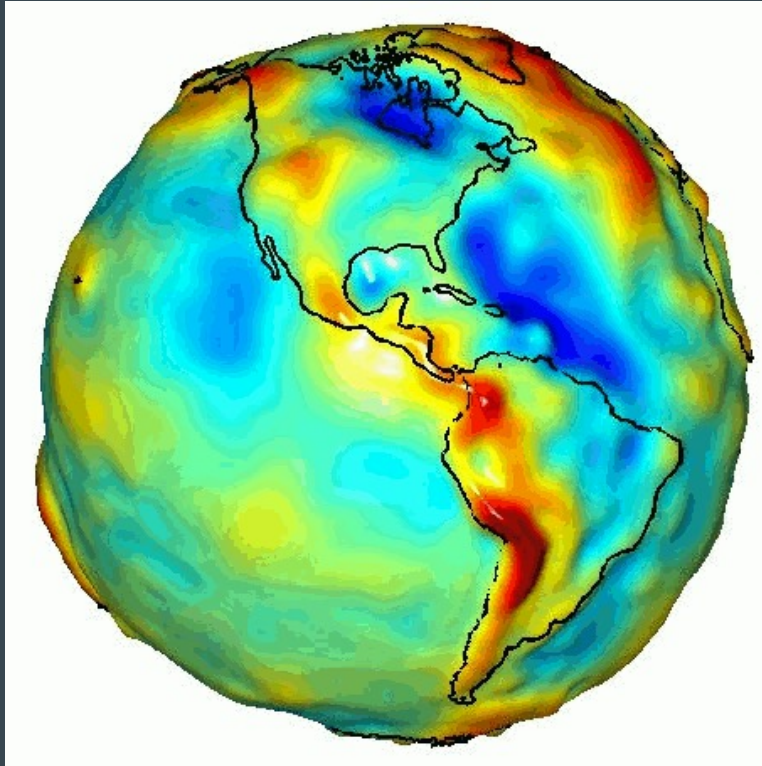
$$G = 6.7\text{e-}11 \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$$

$$M_E = 6\text{e}24 \text{ kg}$$

$$R_E = 6.4\text{e}6 \text{ m}$$

$$|\vec{F}_g| = \frac{GMm}{r^2} \quad \text{but near the Earth's surface,} \quad |\vec{F}_g| = mg$$

# Gravity on Earth



Deviations from  
 $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$  are  
about  $\pm 0.02 \text{ m/s}^2$

(therefore constant, as  
far as we're concerned)

**Example: The mass of the moon is  $7.35 \times 10^{22}$  kg. The diameter of the moon is  $3.47 \times 10^6$  m. What is the magnitude of the acceleration due to gravity **at the surface of the moon**,  $g_m$ ?**

# Procedure for finding $\vec{F}_g$

1. Draw a picture that includes position vectors for each object
2. Calculate the relative position vector (points to the object feeling the force)
3. Calculate the distance between the objects (magnitude of the relative position vector)
4. Calculate the direction of the relative position vector ( $\hat{r}$ )
5. Calculate the magnitude of the force
6. Combine the magnitude and direction (remember the minus sign!)
7. Check against your picture

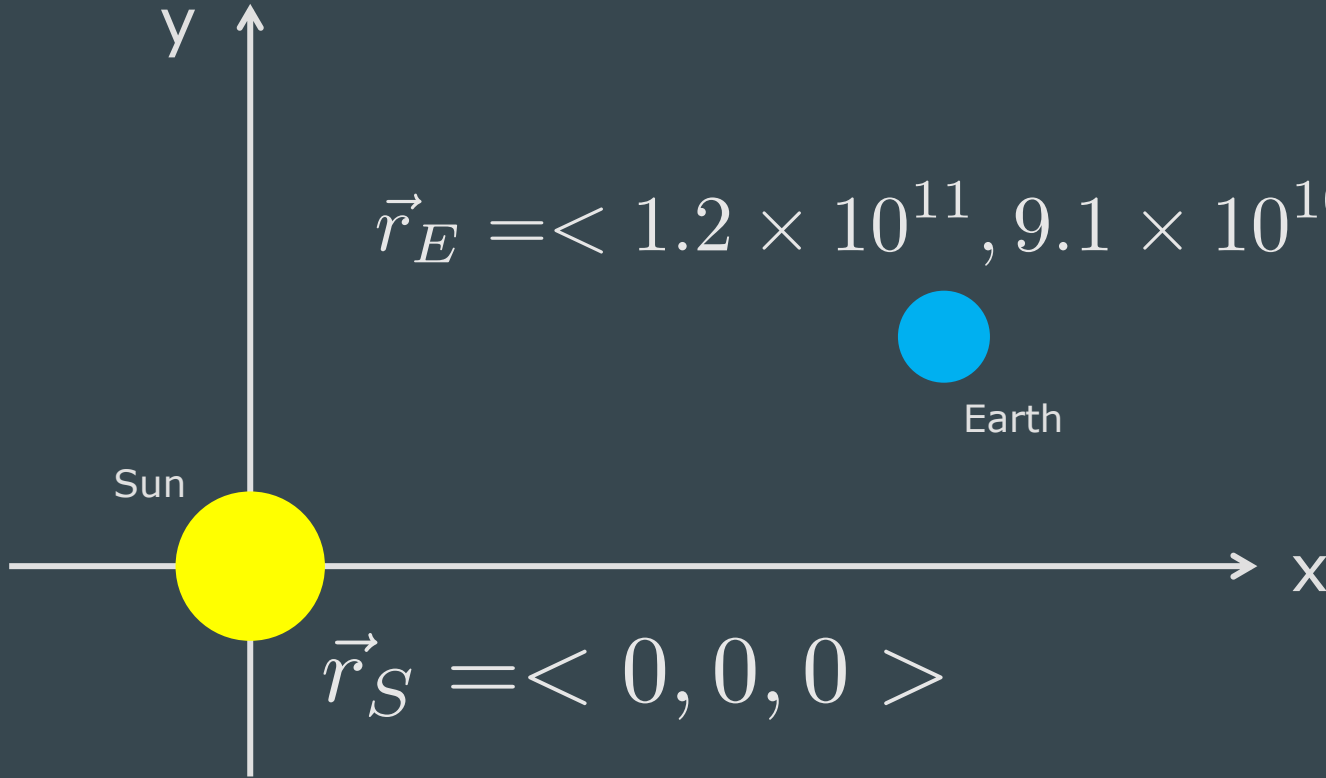
# Example: $\vec{F}_g$ on Earth due to Sun

$$M_S = 2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

$$M_E = 6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$G = 6.7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$$

$$\vec{r}_E = \langle 1.2 \times 10^{11}, 9.1 \times 10^{10}, 0 \rangle \text{ m}$$



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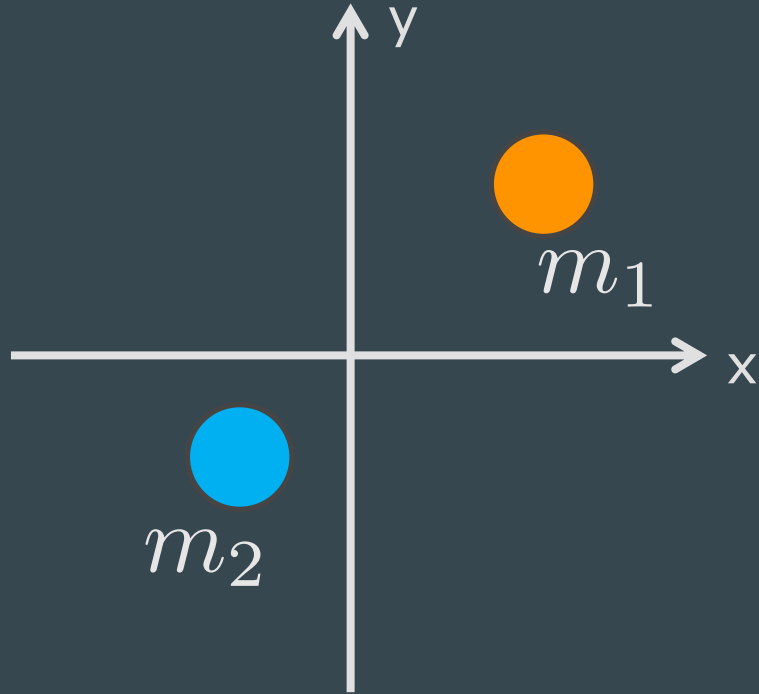
Find  $\mathbf{r}$  vector, and magnitude, and  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$

Find magnitude of  $F_{\text{grav}}$

Combine magnitude and direction

**CLICKER 4:** Two objects have the same mass ( $m_1 = m_2 = 10 \text{ kg}$ ). One of them is located at  $\vec{r}_1 = \langle 4, 3, 0 \rangle \text{ m}$  and the other is located at  $\vec{r}_2 = \langle -2, -1, 0 \rangle \text{ m}$ . **Determine the gravitational force exerted on  $m_2$  by  $m_1$ .**

- A.  $\langle 7.72\text{e-}10, 5.12\text{e-}10, 0 \rangle \text{ N}$
- B.  $\langle 1.07\text{e-}10, 7.1\text{e-}11, 0 \rangle \text{ N}$
- C.  $\langle -7.72\text{e-}10, -5.12\text{e-}10, 0 \rangle \text{ N}$
- D.  $\langle -1.07\text{e-}10, -7.1\text{e-}11, 0 \rangle \text{ N}$



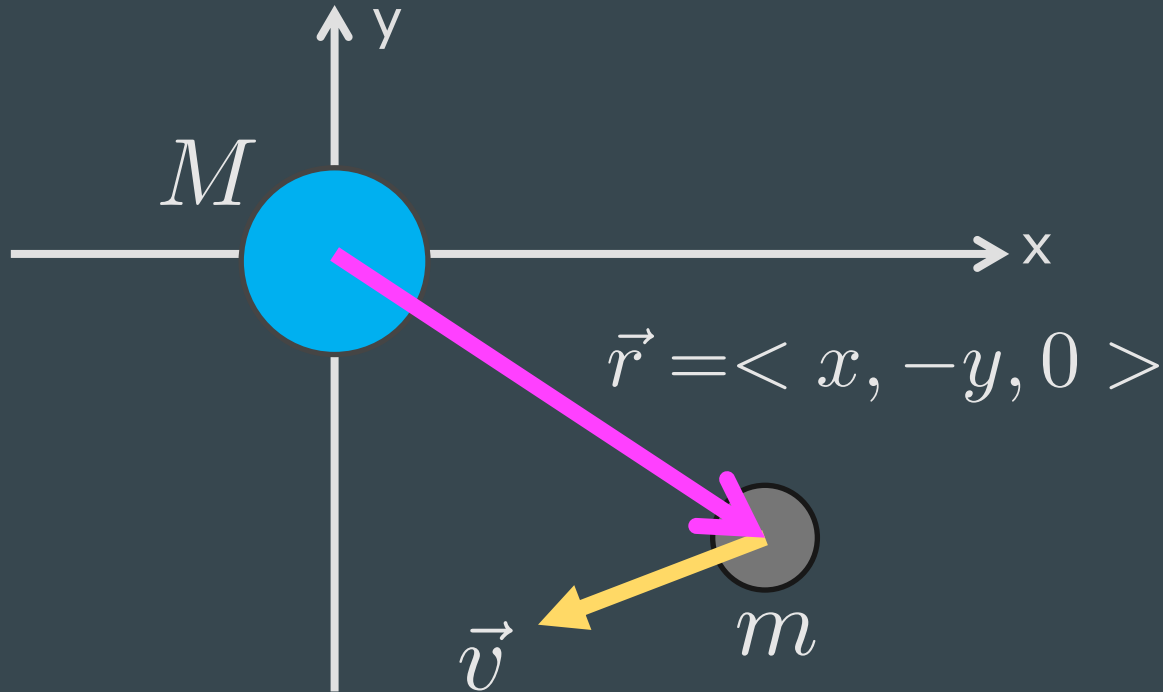


**Solution:** Two objects have the same mass ( $m_1=m_2=10$  kg). One of them is located at  $\vec{r}_1 = \langle 4, 3, 0 \rangle$  m and the other is located at  $\vec{r}_2 = \langle -2, -1, 0 \rangle$  m. Determine the gravitational force exerted on  $m_2$  by  $m_1$ .

# Predicting motion with $\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \vec{F}_g$

1. Find the **gravitational force** on the system using the procedure we just discussed
2. Use Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law to **update the system's velocity**
3. Use the position update formula for **non-constant** forces to **update the position** of the system

**Example:** A planet of mass  $M$  is located at the origin. The planet has a moon of mass  $m$ . At  $t=0$ , the moon is located at  $\langle x, -y, 0 \rangle$  and moves with velocity  $\langle -v_x, -v_y, 0 \rangle$ . Determine the position of the moon at time  $t=T$  using one iteration step.



Steps:

1. find  $F_g$  at  $t=0$
2. update  $v$  at  $t=T$
3. update  $r$  at  $t=T$

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$$\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_i + (\vec{F}_g/m)\Delta t$$

3. update  $r$  at  $t=T$

$$\vec{r}_f = \vec{r}_i + \vec{v}_f \Delta t$$

# Reminder about units!

- **Symbolic answers have their dimensions built-in** on the variables themselves (e.g., “m” is mass so that means kg, “r” is distance so that means meters, etc), so you don’t need to add units at the end
- **Numerical answers have no information about dimensions** (e.g., “7” can be seven anything – meters, Newtons, oranges, cats, bottles of nail polish, etc), so it’s necessary to include units with them
- If you put units in a symbolic answer, that’s a clerical error
- If you don’t put units in a numeric answer, that’s a clerical error
- **Clerical errors mean -1pt in test problems**