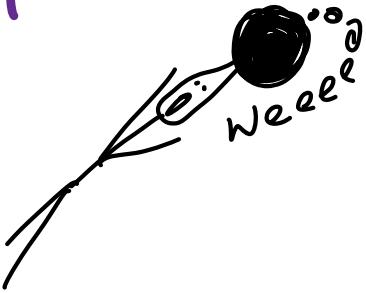


# Gravitational Fields



Gravitational Forces :

Act on masses

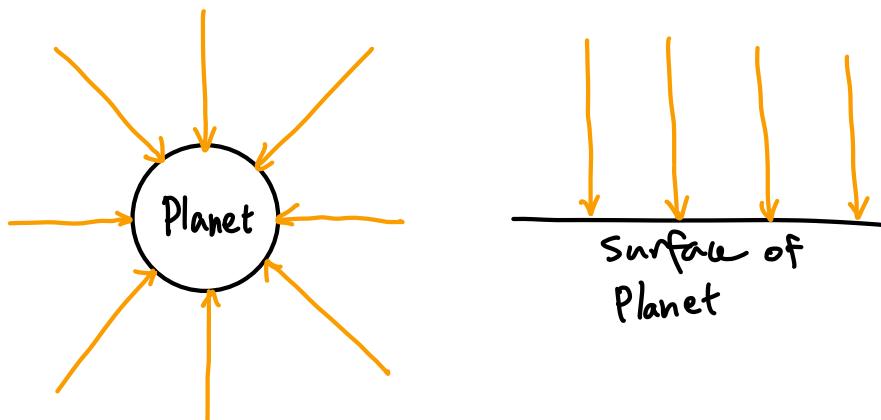
Infinite Range

Weak (large mass to see effect compared to strong nuclear force)

Attractive towards centre of mass

Can act over distance (no contact needed)

## FIELD LINES



Shows : shape of field  
strength of field  
direction of force acting on a mass

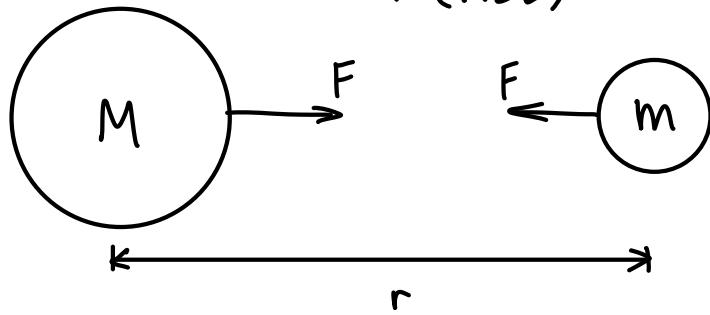
$$W = mg$$

$$g = \frac{W}{m} \quad [\text{N kg}^{-1}]$$

gravitational force per unit mass acting on that point in the gravitational field.

is a vector (since fields can cancel)

Same F (N3L)



F depends on:

M, m and r

F [N]

$$G \text{ [Nm}^2\text{kg}^{-2}\text{]} = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$$

M [kg]

m [kg]

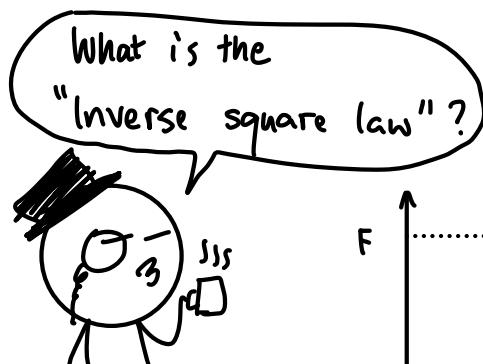
r [m]

$$\rightarrow F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

Newton's Law  
of Gravitation

Definition

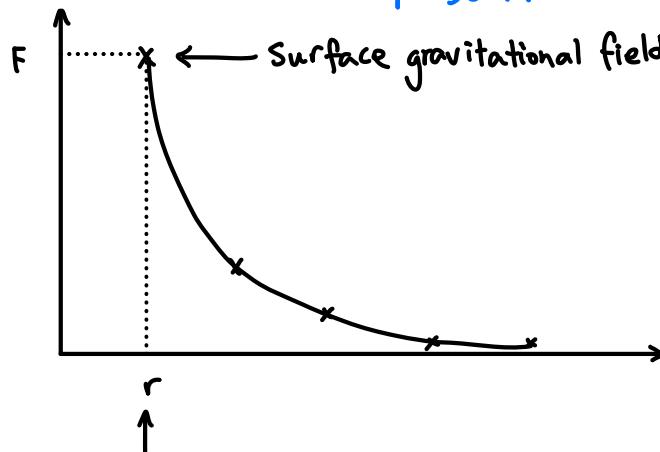
Gravitational force between 2 objects  
is directly proportional to the product of the 2 masses  
and inversely proportional to the squared distance  
between them.



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

INVERSELY  
proportional to  
r SQUARED

Surface gravitational field strength



surface of the planet (measured from centre of mass)

Gravitational strength in a radial field

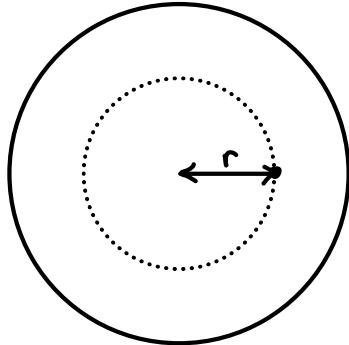
$$F = mg$$

$$F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

$$mg = \frac{GMm}{r^2} \rightarrow g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

What if we went INSIDE the earth? (assuming uniform density)

"O"oh"

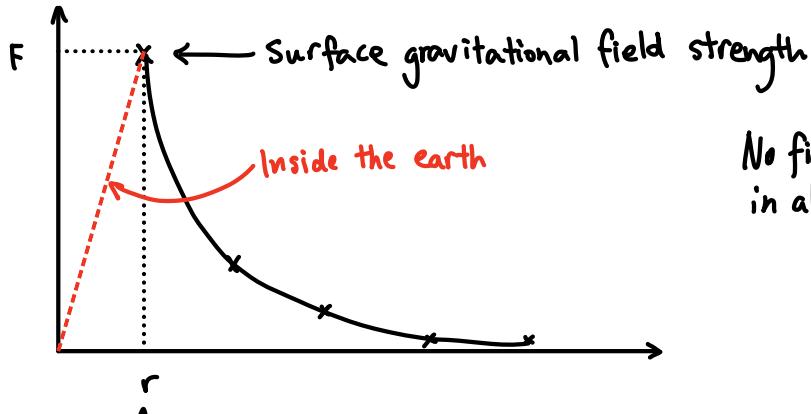


$$\text{Mass of sphere of radius } r = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho$$

$$g = \frac{G(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho)}{r^2} = \frac{4}{3} G \pi \rho r$$

LINEAR

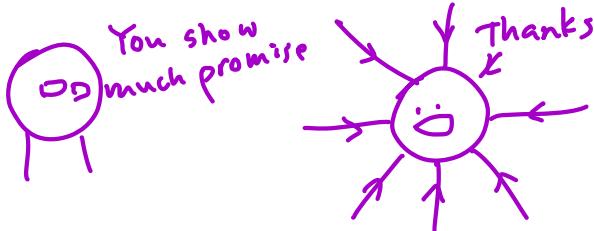
$\therefore g \propto r$  if earth has uniform density



No field at centre because mass pulling in all directions

surface of the planet (measured from centre of mass)

Gravitational Potential  
↳ V



GPE = mgh (only when g is constant)

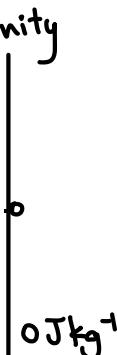
Electricity: Electrical Potential (V) → energy per unit charge

Gravitational Potential (V) → energy per unit mass  
↳ NOT SAME AS GPE!  
[J kg<sup>-1</sup>]

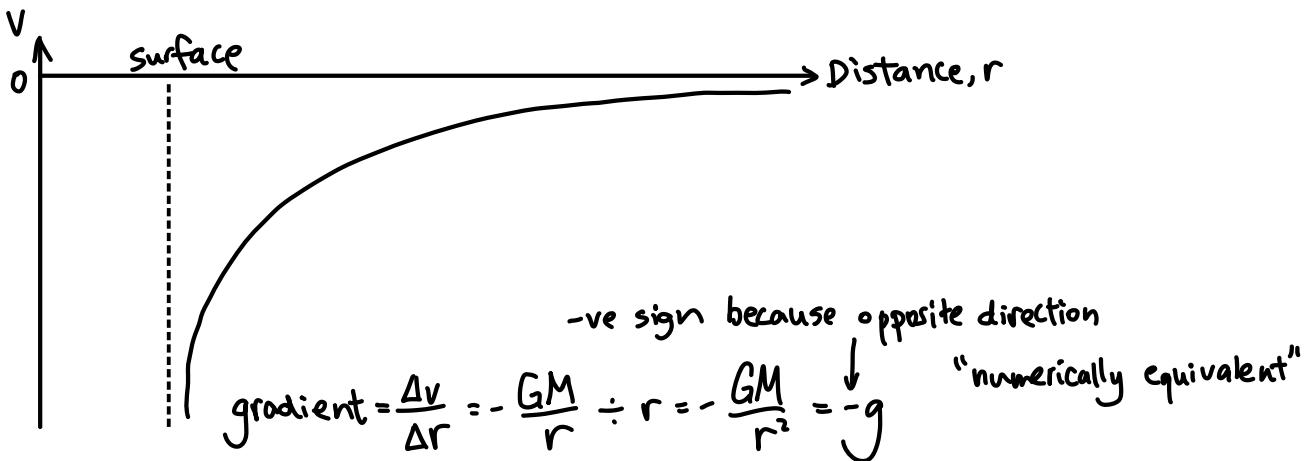
work done FROM infinity to that point in the field

GPE increases with height, reaches a value of 0 at  $\infty$

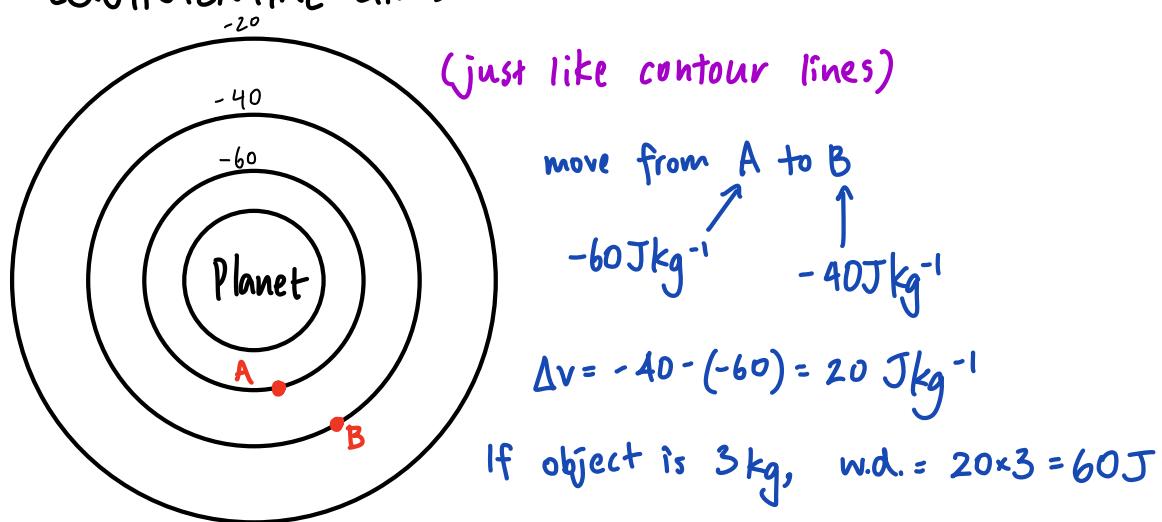
$$V = -\frac{GM}{r}$$



# The graph of Gravitational Potential



## EQUIPOTENTIAL LINES



$$\therefore \text{Work Done} = \Delta V \times m \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Work Done} = m(V_B - V_A)$$

$$\Delta V = V_{\text{new}} - V_{\text{old}} \rightarrow \text{signs work out!}$$

(If falling towards planet, -ve work  $\rightarrow$  work by gravity)

### Example

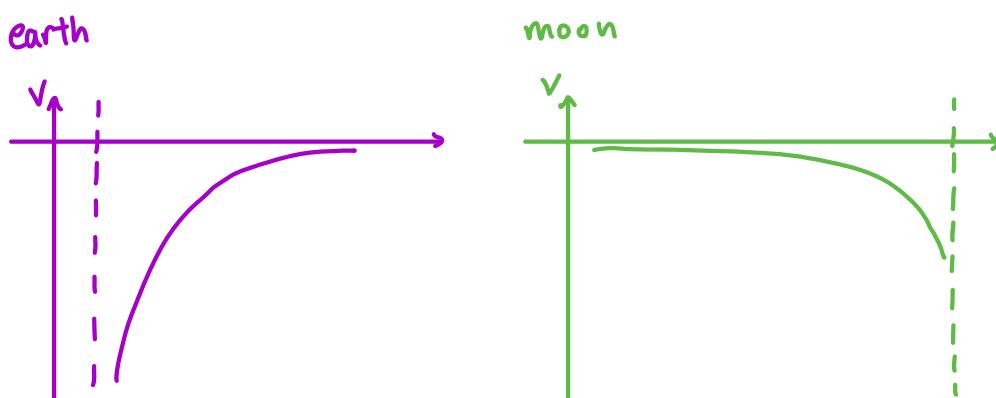
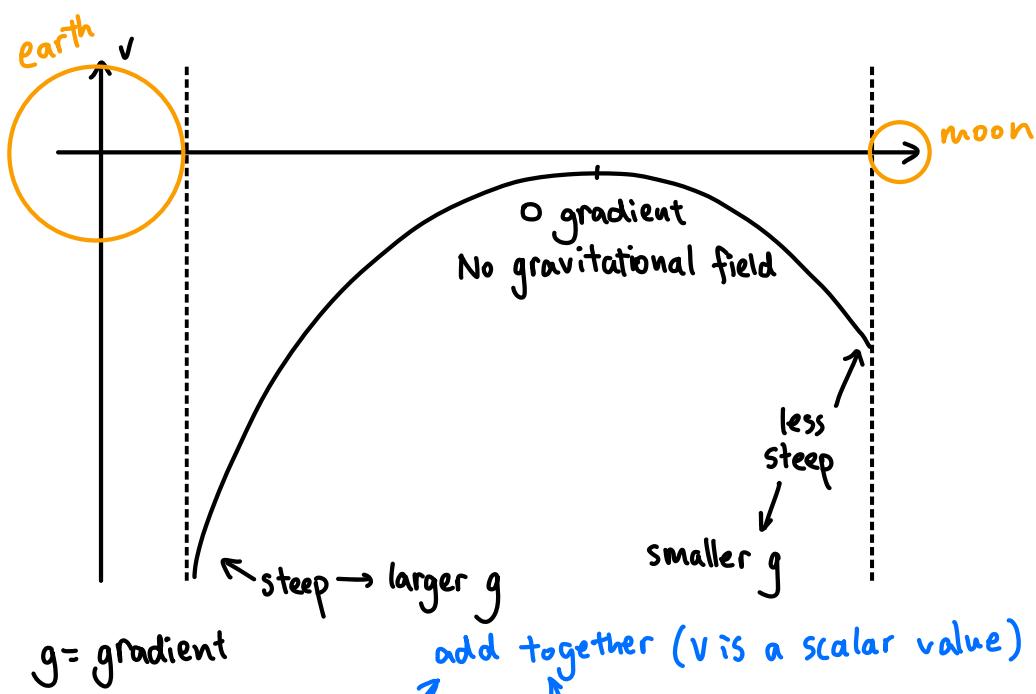
Rocket from surface to 3500 km work?

$$50000 \text{ kg} \quad M_{\text{earth}} = 6.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg} \quad r_{\text{earth}} = 6400 \text{ km} = 6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$V = -\frac{GM}{r} = -\frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.0 \times 10^{24}}{6.4 \times 10^6} = -62531250 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ at surface}$$

$$V = -\frac{GM}{r} = -\frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.0 \times 10^{24}}{6.4 \times 10^6 + 3.5 \times 10^6} = -40424242.42 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ at 3500 km}$$

$$\text{work} = \Delta V m = (-40424242.42 + 62531250) 50000 = 1.105 \times 10^{12}$$



### Escape Velocity of earth

$$v \text{ at surface} = \frac{GM}{r} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 6.0 \times 10^{24}}{6.4 \times 10^6} = 62531250 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$$

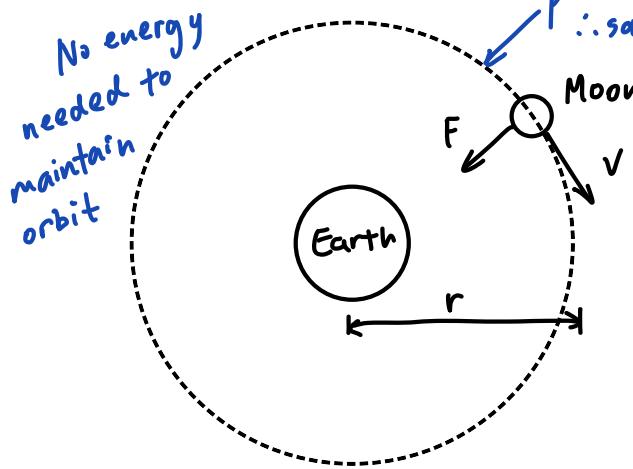
target:  $0 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$  at infinity      work =  $62531250 \text{ m}$

$$62531250 \text{ m} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

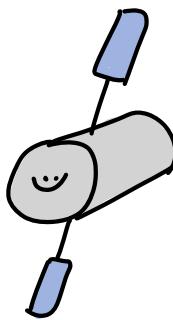
$$v = \sqrt{2 \times 62531250} = 11183.13\dots \approx 11200 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

# What is a SATELLITE?

Objects orbiting other masses



path is equipotential  
∴ satellite has constant energy



## Circular Motion

$$F = \frac{mv^2}{r} \quad (\text{From CM topic})$$

(F provided by gravitational force)

$$\therefore \frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

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

Danger!  $v$  = velocity  
 $V$  = gravitational potential } Don't mess up!

$v$  is the velocity needed to maintain an orbit of radius  $r$  around mass  $M$

Gravitational force is also

$$F = mg = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

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

$$v \text{ is also } v = \frac{2\pi r}{T} \quad (\frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{period}})$$

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

$$\frac{4\pi^2 r^2}{T^2} = \frac{GM}{r}$$

$$T^2 \propto r^3 \rightarrow T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GM}$$

Kepler's 3rd Law

## Satellite Orbits

- Geostationary / Geosynchronous

remains in same position relative to the earth's surface  
(Time period = 1 day)

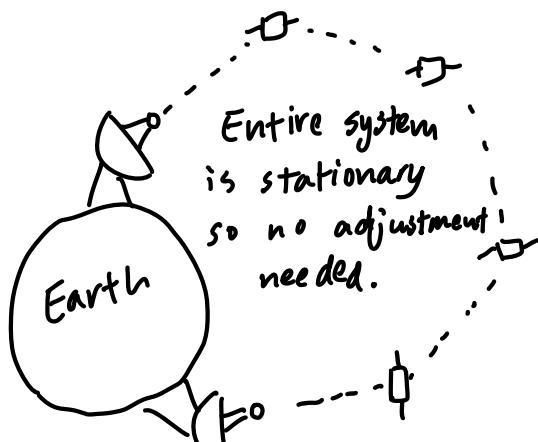
Communications satellites are geostationary

- Polar Orbits

orbits over the poles of the earth



perpendicular to rotation of earth  
sees EVERYTHING given time.  
(covers all areas of the earth's surface)  
weather monitoring, espionage (spying), mapping



## The energy of a satellite

### KINETIC ENERGY

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

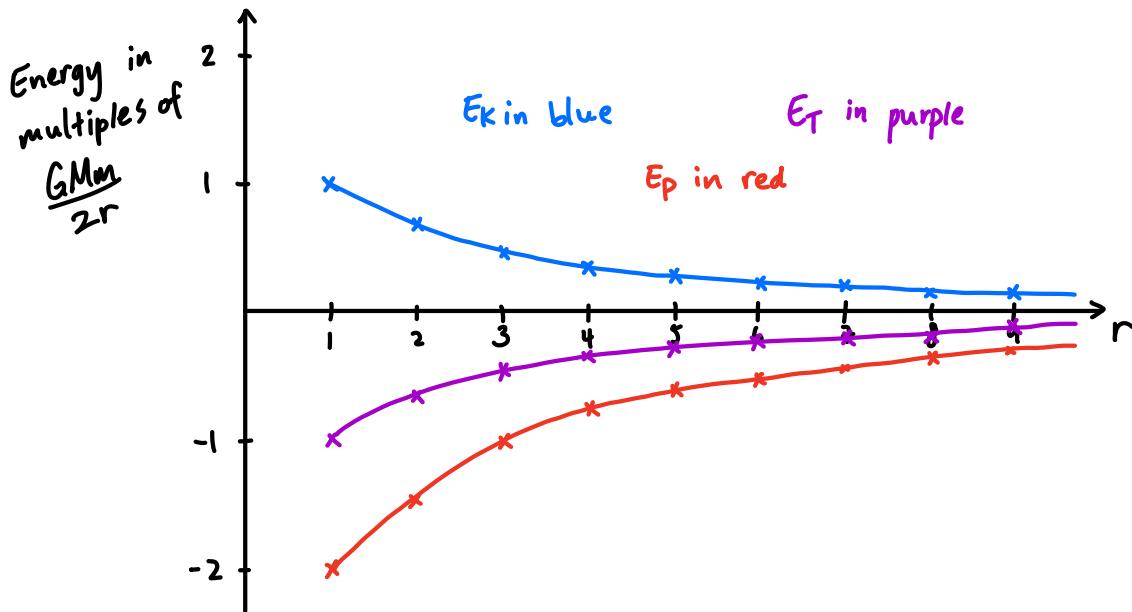
$$= \frac{GMm}{2r} \quad (\text{since } v^2 = \frac{GM}{r})$$

### GRAVITATIONAL POTENTIAL ENERGY

$$- \frac{GMm}{r} \quad (\text{from } V = \frac{GM}{r})$$

$$\text{TOTAL ENERGY} = E_K + E_P$$

$$= \frac{GMm}{2r} - \frac{GMm}{r} = - \frac{GMm}{2r}$$



# ELECTRIC FIELDS

-exist around charges

↓  
2 types of charges:  $\oplus$  and  $\ominus$

Objects can be +ve, -ve or neutral

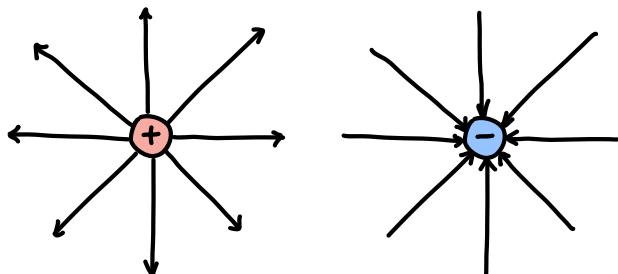
-ve charge transferred  
(electrons move, not nucleus)

SIMILAR CHARGES REPEL ↗

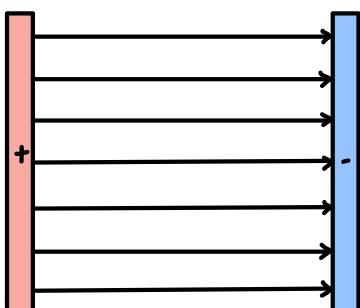
infinite range  
stronger than gravitational ☺

OPPOSITE CHARGES ATTRACT ♥

## Field lines



arrows show direction of force  
acting on a +ve charge at that point

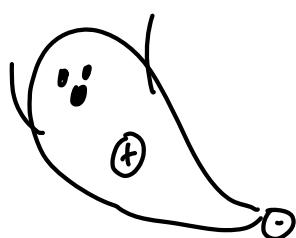


created between 2 parallel charged plates

parallel lines  $\rightarrow$  same direction

evenly-spaced lines  $\rightarrow$  uniform strength

uniform electric field



## Electric field strength, E

- Force acting per unit positive charge at that point in the field

$$E = \frac{F}{q} \text{ [NC}^{-1}\text{] vector!}$$

### Force between 2 charges

depends on

- separation distance (inverse square)

charge of the charges  
 takes into account of permittivity of medium  
 $F = \frac{kQq}{r^2}$

- size/magnitude of the charges  
 - type of the charge

- the medium transferring the charge

### PERMITTIVITY

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1}$$

$$k = 8.991804694 \times 10^9 \approx 9.00 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$$

or  
 $\text{mF}^{-1}$

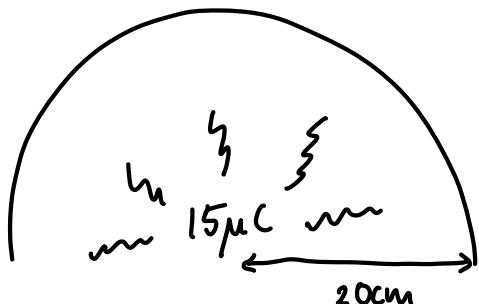
permittivity of free space  $[\text{Fm}^{-1}]$   
(Farad per metre)

## Example

force between charges  $12\text{nC}$  and  $15\text{nC}$   $10\text{cm}$  apart

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12}} \times \frac{12 \times 10^{-9} \times 15 \times 10^{-9}}{0.1^2} = 1.62 \times 10^{-4}$$

## Van Der Graaff Generator



$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq}{r^2} = \frac{15 \times 10^{-6} \times 1}{4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 0.2^2} = 3370000 \text{ N}$$

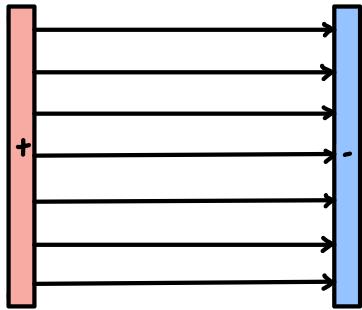
$$E = 3370000 \text{ NC}^{-1} \text{ (3 sf)}$$

(act on  $+5\text{nC}$  charge)

$$3370000 \times 5 \times 10^{-9} = 0.0169 \text{ N}$$



## Field strength in a uniform field



Field strength increased by:

↓ separation distance

↑ potential difference

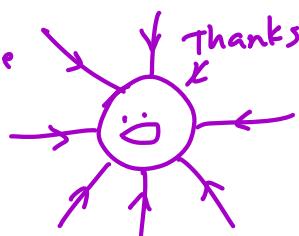
$$E = \frac{V}{d}$$

use it ONLY FOR UNIFORM FIELDS

V = p.d. [V]    d = separation distance [m]

E = field strength  $[NC^{-1}]$  or  $[Vm^{-1}]$   
the same thing

## Electric Potential, V



The work done per unit +ve charge when moving it from infinity to that point in the field



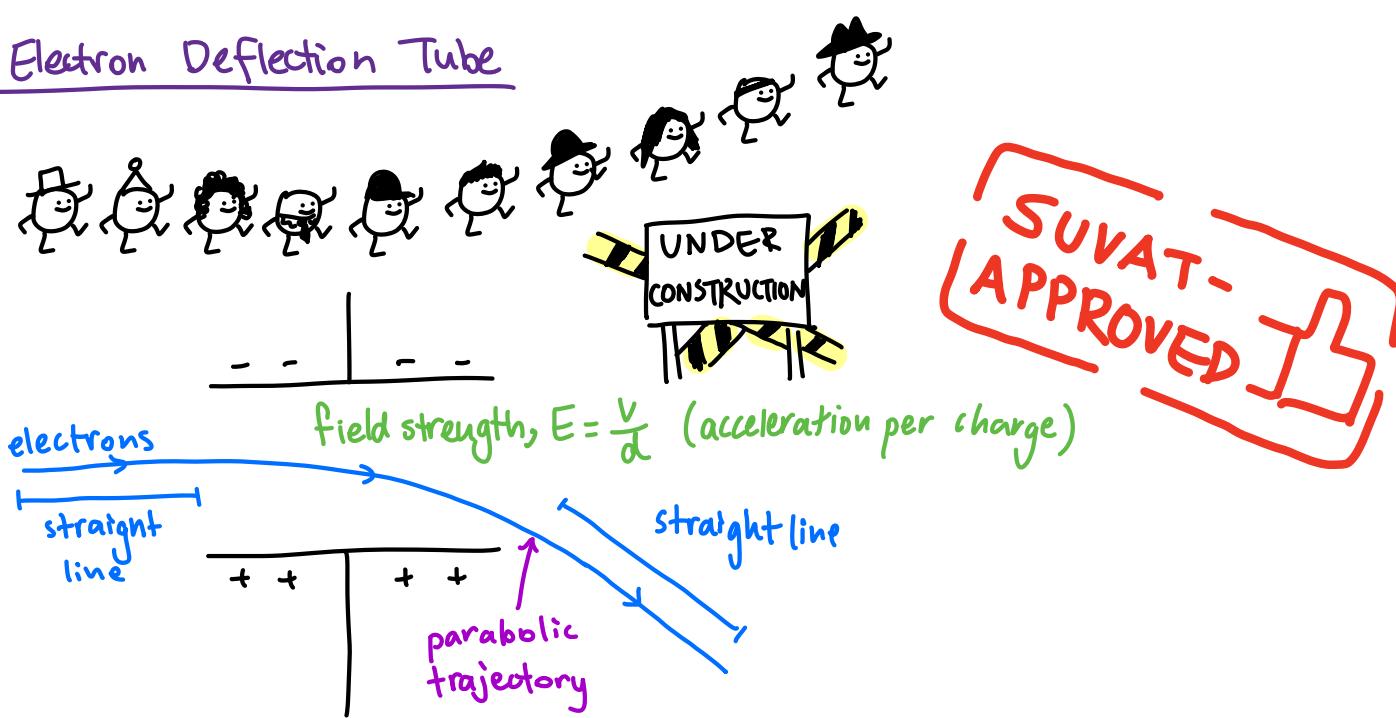
$$V = \frac{kQ}{r}$$

(just like  $V = -\frac{Gm}{r}$ )

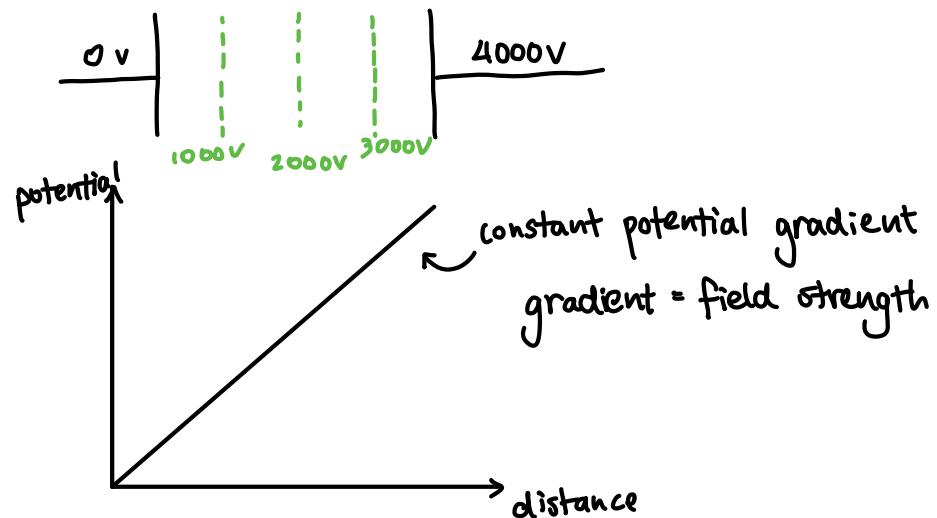
(no -ve sign needed)

$\oplus \rightarrow \ominus$   
 attracts  
 (potential becomes -ve because Q is -ve)

## Electron Deflection Tube



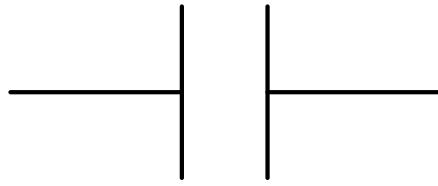
## Uniform fields



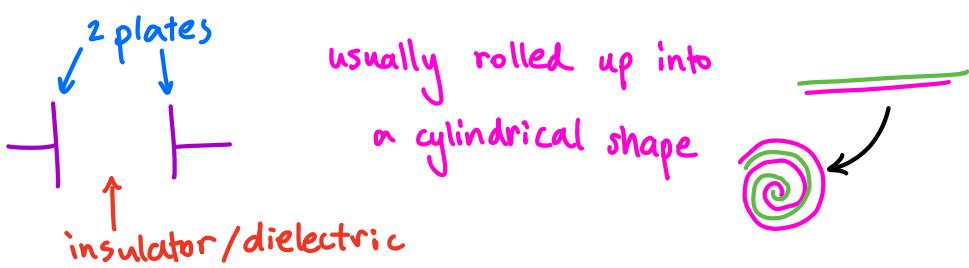
## GRAVITATIONAL VS ELECTRIC FIELDS

GRAVITATIONAL	ELECTRIC
Force per unit mass	Force per unit +ve charge
Field strength $g = \frac{F}{m} \quad [Nkg^{-1}]$ $[ms^{-2}]$	$E = \frac{F}{Q} \quad [NC^{-1}]$ $[Vm^{-1}]$
Field lines points towards centre of large mass	Direction of force on (+) charge point from (+) to (-) or point from high to low potential
Force between 2 objects $F = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$ $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} Nm^2 kg^{-2}$	Newton's Law of Gravitation Aterton Coulomb's Law $F = \frac{kQq}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Qq}{r^2}$ $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9.0 \times 10^9 Nm^2 C^{-2}$ $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} Fm^{-1}$
Potential $V = -\frac{GM}{r}$	Work per unit +ve charge to move from infinity to that point $V = \frac{kQ}{r}$
Potential Energy $E_p = -\frac{GMm}{r}$	$E_p = \frac{kQq}{r}$
Radial field strength $g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$	$E = \frac{kQ}{r^2}$
Uniform field strength	 $E = \frac{V}{d}$
weaker attractive only 1 type of mass	stronger attractive/repulsive 2 types of charge

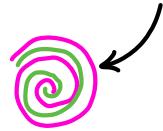
# Capacitance



The capacitor  
(NOT A CELL!)



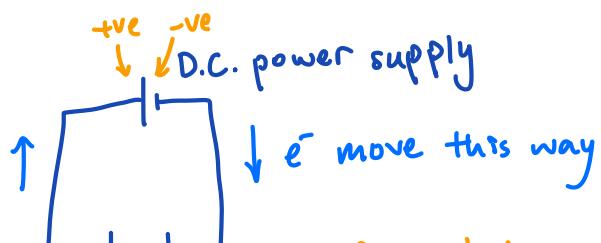
usually rolled up into  
a cylindrical shape



(sometimes something else)  
some capacitors have

+ve and -ve terminals  
because of this material

## Charging



current drops when p.d. across plate = emf

$e^-$  get repelled into +ve terminal of cell.  
(plate becomes +ve)       $e^-$  stored on plate (plate becomes -ve)  
 $e^-$  cannot pass through insulator

Now the capacitor has a p.d.

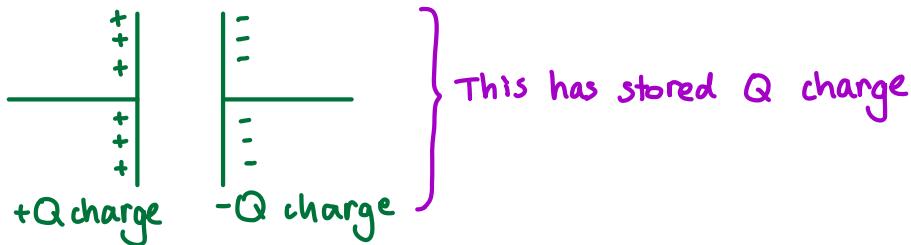


Exam answers:-  $e^-$  from -ve terminal of cell move onto one of the plates.

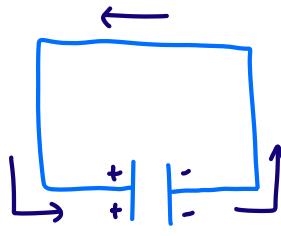
"explain how capacitors work" - build up of -ve charge on one plate repels the -ve charges on the other plate.

(≈ 4 marks)

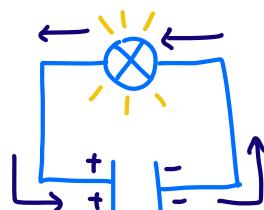
- as the charge increases, it becomes more difficult for more  $e^-$  to move onto the plate
- current drops to 0 when p.d. across capacitor equals emf



## Discharging



connect to itself  
electrons flow  
the other way



connect to appliance  
appliance turns on.

current drops when p.d. across plates becomes 0.

Capacitance,  $C$

↑  
symbol, not unit (Coulomb is C)

since the charge the capacitor stores depends on the voltage,  
capacitance is the amount of charge per volt that a capacitor can store

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}$$

$C$ =capacitance  $Q$ =charge  $V$ =p.d. across capacitor  
or  $Q=CV$

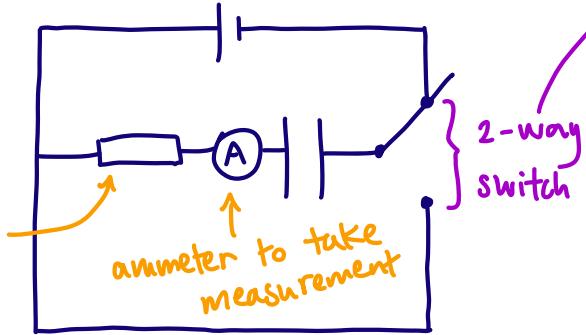
units: Farads, F

$$[F] = \frac{[C]}{[V]} = [CV^{-1}]$$

most capacitors have  
capacitance of  $\mu F$

Typical charge/discharge circuit

resistor to  
slow down  
charge and  
discharge



sometimes drawn like this

