

Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation

$$F_{\text{GRAVITY}} = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

size of a force
between any
two objects!

$$G = \text{UNIVERSAL GRAVITATION CONSTANT}$$
$$= 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{kg}^2}$$

m_1 = MASS OF 1ST OBJECT (kg)

m_2 = MASS OF 2ND OBJECT (kg)

r = DISTANCE BETWEEN OBJECTS (m)

EXAMPLE 1: What is the force of attraction due to gravity between an 18 kg mass and a 30 kg mass separated by 40 centimeters?

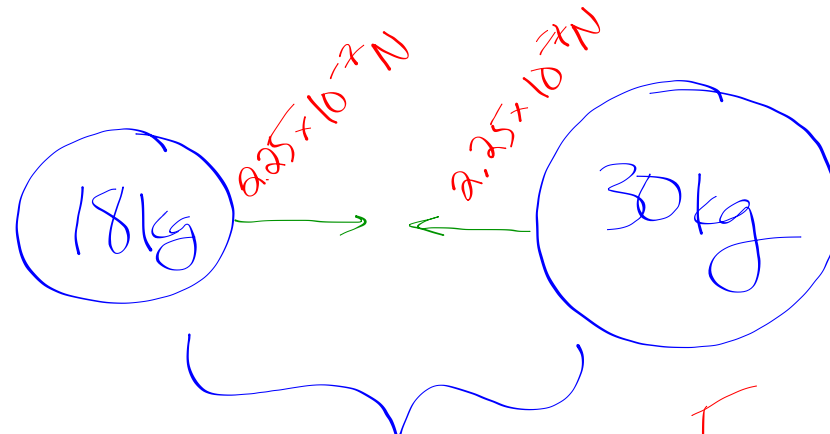
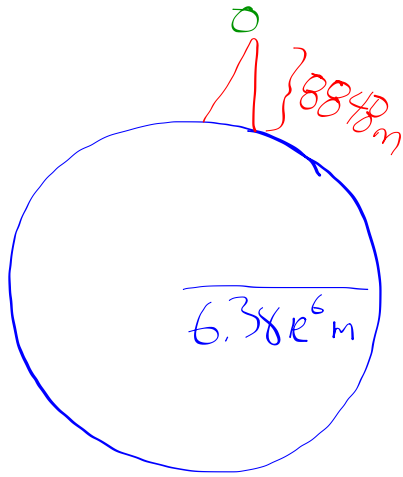


Diagram illustrating the gravitational attraction between two masses:

- Mass 1: 18 kg
- Mass 2: 30 kg
- Separation distance: 40 cm = 0.4 m
- Gravitational force on each mass: $2.25 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$

$$F_{\text{grav}} = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2} = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11}) (18) (30)}{0.4^2}$$
$$F_{\text{grav}} = 2.25 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$$

EXAMPLE 2: What is the acceleration of Earth's gravity on top of Mt. Everest? Mt. Everest has an elevation of 8848 meters above sea level. Assume the Earth's radius is 6.38×10^6 meters, and Earth's mass is 5.98×10^{24} kg.



$$F_{\text{grav}} = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2} = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(5.98 \times 10^{24})m}{(6.38 \times 10^6 + 8848)^2}$$

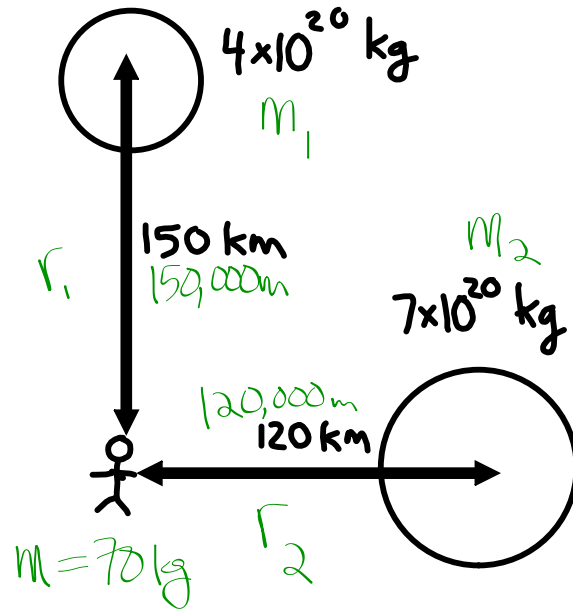
$$F_{\text{grav}} = 9.77 \text{ m}$$

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$F_{\text{grav}} = ma = 9.77 \text{ m}$$

$$a_g = 9.77 \text{ m/s}^2$$

EXAMPLE 4: Determine the net force upon a 70-kg person located from two planets as shown below.

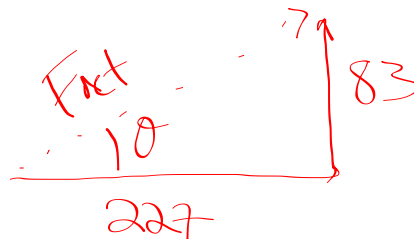


$$F_{\text{grav}_1} = \frac{G M_1 m}{r_1^2} = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(4 \times 10^{20})(70)}{150,000^2}$$

$$= 83 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{grav}_2} = \frac{G M_2 m}{r_2^2} = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(7 \times 10^{20})(70)}{120,000^2}$$

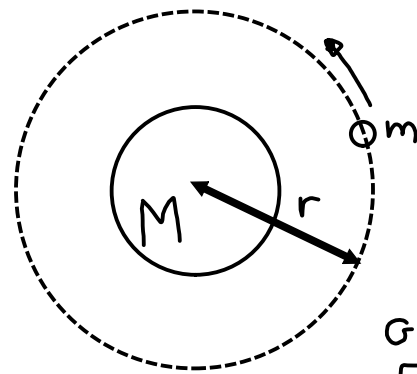
$$= 227 \text{ N}$$



$$F_{\text{net}} = 242 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta = 20.1^\circ$$

SATELLITE MOTION



M = MASS OF OBJECT BEING ORBITED

m = MASS OF SATELLITE

r = RADIUS OF ORBIT

GRAVITY PROVIDES THE CENTRIPETAL FORCE NECESSARY FOR CIRCULAR MOTION

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$F_{\text{GRAVITY}} = m \left(\frac{v^2}{r} \right)$$

$$F_{\text{grav}} = F_c$$

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

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

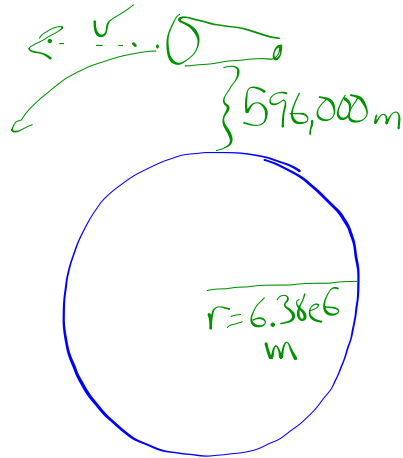
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T = THE PERIOD (THE TIME FOR ONE REVOLUTION)

→ convert (seconds)

→ $= 2\pi r$ meters

EXAMPLE 1: What is the orbital speed of the Hubble Space Telescope? The altitude of the HST is 596 km above the Earth. The radius of the Earth is 6.38×10^6 meters, and the Earth's mass is 5.98×10^{24} kg.



$$F_{\text{grav}} = F_c$$

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

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}} = \sqrt{\frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(5.98 \times 10^{24})}{(6.38 \times 10^6) + 596,000}}$$

$$v = 7562 \text{ m/s}$$

EXAMPLE 2: What is the period (in hours) of the Hubble Space Telescope?

$$r = (6.38 \times 10^6 + 596000) \quad v = 7560 \text{ m/s}$$

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

$$T = \frac{2\pi (6.38 \times 10^6 + 596000)}{7560}$$

(in seconds)

EXAMPLE 3: At what height above the Earth do geo-synchronous satellites orbit? The Earth's mass is 5.98×10^{24} kg and the Earth's radius is 6.38×10^6 meters.

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T} = \frac{2\pi R}{1 \text{ DAY}} \left(\frac{1 \text{ DAY}}{24 \text{ HR}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ HR}}{3600 \text{ sec}} \right) = (7.272 \times 10^{-5}) R \text{ } \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

SOLVE FOR R → THE DISTANCE FROM THE CENTER OF THE EARTH, AND THEN FIND THE HEIGHT.

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$\Sigma F = m \left(\frac{v^2}{r} \right)$$

$$G \frac{Mm}{R^2} = m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$\frac{GM}{R} = (7.272 \times 10^{-5})^2 R^2$$

$$\frac{GM}{(7.272 \times 10^{-5})^2} = R^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(5.98 \times 10^{24})}{(7.272 \times 10^{-5})^2}} = 4.224 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$R = r_{\text{EARTH}} + h$$

$$h = R - r_{\text{EARTH}}$$

$$= 4.224 \times 10^7 - 6.38 \times 10^6 = \boxed{3.586 \times 10^7 \text{ m}}$$

OR 3586 km