

## DERIVATION OF GRAVITATIONAL FORMULA

Using Kepler's law

$$p^2 = k r^3$$

and  $p$  is the period,

$$p = \frac{2\pi r}{v} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{circumference by the} \\ \text{velocity of planet} \end{array} \right)$$

and thus substituting it in earlier  
Kepler's equation

$$p = \frac{2\pi r}{v} \Rightarrow p^2 = k r^3$$

$$\frac{4\pi^2 r^2}{v^2} = k r^3$$

Now multiplying both side by  $m$  (say  $m$   
was absorbed in proportionality constant  $k$ )

$$\Rightarrow \frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 m}{Kr^2}$$

This we know as  
centripetal force so,

$$F = \frac{4\pi^2 m}{Kr^2}$$

Therefore, this must be the gravitational  
force keeping  $m$  in orbit around  $M$ .

Then Newton from his 3rd law says that  
magnitude of force on and by should be  
equal. So, to establish the symmetry

$$F = \frac{4\pi^2 M}{K' r^2} (m)$$

$$\text{and take } \frac{4\pi^2}{K'} = G$$

We are taking constant as

$$k = \frac{k''}{m} \quad \text{and} \quad k' = \frac{k''}{m}$$

and  $G$  = Law of Universal Gravitation

$$F = G \frac{Mm}{r^2}$$

Force of gravitation formula,

$$G = 6.673 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$$