

Binding Energy

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Let there be a sphere of radius r and it is solid with mass m . We want to put a layer of mass dm over the sphere so that there is increase of radius by dr .

The potential energy of the layer in total,

$$dV = \frac{Gm}{r} (4\rho\pi r^2 dr)$$

Now, if we are try to find the total potential energy stored from $r = 0$ to $r = R$,

$$\int dV = \int \frac{G \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho \right)}{r} (4\rho\pi r^2) dr$$

Now if you solve this,

$$V = \frac{16}{3} G \pi^2 \rho^2 \frac{r^5}{5}$$

Now, $M^2 = \frac{16}{9} \rho^2 R^6$, using this in the solution, we get,

$$V = \frac{3}{5} \frac{GM^2}{R}$$

This is the required solution to the problem.