

- 1 (a) State Newton's law of gravitation.

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- (b) A planet may be considered as a uniform sphere.

A satellite is in circular orbit of period  $T$  around the planet at a height  $h$  above the surface. The height of the orbit can be adjusted by use of the satellite's rocket engines.

Fig. 1.1 shows the variation with  $h$  of  $T^{\frac{2}{3}}$ .

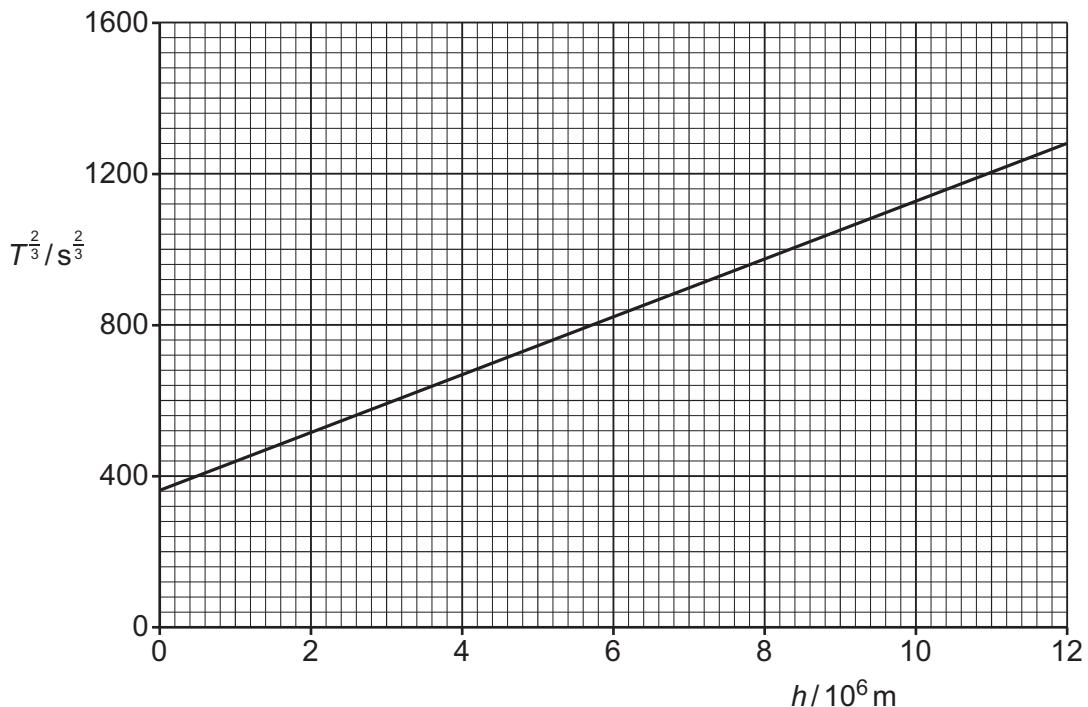


Fig. 1.1

- (i) By reference to forces, explain why the orbit of the satellite is circular.

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- (ii) Use Newton's law of gravitation to show that  $h$  and  $T$  are related by

$$(h + B)^3 = \frac{GA}{4\pi^2} T^2$$

where  $G$  is the gravitational constant and  $A$  and  $B$  are constants that depend on the properties of the planet.

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- (iii) Use the gradient and intercept of the line in Fig. 1.1 to determine values for  $A$  and  $B$ . Give units with your answers.

$A = \dots$  unit  $\dots$

$B = \dots$  unit  $\dots$

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