

- 5 (a) Explain what is meant by *gravitational field strength* at a point.

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- (b) A satellite of mass m orbits a planet of mass M in a circular orbit, with orbital radius r .

Show that its kinetic energy E_K and gravitational potential energy E_P are related by

$$E_K = -\frac{E_P}{2}.$$

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- (c) The variation of gravitational potential ϕ with distance r from the centre of Jupiter is shown in Fig. 5.1.

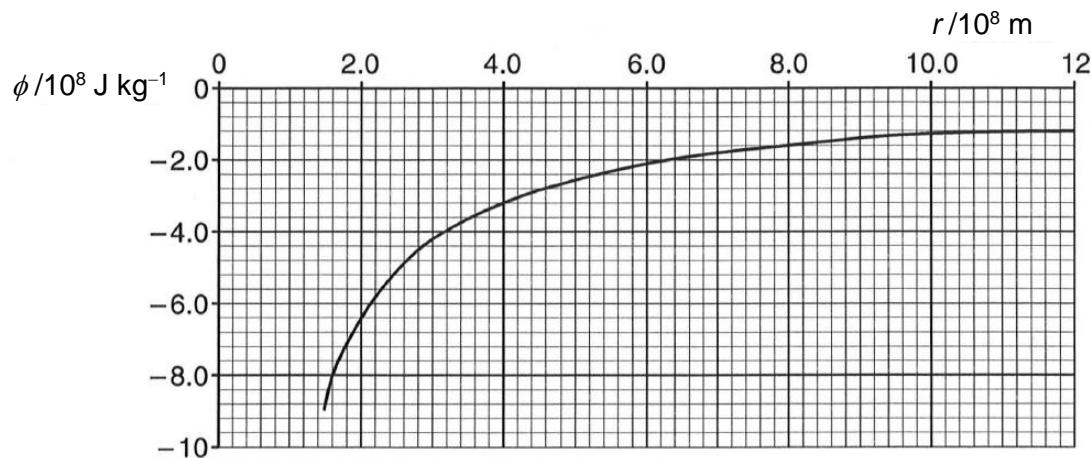


Fig. 5.1

- (i) A satellite orbiting Jupiter has a mass of $8.93 \times 10^{22} \text{ kg}$ and orbital radius $4.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$.

Determine the total energy of the satellite.

total energy = J [3]

- (ii) The orbital radius of the satellite is reduced. State and explain the effect on

1. the kinetic energy of the satellite,

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2. the total energy of the satellite.

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- (iii) Use Fig. 5.1 to determine the gravitational field strength due to Jupiter at a distance of 4.0×10^8 m from its centre.

gravitational field strength = m s^{-2} [2]