

DEC 6

Every particle in the universe attracts every other particle with masses

$$F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$

G: universal gravitational constant = $6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$

① Gravity near the Earth's surface

$$r_e = 6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m} \quad m_e = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$F_g = mg$$

$$g = \frac{F_g}{m}$$

$$g = \frac{Gm_e}{r^2}$$

$$g = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(5.98 \times 10^{24})}{(6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m})^2}$$

$$g = 9.738 \text{ N/kg}$$

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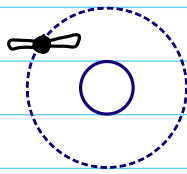
gravitational
field strength

② Off Earth

$$g = \frac{Gm_e}{(r+h)^2}$$

going above the surface
→ lower gravitational field
→ lower gravitational force

③ Satellite



What is the velocity of satellite in VCM
a distance r from the centre of Earth?

$$F_c = F_g$$

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

$$v^2 = \frac{Gm_e}{r}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{Gm_e}{r}}$$

④ why are astronauts weightless on the ISS?

Weight = normal force opposing gravitational force

If the scale and you are in free fall

$$F_N = 0$$

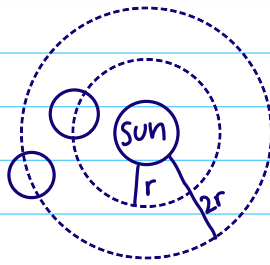
Astronauts are in a form of freefall.

The force of gravity is used to keep you in a circle orbit

DEC 8

Orbiting Bodies

Ex① A satellite is placed in orbit around sun. The orbital radius of the satellite is twice the orbital radius of Earth. Find the period of the satellite



$$T_e = 365 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60 \text{ s}$$

$$F_c = \frac{m_{\text{sat}} 4\pi^2 r_E}{T_e^2}$$

$$\frac{G m_{\text{sat}} m_{\text{sun}}}{r_E^2} = \frac{m_{\text{sat}} 4\pi^2 r_E}{T_e^2}$$

$$\frac{G m_{\text{sun}}}{4\pi^2} = \frac{r_E^3}{T_e^2}$$

anything orbiting sun

$$\frac{r_1^3}{T_1^2} = \frac{r_2^3}{T_2^2}$$

$$\frac{r_{\text{earth}}^3}{T_{\text{earth}}^2} = \frac{(2r_{\text{earth}})^3}{T_{\text{sat}}^2}$$

$$T_{\text{sat}} = 2\sqrt{2} (T_{\text{earth}})$$

Ex② You want to hit a volleyball so fast that it orbit the Earth near its surface. What is that velocity?

$$m_E = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_E = 6.371 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$F_c = F_g$$

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

$$v^2 = \frac{Gm_E}{r}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{Gm_E}{r}}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(5.98 \times 10^{24})}{(6.371 \times 10^6)}}$$

$$v = 7912 \text{ m/s}$$