

## Gravitation

The phenomenon of attraction 

Between any two objects in the Universe is called gravitation.

Gravity — attractive force which is exerted by earth on any body.

## Universal Law of Gravitation.



$$F \propto m_1 m_2$$

$$F \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$F = G \times \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

Everybody in the universe attracts every other body with an force which is directly proportional to the product of their masses & inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them.

Universal gravitational constant

$$G = \frac{(F \times r^2)}{m_1 m_2}$$

$$G = \frac{N \cdot m^2}{kg^2}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} N \cdot m^2 \cdot kg^{-2}$$

## SI unit of G

$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$

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$G = F \times (m)^2$

$G = F \times 1 kg$

$G = F$

Universal gravitational constant is numerically equal to the gravitational force of attraction between two bodies each of mass 1 kg kept at unit distance from each other.

Why gravitational constant ( $G$ ) is known as Universal gravitational constant?

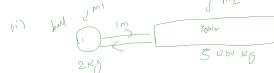
→ The value of  $G$  doesn't depend on mass of two bodies, distance b/w two bodies, nature, medium, shape/size.

## Conditions

It's within two objects each of 1 kg and 1 m apart.



$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{1 \times 1}{1} = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} N$$



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(iii)

Earth mass =  $5 \times 10^{24} kg$   
Radius of earth = 6000 km  
=  $6000 \times 10^3 m$   
 $\approx 6 \times 10^6 m$

$$F_{AE} = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times (6 \times 10^6)^2}{(6 \times 10^6)^2} = 9.8 N$$

$$F_{EA} = 9.8 N$$

Newton's 2nd law of motion

$$F = ma$$

$$\checkmark \frac{F}{m} = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{9.8}{1} = 9.8 m s^{-2}$$

$$\checkmark a_{AE} = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{9.8}{6 \times 10^{24} kg} = 1.63 \times 10^{-24} m s^{-2}$$



Before the person is released, the earth moves in a circular path with certain speed and changes direction at every certain point. The change in direction is due to centripetal or acceleration. The force that causes this acceleration is called centripetal force. The centripetal force is acting towards the centre. This is the reason why the person is moving in a circular path.

In case of the forces around the earth there are no such forces. If there were no such force, the person would just move straight like a projectile.

- i) Two particles A and B of mass  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  respectively are placed on some distance  $r$ . If the mass of each of the two particles is doubled, keeping the distance b/w them unchanged, the gravitational force b/w them will be:

$m_1$   $m_2$   $F_1 = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$

$2m_1$   $2m_2$   $F_2 = G \frac{2m_1 2m_2}{r^2}$

$F_2 = G \frac{4m_1 m_2}{r^2}$

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2) mass of sun is  $2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$  & mass of earth is  $6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$   
 At an avg distance b/w the sun and the earth  $1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ km}$ ,  
 Calculate the gravitational force b/w them.

$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

3) The gravitational force b/w two objects is  $F$ . If masses of both objects are halved upto same distance b/w them, gravitational force would become:

$$F_1 = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$F_2 = G \frac{(m_1/2)(m_2/2)}{r^2} = \frac{1}{4} F_1$$

v) gravitational force b/w two objects weighing  $2.0\text{g}$  and  $1.8 \times 10^{-10} \text{ N}$ . find distance b/w two objects

Scientists → arrangement of planets

Ptolemy → Geocentric Theory  
 Two AD

Earth  
is at  
center  
& all planets  
revolve around

Copernicus → Heliocentric Theory  
 1543

✓ Each planet revolves around the sun in such a way that the line joining the planet to the sun sweeps over equal areas in equal intervals of time.

✓ A planet moves faster when it is closer to the sun & moves slowly when it is farther away from the sun.

Tycho Brahe → Tychoic system  
 1576

Moon is at the  
center

Galileo → Sun is at the center  
 Heliocentric theory  
 telescope

1610

✓ The cube of the mean distance of a planet from the sun is directly proportional to the square of time, it takes to move around the sun.

$\frac{r^3}{T^2} \propto 1$   $\rightarrow$  mean distance of planet from the sun.  
 $r^3 = \text{constant}$   
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Kepler's 1<sup>st</sup> law of motion

→ Planets move in elliptical orbits around the sun, with the sun at one of two foci of the elliptical orbit.

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We stated three laws which govern the motion of planets around the sun. These are known as Kepler's law of planetary motion.



Free fall and acceleration due to gravity ( $g$ )

The falling of a body (or object) from a height towards the earth under gravitational force of earth (with no other force acting on it), such a body is called freely falling body.

$$\text{out: change in velocity}$$

$$\text{in: } F = ma$$

Accel due to gravity ( $g$ )

→ The uniform accel produced in a freely falling body due to gravitational force of the earth is known as accn due to gravity.

$$\rightarrow \text{SI unit} = \text{m s}^{-2}$$

→  $g$  doesn't depend on the mass of the falling object.



Calculation of accel due to gravity

Force exerted by earth

$$\text{on body } F = G \frac{M m}{R^2} = \text{in}$$

$$\rightarrow F = m a \rightarrow a = \frac{G M}{R^2} = \frac{m \cdot g}{R^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } a = \frac{G M}{R^2}$$

$$g = \frac{G M}{R^2}$$

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

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

Variation of accn due to gravity ( $g$ )



- Earth is not a perfect sphere.
- Gravitational force is not constant.

- Poles are flat.
- Equator is bulged.

$$\rightarrow g = G \frac{M}{R^2}$$

→ The value of  $g$  is not constant at all the places on the surface of earth.

→ As earth is not a perfect sphere so the value of radius  $R$  is not the same at all the places on its surface.

→ Radius of earth at the poles is minimum. Value of  $g$  is maximum.

→ At the equator radius is maximum. Value of  $g$  is minimum.

→ But this formula is not applicable at any point inside the surface of earth.

→ The value of  $g$  decreases as we go down inside the earth.

→ Value of  $g$  becomes zero at the center of earth.

## Equation of Motion for freely falling bodies

Equation of motion  $\rightarrow$  for horizontal motion

$$V = U + at$$

$$S = Ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$V^2 - U^2 = 2as$$

Horizontal motion  
Two cases

$$U = 5 \text{ m/s}, V = 10 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a = \frac{V-U}{t} = \frac{10-5}{2} = 2.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

(neglecting)

$$U = 10 \text{ m/s}, V = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a = \frac{V-U}{t} = \frac{5-10}{2} = -2.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$



$$\checkmark a = \frac{V-U}{t} = g$$

$$\checkmark a = \frac{V-U}{t} = -g$$

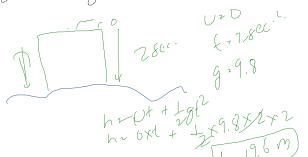
when a body is falling vertically downwards, its velocity is increasing. So the accn due to gravity is taken as positive

$$g = +9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

" " , thrown upwards. " " negative

$$\text{Accn, } g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

10. To estimate the height of the bridge over a river, a stone is dropped freely in the river from the bridge. The stone takes 2 seconds to touch the water surface in the river. Calculate the height of the bridge from water level.



$$h = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$h = 0 \times t + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 \times 2^2$$

$$h = 19.6 \text{ m}$$

- Example 10.2** A car falls off a ledge and drops to the ground. If the time taken is 0.5 s, find (i) the initial velocity, (ii) What is its speed on striking the ground, (iii) What is its average speed during the fall, (iv) How high is the ledge from the ground?



$$u = ?$$

$$t = 0.5 \text{ s}$$

$$g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$(i) \checkmark V = U + gt$$

$$\text{Avg. Init. vel. } = \frac{U+V}{2}$$

$$= \frac{0+10 \times 0.5}{2} = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$(ii) h = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$h = 0 \times 0.5 + \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times (0.5)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times \frac{5}{10} \times \frac{5}{10} = 1.25 \text{ m}$$

- Example 10.3** An object is thrown vertically upwards and reaches a height of 10 m. Calculate the velocity with which the object was thrown upwards and the time taken by the object to reach the highest point.

$$S = 10 \text{ m}$$

$$V = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

(Upward motion)

$$V^2 - U^2 = 2gh$$

$$(i) \checkmark U^2 = 2 \times -9.8 \times 10$$

$$U^2 = 19.6$$

$$U = 4.4$$

$$(ii) V = Ut + gt$$

$$0 = 4.4 - 9.8t$$

$$t = \frac{4.4}{9.8} = 0.445$$

- Q. A stone is dropped from a height of 20m

- (i) How long will it take to reach the ground.  
(ii) What will be its speed when it hits the ground.

$$\checkmark h = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$20 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times t^2$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{20}{5}} = 2 \text{ s}$$

$$(b) \checkmark V = U + gt$$

$$= 0 + 10 \times 2 = 20 \text{ m/s}$$

- (i) A stone is thrown vertically upwards with a speed of 20 m/s. How high it go before it begins the fall?