

[1] (25 points) A spacecraft is sent to the planet Mars to survey the planet's surface by hovering over the surface using a rocket engine. The acceleration due to gravity at the surface of Mars is $g_m = 3.7 \text{ m/Sec}^2$. Without fuel the spacecraft has a mass of $m_s = 1000 \text{ kg}$. Upon arriving at the surface of Mars the spacecraft has $m_F = 500 \text{ kg}$ of rocket fuel, and the rocket engine exhaust velocity is $v_E = 2000 \text{ m/Sec}$. How long can the spacecraft hover in a single spot (give an equation and a value)? You may neglect any lateral motion of the spacecraft.