

Chapter 13 Solutions In-Class

Ex. 1

What is the ratio of the gravitational pull of the sun on the moon to that of the earth on the moon?

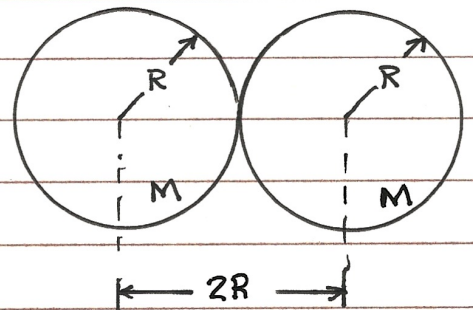
$$\frac{F_{\text{sun/moon}}}{F_{\text{earth/moon}}} = \frac{GM_s m / d_{\text{sun}}^2}{GM_E m / d_{\text{earth}}^2} = \frac{M_s}{M_E} \left(\frac{d_{\text{earth}}}{d_{\text{sun}}} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{F_{\text{sun/moon}}}{F_{\text{earth/moon}}} = \frac{1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}}{5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}} \left(\frac{3.84 \times 10^8 \text{ m}}{1.50 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}} \right)^2 = 2.18$$

Ex. 4

Two uniform spheres, each with mass M and radius R , touch one another.

$$F = \frac{GM^2}{(2R)^2} = \frac{GM^2}{4R^2}$$



Ex. 14

Rhea, one of Saturn's moons, has a radius of 765 km and an acceleration due to gravity of 0.278 m/s^2 at its surface.

$M = ?$ $\rho = ?$

$$a = \frac{GM}{R^2} \quad M = \frac{aR^2}{G} = \frac{0.278 \text{ m/s}^2 (765 \times 10^3 \text{ m})^2}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2}$$

$$M = 2.44 \times 10^{21} \text{ kg}$$

$$\rho = \text{density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} = \frac{2.44 \times 10^{21} \text{ kg}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi (765 \times 10^3 \text{ m})^3}$$

$$\rho = 1.30 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

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Ex. 10

A planet orbiting a distant star has a radius $3.24 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$.
 $V_{\text{esc}} = 7.65 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R}}$ $V_{\text{esc}}^2 = 2R \left(\frac{GM}{R^2} \right)$

$g = \text{acceleration due to gravity} = \frac{GM}{R^2}$. So, $V_{\text{esc}}^2 = 2Rg$

$$g = \frac{V_{\text{esc}}^2}{2R} = \frac{(7.65 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s})^2}{2(3.24 \times 10^6 \text{ m})} = \boxed{9.03 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Ex. 25

For a satellite to be in a circular orbit 890 km above the surface of the earth, ...

$$a.) \quad V_{\text{orb}} = ? \quad V_{\text{orb}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM_E}{R_E + h}} = \sqrt{\frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{6.37 \times 10^6 + 890 \times 10^3}}$$

$$V_{\text{orb}} = \boxed{7412 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$b.) \quad T = ? \quad 2\pi r = V_{\text{orb}} T \quad T = \frac{2\pi(R_E + h)}{V_{\text{orb}}} = \frac{2\pi(6.37 \times 10^6 + 890 \times 10^3)}{7412 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$T = 6154 \text{ s} \left(\frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \right) = \boxed{1.71 \text{ hours}}$$

Ex. 30

Hot Jupiters. In 2004 astronomers reported the discovery of a large Jupiter-sized planet

$$r = \left(\frac{1}{9}\right) r_{\text{Mercury}} = \frac{1}{9} (5.79 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}) = 6.43 \times 10^9 \text{ m}$$

$$T = 3.09 \text{ days} \left(\frac{86,400 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ day}} \right) = 2.67 \times 10^5 \text{ sec.} \quad M = M_{\text{star}} = ?$$

$$T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GM} \quad M = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GT^2} = \frac{4\pi^2 (6.43 \times 10^9)^3}{(6.67 \times 10^{-11}) (2.67 \times 10^5)^2}$$

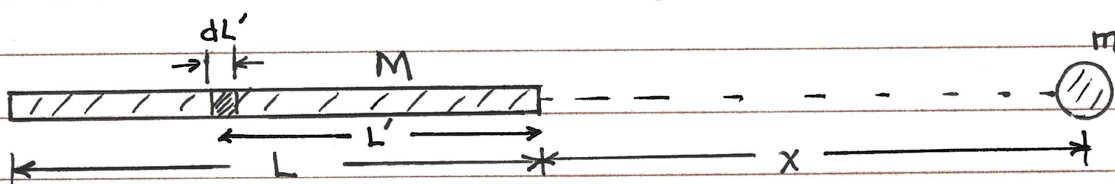
$$M = \boxed{2.21 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}}$$

$$b.) \quad v = ? \quad v = \frac{2\pi r}{T} = \frac{2\pi(6.43 \times 10^9)}{2.67 \times 10^5}$$

$$v = \boxed{151.4 \text{ km/s}}$$

Ex. 38

A thin, uniform rod has length L and mass M . A small uniform sphere of mass m is placed a distance x from one end of the rod $U_{gr} = ?$



The solution for this problem can be found in my lecture notes.

$$dU = \frac{-G m \lambda dl'}{x + L'}$$

$$U_{gr} = -G m \lambda \int_0^L \frac{dl'}{x + L'}$$

$$U_{gr} = -G m \lambda \ln\left(\frac{L+x}{x}\right) = -G m \lambda \ln\left(1 + \frac{L}{x}\right)$$

From Appendix C $\Rightarrow \ln(1+z) = z - \frac{z^2}{2} + \dots$

$$U_{gr} = -G m \lambda \left(\frac{L}{x} - \frac{L^2}{2x^2} + \dots \right) = -G m \lambda \frac{L}{x} \left(1 - \frac{L}{2x} + \dots \right)$$

$$U_{gr} \approx -\frac{G M m}{x} \left(1 - \frac{L}{2x} \right) \quad \text{For } x \gg L \quad U_{gr} \rightarrow -\frac{G M m}{x}$$

$$F_{gr} = -\frac{dU}{dx} = -\frac{d}{dx} \left(-G m \lambda \ln\left(1 + \frac{L}{x}\right) \right) = +G m \lambda \frac{\left(-L/x^2\right)}{1+L/x}$$

$$F_{gr} = -\frac{G m (\lambda L)}{x^2 + Lx}$$

$$F_{gr}(x) = -\frac{G M m}{x^2} \frac{1}{1+L/x}$$

As $x \gg L$, then $\frac{1}{1+L/x} \rightarrow 1$, then $F_{gr}(x) \approx -\frac{G M m}{x^2}$

... as expected for a point-like object.

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Ex. 43

At the Galaxy's Core. Astronomers have observed a small massive object at the center of our Milky Way galaxy.

$$\text{Diameter} = 15 \text{ light-years} = 15 (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}) (3.16 \times 10^7 \text{ s}) = 1.42 \times 10^{17} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Velocity} = 200 \text{ km/s} = 200 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$M = ?$$

$$v = \text{velocity of a circular orbit} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}} \quad v^2 = \frac{GM}{r}$$

$$M = \frac{r v^2}{G} = \frac{(7.10 \times 10^6 \text{ m}) (200 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s})^2}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{kg}^2} = 4.26 \times 10^{37} \text{ kg}$$

$$M = 4.26 \times 10^{37} \text{ kg} \left(\frac{1 M_{\odot} \text{ (solar mass)}}{1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}} \right) = \boxed{2.14 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}}$$

b.) No, it cannot be a single ordinary star. Its mass is HUGE.

$$c.) R_s = \text{Schwarzschild radius} = \frac{2GM}{c^2} = \frac{2(6.67 \times 10^{-11}) 4.26 \times 10^{37}}{(3.00 \times 10^8)^2}$$

$$\boxed{R_s = 6.31 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}}$$

Yes. It will fit inside the earth's orbit around the sun. $1.50 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$

Prob. 56

Your starship, the Aimless Wanderer, lands on the mysterious planet Mongo. A 2.00 kg stone $v_{oy} = 12.0 \text{ m/s}$ $t = 4.80 \text{ s}$

$$\text{Eq. 3} \Rightarrow y = v_{oy}t - \frac{1}{2} g_{\text{Mongo}} t^2 \quad y = 0 \quad M = ?$$

$$g_{\text{Mongo}} = \frac{2v_{oy}}{t} = \frac{2(12.0 \text{ m/s})}{4.80 \text{ s}}$$

$$g_{\text{Mongo}} = 5.00 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad a.) M = ? \quad g_{\text{Mongo}} = \frac{GM_{\text{Mongo}}}{R_{\text{Mongo}}^2} = \frac{GM_{\text{Mongo}}}{\left(\frac{C_{\text{Mongo}}}{2\pi}\right)^2}$$

$$M_{\text{Mongo}} = \frac{C_{\text{Mongo}}^2 g_{\text{Mongo}}}{(2\pi)^2 G} = \frac{(2.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m})^2 (5.00 \text{ m/s}^2)}{4\pi^2 (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{kg}^2)} = \boxed{7.60 \times 10^{25} \text{ kg}}$$

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Prob. 56 cont'd

- b.) Aimless Wanderer goes into circular orbit 30,000 km above the surface, calculate the period of its orbit.

$$R_{\text{Mango}} = \text{Circ.} / 2\pi = 2 \times 10^8 \text{ m} / 2\pi = 3.18 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi r^{3/2}}{\sqrt{GM_{\text{Mango}}}} = \frac{2\pi (R_M + h)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{GM_{\text{Mango}}}}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi (3.18 \times 10^7 \text{ m} + 3.00 \times 10^7 \text{ m})^{3/2}}{\sqrt{(6.67 \times 10^{-11}) (7.60 \times 10^{25})}} \quad T = 42,874 \text{ s} \left(\frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \right)$$

$$T = 11.9 \text{ hours}$$

Prob. 79

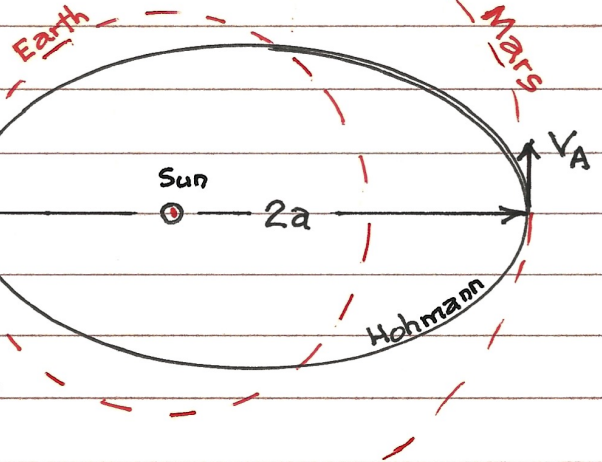
Interplanetary Navigation: The most efficient way to send a spacecraft from the earth to another planet is by using a Hohmann Transfer Orbit.

Earth

$$V_E = \sqrt{\frac{GM_{\odot}}{d_E}} = 2.98 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

Mars

$$V_M = \sqrt{\frac{GM_{\odot}}{d_M}} = 2.41 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$



What are the values for V_A and V_p for the elliptical Hohmann transfer orbit?

ellipse

Sun satellite = spacecraft

$$E = \frac{-GM_{\odot}m}{2a} = \frac{-GM_{\odot}m}{d_E + d_M} = KE(d_E) + PE(d_E)$$

$$\frac{-GM_{\odot}m}{d_E + d_M} = \frac{1}{2} m V_p^2 - \frac{GM_{\odot}m}{d_E} \quad V_p^2 = 2GM_{\odot} \left(\frac{1}{d_E} - \frac{1}{d_E + d_M} \right)$$

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Prob. 79 cont'd

$$V_p = \sqrt{2(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(1.99 \times 10^{30}) \left(\frac{1}{1.50 \times 10^8} - \frac{1}{(1.50 + 2.28) \times 10^8} \right)}$$

$$V_p = 3.27 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Earth} > V_E = 2.98 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_A = ? \quad E_{\text{ellipse}} = -\frac{GM_{\odot}m}{d_E + d_M} = \frac{1}{2}mV_A^2 - \frac{GM_{\odot}m}{d_M}$$

$$V_A^2 = 2GM_{\odot} \left(\frac{1}{d_M} - \frac{1}{d_M + d_E} \right)$$

$$V_A = \sqrt{2(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(1.99 \times 10^{30}) \left(\frac{1}{2.28 \times 10^8} - \frac{1}{(1.50 + 2.28) \times 10^8} \right)}$$

$$V_A = 2.15 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Mars} < V_M = 2.41 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

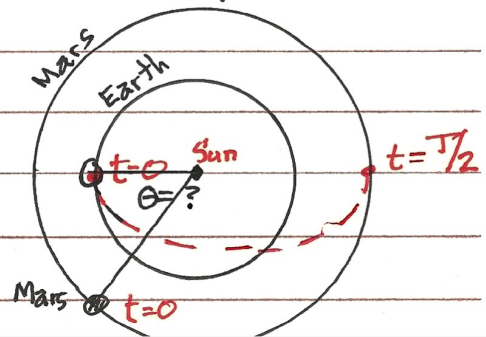
Earth to Mars: You must increase the speed of the spacecraft in the direction of the earth's orbit (motion)

Mars to Earth: You must decrease the speed of the spacecraft with respect to Mars' orbital velocity.

$$T = \frac{2\pi a^{3/2}}{\sqrt{GM_{\odot}}} \text{ is the period of the full elliptical orbit}$$

However, we only want to know $T/2$, half the period.

The time-of-flight from Earth \rightarrow Mars.



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Prob. 79 cont'd

$$\frac{T}{2} = \frac{\pi a^{3/2}}{\sqrt{GM_0}} \quad \text{where } a = \frac{d_E + d_M}{2} = 1.89 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{T}{2} = \frac{\pi (1.89 \times 10^{11})^{3/2}}{\sqrt{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(1.99 \times 10^{30})}} = 2.24 \times 10^7 \text{ s} = \boxed{259 \text{ days}}$$

c.) Where should Mars be with respect to the Earth when launching from Earth → Mars?

$$T_{\text{Mars}} = \text{period for Mars' orbit} = \frac{2\pi a^{3/2}}{\sqrt{GM_0}} \quad \text{where } a = d_M$$

$$T_{\text{Mars}} = \frac{2\pi (2.28 \times 10^{11})^{3/2}}{\sqrt{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(1.99 \times 10^{30})}} = 5.94 \times 10^7 \text{ s} = \underline{\underline{688 \text{ days}}}$$

$$\text{fraction of Mars' orbit} = \frac{T/2}{T_{\text{Mars}}} = \frac{259}{688} = 0.376$$

Hohmann transfer

$$0.376 (360^\circ) = 136^\circ \text{ in } 259 \text{ days}$$

See the figure on the previous page for θ

$$\theta = 180^\circ - 136^\circ = 44^\circ$$

Mars must be ahead of the Earth by 44° at launch time if it is going to be at the aphelion of the Hohmann transfer orbit.