

# Terminal velocity

Drag force : resistive force to the motion  
of the object  $F_D(v)$   
depends on velocity

We use the simplest drag force

$F_D = -b \cdot v$   $b$  - constant that depends  
small obj  
low speeds  
high viscosity  $\sim v^2$  on the viscosity of the fluid  
 & size & shape of an object

$\vec{F}_D = -bv$

$\boxed{v_T = \frac{mg}{b}} \iff mg - bv_T = 0$

$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$

$\sum F_y = ma_y$

$mg - bv = m \cdot \frac{dv}{dt}$

$a_y = \frac{dv}{dt}$

At  $t = 0$ ,  $v = 0$ ,  $\frac{dv}{dt} = g$

- object falls,  $v$  increases  $\Rightarrow F_D$  increases,  $a \downarrow$
- at some point velocity is so large and so is  $F_D$  that we reach force balance  $\Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} = a = 0$

# Gravity

Earth itself exerts the gravitational force on objects.

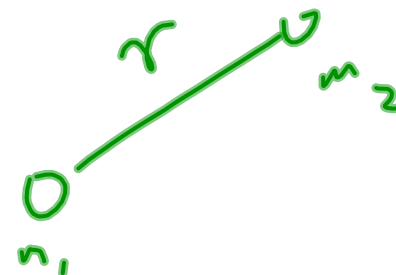
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Every particle in the universe attracts every other particle with a force that is proportional to the product of their masses & inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them.

## Gravitational force

magnitude

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



inverse square law for  
gravitational force

$G$  universal constant measured experimentally  
has the same value for all objects

$$G = 6.67 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2 / \text{kg}^2$$

Ex.

A 50 kg person & a 70 kg person are sitting on a bench close to each other.

Estimate the magnitude of gravitational force that each exerts on the other.

$$r = 0.5 \text{ m} \quad m_1 = 50 \text{ kg} \quad m_2 = 70 \text{ kg}$$

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

$$G = 6.67 \cdot 10^{-11} \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{kg}^2}$$

$$F = \frac{6.67 \cdot 10^{-11} \frac{\text{Nm}^2}{\text{kg}^2} \cdot 50 \text{kg} \cdot 70 \text{kg}}{0.5^2 \text{m}^2}$$
$$\approx 10^{-6} \text{N}$$

Find  $g$  at Earth's surface a)  
on Everest (8850 m) b)

c) at 380 km altitude space station

- neglect forces such as friction etc

Write Newton 2<sup>nd</sup> law

$$\sum \vec{F} = m \vec{a}$$

$$G \frac{m \cdot M_E}{r^2} = m \cdot a$$

$m$  some arbitrary  
mass of an  
object  $r$  distance  
from  $M_E$  Earth

$$R = 6.37 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$a) \quad a = G \cdot \frac{M_E}{R_E^2} = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 = g \quad \text{😊}$$

$$b) \quad r = R_E + 8850$$
$$a = 9.77 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$c) \quad r = R_E + 380 \cdot 10^3$$
$$a = 8.74 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad M_E = 5.972 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$



## Satellites

- put to orbit by accelerating it to a sufficiently high tangential speed
- centripetal acceleration  $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$

$$\text{where } r = R_E + h$$

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$G \frac{m_s m_E}{r^2} = m_s \cdot \frac{v^2}{r}$$

Geosynchronous satellite - above the equator

What is the height above Earth's surface that satellite must have? What is its speed?

$$G \frac{M_S M_E}{r^2} = M_S \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$G \frac{M_E}{r^2} = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{T^2}$$

$$r^3 = \frac{G m_E T^2}{4\pi^2}$$

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

$v = 3070 \text{ m/s}$

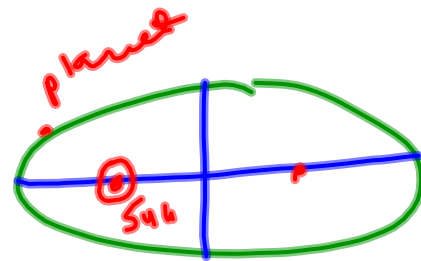
the same for earth & satellite

$r = 4.23 \cdot 10^7 \text{ m}$

$h = 36000 \text{ km}$

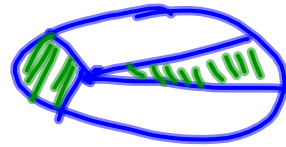
$r = R_E + h$

## Kepler's laws



1. Elliptical path of planets

2.



Each planet moves so that imaginary line drawn from the Sun to the planet sweeps out equal areas in equal time periods

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

## Gravitational field

- We place mass  $m$  test mass  $m$  at some point at some distance
- Gravitational field is then  $\propto \frac{M \cdot m}{r^2}$

$$\vec{g} = \frac{\vec{F}}{m} \quad [N/kg]$$

$$\vec{g} = - \frac{GM}{r^2} \hat{r}$$