

**PHY 113 A General Physics I**  
**9-9:50 AM MWF Olin 101**

**Plan for Lecture 23:**

**Chapter 13 – Fundamental force of gravity**

1. Relationship with  $g$  near earth's surface
2. Orbital motion due to gravity
3. Kepler's orbital equation
4. Note: We will probably not emphasize elliptical orbits in this chapter.

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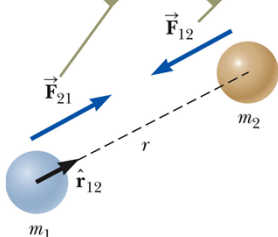
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**Universal law of gravitation**

→ Newton (with help from Galileo, Kepler, etc.) 1687

Consistent with Newton's third law,  $\vec{F}_{21} = -\vec{F}_{12}$ .



$$\vec{F}_{12} = \frac{Gm_1m_2\hat{r}_{12}}{r_{12}^2}$$

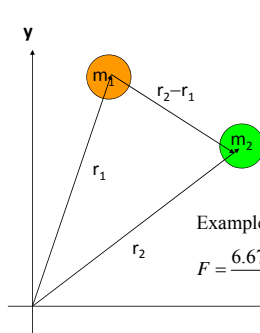
$$G = 6.674 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{kg}^2}$$

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Newton's law of gravitation:  $m_2$  attracts  $m_1$  according to:



$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = \frac{Gm_1m_2\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{12}}{r_{12}^2}$$

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

Example:  $m_1 = m_2 = 70 \text{ kg}$ ;  $r_{12} = 2 \text{ m}$ :

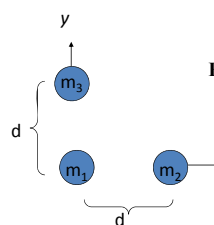
$$F = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 70 \cdot 70}{2^2} \text{ N} = 8.17 \times 10^{-8} \text{ N}$$

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Vector nature of Gravitational law:



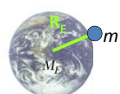
$$\mathbf{F}_1 = G \frac{m_1}{d^2} (m_2 \mathbf{i} + m_3 \mathbf{j})$$

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Gravitational force of the Earth



$$F = \frac{GM_E m}{R_E^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow g = \frac{GM_E}{R_E^2} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{(6.37 \times 10^6)^2} \text{ m/s}^2 = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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Question:

Suppose you are flying in an airplane at an altitude of 35000ft~11km above the Earth's surface. What is the acceleration due to Earth's gravity?

$$F = \frac{GM_E m}{(R_E + h)^2} = ma$$

$$a = \frac{GM_E}{(R_E + h)^2} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{((6.37 + 0.011) \times 10^6)^2} \text{ m/s}^2 = 9.796 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a/g = 0.997$$

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Attraction of moon to the Earth:

$$F = \frac{GM_E M_M}{R_{EM}^2} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 5.98 \times 10^{24} \cdot 7.36 \times 10^{22}}{(3.84 \times 10^8)^2} \text{ N} = 1.99 \times 10^{20} \text{ N}$$

Acceleration of moon toward the Earth:

$$F = M_M a \rightarrow a = 1.99 \times 10^{20} \text{ N} / 7.36 \times 10^{22} \text{ kg} = 0.0027 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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**TABLE 13.2** Useful Planetary Data

Body	Mass (kg)	Mean Radius (m)	Period of Revolution (s)	Mean Distance from the Sun (m)	$\frac{T^2}{r^3} (\text{s}^2/\text{m}^3)$
Mercury	$3.30 \times 10^{23}$	$2.44 \times 10^6$	$7.60 \times 10^5$	$5.79 \times 10^{10}$	$2.98 \times 10^{-19}$
Venus	$4.87 \times 10^{24}$	$6.05 \times 10^6$	$1.94 \times 10^7$	$1.08 \times 10^{11}$	$2.99 \times 10^{-19}$
Earth	$5.97 \times 10^{24}$	$6.37 \times 10^6$	$3.156 \times 10^7$	$1.496 \times 10^{11}$	$2.97 \times 10^{-19}$
Mars	$6.42 \times 10^{23}$	$3.39 \times 10^6$	$5.94 \times 10^7$	$2.28 \times 10^{11}$	$2.98 \times 10^{-19}$
Jupiter	$1.90 \times 10^{27}$	$6.99 \times 10^7$	$3.74 \times 10^8$	$7.78 \times 10^{11}$	$2.97 \times 10^{-19}$
Saturn	$5.68 \times 10^{26}$	$5.82 \times 10^7$	$9.29 \times 10^8$	$1.43 \times 10^{12}$	$2.95 \times 10^{-19}$
Uranus	$8.68 \times 10^{25}$	$2.54 \times 10^7$	$2.65 \times 10^9$	$2.87 \times 10^{12}$	$2.97 \times 10^{-19}$
Neptune	$1.02 \times 10^{26}$	$2.46 \times 10^7$	$5.18 \times 10^9$	$4.50 \times 10^{12}$	$2.94 \times 10^{-19}$
Pluto <sup>a</sup>	$1.25 \times 10^{22}$	$1.20 \times 10^6$	$7.82 \times 10^9$	$5.91 \times 10^{12}$	$2.96 \times 10^{-19}$
Moon	$7.35 \times 10^{22}$	$1.74 \times 10^6$	—	—	—
Sun	$1.989 \times 10^{30}$	$6.96 \times 10^8$	—	—	—

<sup>a</sup>In August 2006, the International Astronomical Union adopted a definition of a planet that separates Pluto from the other eight planets. Pluto is now defined as a "dwarf planet" like the asteroid Ceres.

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**Gravity on the surface of the moon**

$$F = \frac{GmM_M}{R_M^2} = m \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 7.35 \times 10^{22}}{(1.74 \times 10^6)^2} \text{ N} \equiv mg_M$$

$$g_M = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 7.35 \times 10^{22}}{(1.74 \times 10^6)^2} = 1.62 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$g_M \approx 0.165 g_E$$

**Gravity on the surface of mars**

$$g_{Mars} = \frac{GM_{Mars}}{R_{Mars}^2} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 6.42 \times 10^{23}}{(3.39 \times 10^6)^2} = 3.73 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$g_{Mars} \approx 0.380 g_E$$

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**iclicker question:**

In estimating the gravitational acceleration near the surfaces of the Earth, Moon, or Mars, we used the full mass of the planet or moon, ignoring the shape of its distribution. This is a reasonable approximation because:

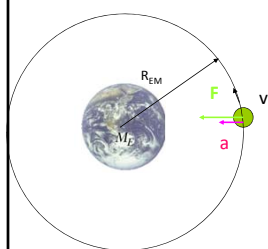
- A. The special form of the gravitational force law makes this mathematically correct.
- B. Most of the mass of the planets/moon is actually concentrated near the center of the planet/moon.
- C. It is a very crude approximation.

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Stable circular orbit of two gravitationally attracted objects (such as the moon and the Earth)



$$a = \frac{v^2}{R_{EM}} = \frac{GM_E}{R_{EM}^2}$$

$$v = \omega R_{EM} = \frac{2\pi}{T} R_{EM}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R_{EM}^3}{GM_E}}$$

$$= 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(3.84 \times 10^8)^3}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 5.98 \times 10^{24}}}$$

$$= 2367353.953 \text{ s} = 27.4 \text{ days}$$

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**iclicker question:**

In the previous discussion, we saw how the moon orbits the Earth in a stable circular orbit because of the radial gravitational attraction of the moon and Newton's second law:  $F=ma$ , where  $a$  is the centripetal acceleration of the moon in its circular orbit. Is this the same mechanism which stabilizes airplane travel? Assume that a typical cruising altitude of an airplane is 11 km above the Earth's surface and that the Earth's radius is 6370 km.

- (a) Yes      (b) No

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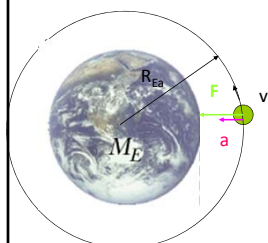
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Stable (??) circular orbit of two gravitationally attracted objects (such as the airplane and the Earth)



$$a = \frac{v^2}{R_{Ea}} = \frac{GM_E}{R_{Ea}^2}$$

$$v = \omega R_{Ea} = \frac{2\pi}{T} R_{Ea}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R_{Ea}^3}{GM_E}}$$

$$= 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(6.38 \times 10^6)^3}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 5.98 \times 10^{24}}}$$

$$= 5070 \text{ s} = 1.4 \text{ hours}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 7.9 \text{ km/s} \approx 18000 \text{ mi/h!!}$$

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Newton's law of gravitation:

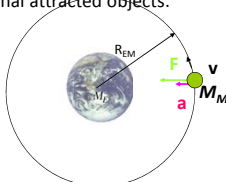
$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = \frac{Gm_1m_2\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{12}}{r_{12}^2}$$

Earth's gravity:

$$F = \frac{GM_E m}{R_E^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow g = \frac{GM_E}{R_E^2} = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot 5.98 \times 10^{24}}{(6.37 \times 10^6)^2} \text{ m/s}^2 = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Stable circular orbits of gravitational attracted objects:



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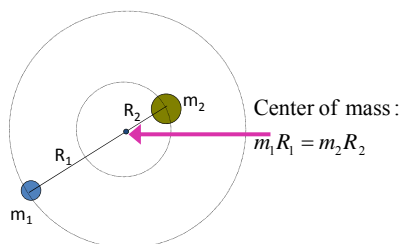
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## More details

If we examine the circular orbit more carefully, we find that the correct analysis is that the stable circular orbit of two gravitationally attracted masses is about their center of mass.



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Radial forces on  $m_1$ :

$$F_{r1} = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} = m_1a_{r1} = m_1\frac{v_1^2}{R_1}$$

$$v_1 = \frac{2\pi R_1}{T_1}$$

$$T_1 = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{R_1(R_1 + R_2)^2}{Gm_2}}$$

$T_2$  ?

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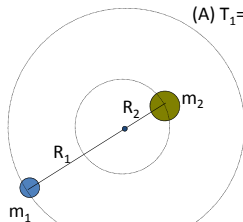
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**iclicker question:**

What is the relationship between the periods  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  of the two gravitationally attracted objects rotating about their center of mass? (Assume that  $m_1 < m_2$ .)

(A)  $T_1 = T_2$  (B)  $T_1 < T_2$  (C)  $T_1 > T_2$



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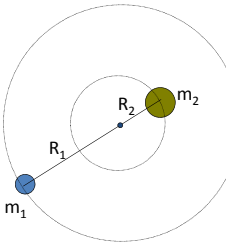
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$$m_1 R_1 = m_2 R_2$$

$$m_1 \frac{v_1^2}{R_1} = m_1 R_1 \omega_1^2 = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} = m_2 R_2 \omega_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_1 = \omega_2$$

$$T_1 = T_2 = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(R_1 + R_2)^3}{G(m_1 + m_2)}}$$

Note that :

$$T_1 = T_2 = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(R_1 + R_2)^3}{G(m_1 + m_2)}}$$

$$= 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R_1 (R_1 + R_2)^2}{G m_2}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R_2 (R_1 + R_2)^2}{G m_1}}$$

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$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(R_1 + R_2)^3}{G(m_1 + m_2)}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R_1 (R_1 + R_2)^2}{G m_2}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R_2 (R_1 + R_2)^2}{G m_1}}$$

**iclicker questions:**  
How is it possible that all of these relations are equal?

A. Magic.  
B. Trick.  
C. Algebra.

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(R_1 + R_2)^3}{G(m_1 + m_2)}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R_1 \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) (R_1 + R_2)^2}{G m_2 \left(1 + \frac{m_1}{m_2}\right)}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R_1 (R_1 + R_2)^2}{G m_2}}$$

because  $\left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) = \left(1 + \frac{m_1}{m_2}\right)$  since  $m_1 R_1 = m_2 R_2$

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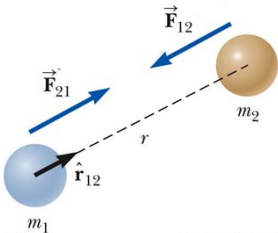
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What is the physical basis for stable circular orbits?

1. Newton's second law?
2. Conservation of angular momentum?  $\mathbf{L} = (\text{const})$

**Note: Gravitational forces exert no torque**



$$\mathbf{F}_{12} = \frac{G m_1 m_2 \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{12}}{r_{12}^2}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}_{12} = \mathbf{r}_{12} \times \mathbf{F}_{12} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} = 0$$

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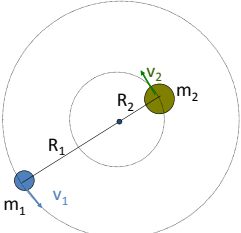
$\tau = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{L} = (\text{const})$

$L_1 = m_1 v_1 R_1$   
 $L_2 = m_2 v_2 R_2$

**Question:**  
 How are the magnitudes of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  related?

**Note:** More generally, stable orbits can be elliptical.

$\frac{L_1}{R_1} = \frac{L_2}{R_2}$



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Satellites orbiting earth (approximately circular orbits):

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R_E^3}{GM_E} (1 + h/R_E)^{3/2}} = 5058 (1 + h/R_E)^{3/2} s$$

$R_E \sim 6370 \text{ km}$

Examples:

Satellite	h (km)	T (hours)	v (mi/h)
Geosynchronous	35790	~24	6900
NOAA polar orbiter	800	~1.7	16700
Hubble	600	~1.6	16900
Inter. space station*	390	~1.5	17200

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**Planets in our solar system – orbiting the sun**

Planet	Mass (kg)	Distance to Sun (m)	Period of orbit (years)
Mercury	$3.30 \times 10^{23}$	$5.79 \times 10^{10}$	0.24
Venus	$4.87 \times 10^{24}$	$1.08 \times 10^{11}$	0.61
Earth	$5.97 \times 10^{24}$	$1.496 \times 10^{11}$	1.00
Mars	$6.42 \times 10^{23}$	$2.28 \times 10^{11}$	1.88
Jupiter	$1.90 \times 10^{27}$	$7.78 \times 10^{11}$	11.85
Saturn	$5.68 \times 10^{26}$	$1.43 \times 10^{12}$	29.43

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