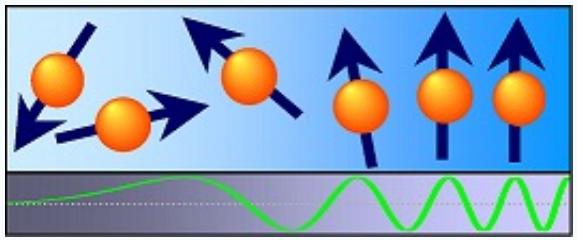
Experimental Physics
EP1 MECHANICS

- Gravity –



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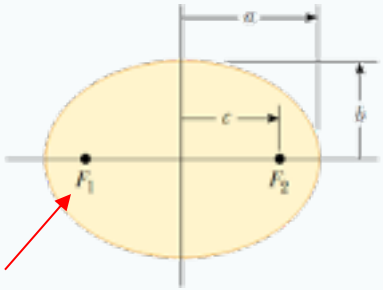
Kepler's law

Law 1: All planets are moving in elliptical orbits with the Sun being in at one of the focuses.

Law 2: A line joining the Sun and a planet sweeps out equal areas in equal times.

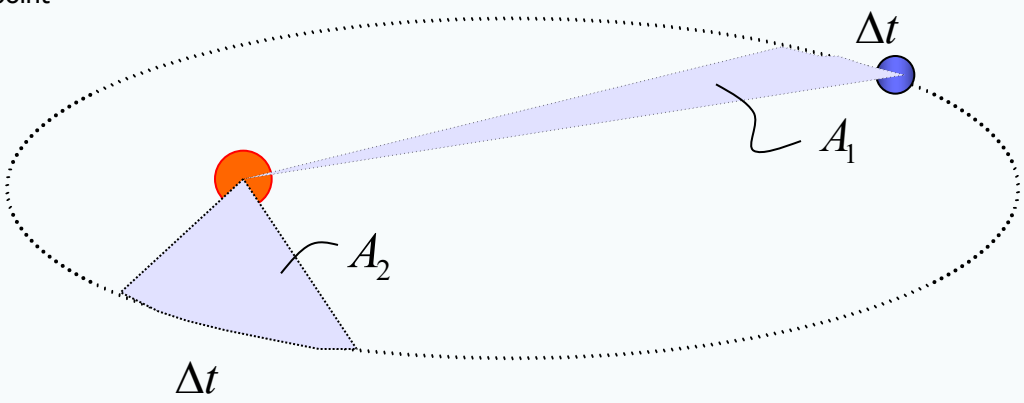
Law 3: The square of the period of a planet is proportional to the cube of the planet's distance from the Sun.



Focal point

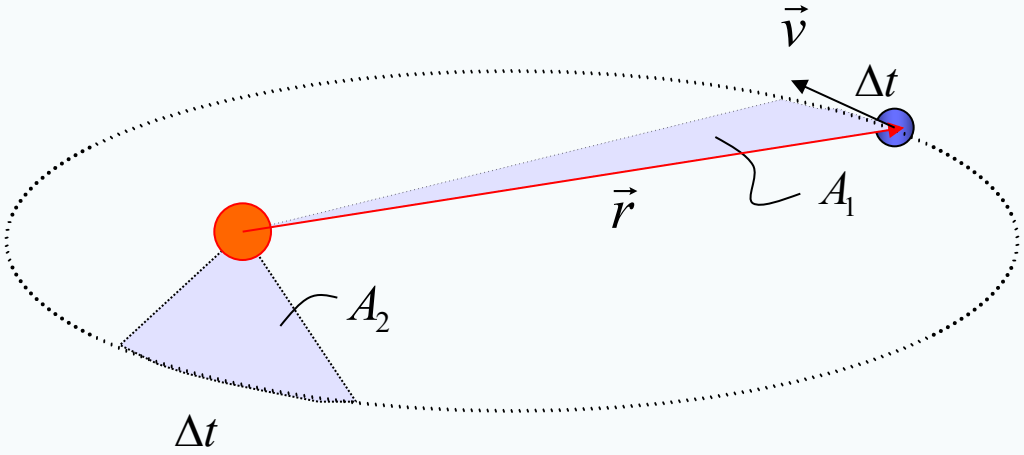
$$\frac{x^2}{b^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} = 1$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2$$



Born	December 27, 1571 Weil der Stadt near Stuttgart, Germany
Died	November 15, 1630) (aged 58) Regensburg, Bavaria, Germany
Residence	Württemberg; Styria; Bohemia; Upper Austria
Fields	Astronomy, astrology, mathematics and natural philosophy
Institutions	University of Linz
Alma mater	University of Tübingen
Known for	Kepler's laws of planetary motion Kepler conjecture

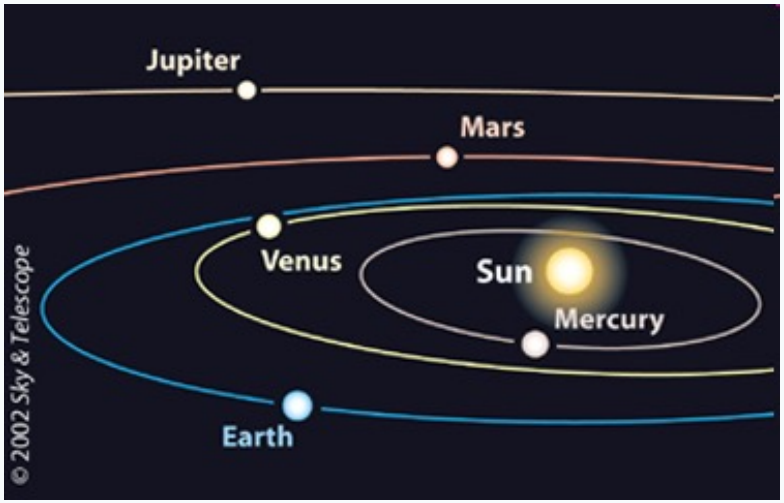
Second and third Kepler's law



$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \vec{r} \times \left(F \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right) = 0$$

$$\vec{\tau} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \frac{d\left(\vec{r} \times m\vec{v}\right)}{dt} = 0$$

$$dA = \frac{1}{2}\left|\vec{r} \times d\vec{s}\right| = \frac{1}{2}\left|\vec{r} \times \vec{v}dt\right| = \frac{L}{2m}dt$$



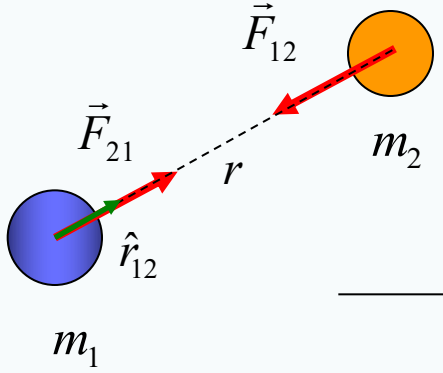
$$\frac{GmM}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r} = mr\omega^2$$

$$\frac{GM}{4\pi^2} = \frac{r^3}{T^2} = \text{const}$$

T_{Venus} = 224.7 d **T_{Mars} = 686.98 d**

Newton's law of gravity

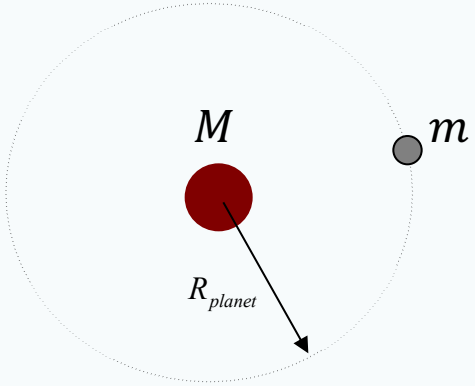
1687: Every particle in the Universe attracts every other particle with a force that is directly proportional to the product of their masses and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them.



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

Universal gravitational constant: $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}\ \mathrm{Nm^2kg^{-2}}$

$$a_{planet} = \frac{v^2}{R} = R\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 \qquad \frac{R^3}{T^2} = const \equiv K$$

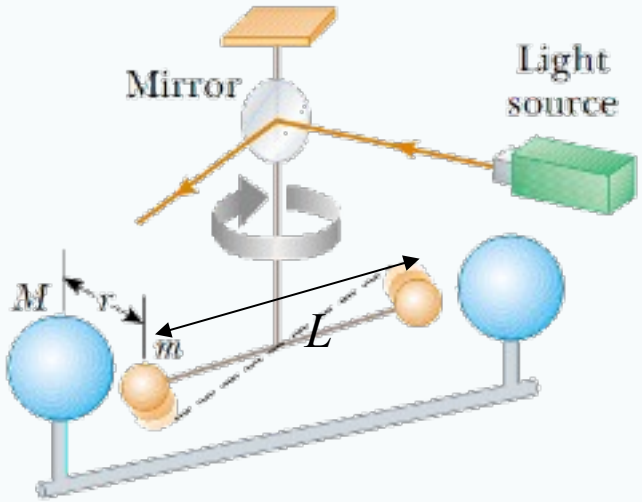


$$F_{cf} = m\frac{4\pi^2 K}{R^2} \qquad F_g = -m\frac{4\pi^2 K}{R^2}$$

$$F_g = -G\frac{mM}{R^2} = -\frac{4\pi^2 K}{M}\frac{mM}{R^2}$$

Measuring the gravitational constant

The **Cavendish experiment**, performed in 1797–98 by British scientist Henry Cavendish (not exactly shown below)



$$F = G\frac{mM}{r^2}$$

$$\tau = 2F\frac{L}{2} \qquad \tau = k\theta$$

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k_s}} \qquad T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{k}}$$

$$I = \sum ml^2 = 2m\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{mL^2}{2}$$

$$k\theta = FL = \frac{GmM}{r^2}L \qquad T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{mL^2}{2}\frac{\theta r^2}{GmML}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L\theta r^2}{2GM}}$$

$$G = \frac{2\pi^2 L\theta r^2}{MT^2}$$

Cavendish's value for the Earth's density, 5.448 g cm^{-3}

$\Rightarrow$ G = 6.74 × 10^{-11} m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2}

Our "Cavendish experiment"

$$s \approx l\alpha$$

$$m\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} \approx \frac{mMG}{s_0^2}$$

$$t = 0, \quad s = 0$$

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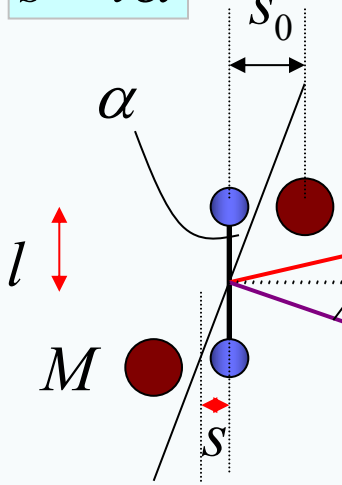
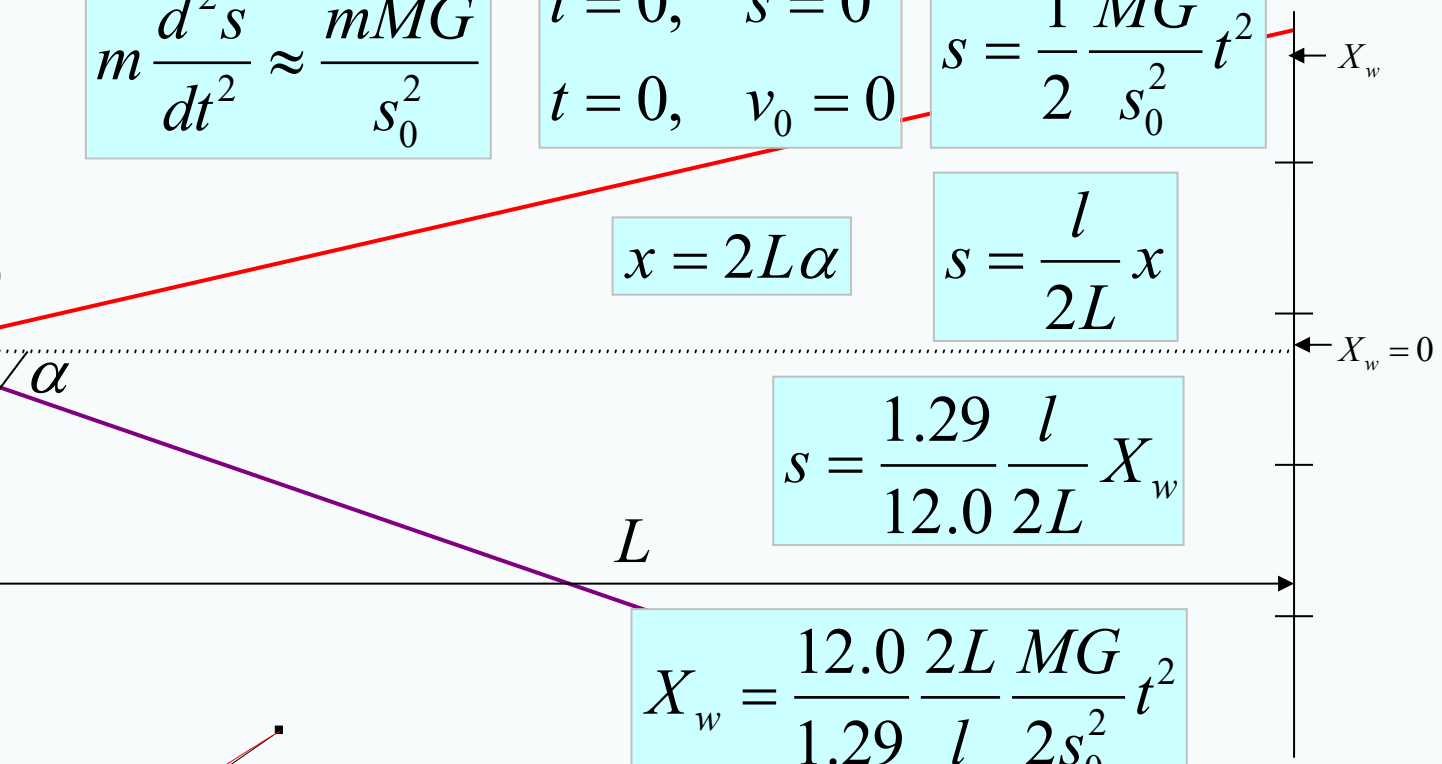
$$s = \frac{1}{2}\frac{MG}{s_0^2}t^2$$



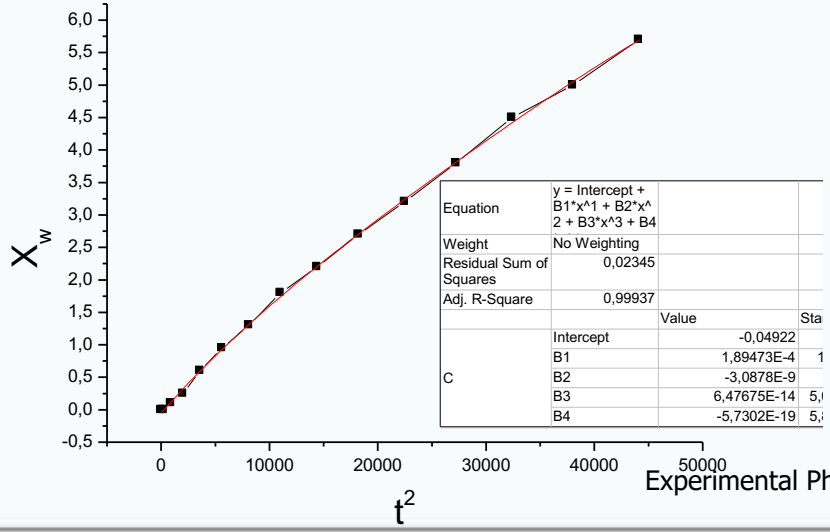
$$x = 2L\alpha$$

$$s = \frac{l}{2L}x$$



$$s = \frac{1.29}{12.0}\frac{l}{2L}X_w$$

$$X_w = \frac{12.0}{1.29}\frac{2L}{l}\frac{MG}{2s_0^2}t^2$$

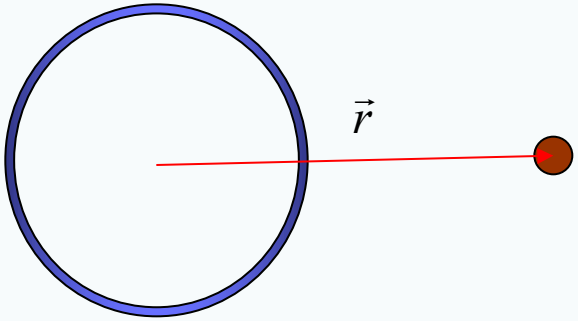


$$X_w = \frac{12.0}{1.29}\frac{2\times 19.4}{0.1}\frac{10.2}{2\times(0.08)^2}Gt^2 = 28.76\times 10^5 Gt^2$$

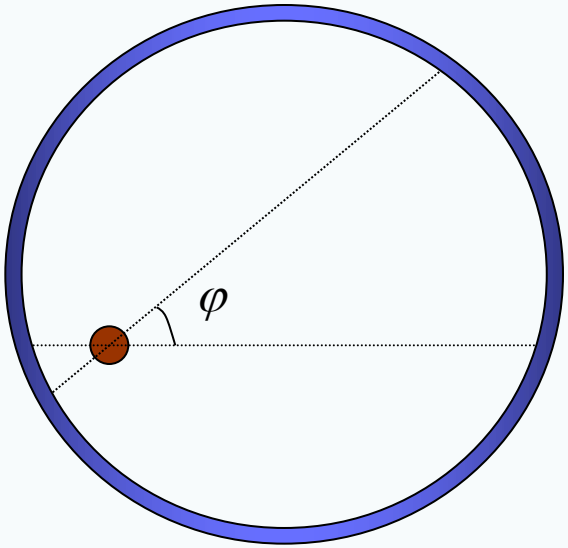
$$28.76\times 10^5 G = 1.89\times 10^{-4}$$

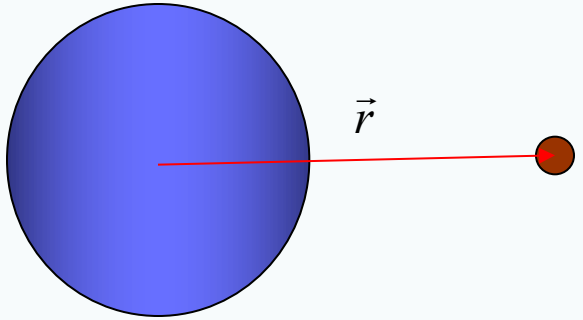
$$G = 6.57\times 10^{-11}\ \mathrm{m^3 kg^{-1} s^{-2}}$$

Gravitational force: extended objects



$$\begin{cases} \vec{F}_g = -\dfrac{GmM}{r^2}\hat{\mathrm{r}} & \mathrm{r} > \mathrm{R} \\ \vec{F}_g = 0 & \mathrm{r} < \mathrm{R} \end{cases}$$





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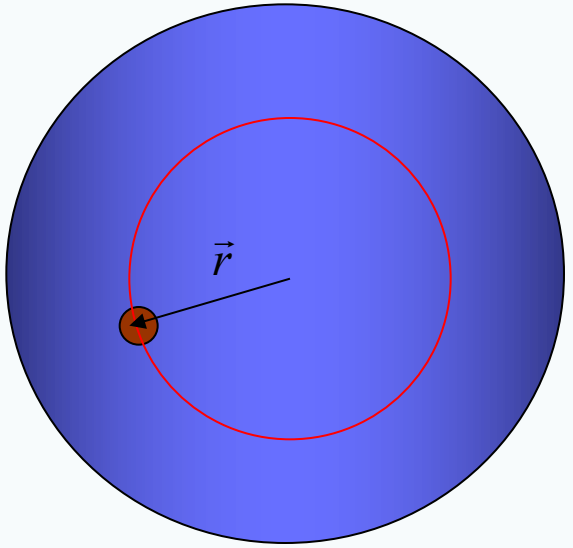
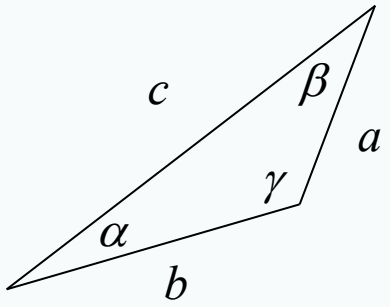


An object within a spherical shell



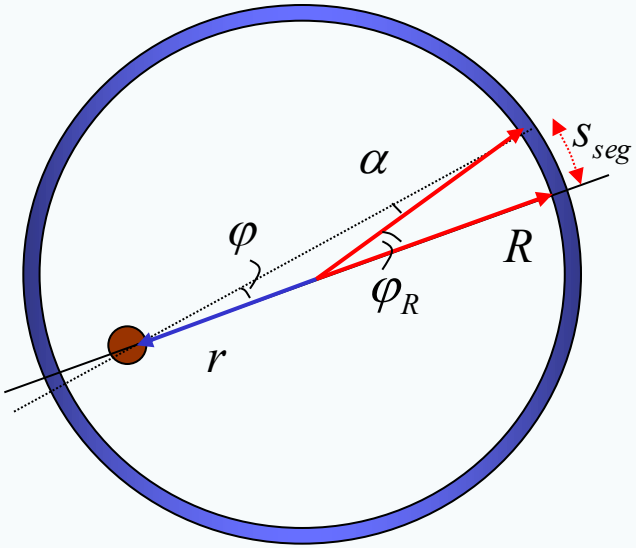
$$\frac{\sin\alpha}{a} = \frac{\sin\beta}{b} = \frac{\sin\gamma}{c}$$

$$s_{seg} = R\varphi_R$$

$$\frac{\sin\varphi}{R} = \frac{\sin\alpha}{r} \qquad \Rightarrow \frac{\varphi}{R} \approx \frac{\alpha}{r}\Big|_{\text{small angles}}$$

$$\varphi + \alpha + (180° - \varphi_R) = 180°$$

$$\varphi_R = \alpha + \varphi = \varphi(1 + r/R)$$



$$s_{seg} = \varphi(R + r)$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{seg} \sim A_{seg} \sim (R + r)^2 = \text{distance}^2$$

$$F = K\frac{m_{seg}}{r^2} = K' \quad \textbf{- the same from both sides}$$

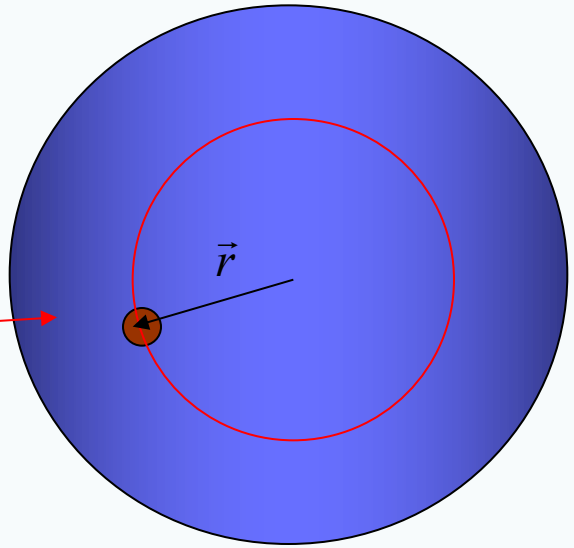
An object within a planet

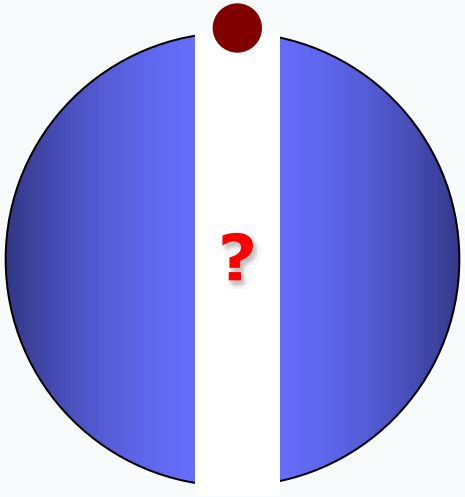
$$F = \frac{GmM(r)}{r^2}$$

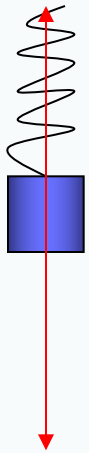
$$\begin{cases} M(r) = \frac{4}{3}\rho\pi r^3 \\ M_{tot} = \frac{4}{3}\rho\pi R^3 \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{F} = -\frac{GmM_{tot}r}{R^3}\hat{\mathrm{r}}$$

Does not contribute



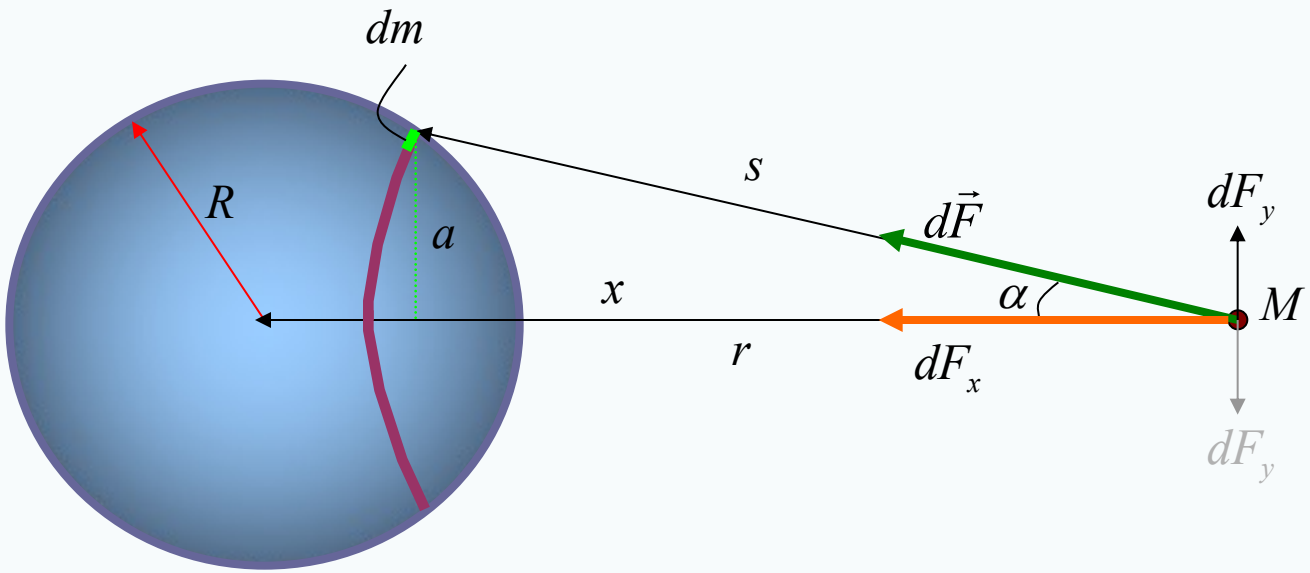




$$F = -kx = ma$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m}x$$

Interaction with ring



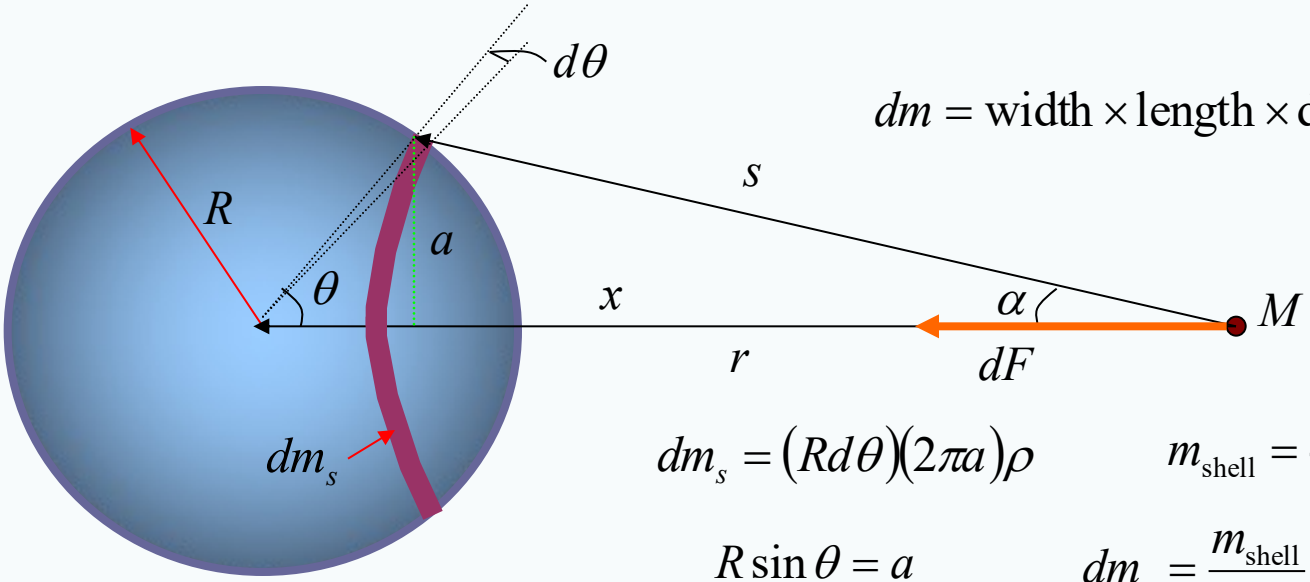
$$dF = \frac{GM}{s^2} dm \qquad dF_x = -\frac{GM}{s^2} dm \cos\alpha$$

$$F_x = -\int \frac{GM\cos\alpha}{s^2} dm = \frac{GMm_{\text{ring}}}{s^2}\cos\alpha \qquad s^2 = a^2 + x^2 \qquad \cos\alpha = \frac{x}{s}$$

integration over the ring

$$F_x = \frac{GMm_{\text{ring}}}{s^2}\frac{x}{s} = \frac{GMm_{\text{ring}}x}{\left(a^2 + x^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

An object outside a hollow sphere



$$dm = \text{width} \times \text{length} \times \text{density}$$

$$dm_s = (Rd\theta)(2\pi a)\rho \qquad m_{\text{shell}} = 4\pi R^2 \rho$$

$$R\sin\theta = a \qquad dm_s = \frac{m_{\text{shell}}}{2}\sin\theta d\theta$$

$$dF_x = -\frac{GM}{s^2}\cos\alpha\,\frac{1}{2}\,m_{\text{shell}}\sin\theta d\theta$$

Now we have to integrate over all angles θ, but keep in mind that s and α are functions of θ.

$$s^2 = r^2 + R^2 - 2rR\cos\theta \qquad \Rightarrow sds = rR\sin\theta d\theta$$

$$R^2 = s^2 + r^2 - 2rs\cos\alpha \qquad \Rightarrow \cos\alpha = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - R^2}{2rs}$$

$$dF_x = -\frac{GMm_{\text{shell}}}{4r^2R}\left(1 + \frac{r^2 - R^2}{s^2}\right)ds$$

$$\begin{cases} \theta = 0 & s = r - R \\ \theta = \pi & s = r + R \end{cases}$$

integration limits

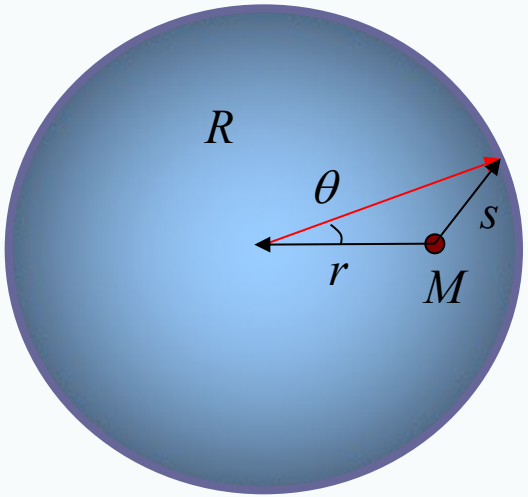
Extended objects: results

Hollow sphere:

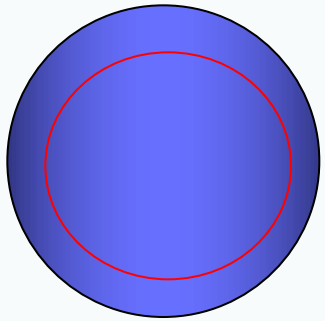
$$F_x = -\frac{GMm_{\text{shell}}}{4r^2R}\int_{r-R}^{r+R}\left(1+\frac{r^2-R^2}{s^2}\right)ds = -\frac{GMm_{\text{shell}}}{4r^2R}\left(s\Big|_{r-R}^{r+R} - \frac{r^2-R^2}{s}\Big|_{r-R}^{r+R}\right) = \boxed{-\frac{GMm_{\text{shell}}}{r^2}}$$

A **What happens if we move the mass M into the spherical shell?** **(integration limits)**

$$F_x = -\frac{GMm_{\text{shell}}}{4r^2R}\int_{R-r}^{R+r}\left(1+\frac{r^2-R^2}{s^2}\right)ds = -\frac{GMm_{\text{shell}}}{4r^2R}\left(s\Big|_{R-r}^{R+r} - \frac{r^2-R^2}{s}\Big|_{R-r}^{R+r}\right) = 0$$



B **What if object is not empty?** **(integrate over all shells)**



$$F_x = -\int \frac{GM}{r^2}\,dm_{\text{shell}}$$

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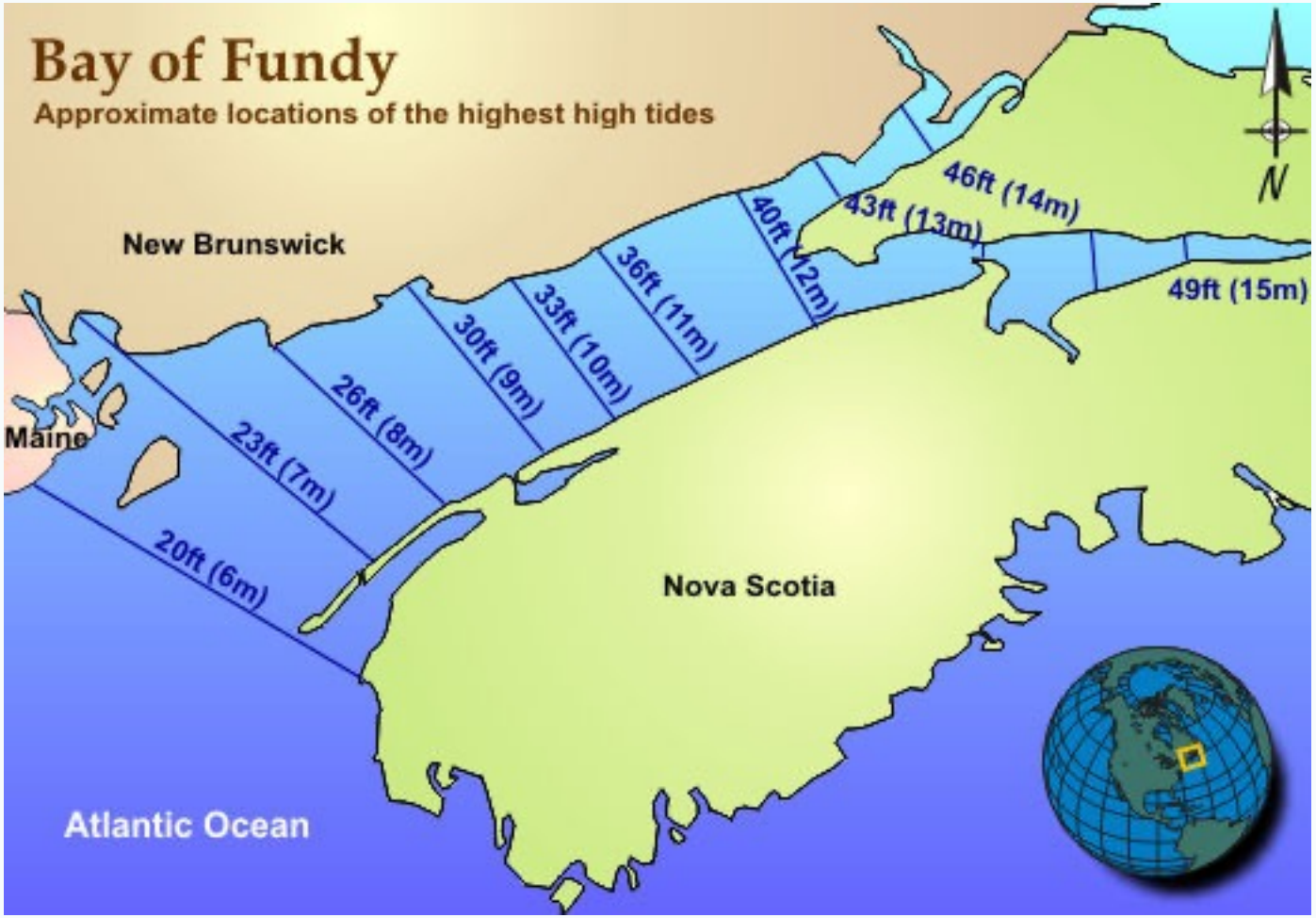
King tide


Bay of Fundy
Approximate locations of the highest high tides
New Brunswick
Maine
Nova Scotia
Atlantic Ocean
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20ft (6m)
23ft (7m)
26ft (8m)
30ft (9m)
33ft (10m)
36ft (11m)
40ft (12m)
43ft (13m)
46ft (14m)
49ft (15m)

What causes tides

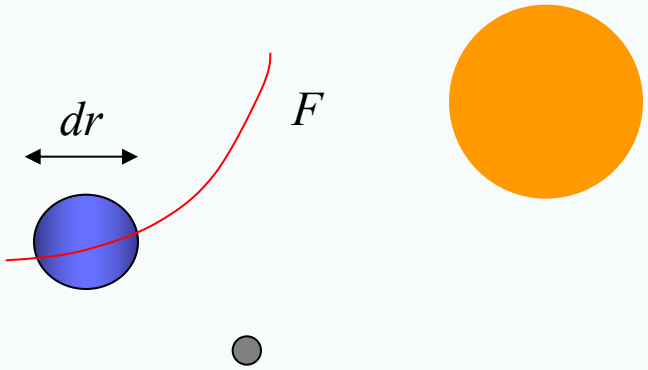
$$F_S = \frac{GmM_S}{r_S^2} \qquad F_M = \frac{GmM_M}{r_M^2}$$

$$\frac{F_S}{F_M} = \frac{M_S r_M^2}{M_M r_S^2}$$

$M_S = 1.98 \times 10^{30}$ kg $\qquad M_M = 7.35 \times 10^{22}$ kg

$r_S = 1.49 \times 10^{8}$ km $\qquad r_M = 3.84 \times 10^{5}$ km

$$F_S / F_M \approx 200$$

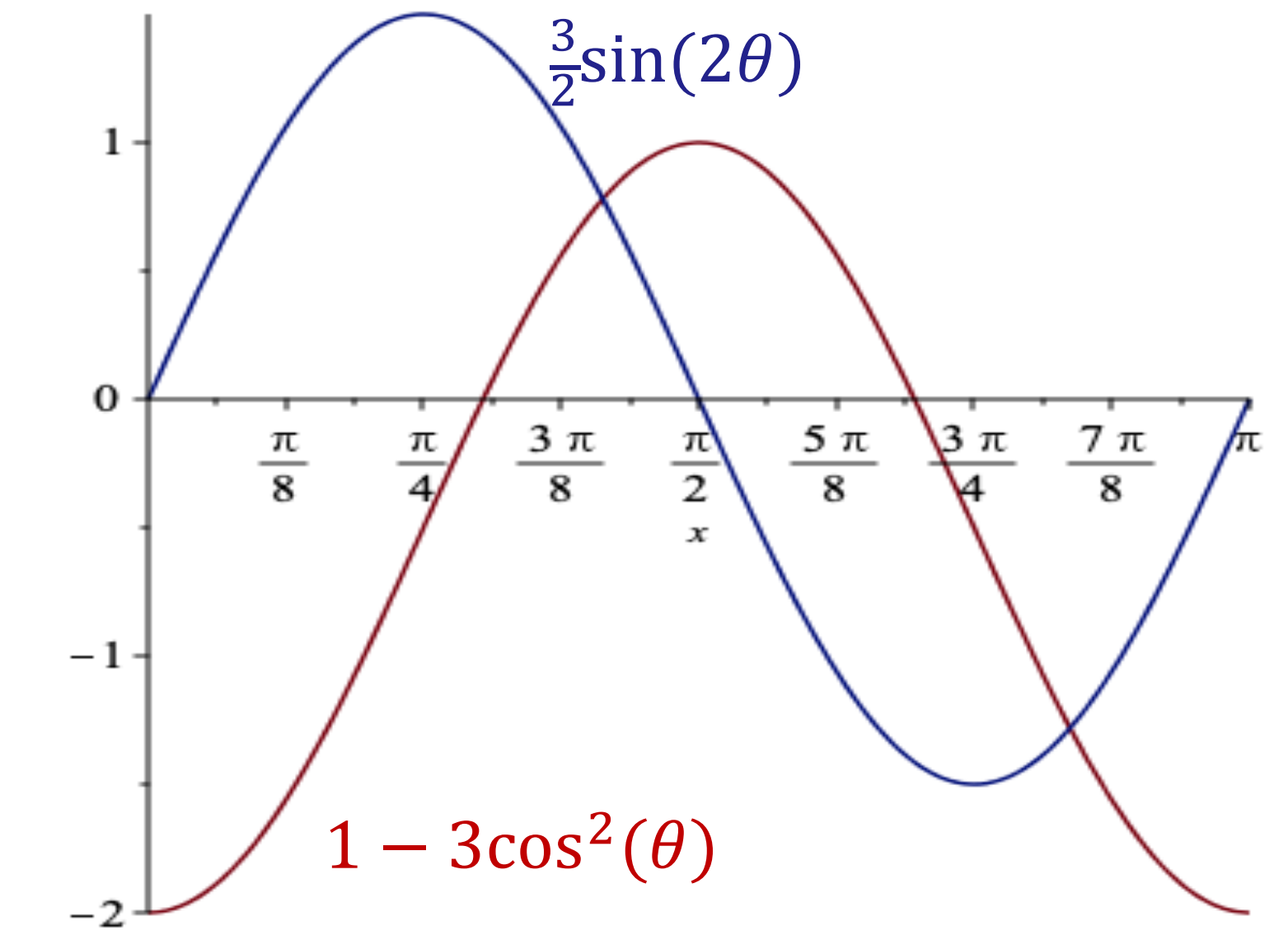


$$dF = \frac{dF(r)}{dr} dr \qquad dF = \frac{2Gm_1m_2}{r^3} dr$$

$$\frac{dF}{F} = -\frac{2dr}{r} \qquad = \frac{4R_{Earth}}{r}$$

$$\frac{\Delta F_S}{\Delta F_M} = \frac{F_S}{F_M}\frac{R_M}{R_S} \approx 0.4$$

Tide forces on the Earth surface



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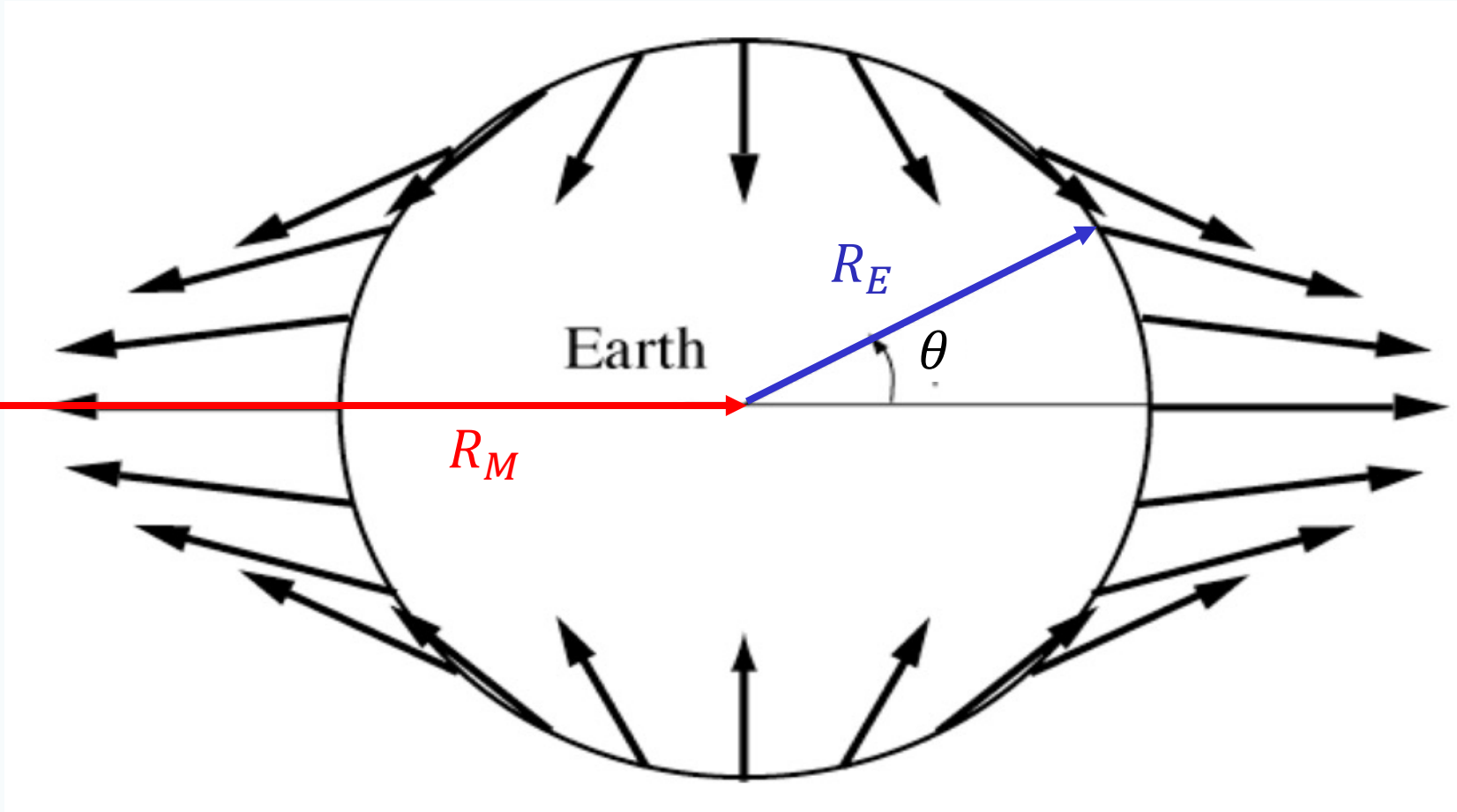
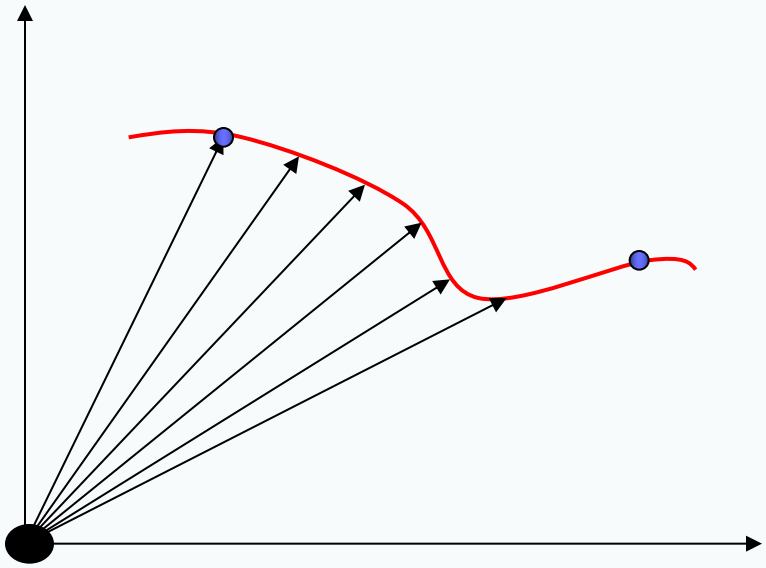


$$F^v_{tide} = -\frac{mM_M}{R_M^3} R_E(1 - 3\cos^2(\theta)) \qquad F^h_{tide} = -\frac{3}{2}\frac{mM_M}{R_M^3} R_E \sin(2\theta)$$

Gravitational potential energy



$$dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} \qquad dW_{arc} = 0$$

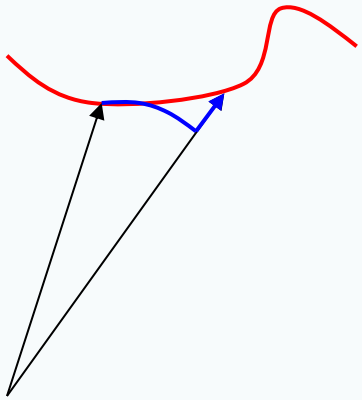
$$dW = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = F(r)dr$$

$$\Delta U = -W = -\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \left(-\frac{GmM}{r^2} \right) dr = -GmM \left(\frac{1}{r_2} - \frac{1}{r_1} \right)$$

Let us choose r_1 such that $U(r_1)=0$

$$U = -\frac{GmM}{r}$$

Bound systems; m << M



$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{GmM}{r}$$

$$\frac{GmM}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$E = -\frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

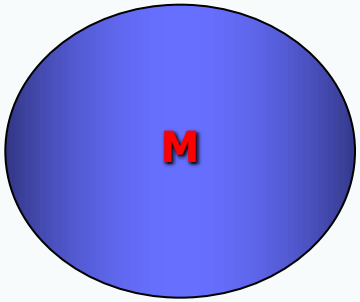
$$\frac{GmM}{r} = mv^2$$

Escape velocity

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{GmM}{R} = -\frac{GmM}{r}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R} - \frac{2GM}{r}}$$

$$v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$$



1 a.m.u. = 1.66 10^{-27} kg
k_B = 1.38 10^{-23} J/K

Hydrogen ~ 1
Oxygen ~ 16

Sun - 617.7 km/s

Mercury - 4.25 km/s

Venus - 10.46 km/s

Earth - 11.186 km/s

Moon - 2.38 km/s

Mars - 5.027 km/s

Jupiter - 59.5 km/s

Saturn - 35.5 km/s

Uranus - 21.3 km/s

Neptune - 23.5 km/s

Pluto - 1.27 km/s

To remember!

- **Three empirical Kepler' laws:**

- Planets are moving in elliptical orbits.

- Line joining the Sun and a planet sweeps out equal areas in equal times.

- The square of the period of a planet is proportional to the cube of the planet's distance from the Sun.

- **The Newton's law of gravitation:**

Every particle attracts every other particle with a force directly proportional to their masses and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them .