

**Assignment: Objects in Orbit**

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1. If a satellite orbits the earth with an orbital radius of  $9.25 \times 10^6$  m, what is the time (in hours) to go around the earth once? ( $T=2.46$  hr)

$r = 9.25 \times 10^6$  m (radius of Earth included)

$T = ?$

$m_e = 5.97 \times 10^{24}$  kg.

$F_c = F_g$

$\cancel{m} \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2} = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$

$\sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{G m_2}} = T$

$T = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 (9.25 \times 10^6 \text{ m})^3}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}}}$

$T = 8858.136 \text{ s} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}}$

$T = 2.46059 \text{ hr}$

$T = 2.46 \text{ hr}$

2. A 450 kg satellite orbits a planet from a height of 34000 km. The diameter of the planet is 38197 km. If the satellite requires 8.9 hours to complete one orbit, what is the mass of the planet? ( $m_2=8.6 \times 10^{25}$  kg)



$r_T = \frac{d}{2} + r_d$

$r_T = \frac{38197 \text{ km} + 34000 \text{ km}}{2}$

$r_T = 53098.5 \text{ km} \times 1000 = 5.3098 \times 10^7$

$T = 8.9 \text{ hr} \times \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ hr}}$

$T = 32040 \text{ sec.}$

$m_1 = 450 \text{ kg}$

$m_2 = ?$

$F_c = F_g$

$\cancel{m} \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2} = \frac{G M m_2}{r^2}$

$\frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{G T^2} = M_2$

$M_2 = \frac{4\pi^2 (5.3098 \times 10^7 \text{ m})^3}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \cdot (32040 \text{ s})^2}$

$m_2 = 8.63 \times 10^{25} \text{ kg.}$

$m_2 = 8.6 \times 10^{25} \text{ kg}$

3. In order to reduce the drag due to air resistance, most satellites are placed in orbits greater than 320km. Calculate the speed a satellite must maintain in order to remain in an orbit 400km above the earth's surface. ( $v=7.67 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$ )



$$r_T = 6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m} + 4.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$$

$$r_T = 6.77 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$m_e = 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$v = ?$$

$$v = 7669.3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = 7.67 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$F_c = F_g$$

$$m \times a_c = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{G m_2}{r^2}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{G m_2 r}{r^2}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{G m_2}{r}}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}}{6.77 \times 10^6 \text{ m}}}$$

4. A 625kg satellite is orbiting a planet at with an orbital radius of  $3.43 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ . If the mass of the planet is  $3.18 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}$ , what is the orbital speed of the satellite?  
[ $2.49 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$ ]

$$m_1 = 625 \text{ kg}$$

$$r = 3.43 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$m_2 = 3.18 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}$$

$$v = ?$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{G m_2}{r}}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 3.18 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}}{3.43 \times 10^6 \text{ m}}}$$

$$v = 2486.7 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = 2.49 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

5. A piece of space junk has a weight of 6250N when it is has an orbital radius of  $6.84 \times 10^5 \text{m}$  around an unknown mass. If the space junk can make 7 complete orbits in 24.0 hours, what is the mass of the unknown mass? **[3.53x10<sup>4</sup>kg]**

$$m_1 = 6250 \text{N}$$

$$r = 6.84 \times 10^5 \text{m}$$

$$T = \frac{24 \text{hr}}{7 \text{ cycles}}$$

$$T = 3.4285 \text{hr} \times \frac{3600 \text{s}}{1 \text{hr}}$$

$$T = 1.2342 \times 10^4 \text{s}$$

$$m_2 = ?$$

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6. An artificial satellite with a mass of 572kg is put into a circular orbit above the earth. If the satellite is  $5.63 \times 10^3 \text{km}$  above the surface of the earth, how long (in hours) will it take the satellite to make one full revolution around the earth? **[3.64 hours]**

$$m_1 = 572 \text{kg}$$

$$r_t = 6.37 \times 10^6 \text{m} + (5.63 \times 10^3 \text{km} \times 1000)$$

$$r_t = 1.2 \times 10^7 \text{m}$$

$$m_2 = 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{kg}$$

$$T = ?$$

$$F_c = F_g$$

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

$$\frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2} = \frac{G m_2}{r^2}$$

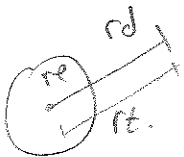
$$T = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 (1.2 \times 10^7 \text{m})^3}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{kg}}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{G m_2}} = T$$

$$T = 13088.85 \text{sec} \times \frac{1 \text{hr}}{3600 \text{sec}}$$

$$T = 3.6357 \text{hr}$$

$$T = 3.64 \text{hr}$$



7. An asteroid is orbiting around Jupiter with a speed of  $3.12 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$ . If the mass and radius of Jupiter, respectively, are  $1.90 \times 10^{27} \text{ kg}$  and  $6.99 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$ , how far above Jupiter's surface is the asteroid? **[ $6.03 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$ ]**

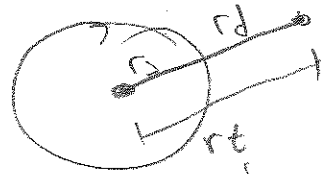
$$v = 3.12 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$M_2 = 1.90 \times 10^{27} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_T = r_J + r_d$$

$$r_d = ?$$

$$r_J = 6.99 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$



↳ from formula

$$F_c = F_g$$

$$m \cancel{a_c} = \frac{G M_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{v^2}{r} \cancel{=} \frac{G M_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$$v^2 r \cancel{=} \frac{G M_1 m_2}{\cancel{r}}$$

$$r = \frac{G M_1 m_2}{v^2}$$

$$r = \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} (1.9 \times 10^{27} \text{ kg})}{(3.12 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s})^2}$$

$$r = 1.30187 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$$

$$r_d = r - r_J$$

$$r_d = 1.3 \times 10^8 \text{ m} - 6.99 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$r_d = 60287787$$

$$r_d = 6.03 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$