

UNIT - III

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Newton's law of gravitation:-

The law states that every particle of matter in the universe attracts every other particle with a force which is directly proportional to the product of their masses and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them.

$$F \propto \frac{mm'}{r^2} \Rightarrow F = \frac{mm'}{r^2} g$$

Gravitational field - intensity of the field :-

The intensity (E) of the gravitational field of a particle of mass m at a point distant r from it is the force experienced by a unit mass placed at that point in the field.

$$E = -\frac{m}{r^2} g_r, \text{ where } \vec{g}_r \text{ is the unit vector along the direction of } \vec{r}.$$

Gravitational potential and gravitational potential energy

The gravitational potential V at a point distant r from a body of mass m is equal to the amount of work done in moving a unit mass from infinity (where the gravitational force and potential are zero) to that point.

$$V = - \int_{\infty}^r E dr = - \int_{\infty}^r \frac{m}{r^2} g dr = mg$$

$$V = - \int_{\infty}^r \frac{m}{r^2} g dr \Rightarrow -mg \left[\frac{1}{r} \right]_{\infty}^r \\ \Rightarrow V = -\frac{m}{r} g$$

Therefore, that the potential energy of mass 'm' at that point in question will be

$$U = m'V = -\frac{mm'g}{r}$$

It will be noted that the gravitational energies of a mass 'm' at potential (V) and potential energy (U) are always negative.

Gravitational potential and field due to a spherical shell:-

Gravitational Potential:-

(a) At a point outside the shell:-

let P be a point, distant r from the centre O of a spherical shell of radius R and surface density σ .

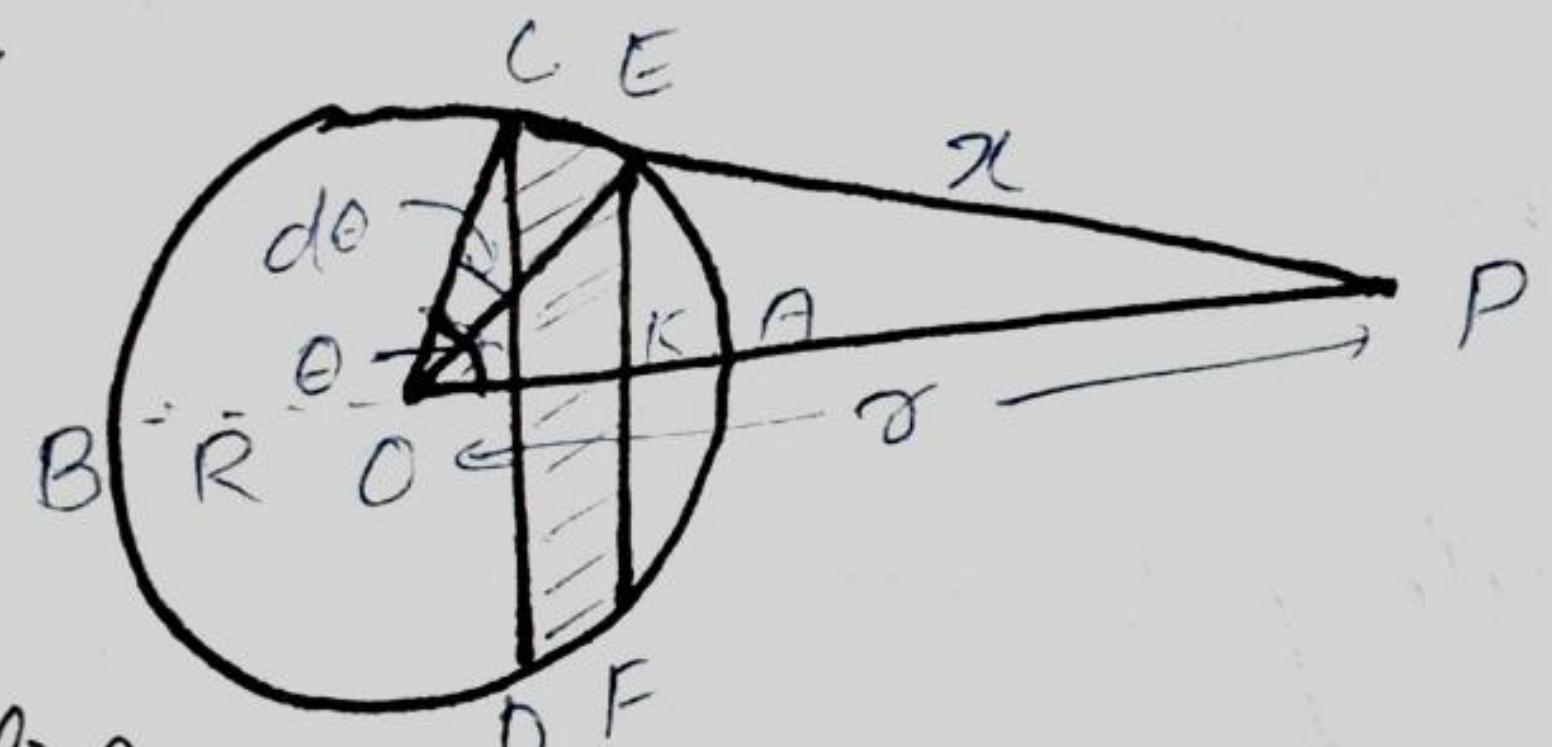
Radius of the Ring

$EK = OE \sin \theta \Rightarrow R \sin \theta$ and its circumference $= 2\pi R \sin \theta$, its width $CE = R d\theta$
 Surface area of the ring = circumference \times width
 $= 2\pi R \sin \theta \cdot R d\theta$

and its mass $= 2\pi R \sin \theta \cdot R d\theta \sigma = 2\pi R^2 \sin \theta d\theta \sigma$

Potential at P due to the ring

$$dV = -\frac{\text{mass of slice} \cdot g}{r}$$



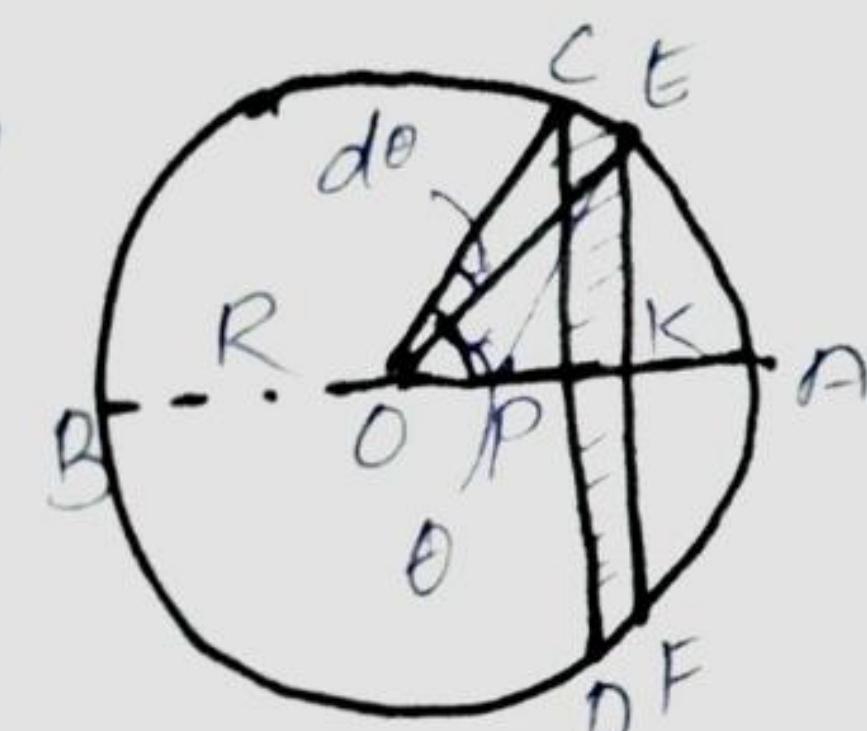
$$= -\frac{4\pi R^2 \sigma q}{\sigma} = -\frac{M}{\sigma} q = -\frac{M}{R} q \quad (\text{here } \sigma=R)$$

Therefore, the mass of the shell behaves as though it were concentrated at its centre

(c) At a point inside the shell :-

let the point P now lie anywhere inside the spherical shell. Then potential at P due to the ring CEFD

$$dV = -\frac{2\pi R \sigma q}{\sigma} dx$$



Potential at P due to the whole shell i.e

$$V = \int_{(R-\sigma)}^{(R+\sigma)} -\frac{2\pi R \sigma q}{\sigma} dx$$

$$V = -\frac{2\pi R \sigma q}{\sigma} \left[x \right]_{(R-\sigma)}^{(R+\sigma)} = -\frac{2\pi R \sigma q}{\sigma} \cdot 2\sigma$$

$$V = -4\pi R \sigma q$$

multiplying and dividing by R, we have

$$V = -\frac{4\pi R^2 \sigma q}{R} = -\frac{M}{R} q$$

the same as a point on the surface of the shell.

Gravitational field

(a) At a point outside the shell :-

$$\text{when } r > R \text{ the } V = -\frac{Mg}{r}$$

Intensity of the gravitational field outside the shell

$$E = \frac{dV}{dr} = -\frac{d}{dr} \left(-\frac{Mg}{r} \right) = \frac{Mg}{r^2}$$

or

$$\boxed{E = -\frac{Mg}{R^2}}$$

($\because r = R$)

The same as the whole mass of the shell were concentrated at its centre.

(b) At a point on the surface of the shell :-

$$\therefore V = -\frac{Mg}{R}$$

$$\text{So } E = -\frac{d}{dr} \left(-\frac{Mg}{R} \right) = -\frac{Mg}{R^2}$$

(c) At a point inside the shell :-

The gravitational field at a point is given by the space rate of change of potential. So $E = -\frac{dV}{dr}$

Since V is constant for all points inside the shell, so $\frac{dV}{dr} = 0$ i.e. The field in the interior of the shell is zero.

Kepler's Laws



(i) First law:- The path of a planet is an elliptical orbit around the sun, with the sun at one of its foci. (law of elliptical orbits)

(ii) Second law:- (law of areas) :- The radius of a planet drawn from the sun to a planet sweeps out equal areas in equal time i.e. areal velocity is constant.

(iii) Third law:- The square of a planet's year i.e. its time period is proportional to the cube of the semi-major axis of its orbit

$$\text{To or } T^2 \propto r^3$$

Satellite in circular orbit:-

Satellite is a secondary body which revolves around a planet in its own prescribed orbit, planet being a celestial body revolving around the sun.

If M_e be the mass of the earth, m_s the mass of satellite and r be the radius of revolution, then the force of attraction between the earth and satellite.

$$\vec{F} = -\frac{G M_e m_s}{r^2} \vec{r} = -\frac{G M_e m}{r^3} \vec{r} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

then the centripetal force acting on it

$$\vec{F} = -m\omega^2 \vec{\sigma}$$

$$-m\omega^2 \vec{\sigma} = -\frac{GM_e m}{r^3} \vec{\sigma}$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{GM_e}{r^3} \quad (\because v = r\omega)$$

$$\frac{v_0^2}{r^2} = \frac{GM_e}{r^3} \Rightarrow v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{GM_e}{r}}$$

This velocity is known as orbital velocity and denote by v_0 .

The angular velocity in terms of the period of revolution T , $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

$$\frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{T^2} = \frac{GM_e}{r^3} \Rightarrow T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GM_e}$$

$$[T^2 \propto r^3]$$

i.e. The square of the period of revolution of a satellite moving in a circular orbit round the earth is proportional to the cube of its distance from the centre of the earth.

Φ_1 :- The gravitation potential at the centre of solid sphere is how many times that on its surface

- (a) $\frac{5}{2}$ (b) $\frac{3}{2}$ (c) $\frac{7}{2}$ (d) $\frac{1}{2}$

Φ_2 :- The gravitational field inside a thin spherical shell of mass M and radius R at a distance ' r ' from its centre is

- (a) $-\frac{GM}{r^2}$ (b) $-\frac{GM}{R^2}$ (c) $-\frac{GM\alpha}{R^2}$ (d) zero

Φ_3 → Inside a thin uniform spherical shell:-

- (a) gravitational field is zero.
 (b) gravitational potential is zero.
 (c) gravitational field is non-zero but finite
 (d) gravitational potential

Φ_4 :- The relation between g and G is:

- (a) $GM_e = gR^2$ (b) $GM_e = g^2 R^2$
 (c) $GM_e^2 = gR^2$ (d) $G^2 M_e^2 = gR^2$

Φ_5 - The gravitational field outside a solid sphere of mass m at a distance α from the centre.

- (a) $-\frac{GM}{\alpha^2}$ (b) zero (c) $-\frac{Gm}{\alpha}$ (d) $-\frac{Gm^2}{\alpha^2}$