

# Mass, Apparent Weight, Weightlessness, Free fall and Orbit

Mass; 3 definitions

- 1) The amount of matter comprising an object
- 2) Gravitational mass: mass measured in the presence of a gravitational field
- 3) Inertial mass: resistance to change in motion (Newton's 1st Law)

y a scale

$F_g = mg$  → Newton's 1st, 2nd Laws

$F_{net} = ma$   $a=0$

$g$  cause acceleration  $(\frac{N}{kg})$

accel  $g = 9.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$

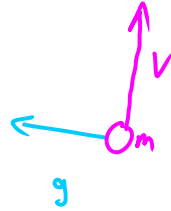
$F_g = \vec{W} = mg$

Gravitational mass leads to a force called WEIGHT ( $F_g$ )

The normal force is often called the APPARENT WEIGHT.

$F_n = \vec{N}$

Apparent Weightlessness occurs when  $F_n = 0$



= 0

$F_n = 0$  occurs in freefall AND in orbit

$F_c = F_g$

$F_g =$

universal gravitational constant  $F_g = mg$

$$\frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11}) (5.98 \times 10^{24})}{(6.38 \times 10^6)^2} = 3.75 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$$

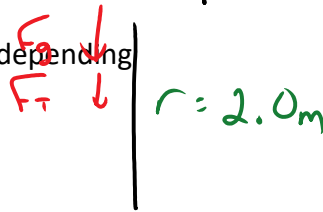
735 N

$F_g = m g$   
 $(75)(9.8) = 735$

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

$g = \frac{G m_{earth}}{r^2}$

Minimum/maximum <sup>Top</sup> speeds: will have  $F_n$  or  $F_T = 0$  depending on the type of circle and your FBD



$F_c = F_g + F_T$

What minimum speed at top?

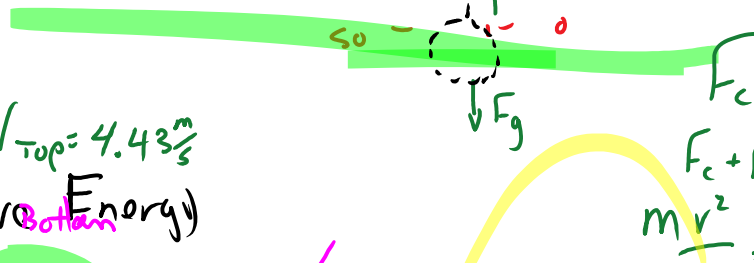
What is  $F_T$  at the bottom?!?

$F_c = F_g$

$\cancel{mv^2/r} = \cancel{mg}$

$v = \sqrt{gr} = v_{top} = 4.43 \frac{m}{s}$

Conservation of Energy



$F_c = F_T - F_g$

$F_c + F_g = F_T$

$\frac{mv^2}{r} + mg = F_T$

Conservation of Energy

$$E_{po} + E_{ko} = E_{pf} + E_{kf} + \cancel{0}$$

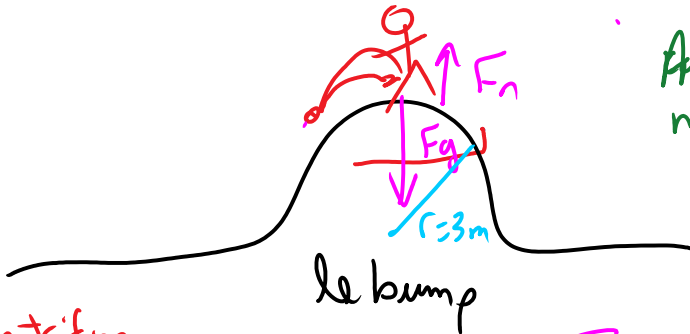
$$mgh_o + \frac{1}{2}mv_o^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2$$

$$2(9.8)(4) + \frac{1}{2}(4.93)^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2$$

$$V_f = 9.88$$

$$m \frac{v^2}{r} + mg = F_T$$

$$(5) \frac{9.88^2}{2} + 5(9.8) = F_T$$



After what speed  
minimize the apparent  
weight?

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$$F_c = F_g - F_n$$

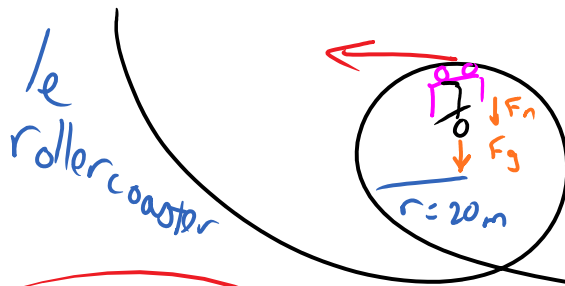
$$m \frac{v^2}{r} = mg \quad v = \sqrt{gr} = 5.4 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$v^u = \sqrt{gr}$$

$$V = 4.4 \frac{m}{s}$$

NRG

- Centrifuge
- elevator
- planets = round
- no atm = small planets



$$h_{top} + \frac{1}{2}v_{top}^2 = \frac{1}{2}v_b^2$$

$$(9.8)(4) + \frac{1}{2}(4.4)^2 = \frac{1}{2}v_b^2$$

$$9.88 = v_b$$

What min speed is  
needed so the people  
don't fall out?

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Centrifuge

$$F_c = F_{net}$$

A bicycle rider goes over a ~~mound~~ mound of dead cats of radius 5m, feeling momentarily weightless, what velocity did the cyclist have?

$$\frac{GmEm_r}{r^2} = \frac{mr v^2}{r_{\text{circle}}}$$

orbit Planet

$$F_N = 0$$

$$F_g = F_c$$

$$9.8 = \frac{v^2}{5}$$

$$49 = v^2$$

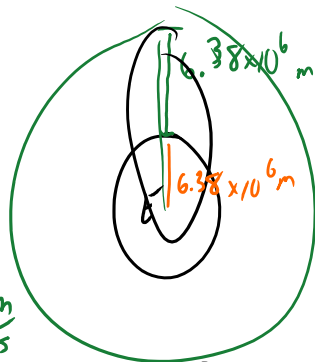
$$v = 7.0 \frac{m}{s}$$

An astronaut orbits Earth at height  $6.38 \times 10^6 m$  determine the orbital velocity & g at this height.

$$F_c = F_g$$

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

$$v = 5.8 \times 10^3 \frac{m}{s}$$



$$g = \frac{g_{\text{surface}}}{(\text{radius multiple})^2} = \frac{9.8}{2^2} = 2.45 \frac{N}{kg}$$

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