

**Orbit Problems:**

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1. What is the orbital velocity 3400 m from the center of a  $5.6 \times 10^{18}$  kg asteroid? ( $331.4 \approx 330$  m/s)

2. You find that you can orbit at 516 m/s 12,150 m from the center of a small moon. What is its mass? ( $4.85 \times 10^{19}$  kg)

3. A satellite orbits a planet at a distance of  $7.5 \times 10^6$  m from the center every 8900 seconds. What is the mass of the planet? ( $3.2 \times 10^{24}$  kg)

4. What distance from the center of Earth's moon is your orbital velocity 120 m/s? ( $3.4 \times 10^8$  m)

5. What is the period of orbit of a satellite that orbits  $1.95 \times 10^6$  m from the center of Earth's moon?  
(7730 s)

6. What is the radius of an orbit with a period of  $3.16 \times 10^7$  s around the sun? ( $1.50 \times 10^{11}$  m – yep – it's the earth)

Use  $\frac{m_s v^2}{r} = \frac{G m_c m_s}{r^2}$  or  $\frac{m_s 4\pi^2 r}{T^2} = \frac{G m_c m_s}{r^2}$  Which come from:  $F = \frac{G m_c m_s}{r^2}$ , and  $a = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2} = \frac{v^2}{r}$  and  
 $F = ma$

Useful things to know:

Mass of the Earth  $5.97 \times 10^{24}$  kg  
Mass of the Moon  $7.35 \times 10^{22}$  kg  
Mass of the Sun  $1.99 \times 10^{30}$  kg  
G =  $6.67 \times 10^{-11}$  Nm<sup>2</sup>/kg<sup>2</sup>

Radius of the Moon  $1.738 \times 10^6$  m  
Radius of the Earth  $6.38 \times 10^6$  m  
Earth-Moon Distance  $3.84 \times 10^8$  m  
Earth-Sun Distance  $1.496 \times 10^{11}$  m