

41. (a) The momentum of the two-star system is conserved, and since the stars have the same mass, their speeds and kinetic energies are the same. We use the principle of conservation of energy. The initial potential energy is  $U_i = -GM^2/r_i$ , where  $M$  is the mass of either star and  $r_i$  is their initial center-to-center separation. The initial kinetic energy is zero since the stars are at rest. The final potential energy is  $U_f = -2GM^2/r_i$  since the final separation is  $r_i/2$ . We write  $Mv^2$  for the final kinetic energy of the system. This is the sum of two terms, each of which is  $\frac{1}{2} Mv^2$ . Conservation of energy yields

$$-\frac{GM^2}{r_i} = -\frac{2GM^2}{r_i} + Mv^2.$$

The solution for  $v$  is

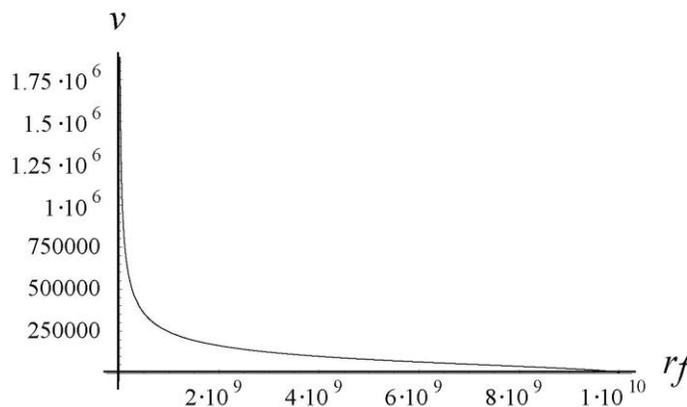
$$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r_i}} = \sqrt{\frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{kg})(10^{30} \text{ kg})}{10^{10} \text{ m}}} = 8.2 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}.$$

(b) Now the final separation of the centers is  $r_f = 2R = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$ , where  $R$  is the radius of either of the stars. The final potential energy is given by  $U_f = -GM^2/r_f$  and the energy equation becomes  $-GM^2/r_i = -GM^2/r_f + Mv^2$ . The solution for  $v$  is

$$v = \sqrt{GM \left( \frac{1}{r_f} - \frac{1}{r_i} \right)} = \sqrt{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{kg})(10^{30} \text{ kg}) \left( \frac{1}{2 \times 10^5 \text{ m}} - \frac{1}{10^{10} \text{ m}} \right)}$$

$$= 1.8 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}.$$

Note: The speed of the stars as a function of their final separation is plotted below. The decrease in gravitational potential energy is accompanied by an increase in kinetic energy, so that the total energy of the two-star system remains conserved.



40. (a) From Eq. 13-28, we see that  $v_0 = \sqrt{GM/2R_E}$  in this problem. Using energy conservation, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 - GMm/R_E = -GMm/r$$

which yields  $r = 4R_E/3$ . So the multiple of  $R_E$  is 4/3 or 1.33.

(b) Using the equation in the textbook immediately preceding Eq. 13-28, we see that in this problem we have  $K_i = GMm/2R_E$ , and the above manipulation (using energy conservation) in this case leads to  $r = 2R_E$ . So the multiple of  $R_E$  is 2.00.

(c) Again referring to the equation in the textbook immediately preceding Eq. 13-28, we see that the mechanical energy = 0 for the “escape condition.”

24. (a) What contributes to the  $GmM/r^2$  force on  $m$  is the (spherically distributed) mass  $M$  contained within  $r$  (where  $r$  is measured from the center of  $M$ ). At point  $A$  we see that  $M_1 + M_2$  is at a smaller radius than  $r = a$  and thus contributes to the force:

$$|F_{\text{on } m}| = \frac{G(M_1 + M_2)m}{a^2}.$$

(b) In the case  $r = b$ , only  $M_1$  is contained within that radius, so the force on  $m$  becomes  $GM_1m/b^2$ .

(c) If the particle is at  $C$ , then no other mass is at smaller radius and the gravitational force on it is zero.

45. The period  $T$  and orbit radius  $r$  are related by the law of periods:  $T^2 = (4\pi^2/GM)r^3$ , where  $M$  is the mass of Mars. The period is 7 h 39 min, which is  $2.754 \times 10^4$  s. We solve for  $M$ :

$$M = \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GT^2} = \frac{4\pi^2 (9.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m})^3}{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{kg})(2.754 \times 10^4 \text{ s})^2} = 6.5 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}.$$

62. Although altitudes are given, it is the orbital radii that enter the equations. Thus,  $r_A = (6370 + 6370) \text{ km} = 12740 \text{ km}$ , and  $r_B = (19110 + 6370) \text{ km} = 25480 \text{ km}$ .

(a) The ratio of potential energies is

$$\frac{U_B}{U_A} = \frac{-GmM / r_B}{-GmM / r_A} = \frac{r_A}{r_B} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

(b) Using Eq. 13-38, the ratio of kinetic energies is

$$\frac{K_B}{K_A} = \frac{GmM / 2r_B}{GmM / 2r_A} = \frac{r_A}{r_B} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

(c) From Eq. 13-40, it is clear that the satellite with the largest value of  $r$  has the smallest value of  $|E|$  (since  $r$  is in the denominator). And since the values of  $E$  are negative, then the smallest value of  $|E|$  corresponds to the largest energy  $E$ . Thus, satellite  $B$  has the largest energy.

(d) The difference is

$$\Delta E = E_B - E_A = -\frac{GmM}{2} \left( \frac{1}{r_B} - \frac{1}{r_A} \right).$$

Being careful to convert the  $r$  values to meters, we obtain  $\Delta E = 1.1 \times 10^8 \text{ J}$ . The mass  $M$  of Earth is found in Appendix C.

13. If the lead sphere were not hollowed the magnitude of the force it exerts on  $m$  would be  $F_1 = GMm/d^2$ . Part of this force is due to material that is removed. We calculate the force exerted on  $m$  by a sphere that just fills the cavity, at the position of the cavity, and subtract it from the force of the solid sphere.

The cavity has a radius  $r = R/2$ . The material that fills it has the same density (mass to volume ratio) as the solid sphere, that is,  $M_c/r^3 = M/R^3$ , where  $M_c$  is the mass that fills the cavity. The common factor  $4\pi/3$  has been canceled. Thus,

$$M_c = \left(\frac{r^3}{R^3}\right)M = \left(\frac{R^3}{8R^3}\right)M = \frac{M}{8}.$$

The center of the cavity is  $d - r = d - R/2$  from  $m$ , so the force it exerts on  $m$  is

$$F_2 = \frac{G(M/8)m}{(d - R/2)^2}.$$

The force of the hollowed sphere on  $m$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F &= F_1 - F_2 = GMm \left( \frac{1}{d^2} - \frac{1}{8(d - R/2)^2} \right) = \frac{GMm}{d^2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{8(1 - R/2d)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{kg})(2.95 \text{ kg})(0.431 \text{ kg})}{(9.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{8[1 - (4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})/(2 \cdot 9 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})]^2} \right) \\ &= 8.31 \times 10^{-9} \text{ N}. \end{aligned}$$