

## ➤ Last Lecture

- Energy and Gravity

## ➤ Today

- Lots of examples

## ➤ Important Concepts

- Gravity depends on the product of the two masses and the inverse of the distance squared.
- In the standard convention, the PE of gravity is negative.
- “Escape velocity” is the speed needed to get very far away from something but with no speed left over.

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## Important Reminders

- Exam #3 is next Friday at 10am.
- Pset #9 due tomorrow.
- IAP class schedule is posted under “General Info”.
- Next MasteringPhysics due next Monday.

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## Gravity Summary

- Numerical constant:  $G = 6.673 \times 10^{-11} \frac{Nm^2}{kg^2}$

- Force:  $F_G = -\frac{GM_1M_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$

- Energy:  $PE(r) = -\frac{GM_1M_2}{r}$

- Escape velocity:  $E_{Total} = KE + PE = 0$

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## Lots of Examples

- Geosynchronous satellites
- Black holes
- Binary stars
- Rockets

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