

escape velocity

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Abstract

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Eq. 1 is an initial equation.

$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{x^2} \quad (1)$$

Substitute LHS of Eq. ?? into Eq. 1; yields Eq. 2.

$$dW = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{x^2} dx \quad (2)$$

Integrate Eq. [refeq:2d5a719e01b4155d8138d87a649b065d983c98295787b71f5d6f711d941ced2e](#);
yields Eq. [refeq:b0c3dff2411522dbfe1bf7515dba8864f026f201bac3dd97e6a050e6aae600ee](#).

$$\int dW = G m_1 m_2 \int_{r_{\text{Earth}}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx \quad (3)$$

Evaluate definite integral Eq. 3; yields Eq. 4.

$$W = G m_1 m_2 \left(\frac{1}{x} \Big|_{r_{\text{Earth}}}^{\infty} \right) \quad (4)$$

Change variable m to m_2 and m_{Earth} to m_1 in Eq. 4; yields Eq. 5.

$$W = G m_{\text{Earth}} m \left(\frac{1}{x^2} \Big|_{r_{\text{Earth}}}^{\infty} \right) \quad (5)$$

Simplify Eq. 5; yields Eq. 6.

$$W = G m_{\text{Earth}} m \left(0 - \frac{-1}{r_{\text{Earth}}} \right) \quad (6)$$

Simplify Eq. 6; yields Eq. 7.

$$W = G \frac{m_{\text{Earth}} m}{r_{\text{Earth}}} \quad (7)$$

Substitute LHS of Eq. ?? and LHS of Eq. ?? into Eq. ??; yields Eq. 8.

$$KE_2 + PE_2 = KE_1 + PE_1 \quad (8)$$

Eq. 9 is an assumption.

$$PE_2 = 0 \quad (9)$$

Eq. 10 is an assumption.

$$KE_2 = 0 \quad (10)$$

Substitute LHS of Eq. 8 and LHS of Eq. 10 into Eq. 9; yields Eq. 11.

$$0 = KE_1 + PE_1 \quad (11)$$

Change variable $PE_{\text{Earth surface}}$ to PE_1 and KE_{escape} to KE_1 in Eq. 11; yields Eq. 12.

$$0 = KE_{\text{escape}} + PE_{\text{Earth surface}} \quad (12)$$

Eq. 13 is an initial equation.

$$PE_{\text{Earth surface}} = -W \quad (13)$$

Substitute LHS of Eq. 13 into Eq. 7; yields Eq. 14.

$$PE_{\text{Earth surface}} = -G \frac{m_{\text{Earth}} m}{r_{\text{Earth}}} \quad (14)$$

Change variable v_{escape} to v and KE_{escape} to KE in Eq. ??; yields Eq. 15.

$$KE_{\text{escape}} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{escape}}^2 \quad (15)$$

Substitute LHS of Eq. 12 and LHS of Eq. 14 into Eq. 15; yields Eq. 16.

$$0 = -G \frac{m_{\text{Earth}} m}{r_{\text{Earth}}} + \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{escape}}^2 \quad (16)$$

Add $G \frac{m_{\text{Earth}} m}{r_{\text{Earth}}}$ to both sides of Eq. 16; yields Eq. 17.

$$G \frac{m_{\text{Earth}} m}{r_{\text{Earth}}} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{escape}}^2 \quad (17)$$

Simplify Eq. 17; yields Eq. 18.

$$G \frac{m_{\text{Earth}}}{r_{\text{Earth}}} = \frac{1}{2} v_{\text{escape}}^2 \quad (18)$$

Multiply both sides of Eq. 18 by 2; yields Eq. 19.

$$2G \frac{m_{\text{Earth}}}{r_{\text{Earth}}} = v_{\text{escape}}^2 \quad (19)$$

Swap LHS of Eq. 19 with RHS; yields Eq. 20.

$$v_{\text{escape}}^2 = 2G \frac{m_{\text{Earth}}}{r_{\text{Earth}}} \quad (20)$$

Take the square root of both sides of Eq. 20; yields Eq. 21 and Eq. 22.

$$v_{\text{escape}} = -\sqrt{2G\frac{m_{\text{Earth}}}{r_{\text{Earth}}}} \quad (21)$$

$$v_{\text{escape}} = \sqrt{2G\frac{m_{\text{Earth}}}{r_{\text{Earth}}}} \quad (22)$$

Eq. 22 is one of the final equations.

replaced Earth-specific variables Change variable r to r_{Earth} and m to m_{Earth} in Eq. 22; yields Eq. 23.

$$v_{\text{escape}} = \sqrt{2G\frac{m}{r}} \quad (23)$$

References