

Centripetal acceleration

When moving along a circular path of radius R , with constant speed v , an object has acceleration directed towards the center, called Centripetal Acceleration:

$$a = \frac{v^2}{R}$$



Homework

Problem 1. A car is moving on a ramp of radius $R= 30\text{m}$. Find the maximum speed that it may reach without skidding, if the coefficient of static friction between the road and the tires is $\mu=0.7$.

Problem 2. Find the speed and period of orbital motion of *the International Space Station* around the Earth. Note that its orbit is located **400 km** above the ground. This is much smaller than the Earth radius **$R=6370$** . This means that you can assume the gravitational force acting on the space station to be the same as on Earth surface, **Mg** . Also, for simplicity, take the radius of the orbit to be equal to that of Earth.