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## GRAVITY - long history

Newton (1642 - 1727)

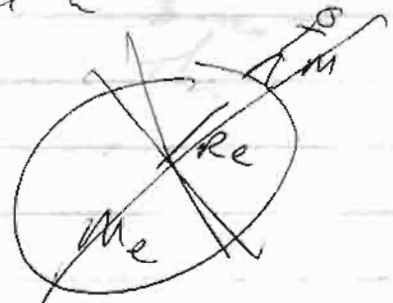
look at 2 laws

1)  $F = mg$     say, you on Earth  
 $m = \text{mass}$  (like your mass)  
 $g = \text{acceleration of gravity}$   
 $\approx 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

2)  $F = \frac{G M_1 M_2}{r^2}$     -  $G = 6.670 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg s}^2}$

look at you on Earth

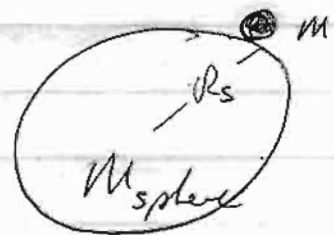
$$F = \frac{G M_E m}{R_{\text{sphere}}^2}$$



Set equal

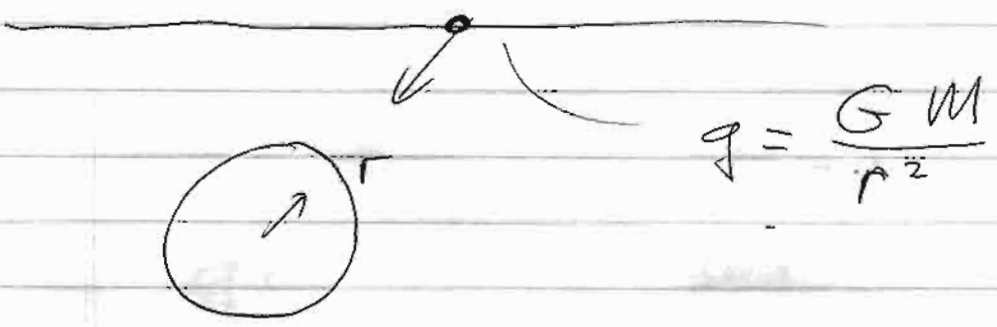
$$F = mg = \frac{G M_E m}{R_{\text{sphere}}^2}$$

$$g = \frac{G M_E}{R_{\text{sphere}}^2}$$



$g = \frac{GM_s}{R_s^2}$  is attraction of a solid sphere

Now bury it:



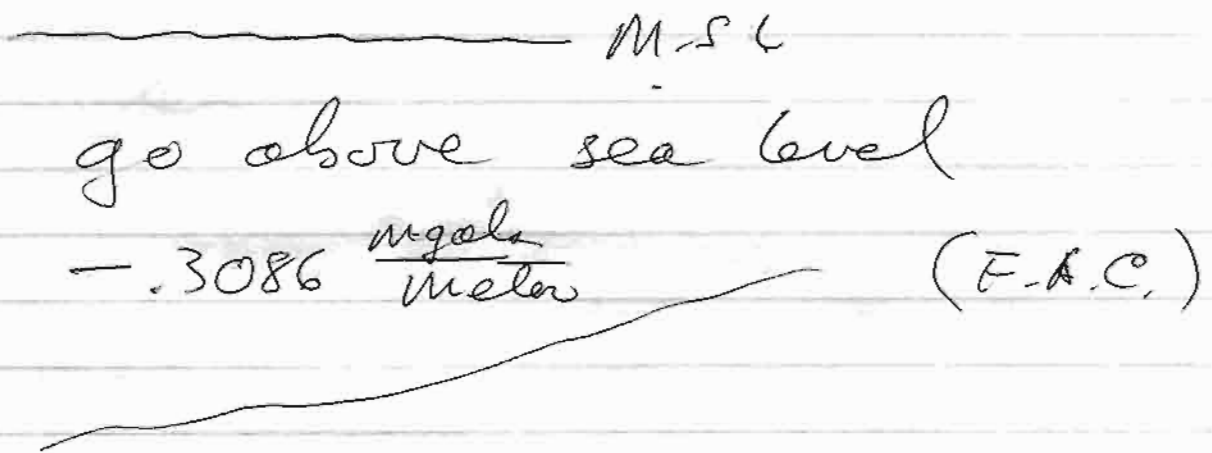
STANDS TO REASON That, as mass distribution in the sub surface changes, the gravity @ the surface changes.

? What Archaeological applications can you come up with?

- Tomb
- Trenches

# Problems

- 1) changes with latitude ( $\Delta g \neq 0$ )
- 2) changes with elevation



Missoula -  $\sim 1,000$  meters  
 $\sim 308$  mgals

$$Gal = \text{cm/s}^2$$

$$1000 \text{ mgals} = Gal$$

Archaeological errors ( $< 1 \text{ mgal}$ )

## Need

- good elevation control
- sensitive instrument

# field work:

1) ~ 5 minutes/observation

2) how many observations?

— The fundamental question —

# Model

