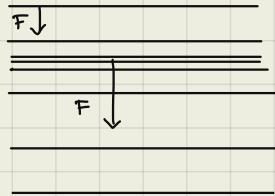


An equipotential line is:

A line where the gravitational force is constant F

A line that approximates sea level

A line where the gravitational potential is constant



Q5 Gravity Method

The gravitational force at the Earth's surface

A is larger at the equator than at the poles

B is smaller at the equator than at the poles

C is constant at the Earth's Surface

Zentripetalkraft wirkt entgegen

Gravitationskraft G im Erdmittelpunkt
Gradient der des Drucks ist Kraft

Quiz

Results from DIY free-fall gravimeter

$$\text{Principle: } x = \frac{GM}{2R_E} t^2 \quad \Leftrightarrow M = \frac{2R_E^2 x}{G t^2}$$

$$M_1 = 4,8 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$M_2 = 5,5 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$\rho = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_E^3} = \frac{5,5 \cdot 10^{24}}{\frac{4}{3}\pi 6370 \cdot 10^3 m} = 5080 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$= 5,08 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

Basalt/Granites: 2-3 $\frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$

First order finding: Density increases with depth

\Rightarrow Evidence for higher density material ($\text{Fe}, \text{Ni}, \dots$)

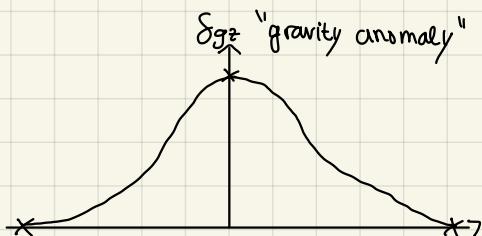
\Rightarrow First finding of a gravity measurement

\Rightarrow Free-fall gravimeter is one operational principle for absolute gravimeters.

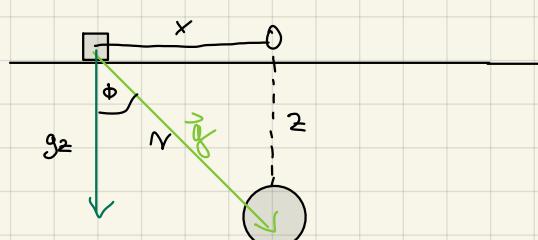
\Rightarrow How good does the instrument need to be to detect smaller-scale features (e.g. caves)

\rightarrow distance x
 x $\square \rightarrow \square \rightarrow \square \rightarrow \square \rightarrow \square$ x Surface

idealized point mass
 $\Delta \rho$



Required is quantification of the anomaly as a function of distance x and depth z and density contrast $\Delta \rho$.



\Rightarrow B. Klemperer

$$\vec{g} = -G \frac{M}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\cos(\phi) = \frac{rz}{r}$$

$$gz = r \cdot \cos \phi = -G \frac{M}{r^2} \cos(\phi)$$

$$= -G \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho \cos(\phi) \frac{R_E^3}{r^2}$$

$$\rho = \frac{M}{V}$$

$$M = \rho \cdot V$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pi R_E^3 \cdot \rho$$

$$g_z = -6 \frac{4}{3} S \pi \frac{R_E^3}{x^2 + z^2} \cos(\phi)$$

$$= -6 \frac{4}{3} (S_E + \Delta S) \cdot \pi \frac{R_E^3}{x^2 + z^2} \cos(\phi)$$