

IS G REALLY CONSTANT?

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The question of whether or not G might perhaps be a function of
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time dates back at least to a paper of 1937 by Dirac . Since then the
debate while not actually raging, has at least never completely died
out. The purpose of this note is to lay the question for once and for
all to rest with a proof that G is not constant, but rather is
increasing with time.

I find that I have now lived sufficiently long so that the Δt to
which I have now been exposed allows me to experience 2nd order
effects which in turn allow me to establish the following two facts -
proving incontrovertably that G has increased since I was young.

The first proof is based on climbing stairs. There is no question
that over the years it has become much more difficult to do this. I
am sure that anyone who has a Δt of over 50 yrs. will
substantiate this observation, however I seem to be the first one to
discover the cause.

The second proof has been equally available over the years, but again
no one has identified the effect with its true source, the increase of
 G with time. I realize that most readers of a certain age will be
amazed that the thought has never occurred to them.

There is no question that I have gotten heavier within the last few
years!

I realize that this is not a direct proof, but by the same principle
that allows the binary pulsar observations to establish the
existence of gravitational radiation, namely, 'what else could it
be?', I ascribe the effect to the increase in G .

Discussion and Conclusion:

G is increasing with time.

Reference:

Dirac, P. A. M., 1937, Nature 139, 323

Editor's note: The referee of this paper, Prof. C. J. Isham has
stated his willingness to forego his anonymity in order to have his
name appear in this seminal paper. He adds further evidence to
support the claim by pointing out that in his travels over the years
he has continually packed less, but that his suitcase has
none-the-less consistantly become heavier.