

Q 04

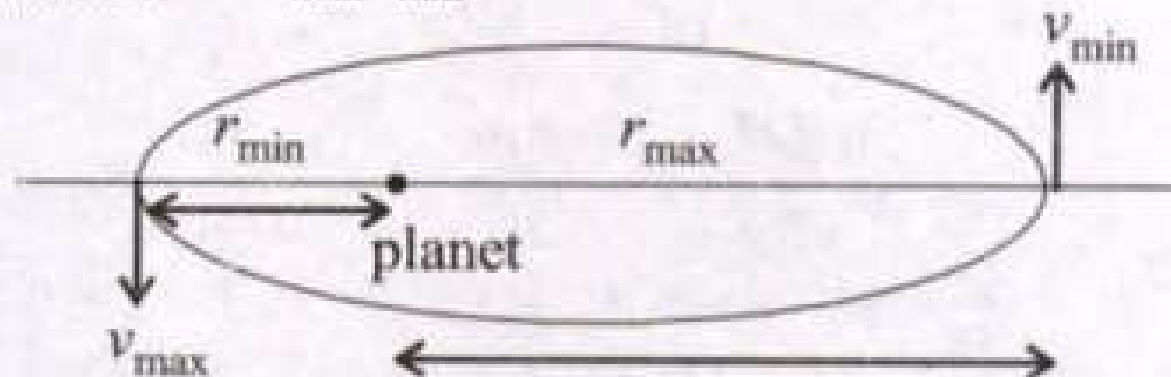
A satellite is in an elliptical orbit around a planet P. It is observed that the velocity of the satellite when it is farthest from the planet is 6 times less than that when it is closest to the planet. The ratio of distances between the satellite and the planet at closest and farthest points is :

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- (a) 1:6 (b) 1:3 (c) 1:2 (d) 3:4

(a) By angular momentum conservation

$$mr_{\min} v_{\max} = mr_{\max} v_{\min}$$



$$\text{Given, } v_{\min} = \frac{v_{\max}}{6} \quad \therefore \frac{r_{\min}}{r_{\max}} = \frac{v_{\min}}{v_{\max}} = \frac{1}{6}$$