

69. (a) We denote the apparent weight of the crew member of mass  $m$  on the spaceship as  $W_a = 300 \text{ N}$ , his weight on Earth as  $W_e = mg = 600 \text{ N}$ , and the radius of the spaceship as  $R = 500 \text{ m}$ . Since  $mv_s^2/R = W_a$ , we get

$$v_s = \sqrt{\frac{W_a R}{m}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{W_a}{W_e}\right) g R}$$

where we substituted  $m = W_e/g$ . Thus,

$$v_s = \sqrt{\left(\frac{300 \text{ N}}{600 \text{ N}}\right) (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) (500 \text{ m})} = 49.5 \text{ m/s} .$$

- (b) For any object of mass  $m$  on the spaceship  $W_a = mv^2/R \propto v^2$ , where  $v$  is the speed of the circular motion of the object relative to the center of the circle. In the previous case  $v = v_s = 49.5 \text{ m/s}$ , and in the present case  $v = 10 \text{ m/s} + 49.5 \text{ m/s} = 59.5 \text{ m/s} \equiv v'$ . Thus the apparent weight of the running crew member is

$$W'_a = W_a \left(\frac{v'}{v}\right)^2 = (300 \text{ N}) \left(\frac{59.5 \text{ m/s}}{49.5 \text{ m/s}}\right)^2 = 4.3 \times 10^2 \text{ N} .$$