

# Gravitation

Can we measure gravitational acceleration of a planet without actually going to the planet?  
Issac  
-Newton

Formula!

$$F_g = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$F_g$  = gravitational force = N

$G$  = Universal Gravitational constant  $\rightarrow 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$

$m_1$  = mass of object 1 = kg

$m_2$  = mass of object 2 = kg

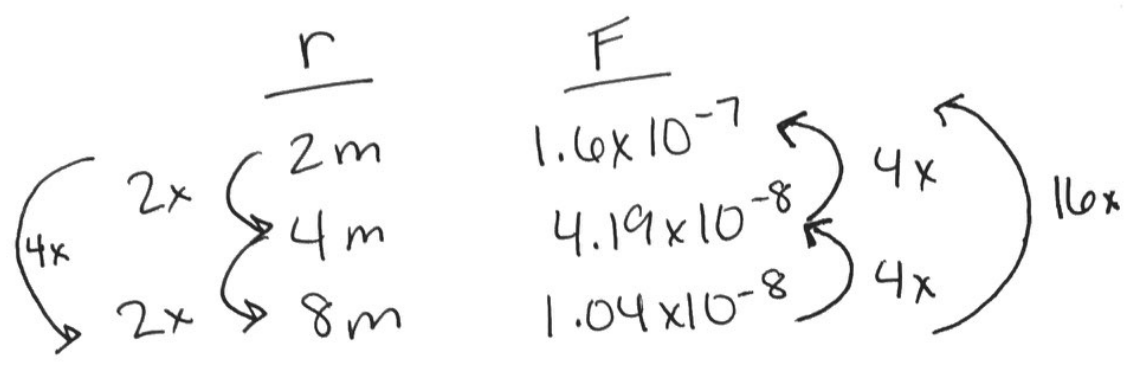
$r$  = radius (distance between objects) = m

(measure distance from center of one object to the center of the other object.)

$G$  = a relationship between the masses, the radius and the force.

$\hookrightarrow$  always a constant  $6.67 \times 10^{-11}$

Distance



Double the distance  $\rightarrow$   $1/4^{th}$  the Force

4x the distance  $\rightarrow$   $1/16^{th}$  the Force



Because you divide by the square of the distance.



If we triple the distance  $\rightarrow$   $1/9^{th}$  the Force

$1/2$  distance  $\rightarrow$  4 x force

$1/3$  distance  $\rightarrow$  9 x force

$$F_g = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

$m_1 = 100 \text{ kg}$   
 $m_2 = 200 \text{ kg}$   
 $r = 3 \text{ m}$

$$F_g = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{(100)(200)}{3^2}$$

Example problem:

$$F_g = 1.482 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$$