

Exp No: 04

Conformation of inverse-square law for Newton's universal law of gravitation

Resources:

Link for online lab:

List and link for the graph-plotting softwares:

- Desmos (Online): [Link for the “Desmos” software](#)
- Graph (Offline): [Link for the “Graph” software](#)

Tutorials:

- Tutorial link for plotting in ***Desmos*** : _____
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IIUNWVKnUY>

- Tutorials link for the ***Graph*** :

How to install graph software:

<https://youtu.be/e19JqLJMx3A>

How to draw a curve using graph software:

https://youtu.be/QBkdzU_8vVo

How to calculate the slope of a line using graph software:

<https://youtu.be/z4cMiUFu5j8>

Video-link (Experiment #4):

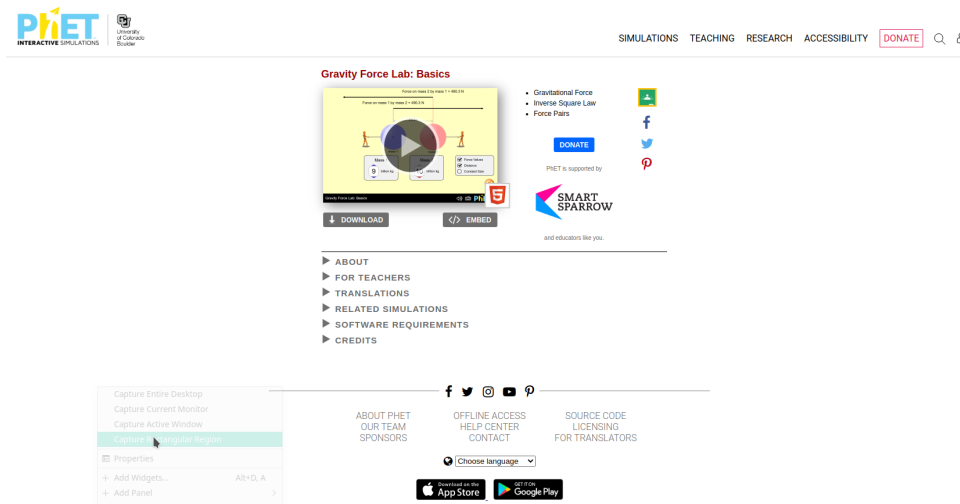
Purpose:

- Describing how the force between two masses changes with distance.

Procedure:

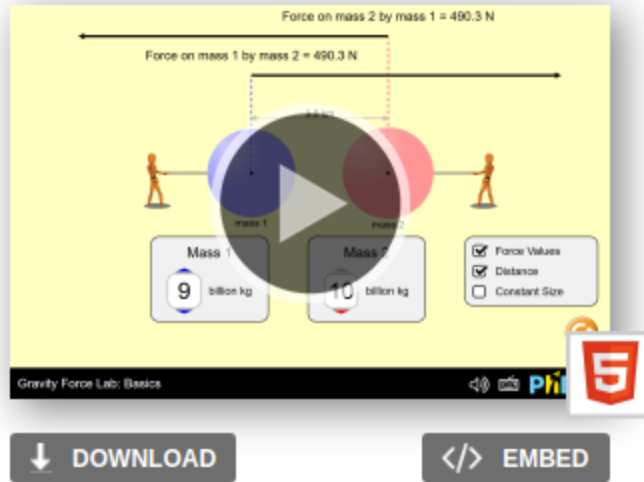
1. Open up the Gravity simulation on the PhET website.

<https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/gravity-force-lab-basics>



2. Click on the “play” button triangle and start the sim.

Gravity Force Lab: Basics



3. Check all three boxes on the right hand side (Force values, Distance, Constant Size).
4. Set “*Mass1*” and “*Mass2*” to 5 (billion Kg). *Both masses* will **remain constant** throughout the experiment.
5. For the different values of *Distance* (Table-1), calculate force, and record these values in **Table-1**.
6. Plot $\ln(F)$ vs $\ln(1/d)$ graph using recorded data from **Table-1**. You may use any software you like. (Specified softwares is recommended).

Answer the following questions using ONE sentence:

1. ##How will the force of attraction between two objects change if the separation between their centres, d is doubled?
2. ##Will the force of attraction be different for each object if they vary in mass?
3. ##Will halving the mass of each of the objects change their force of attraction?
4. ##Now suppose you double the mass of one of the objects keeping the other constant, how will the force of attraction change?
5. ##Will the force of attraction change if measured on a different planet?