

The Law of Universal Gravitation:

Any two masses, anywhere in the universe, are attracted to each other by this formula:

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

Symbol	Quantity	SI Unit
F_g	Force of Gravity	Newtons
G	6.67×10^{-11}	$\frac{\text{N m}^2}{\text{kg}^2}$
m_1	First mass	kilograms
m_2	Second mass	kilograms
d	Distance between masses**	meters

** Actually, the difference between the centers of mass.

Part 1: Force between objects in space

1. Imagine two baseballs near each other in space. Each baseball has a mass of .145 kg. Their centers are 0.200 m apart. What is the force between the baseballs?

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Answer in a complete sentence <i>with unit</i> :		

2. Imagine two bowling balls near each other in space. Each bowling ball has a mass of 6.00 kg. The centers of the bowling balls are 3.00 meters apart. What is the gravitational force between the bowling balls?

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3. Mass of the earth = 5.97×10^{24} kg

Mass of the sun = 1.99×10^{30} kg

Distance earth to sun = 1.50×10^{11} m

What is the gravitational force between the sun and the earth?

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Answer in a complete sentence <i>with unit</i> :		

4a. Distance earth to moon = 3.84×10^8 meters.

Mass of the moon = 7.35×10^{22}

What is the gravitational force between the earth and the moon?

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5a. Distance from Jupiter to the Sun = 7.79×10^{11} m

Mass of Jupiter = 1.90×10^{27} kg

What is the force of gravitational attraction between the Sun and Jupiter?

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