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Physical constants which may be necessary to answer the problems on this page can be found within the hint tabs.

Calculate the force of attraction between two metal spheres each of mass $20\,\mathrm{kg}$ whose centres are $20\,\mathrm{cm}$ apart. Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

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A planet has mass $1.0\times 10^{24}\,\mathrm{kg}.$

Part A Gravitational potential at two distances

- a) calculate the gravitational potential, in $J\,kg^{-1}$, at the following distances from the centre of the planet:
- (i) $2.0 imes 10^7 \, \mathrm{m}$
- (ii) $4.0 imes 10^7 \, \mathrm{m}$

Part B Gravitational potential energy of a satellite

Calculate the gravitational potential energy of a $200\,\mathrm{kg}$ satellite at the point mentioned in part (a)(ii).

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A $2.400 \times 10^{22}\,\mathrm{kg}$ moon orbits a $7.200 \times 10^{24}\,\mathrm{kg}$ planet with an orbital radius of $2.500 \times 10^8\,\mathrm{m}$.

Between a planet and its moon Part A

Calculate the gravitational potential at the point half way between the centres of the planet and its moon. You should take the universal gravitational constant to be $G = 6.674 imes 10^{-11} \, \mathrm{N \, m^2 \, kg^{-2}}.$

Part B Beyond the moon

Calculate the gravitational potential at a point $6.800 \times 10^8 \, \mathrm{m}$ from the centre of the planet and on the same side of the planet as its moon. You should take the universal gravitational constant to be $G=6.674 imes 10^{-11} \, \mathrm{N \, m^2 \, kg^{-2}}.$

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Calculate the minimum velocity which a space probe needs to be given to escape from the gravitational field of a star if it starts $1.5 \times 10^{11}\,\mathrm{m}$ from the centre of the star. The mass of the star is $3.3 \times 10^{30} \, \mathrm{kg}.$

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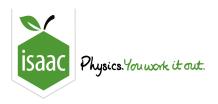


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The electric field $1.0\,\mathrm{cm}$ away from a strongly charged object is $4.5\times10^8\,\mathrm{N\,C^{-1}}$. What is the charge on the object?

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Two $+1.0\,\mathrm{nC}$ charges are placed $1\,\mathrm{mm}$ apart. Calculate the electric field strength at the point half way between the charges.

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Remember that all of your answers must be given with the correct sign.

This question concerns the region between two large, horizontal metal plates which are $2.00\,\mathrm{mm}$ apart, and are connected to the terminals of a $1.60\,\mathrm{kV}$ power supply. The negative terminal of the power supply is earthed, and this is connected to the bottom plate. In these questions, ignore any complications caused by the edges of the plates.

Part A 1.00 mm above the bottom plate

Calculate the potential of a point 1.00 mm above the bottom plate.

Part B 0.75 mm above the bottom plate

Calculate the potential of a point 0.75 mm above the bottom plate.

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Calculate the $\underline{\text{electrostatic}}$ potential energy when a proton is $0.43\,\mathrm{nm}$ from an electron.

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Charges on a metre stick Part A

Two charges are stuck to a metre stick: a $+1.0\,\mathrm{pC}$ charge is stuck to the $0.0\,\mathrm{cm}$ mark, and a $-1.0\,\mathrm{pC}$ charge is stuck to the $10\,\mathrm{cm}$ mark. Calculate the $\underline{\text{electrostatic}}$ potential at the $20.0\,\mathrm{cm}$ mark.

Part B Potential at the $5.0\,\mathrm{cm}$ mark

Find the $\underline{\text{electrostatic}}$ potential at the $5.0\,\mathrm{cm}$ mark.