

- 3 A uniform spherical star has a mass of  $6.0 \times 10^{30}$  kg. The mass of the star may be assumed to be a point mass at the centre of the star.

The star may be considered to be isolated in space.

- (a) Show that the gravitational field strength at a point  $3.0 \times 10^9$  m from the centre of the spherical star is  $44.5 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$ .

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- (b) The radius of the star is  $1.0 \times 10^9$  m.

On the axes of Fig. 3.1, sketch a graph to show the variation with distance  $x$  from the centre of the star of the gravitational field strength  $g$  of the star for values of  $x$  from  $x = 1.0 \times 10^9$  m to  $x = 4.0 \times 10^9$  m.

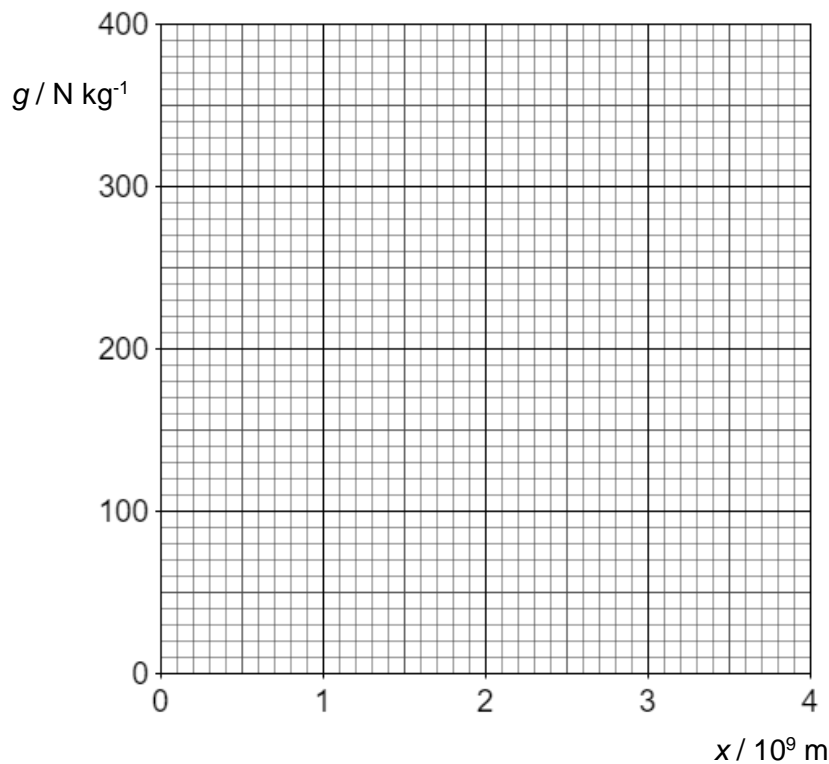


Fig. 3.1

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- (c) State what the area under the graph in Fig. 3.1 represents.

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