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A binary star consists of two stars A and B. The two stars may be considered to be isolated in space. The centre of the two stars are separated by a constant distance d .

Star A, of mass M_A has a smaller mass than star B of mass M_B , such that $\frac{M_A}{M_B} = 0.2$. The stars

are in circular orbits about each other such that the centre of their orbits is at a fixed point with orbital period T .

Which row is correct?

orbital radius of star A

magnitude of gravitational force on star B

A

$$\frac{5}{6}d$$

$$\frac{10\pi^2 d M_A}{3T^2}$$

B

$$\frac{5}{6}d$$

$$\frac{10\pi^2 d M_B}{3T^2}$$

C

d

$$\frac{10\pi^2 d M_A}{3 T^2}$$

D

d

$$\frac{10\pi^2 d M_B}{3 T^2}$$
