

Two objects of equal mass, m , are separated by a distance d . Answer the following questions:

- e) If the mass of both objects was doubled and the distance was doubled, what would happen to the force of attraction?
- f) If the mass of both objects was halved and the distance was halved, what would happen to the force of attraction?
- g) If the mass of one object was quadrupled, where would a person need to stand such that they felt no net gravitational forces? (in other words, such that the gravitational forces balanced out)

Answer:

According to Newton's law of universal gravitation:

$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

On task: $F = G \frac{mm}{d^2}$

- e) If the mass of both objects was doubled and the distance was doubled the force of attraction will decrease twice.
- f) If the mass of both objects was halved and the distance was halved the force of attraction will not change.
- g) If the mass of one object was quadrupled a person need to stand on a distance $\frac{1}{8}d$ from easier object.