Answer on Question #65089-Physics-Mechanics-Relativity

A straight rod of length extends from x=0 to x=L. The linear mass density of rod varies with x coordinate is $\lambda = a_0 + b_0 x^2$. The gravitational force experienced by a point mass m at x=-a, is

Solution



$$dF = \frac{Gm\lambda dx}{x^2}$$

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$$F = \int_{a}^{a+L} \frac{Gm[a_0 + b_0 x^2]dx}{x^2} = a_0 \int_{a}^{a+L} \frac{Gmdx}{x^2} + b_0 \int_{a}^{a+L} Gmdx = Gm\left[a_0\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{a+L}\right) + b_0L\right].$$
Answer: $Gm\left[a_0\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{a+L}\right) + b_0L\right].$

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