Universal Law of Gravitation

Any two objects with mass are going to feel a gravitational attraction to each other. The force that they will feel is given by Newton's Universal Law of Gravitation.



Homework

Problem 1. Let's find the gravitational force we feel as we get close to a black hole with a mass similar to that of our sun:

$$M = 2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

Use Newton's universal law of gravitation to find the gravitational force felt by an astronaut of mass m=100kg (including space suit), at the distances shown in the table below.

	Distance [m]	Force [N]		
	1x10 ¹⁰			
	2.5x10 ¹⁰			
	5x10 ¹⁰			
R	7.5x10 ¹⁰			
	1x10 ¹¹			
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