

Learning Intentions

- To learn about the 4 fundamental forces
- To learn how to calculate the net force on an object
- To learn how to calculate the force of gravity between two objects

Notes

1. A force is a (vector / scalar) that describes a _____ or a _____ on an object.
2. There are _____ fundamental forces, a.k.a. (also known as) fundamental _____.

Fundamental Force	Definition
	Responsible for holding the positively-charged protons together in the _____ of the atom.
	The interaction that is responsible for the radioactive decay that occurs in nuclear _____.
	The phenomenon by which all things with mass or _____ (including light) are drawn towards each other.
	The push or pull experienced between _____ particles.

3. Electrostatic forces are much (stronger / weaker) than gravitational forces.
4. Forces are measured in _____, which are equivalent to _____.
5. The _____ is the sum of all the external forces on an object. It is a _____, not a real force.

8. Universal Law of Gravitation:

- a. Note: The law is not actually universal. It was superseded by _____'s
_____ Theory of _____.

Questions

1. The Earth has a mass of 5.97×10^{24} kg and a radius of 6.37×10^6 m. What force does it exert on an object of mass 78 kg at the surface of the Earth?
2. What force does the Earth exert on an object of mass of 1.00 kg at the surface of the Earth?
3. What force does the Earth exert on an object of mass m_2 at the surface of the Earth?
4. Near the Earth's surface, the what is the force of gravity (**g**) in Newtons per kilogram (N/kg)?
5. If a 78 kg pilot in a turning plane experiences a force of 8 g's upwards, what is the force on the pilot in Newtons?
6. What is the force of gravity between two 1.0 kg masses 1.0 m apart?
7. The masses are moved so that they are 1.0 mm apart. What is the force of gravity between the masses?
8. The masses are moved so that they are at opposite "ends" of the universe, 93 billion light years apart. What is the force of gravity between the masses?
9. What will be the force of gravity on a 1.0 kg mass at the moon's surface? The moon has a mass of 7.35×10^{22} kg and a radius of 1,740 km.

10. How does g_{moon} compare to g_{Earth} ?
11. Using the Universal Law of Gravitation, find the force of gravity on a 1.0 kg mass on the International Space Station, which is located 400 km above the Earth's surface.
12. How does the force of gravity on the mass at the ISS compare with the force of gravity at the Earth's surface?
13. If there is still gravity at the ISS, why do astronauts float?

Answers

1. $F_g = 760 \text{ N}$ [towards Earth]
2. $F_g = 9.81 \text{ N}$ [towards Earth]
3. $F_g = m_2 \times 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ [towards Earth]
4. $g = 9.81 \text{ N/kg}$ [towards Earth] = -9.81 N/kg [up]
5. $F = 6,000 \text{ N}$ [upwards]
6. $F_g = 6.7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}$ [towards each other]
7. $F_g = 6.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N}$ [towards each other]
8. $F_g = 8.6 \times 10^{-65} \text{ N}$ [towards each other]
9. $F_g = 1.6 \text{ N}$ [towards the moon]
10. $g_{\text{moon}} = 0.16 g_{\text{Earth}}$
11. $F_g = 8.7 \text{ N}$ [towards Earth]
12. 88% of the force of gravity at the Earth's surface