

Two objects, one of mass 50 kg and the other of mass 60 kg, are separated by a distance of 70 cm. What is the force of attraction between the objects?

Given:

Mass of object one:

$$m_1 = 50\text{kg}$$

Mass of object two:

$$m_2 = 60\text{ kg}$$

Distance between the objects:

$$d = 70\text{ cm} = 0.7\text{ m}$$

Universal Gravitational Constant

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$$

Determine:

Force of attraction between objects: F

To find the force of attraction between the two objects, use Newton's universal law of gravitation formula :

$$F = Gm_1m_2 / d^2 \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

Substituting for G,  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$  and d in (1):

$$F = (6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 50 \times 60) / (0.7)^2 = 4.1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$$