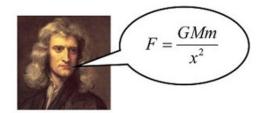
## **To Infinity and Beyond!**

Newton's law of universal gravitation states that every particle attracts every other particle in the universe with a force that is directly proportional to the product of their masses and inversely proportional



x

We know that the force F(x) on a satellite varies with its distance x from the center of the earth according to GMm

 $F(x) = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$ , where G is the gravitational constant, i.e.,  $G = 6.67 \cdot 10^{-11}$  Newtons kg<sup>-2</sup>m<sup>2</sup>,

*M* is the mass of the earth in kg, i.e.,  $M = 5.97 \cdot 10^{24}$  kg, *m* is the mass of the satellite in kg, and *x* is the distance in meters between them.

- **a.** As a satellite is lifted off into space and x increases, think about what the graph of F(x) would look like.
  - i. Make a sketch.

Recall F is the weight of the satellite when it is x meters from the center of the earth.

ii. Suppose a satellite is at the surface of the earth. Assume the radius of the earth is  $R = 6.371 \cdot 10^6$  m. Calculate the gravitational force, in Newtons, acting on the satellite at the earth's surface.

Report as a multiple of the mass m (in kg) of the satellite. Round your value in the box to <u>two</u> decimal places.

$$F \approx$$
  $\cdot m$  Newtons

iii. Calculate the gravitational force, in Newtons, acting on a satellite when it is an altitude of  $d = 1.48 \cdot 10^6$  m above the earth's surface.

Report as a multiple of the mass m (in kg) of the satellite. Round your value in the box to <u>two</u> decimal places

$$F \approx$$
  $\cdot m$  Newtons

- **b.** Set up the integral and evaluate it to find the work required, in Joules, to lift a 1325-kg satellite from the earth's surface to an altitude of  $d = 1.48 \cdot 10^6$  m above the earth's surface. (Round to two decimal places.)
- c. Set up the integral and evaluate it to find the work required, in Joules, to lift a 1325-kg satellite from the earth's surface to *outer space*. Use correct limit notation.
  (Round to two decimal places.)

F(x)