

1. The sun exerts a force on a drop of water on earth. The drop is somewhere along the line between the centers of earth and the sun. The distance of the drop from the sun is $R_{es} + r$. The force is

$$-(GM_s R_{es}^{-2})\left(1 - 2\left(\frac{r}{R_{es}}\right)\right).$$

- a. (3 pts.) “The first term pulls the drop toward earth.” Explain how to determine that this statement is incorrect.
- b. (3 pts.) Using only the force exerted by the sun, explain why there are two high tides every day.
2. The sun exerts a force on a drop of water on earth. The drop may be anywhere. The distance of the drop from the sun is the magnitude $|\vec{R}_{es} + \vec{r}|$. (The arrows indicate vectors.) The force is

$$-(GM_s R_{es}^{-2})\left(1 - 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{R}_{es}/R_{es}^2\right).$$

The dot indicates dot product.

- a. (3 pts.) Sketch the tidal force on the entire earth. Be certain to indicate direction.
- b. (3 pts.) Where is the tidal force zero? Where is it maximum in magnitude?
3. (3 pts.) For moons having the same density as Jupiter, the Roche limit is 169Mm. Suppose a new moon is discovered with an orbital radius of 150Mm. It is spherical in shape. Explain how such a moon can exist so close to Jupiter.