Chapter 8 Problem 16 †

Given

$$m_a = 67.0 \ kg$$

 $m_s = 73,000 \ kg$
 $r = 84.0 \ m$

Solution

Find the force between the astronaut and the shuttle.

 $F = 4.62 \times 10^{-8} \ N = 46.2 \ nN$

The force of gravity is

$$F = G \frac{m_a m_s}{r^2}$$

$$F = (6.672 \times 10^{-11} \ Nm^2/kg^2) \frac{(67.0 \ kg)(73,000 \ kg)}{(84.0 \ m)^2}$$

[†]Problem from Essential University Physics, Wolfson