

3. We use $F = Gm_s m_m / r^2$, where m_s is the mass of the satellite, m_m is the mass of the meteor, and r is the distance between their centers. The distance between centers is $r = R + d = 15\text{ m} + 3\text{ m} = 18\text{ m}$. Here R is the radius of the satellite and d is the distance from its surface to the center of the meteor. Thus,

$$F = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2)(20\text{ kg})(7.0\text{ kg})}{(18\text{ m})^2} = 2.9 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} .$$