

EX 27.2

Electricity & gravity

$$F_G = G \frac{M_{\text{sun}} M_{\text{earth}}}{r_{SE}^2}$$

$$F_E = k \frac{q_{\text{sun}} q_{\text{earth}}}{r_{SE}^2}$$

← total charge of sun made of protons
 " " " earths " " "

$$\frac{F_G}{F_E} = \frac{G M_s M_e}{k q_s q_e}$$

↙ number of protons in the sun.
 ↘ charge of one proton

$$q_s = N_s q_{\oplus} = \frac{M_s}{m_{\oplus}} q_{\oplus}$$

$$q_e = N_e q_{\oplus} = \frac{M_e}{m_{\oplus}} q_{\oplus}$$

$$\frac{F_G}{F_E} = \frac{G}{k} \frac{M_s M_e}{\frac{M_s q_{\oplus}}{m_{\oplus}} \frac{M_e q_{\oplus}}{m_{\oplus}}} = \frac{G}{k} \frac{M_{\oplus}^2}{q_{\oplus}^2} =$$

$$\frac{F_G}{F_E} = 8 \times 10^{-37}$$

Ratio of gravitational & electrical forces. Gravity is only strong when electric forces cancel each other out, as when \oplus and \ominus charges neutralize each other.