

6. The gravitational forces on m_5 from the two 5.00g masses m_1 and m_4 cancel each other. Contributions to the net force on m_5 come from the remaining two masses:

$$F_{\text{net}} = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{kg}^2)(2.50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg})(3.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg} - 1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg})}{(\sqrt{2} \times 10^{-1} \text{ m})^2}$$
$$= 1.67 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N}.$$

The force is directed along the diagonal between m_2 and m_3 , towards m_2 . In unit-vector notation, we have

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = F_{\text{net}} (\cos 45^\circ \hat{i} + \sin 45^\circ \hat{j}) = (1.18 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N}) \hat{i} + (1.18 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N}) \hat{j}$$