

Kepler's Law III says that $T^2 = \text{constant} * R^3$ for planetary motion. If planet A has a period, T_A , twice that of planet B, then A is _____ times as far from the sun as B.

1. 2X
2. 4X
3. 8X
4. None of the above is correct within 10%

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The answer is #4, since none of the answers offered is within 10% of the correct answer; as follows,

- If T doubles, T^2 increase by $4X$;
- Then R^3 increases by $4X$,
and R increases by $4^{1/3} = 1.59X$.

Since this deviates by more than 10% from the most nearly correct answer offered (#1 = $2X$), the correct answer is #4.