

Exploring Saturn's Moons

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Dione	0.105985
Mimas	0.052068
Titan	0.343159
Helene	0.105990
Telesto	0.082741
Rhea	0.148029
Enceladus	0.066245
Calypso	0.082739
Iapetus	1.000000

Saturn's moon Iapetus is located at a distance of 3.6 million kilometers from Saturn, but Saturn has 24 moons located closer to Saturn than Iapetus. The table above gives the distances from Saturn of a few of the well-known moons in terms of the distance to Iapetus. For example at a distance of '0.5' its true distance is 0.5 x the distance to Iapetus or 1,800,000 km.

Problem 1 – Order the moons in terms of their increasing distance from Saturn by sorting the decimal values from smallest to largest.

Problem 2 - Which moon is closer than 0.35 but farther away than 0.33?

Problem 3 – Which pair of moons are within 0.000002 of each other?

Problem 4 – Which two moons differ in distance by 0.29612?

Answer Key

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Problem 2 - Which moon is closer than 0.35 but farther away than 0.33?

Answer: **Titan is located at 0.343159**

Problem 3 – Which pair of moons are within 0.000002 of each other?

Answer: **Calypso** is at 0.082739 and **Telesto** is at 0.082741 which differ by 0.000002

Problem 4 – Which two moons differ in distance by 0.29612?

Answer: **Titan** is at 0.343159 and **Aegaeon** is at 0.047039 which differ by 0.29612.