## Solutions



Top view: Triangle MCB: $|\mathrm{CM}|=195 \mathrm{~km}, \angle \mathrm{MCB}=230^{\circ}-180^{\circ}=50^{\circ}$, and $\angle \mathrm{MBC}=75^{\circ}$, so $\angle \mathrm{CMB}=180^{\circ}-75^{\circ}-50^{\circ}=55^{\circ}$.
Then $|\mathrm{CB}|=\frac{|\mathrm{CM}| \sin (\angle \mathrm{CMB})}{\sin (\angle \mathrm{MBC})}=165.4 \mathrm{~km}$.
Triangle DCB: $|\mathrm{CB}|=165.4 \mathrm{~km}, \angle \mathrm{DCB}=215^{\circ}-180^{\circ}=35^{\circ}$, and $\angle \mathrm{DBC}=75^{\circ}$,
so $\angle C D B=180^{\circ}-75^{\circ}-35^{\circ}=70^{\circ}$.
Then $|\mathrm{CD}|=\frac{|\mathrm{CB}| \sin (\angle \mathrm{DBC})}{\sin (\angle \mathrm{CDB})}=170.0 \mathrm{~km}$.
Triangle ECB: $|C B|=165.4 \mathrm{~km}, \angle \mathrm{ECB}=221^{\circ}-180^{\circ}=41^{\circ}$, and $\angle \mathrm{EBC}=75^{\circ}$, so $\angle C E B=180^{\circ}-75^{\circ}-41^{\circ}=64^{\circ}$.
Then $|\mathrm{CE}|=\frac{|\mathrm{CB}| \sin (\angle \mathrm{EBC})}{\sin (\angle \mathrm{CEB})}=177.7 \mathrm{~km}$.
Triangle ECD: $\angle \mathrm{ECD}=41^{\circ}-35^{\circ}=6^{\circ}$. Horisontal distance travelled by
Maribo: $|\mathrm{DE}|=\frac{|\mathrm{DCD}| \sin (\angle \mathrm{ECD})}{\sin (\angle \mathrm{CED})}=19.77 \mathrm{~km}$
Side view: Triangle CFD: $|F D|=|C D| \tan (\angle F C D)=59.20 \mathrm{~km}$
Triangle CGE: $|\mathrm{GE}|=|\mathrm{CE}| \tan (\angle \mathrm{GCE})=46.62 \mathrm{~km}$
Thus vertical distance travelled by Maribo: $|\mathrm{FD}|-|\mathrm{GE}|=12.57 \mathrm{~km}$.
Total distance travelled by Maribo from frame 155 to 161:
$|\mathrm{FG}|=\sqrt{|\mathrm{DE}|^{2}+(|\mathrm{FD}|-|\mathrm{GE}|)^{2}}=23.43 \mathrm{~km}$.
The speed of Maribo is $v=\frac{23.43 \mathrm{~km}}{2.28 \mathrm{~s}-1.46 \mathrm{~s}}=28.6 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{s}$

| 1.2 a | Newton's second law: $m_{\mathrm{M}} \frac{\mathrm{d} v}{\mathrm{~d} t}=-k \rho_{\mathrm{atm}} \pi R_{\mathrm{M}}^{2} v^{2}$ yields $\frac{1}{v^{2}} \mathrm{~d} v=-\frac{k \rho_{\mathrm{atm} \pi} R_{\mathrm{M}}^{2}}{m_{\mathrm{M}}} \mathrm{d} t$. <br> By integration $t=\frac{m_{\mathrm{M}}}{k \rho_{\mathrm{atm}} \pi R_{\mathrm{M}}^{2}}\left(\frac{1}{0.9}-1\right) \frac{1}{v_{\mathrm{M}}}=0.88 \mathrm{~s}$. | 0.7 |
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| 1.2 b | $\frac{E_{\text {kin }}}{E_{\mathrm{melt}}}=\frac{\frac{1}{2} v_{\mathrm{M}}^{2}}{c_{\mathrm{sm}}\left(T_{\mathrm{sm}}-T_{0}\right)+L_{\mathrm{sm}}}=\frac{4.2 \times 10^{8}}{2.1 \times 10^{6}}=2.1 \times 10^{2} \gg 1$. | 0.3 |


| 1.3a | $\begin{aligned} & {[x]=[t]^{\alpha}\left[\rho_{\mathrm{sm}}\right]^{\beta}\left[c_{\mathrm{sm}}\right]^{\gamma}\left[k_{\mathrm{sm}}\right]^{\delta}=[\mathrm{s}]^{\alpha}\left[\mathrm{kg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3}\right]^{\beta}\left[\mathrm{m}^{2} \mathrm{~s}^{-2} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}\right]^{\gamma}\left[\mathrm{kg} \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-3} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}\right]^{\delta},} \\ & \text { so }[\mathrm{m}]=[\mathrm{kg}]^{\beta+\delta}[\mathrm{m}]^{-3 \beta+2 \gamma+\delta}[\mathrm{s}]^{\alpha-2 \gamma-3 \delta}[\mathrm{~K}]^{\gamma-\delta} . \\ & \text { Thus } \beta+\delta=0,-3 \beta+2 \gamma+\delta=1, \alpha-2 \gamma-3 \delta=0, \text { and }-\gamma-\delta=0 . \\ & \text { From which }(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)=\left(+\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},+\frac{1}{2}\right) \text { and } x(t) \approx \sqrt{\frac{k_{\mathrm{sm}} t}{\rho_{\mathrm{sm}} c_{\mathrm{sm}}}} \end{aligned}$ | 0.6 |
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| 1.3b | $x(5 \mathrm{~s})=1.6 \mathrm{~mm} \quad x / R_{\mathrm{M}}=1.6 \mathrm{~mm} / 130 \mathrm{~mm}=0.012$. | 0.4 |
| 1.4 a | Rb-Sr decay scheme: ${ }_{37}^{87} \mathrm{Rb} \rightarrow{ }_{38}^{87} \mathrm{Sr}+{ }_{-1}^{0} \mathrm{e}+\bar{v}_{\mathrm{e}}$ | 0.3 |
| 1.4 b | $N_{87 \mathrm{Rb}}(t)=N_{87 \mathrm{Rb}}(0) \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda t}$ and $\mathrm{Rb} \rightarrow \mathrm{Sr}: N_{87 \mathrm{Sr}}(t)=N_{87 \mathrm{Sr}}(0)+\left[N_{87 \mathrm{Rb}}(0)-N_{87 \mathrm{Rb}}(t)\right]$. Thus $N_{87 \mathrm{Sr}}(t)=N_{875 \mathrm{r}}(0)+\left(\mathrm{e}^{\lambda t}-1\right) N_{87 \mathrm{Rb}}(t)$, and dividing by $N_{86 \mathrm{Sr}}$ we obtain the equation of a straight line: $\frac{N_{87 \mathrm{Sr}}(t)}{N_{86 \mathrm{Sr}}}=\frac{N_{87 \mathrm{Sr}}(0)}{N_{86 \mathrm{Sr}}}+\left(\mathrm{e}^{\lambda t}-1\right) \frac{N_{87 \mathrm{Rb}}(t)}{N_{86 \mathrm{Sr}}} .$ | 0.7 |
| 1.4c | Slope: $\mathrm{e}^{\lambda t}-1=a=\frac{0.712-0.700}{0.25}=0.050$ and $T_{1 / 2}=\frac{\ln (2)}{\lambda}=4.9 \times 10^{10}$ year. So $\tau_{M}=\ln (1+a) \frac{1}{\lambda}=\frac{\ln (1+a)}{\ln (2)} T_{1 / 2}=3.4 \times 10^{9}$ year . | 0.4 |

Kepler's 3rd law on comet Encke and Earth, with the orbital semi-major axis of Encke
given by $a=\frac{1}{2}\left(a_{\min }+a_{\max }\right)$. Thus $t_{\text {Encke }}=\left(\frac{a}{a_{\mathrm{E}}}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} t_{\mathrm{E}}=3.30$ year $=1.04 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{~s}$.

For Earth around its rotation axis: Angular velocity $\omega_{\mathrm{E}}=\frac{2 \pi}{24 \mathrm{~h}}=7.27 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$.
Moment of inertia $I_{\mathrm{E}}=0.83 \frac{2}{5} m_{\mathrm{E}} R_{\mathrm{E}}^{2}=8.07 \times 10^{37} \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m}^{2}$.
Angular momentum $L_{\mathrm{E}}=I_{\mathrm{E}} \omega_{\mathrm{E}}=5.87 \times 10^{33} \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m}^{2} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$.
1.6 a Astroid $m_{\text {ast }}=\frac{4 \pi}{3} R_{\text {ast }}^{3} \rho_{\text {ast }}=1.57 \times 10^{15} \mathrm{~kg}$ and angular momentum $L_{\text {ast }}=$ $m_{\text {ast }} v_{\text {ast }} R_{\mathrm{E}}=2.51 \times 10^{26} \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m}^{2} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$. $L_{\text {ast }}$ is perpendicular to $L_{\mathrm{E}}$, so by conservation angular momentum: $\tan (\Delta \theta)=L_{\text {ast }} / L_{\mathrm{E}}=4.27 \times 10^{-8}$.
The axis tilt $\Delta \theta=4.27 \times 10^{-8} \mathrm{rad}$ (so the north pole move $R_{\mathrm{E}} \Delta \theta=0.27 \mathrm{~m}$ ).
At vertical impact $\Delta L_{\mathrm{E}}=0$ so $\Delta\left(I_{\mathrm{E}} \omega_{\mathrm{E}}\right)=0$. Thus $\Delta \omega_{\mathrm{E}}=-\omega_{\mathrm{E}}\left(\Delta I_{\mathrm{E}}\right) / I_{\mathrm{E}}$, and since
$1.6 \mathrm{~b} \Delta I_{\mathrm{E}} / I_{\mathrm{E}}=m_{\text {ast }} R_{\mathrm{E}}^{2} / I_{\mathrm{E}}=7.9 \times 10^{-10}$ we obtain $\Delta \omega_{\mathrm{E}}=-5.76 \times 10^{-14} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$. The change in rotation period is $\Delta T_{\mathrm{E}}=2 \pi\left(\frac{1}{\omega_{\mathrm{E}}+\Delta \omega_{\mathrm{E}}}-\frac{1}{\omega_{\mathrm{E}}}\right) \approx-2 \pi \frac{\Delta \omega_{\mathrm{E}}}{\omega_{\mathrm{E}}^{2}}=6.84 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~s}$.

At tangential impact $L_{\text {ast }}$ is parallel to $L_{\mathrm{E}}$ so $L_{\mathrm{E}}+L_{\text {ast }}=\left(I_{\mathrm{E}}+\Delta I_{\mathrm{E}}\right)\left(\omega_{\mathrm{E}}+\Delta \omega_{\mathrm{E}}\right)$ and
1.6c thus $\Delta T_{\mathrm{E}}=2 \pi\left(\frac{1}{\omega_{\mathrm{E}}+\Delta \omega_{\mathrm{E}}}-\frac{1}{\omega_{\mathrm{E}}}\right)=2 \pi\left(\frac{I_{\mathrm{E}}+\Delta I_{\mathrm{E}}}{L_{\mathrm{E}}+L_{\text {ast }}}-\frac{1}{\omega_{\mathrm{E}}}\right)=-3.62 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~s}$.
$\left(\begin{array}{ll}\frac{1}{\omega_{\mathrm{E}}+\Delta \omega_{\mathrm{E}}} & \omega_{\mathrm{E}}\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ll}\frac{1}{L_{\mathrm{E}}+L_{\text {ast }}} & \omega_{\mathrm{E}}\end{array}\right) \quad .62 \times 10$.

The Maribo Meteorite

| 1.7 a | Minimum impact speed is the escape velocity from Earth: $v_{\mathrm{imp}}^{\min }=\sqrt{\frac{2 G m_{E}}{R_{E}}}=11.2 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{s}$ | 0.5 |
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|  | Maximum impact speed $v_{\mathrm{imp}}^{\max }$ arises from three contributions: |  |
| (I) The velocity $v_{\mathrm{b}}$ of the body at distance $a_{\mathrm{E}}$ (Earth orbit radius) from the Sun,  <br> $v_{\mathrm{b}}=\sqrt{\frac{2 G m_{S}}{a_{E}}}=42.1 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{s}$.  <br> 1.7 b (II) The orbital velocity of the Earth, $v_{\mathrm{E}}=\frac{2 \pi a_{E}}{1 \text { year }}=29.8 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{s}$. <br> (III) Gravitational attraction from the Earth and kinetic energy seen from the Earth: <br> $\frac{1}{2}\left(v_{\mathrm{b}}+v_{\mathrm{E}}\right)^{2}=-\frac{G m_{E}}{R_{E}}+\frac{1}{2}\left(v_{\mathrm{imp}}^{\max }\right)^{2}$. <br> In conclusion: $v_{\mathrm{imp}}^{\max }=\sqrt{\left(v_{\mathrm{b}}+v_{\mathrm{E}}\right)^{2}+\frac{2 G m_{E}}{R_{E}}}=72.8 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{s}$. 1.2 |  |  |


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