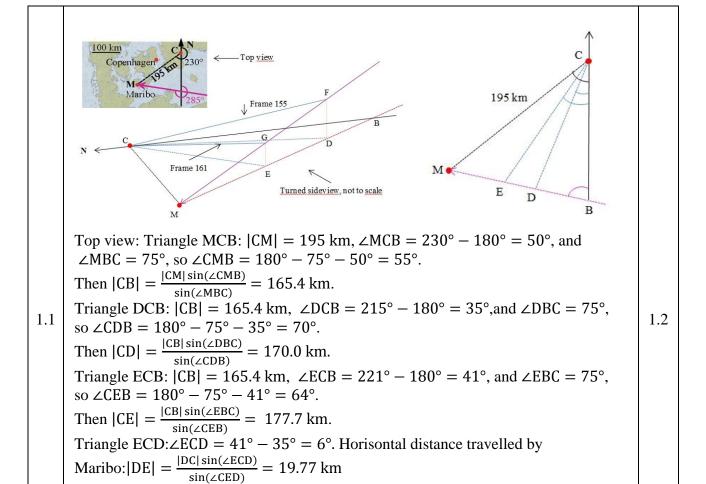


Solutions



Side view: Triangle CFD: $|FD| = |CD| \tan(\angle FCD) = 59.20 \text{ km}$

Triangle CGE: $|GE| = |CE| \tan(\angle GCE) = 46.62 \text{ km}$

Thus vertical distance travelled by Maribo: |FD| - |GE| = 12.57 km.

Total distance travelled by Maribo from frame 155 to 161:

$$|FG| = \sqrt{|DE|^2 + (|FD| - |GE|)^2} = 23.43 \text{ km}.$$

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The speed of Maribo is $v = \frac{23.43 \text{ km}}{2.28 \text{ s} - 1.46 \text{ s}} = 28.6 \text{ km/s}$

1.2a Newton's second law:
$$m_{\rm M} \frac{{\rm d}v}{{\rm d}t} = -k\rho_{\rm atm}\pi R_{\rm M}^2 v^2 \text{ yields } \frac{1}{v^2}{\rm d}v = -\frac{k\rho_{\rm atm}\pi R_{\rm M}^2}{m_{\rm M}} {\rm d}t.$$

By integration $t = \frac{m_{\rm M}}{k\rho_{\rm atm}\pi R_{\rm M}^2} \left(\frac{1}{0.9} - 1\right) \frac{1}{v_{\rm M}} = 0.88 \text{ s.}$

0.7

$$1.2b \frac{E_{\rm kin}}{E_{\rm melt}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}v_{\rm M}^2}{c_{\rm sm}(T_{\rm sm}-T_0) + L_{\rm sm}} = \frac{4.2 \times 10^8}{2.1 \times 10^6} = 2.1 \times 10^2 \gg 1.$$



1.3a	$ \begin{aligned} [x] &= [t]^{\alpha} [\rho_{\rm sm}]^{\beta} [c_{\rm sm}]^{\gamma} \ [k_{\rm sm}]^{\delta} = [s]^{\alpha} [\log m^{-3}]^{\beta} [m^2 \ s^{-2} K^{-1}]^{\gamma} \ [\log m \ s^{-3} K^{-1}]^{\delta}, \\ so \ [m] &= [\log]^{\beta + \delta} [m]^{-3\beta + 2\gamma + \delta} [s]^{\alpha - 2\gamma - 3\delta} [K]^{-\gamma - \delta}. \\ Thus \ \beta + \delta &= 0, -3\beta + 2\gamma + \delta = 1, \alpha - 2\gamma - 3\delta = 0, \text{ and } -\gamma - \delta = 0. \\ 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_{\rm sm}t}{\rho_{\rm sm}c_{\rm sm}}}. \end{aligned} $	0.6
1.3b	$x(5 \text{ s}) = 1.6 \text{ mm}$ $x/R_{\text{M}} = 1.6 \text{ mm}/130 \text{ mm} = 0.012.$	0.4

1.4a	Rb-Sr decay scheme: $^{87}_{37}$ Rb $\rightarrow ^{87}_{38}$ Sr $+ ^{0}_{-1}$ e $+ \bar{\nu}_{e}$	0.3
1.4b	$N_{87\text{Rb}}(t) = N_{87\text{Rb}}(0)e^{-\lambda t} \text{ and } \text{Rb} \rightarrow \text{Sr: } N_{87\text{Sr}}(t) = N_{87\text{Sr}}(0) + [N_{87\text{Rb}}(0) - N_{87\text{Rb}}(t)].$ Thus $N_{87\text{Sr}}(t) = N_{87\text{Sr}}(0) + (e^{\lambda t} - 1)N_{87\text{Rb}}(t)$, and dividing by $N_{86\text{Sr}}$ we obtain the equation of a straight line: $\frac{N_{87\text{Sr}}(t)}{N_{86\text{Sr}}} = \frac{N_{87\text{Sr}}(0)}{N_{86\text{Sr}}} + (e^{\lambda t} - 1)\frac{N_{87\text{Rb}}(t)}{N_{86\text{Sr}}}.$	0.7
1.4c	Slope: $e^{\lambda t} - 1 = a = \frac{0.712 - 0.700}{0.25} = 0.050$ and $T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\ln(2)}{\lambda} = 4.9 \times 10^{10}$ year. So $\tau_M = \ln(1+a)\frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{\ln(1+a)}{\ln(2)}T_{\frac{1}{2}} = 3.4 \times 10^9$ year.	0.4

		Kepler's 3rd law on comet Encke and Earth, with the orbital semi-major axis of Encke	
1.	.5	given by $a = \frac{1}{2}(a_{\min} + a_{\max})$. Thus $t_{\text{Encke}} = \left(\frac{a}{a_{\text{E}}}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} t_{\text{E}} = 3.30 \text{ year} = 1.04 \times 10^8 \text{ s.}$	0.6

1.6a	For Earth around its rotation axis: Angular velocity $\omega_{\rm E}=\frac{2\pi}{24\rm h}=7.27\times 10^{-5}\rm s^{-1}$. Moment of inertia $I_{\rm E}=0.83\frac{2}{5}m_{\rm E}R_{\rm E}^2=8.07\times 10^{37}\rm kgm^2$. Angular momentum $L_{\rm E}=I_{\rm E}\omega_{\rm E}=5.87\times 10^{33}\rm kgm^2s^{-1}$. Astroid $m_{\rm ast}=\frac{4\pi}{3}R_{\rm ast}^3\rho_{\rm ast}=1.57\times 10^{15}\rm kg$ and angular momentum $L_{\rm ast}=m_{\rm ast}v_{\rm ast}R_{\rm E}=2.51\times 10^{26}\rm kgm^2s^{-1}$. $L_{\rm ast}$ is perpendicular to $L_{\rm E}$, so by conservation angular momentum: $\tan(\Delta\theta)=L_{\rm ast}/L_{\rm E}=4.27\times 10^{-8}$. The axis tilt $\Delta\theta=4.27\times 10^{-8}\rm rad$ (so the north pole move $R_{\rm E}\Delta\theta=0.27\rm m$).	0.7
1.6b	At vertical impact $\Delta L_{\rm E}=0$ so $\Delta(I_{\rm E}\omega_{\rm E})=0$. Thus $\Delta\omega_{\rm E}=-\omega_{\rm E}(\Delta I_{\rm E})/I_{\rm E}$, and since $\Delta I_{\rm E}/I_{\rm E}=m_{\rm ast}R_{\rm E}^2/I_{\rm E}=7.9\times10^{-10}$ we obtain $\Delta\omega_{\rm E}=-5.76\times10^{-14}$ s ⁻¹ . The change in rotation period is $\Delta T_{\rm E}=2\pi\left(\frac{1}{\omega_{\rm E}+\Delta\omega_{\rm E}}-\frac{1}{\omega_{\rm E}}\right)\approx-2\pi\frac{\Delta\omega_{\rm E}}{\omega_{\rm E}^2}=6.84\times10^{-5}$ s.	0.7
1.6c	At tangential impact $L_{\rm ast}$ is parallel to $L_{\rm E}$ so $L_{\rm E} + L_{\rm ast} = (I_{\rm E} + \Delta I_{\rm E})(\omega_{\rm E} + \Delta \omega_{\rm E})$ and thus $\Delta T_{\rm E} = 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{\omega_{\rm E} + \Delta \omega_{\rm E}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{\rm E}}\right) = 2\pi \left(\frac{I_{\rm E} + \Delta I_{\rm E}}{L_{\rm E} + L_{\rm ast}} - \frac{1}{\omega_{\rm E}}\right) = -3.62 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s.}$	0.7

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1.7a	Minimum impact speed is the escape velocity from Earth: $v_{\text{imp}}^{\text{min}} = \sqrt{\frac{2Gm_E}{R_E}} = 11.2 \text{ km/s}$	0.5
1.7b	Maximum impact speed $v_{\rm imp}^{\rm max}$ arises from three contributions:	
	(I) The velocity v_b of the body at distance a_E (Earth orbit radius) from the Sun, $v_b = \sqrt{\frac{2Gm_S}{a_E}} = 42.1 \text{ km/s}.$	
	(II) The orbital velocity of the Earth, $v_{\rm E} = \frac{2\pi a_{\rm E}}{1{\rm year}} = 29.8{\rm km/s}$. (III) Gravitational attraction from the Earth and kinetic energy seen from the Earth:	1.2
	$\frac{1}{2}(v_{\rm b} + v_{\rm E})^2 = -\frac{Gm_E}{R_E} + \frac{1}{2}(v_{\rm imp}^{\rm max})^2.$	
	In conclusion: $v_{\text{imp}}^{\text{max}} = \sqrt{(v_{\text{b}} + v_{\text{E}})^2 + \frac{2Gm_E}{R_E}} = 72.8 \text{ km/s}.$	

Total	9.0
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