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MC1-5 (b) (c) (d) (c) (e)

MC6-10 (a) (a) (e) (c) (b)

**Q1 (10 points)**

Heavy rain  $\sim 100$  mm/hour =  $100/3600 \approx 0.03$  kg/s =  $\Phi$  (1 point)

Area of umbrella  $A \sim 1$  m<sup>2</sup> (1 point)

Rain drop speed  $\sim 10$  m/s (1 point)

$$ft = mv, \Rightarrow f_{rain} = \frac{mv}{t} = A \cdot \Phi \cdot v = 1 \cdot 0.03 \cdot 10 = 0.3N \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

Wing:

Wing speed is 10m/s, (1 point)  $\Phi = 1.2 \cdot 10 = 12$  kg/s (1 point)

$$f_{wind} = A \cdot \Phi \cdot v = 1 \cdot 12 \cdot 10 = 120N. \quad (3 \text{ points})$$

Any answers within a factor of 10 are fine.

**Q2 (10 points)**

$$L \cos \theta = (v_0 \cos \alpha)t \quad (\text{horizontally}),$$

$$L \sin \theta = (-v_0 \sin \alpha)t + \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \quad (\text{vertically}). \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

Other forms are fine as long as the expression for  $L$  below is correct.

Then we have,

$$L = f(\alpha) = \frac{2v_0^2}{g \cos^2 \theta} (\sin \theta \cos^2 \alpha + \cos \theta \sin \alpha \cos \alpha)$$

$$= \frac{2v_0^2}{g \cos^2 \theta} \left[ \sin \theta \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2\alpha) + \cos \theta \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\alpha \right]$$

$$= \frac{v_0^2}{g \cos^2 \theta} [\sin \theta + (\sin \theta \cos 2\alpha + \cos \theta \sin 2\alpha)]$$

$$= \frac{v_0^2}{g \cos^2 \theta} [\sin \theta + \sin(\theta + 2\alpha)]. \quad (6 \text{ points})$$

$$L_{\max} = 476m \text{ while } \alpha = 15^\circ. \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

**Q3 (15 points). Point Dipole**

$$\vec{v}_a = \vec{v}_c + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}_{ca} = (v_x + \frac{1}{2}L\omega \sin \theta)x + (v_y - \frac{1}{2}L\omega \cos \theta)y,$$

$$\vec{v}_b = \vec{v}_c + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}_{cb} = (v_x - \frac{1}{2}L\omega \sin \theta)x + (v_y + \frac{1}{2}L\omega \cos \theta)y.$$

$$\text{Lorentz force } \vec{f} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}.$$

$$\vec{f}_x = qB(v_y - \frac{1}{2}L\omega \sin \theta)x + (-q)B(v_y + \frac{1}{2}L\omega \cos \theta)x = -qBL\omega \cos \theta x,$$

$$\vec{f}_y = qB(-v_x - \frac{1}{2}L\omega \sin \theta)y + (-q)B(-v_x + \frac{1}{2}L\omega \sin \theta)y = -qBL\omega \sin \theta y$$

Net force  $\vec{f} = \vec{f}_x + \vec{f}_y = -qBL\omega(\cos \theta x + \sin \theta y)$ . (net force is along the stick)

Net force only depends on rotation.

To calculate torques, only consider Lorentz forces perpendicular to the stick,

$$\vec{M}_a = q(v_x \cos \theta \hat{x} + v_y \sin \theta \hat{y}) \times \vec{B} \times \vec{r}_{ca},$$

$$\vec{M}_b = -q(v_x \cos \theta \hat{x} + v_y \sin \theta \hat{y}) \times \vec{B} \times \vec{r}_{cb}.$$

Net torque:  $\vec{M} = \vec{M}_a + \vec{M}_b = qBL(v_x \cos \theta + v_y \sin \theta) \hat{z}$ .

Net torque only depends on translation.

#### Q4 (15 points). Refrigerator

(a) Rotation:  $mgL = ma_{\max}(3l) \rightarrow a_{\max} = \frac{1}{3}g$

Translation:  $\mu mg = ma_{\max} \rightarrow a_{\max} = \mu g > \frac{1}{3}g$

Hence  $a_{\max} = \frac{1}{3}g = 3.27m/s^2$

(b)  $f_1 + f_2 = ma \quad N_1 + N_2 = mg$

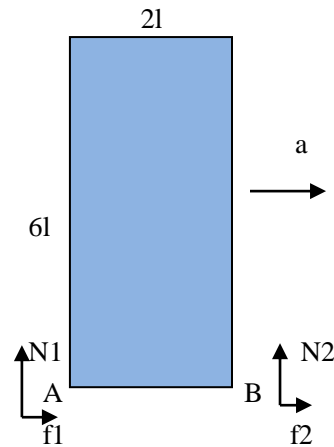
Point A:  $ma(3l) + N_2(2l) = mgL$

Then  $N_1 = 0.65mg = 318.5N$ ,  $N_2 = 0.35mg = 171.5N$

$f_1 : f_2 = N_1 : N_2 \quad f_1 = 0.65ma = 31.85N \quad f_2 = 0.35ma = 17.15N$

Net forces:  $\vec{F}_A = 318.5N \hat{y} + 31.85N \hat{x} = 320.8N(\tan \theta = 10)$

$\vec{F}_B = 171.5N \hat{y} + 17.15N \hat{x} = 172.4N(\tan \theta = 10)$



#### Q5 (15 points)

Block-Spring System

Force balance (a)  $kx = \mu Mg$ , so  $x = \frac{\mu Mg}{k}$ , (2 points)

Energy conservation  $\frac{1}{2}Mv_0^2 = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 + \mu Mgx$ , so  $v_0 = \mu g \sqrt{\frac{3M}{k}}$ . (2 points)

(b)  $kx = \mu Mg$ , so  $x = \frac{\mu Mg}{k}$ , (2 points)

Momentum Conservation  $(M + M)v_f = Mv_0$  (1 point)

Energy Conservation  $\frac{1}{2}Mv_0^2 = \frac{1}{2}(M + M)v_f^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2 + \mu Mgx, \Rightarrow v_0 = \mu g \sqrt{\frac{6M}{k}}$ . (3 points)

**Q6 (20 points)**

(a)

At the final stage, the number of moles of gas in the tank is  $n_f = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{0.5P_0 \cdot 10V_0}{RT} = 5n$ . So  $N = 5$

cylinders are needed. (5 points)

(b)

$$P_0NV_0 = P(NV_0 + V) \Rightarrow N = 0.5(N + 10) \Rightarrow N = 10. \text{ (5 points)}$$

(c)

$$\text{First one, } P_1 = \frac{P_0V_0}{V + V_0} = \frac{1}{11}P_0, \quad n_1 = \frac{Vn}{V + V_0} = \frac{10}{11}n, \text{ (1 point)}$$

$$\text{Second, } P_2 = \frac{(n + n_1)RT}{V + V_0} = \frac{(1 + 10/11)n P_0V_0}{11V_0} = \frac{1}{11}\left(1 + \frac{10}{11}\right)P_0, \quad n_2 = \frac{V(n + n_1)}{V + V_0} = \frac{10}{11}\left(1 + \frac{10}{11}\right)n \text{ (1 point)}$$

$$\text{Third, } P_3 = \frac{(n + n_2)RT}{V + V_0} = \frac{1}{11}\left(1 + \frac{10}{11} + \frac{10 \cdot 10}{11 \cdot 11}\right)P_0, \quad n_3 = \frac{V(n + n_2)}{V + V_0} = \frac{10}{11}\left(1 + \frac{10}{11} + \frac{10 \cdot 10}{11 \cdot 11}\right)n \text{ (1 point)}$$

$$P_2 - P_1 = \left(\frac{21}{11 \cdot 11} - \frac{1}{11}\right)P_0 = \frac{10}{11 \cdot 11}, \quad n_2 - n_1 = \frac{10 \cdot 21}{11 \cdot 11}n - \frac{10}{11}n = \frac{10}{11} \cdot \frac{10}{11}n$$

$$P_3 - P_2 = \frac{(11 \cdot 11 + 10 \cdot 21)}{11 \cdot 11 \cdot 11}P_0 - \frac{21}{11 \cdot 11}P_0 = \frac{10 \cdot 10}{11 \cdot 11 \cdot 11}P_0, \quad n_3 - n_2 = \frac{10 \cdot 21}{11 \cdot 11}n - \frac{10}{11}n = \frac{10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10}{11 \cdot 11 \cdot 11}n$$

$$n_N = \frac{(n + n_{N-1})V}{V + V_0} = \frac{10}{11} \left[ 1 + \frac{10}{11} + \frac{10 \cdot 10}{11 \cdot 11} + \dots + \left(\frac{10}{11}\right)^{N-1} \right] n = \frac{10}{11} \left[ \frac{1 - (10/11)^N}{1 - 10/11} \right] n = 10n[1 - (10/11)^N],$$

(5 points)

$$P_N = \frac{(n + n_{N-1})RT}{V + V_0} = [1 - (10/11)^N]P_0, \quad P_N = \frac{1}{2}P_0 \Rightarrow N = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln(11/10)} = 7.3. \text{ (2 points)}$$

So 8 cylinders are needed. (1 point)