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PHYS 121

EXAM III

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(Sign in ink, print in pencil)

Notes

- 1) There are four (4) problems in this exam. Please make sure that your copy has all of them.
- 2) Please show your work indicating clearly what formula you used and what the symbols mean. Just writing the answer will not get you full credit. In stating vectors give both magnitude and direction.
- 3) Write your answers on the sheets provided.
- 4) Do not forget to write the units.
- 5) Do not hesitate to ask for clarification at any time during the exam. You may buy a formula at the cost of one point.

God Bless You!

$$k_B = 1.383 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J / K}$$

$$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}$$

$$m_p = 1.6 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

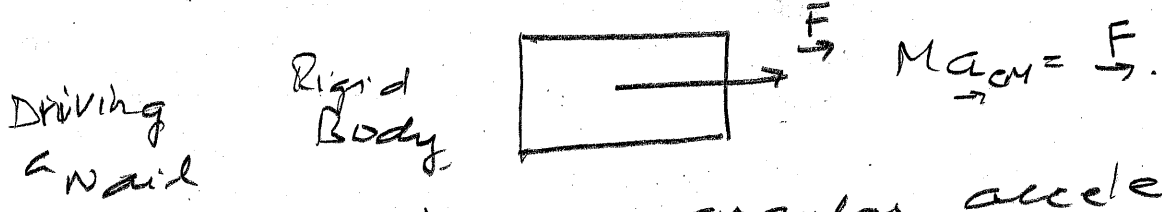
Problem 1a

What is the difference between force and torque? Support your answers with examples.

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Force Causes <sup>linear</sup> acceleration and <sup>hence</sup> Translation

$$M \vec{a} = \sum \vec{F}_i$$



Torque  $\vec{\tau}$  causes angular acceleration and hence rotation about an axis. To have  $\vec{\tau}$  you must apply  $\vec{F}$  at some distance  $\vec{r}$  from axis and  $\vec{F}$  must be perpendicular to  $\vec{r}$ .

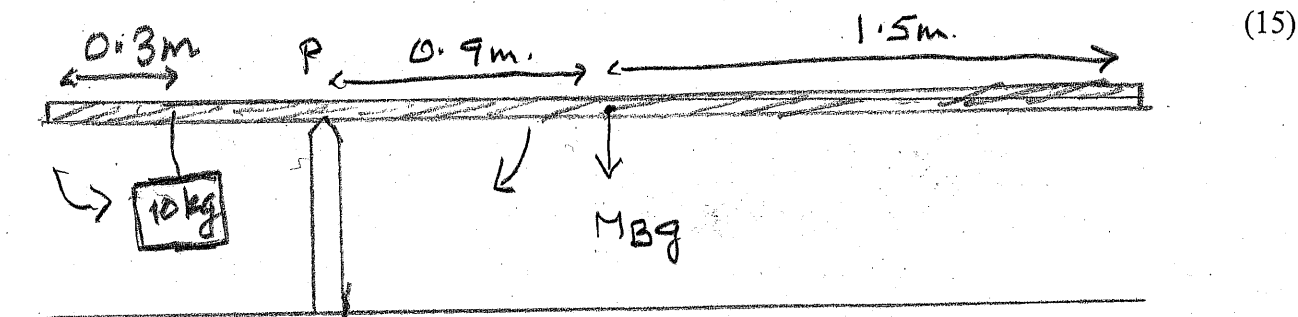
$$\vec{\tau} = [\vec{r} \times \vec{F}]$$

$$I \vec{\alpha} = \sum \vec{\tau}_i \text{ for rigid Body.}$$

Screw Driver applies torque.  
Opening door causes torque

**Problem 1b**

A uniform bar of length  $3\text{m}$  is placed on a vertical support located at  $0.6\text{m}$  from the left end. If hanging a mass of  $10\text{kg}$  at a distance of  $0.3\text{m}$  from the end brings the bar into equilibrium in the horizontal position. What is the mass of the bar? Why?



For  $\Sigma m$  of a rigid Body

$$\text{Total Force } \Sigma F_i = 0$$

$$\text{Total Torque } \Sigma \tau_i = 0.$$

Take Torques about P

Torque due to  $M_B g$  is -ive.  
 " " "  $10g$  is +ive.

$$- M_B g \times 0.9 + 10 \times 9.8 \times 0.3 = 0$$

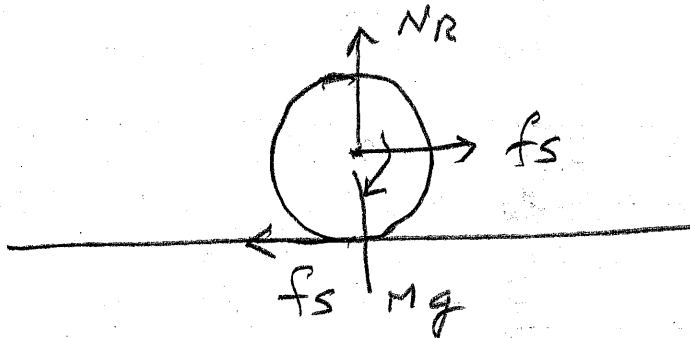
$$- M_B \times 9.8 \times 0.9 + 10 \times 9.8 \times 0.3 = 0$$

$$M_B = \frac{30 \times 0.3}{0.9} = 3.33 \text{ kg}$$

**Problem 2a**

You are stopped at a red light on a horizontal road when the coefficient of static friction is 0.5. When the light turns green, what is the maximum acceleration at which you can take off? Why?

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$$NR - Mg = 0$$

To get going you engage engine to wheel which puts a torque  $\tau$  on it. wheel tries to turn pushing with  $f_s$  on the road. where

$$f_s \leq \mu_s NR.$$

Static friction.

~~Road~~ By Newton's 3rd law, road pushes wheel forward,

$$M \vec{a} = f_s$$

$$M \vec{a} \leq \mu_s NR \hat{x}$$

$$M \vec{a} \leq \mu_s Mg \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{a} \leq \mu_s g \hat{x}$$

$$a_{\max} = 0.5 \times 9.8 = 4.9 \text{ m/s}^2$$

**Problem 2b**

What is the relationship between the angular momentum (magnitude) and the rotational kinetic energy of a rigid body? Why?

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$$\vec{L} = I \vec{\omega}$$

$$K_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$$

Magnitude

$$L = I \omega$$

$$L^2 = I^2 \omega^2$$

$$\frac{L^2}{I} = I \omega^2$$

$$\frac{L^2}{2I} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 = K_{\text{rot}}$$

**Problem 3a**

Near Earth, why does the pressure in a gas or liquid reduce with height above the surface of earth?

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Consider a layer

lying between  $y$

&  $y + \Delta y$ . If it is

to be in  $\equiv$  total

force on it must be

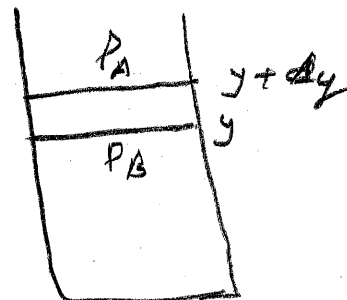
zero. Earth pulls it down

$$\vec{W}_g = -mg \hat{y}$$

$P_A$  must be less than

to give an upward force to

balance  $\vec{W}_g$



**Problem 3b**

A gas is contained in a stationary enclosure at a temperature of 500K. What is the average velocity of the particles in it? Why?

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The motion is random therefore  
average velocity is zero

$$\langle \vec{v} \rangle = 0$$

Problem 3c

Why does a gas exert pressure on the walls of its container?

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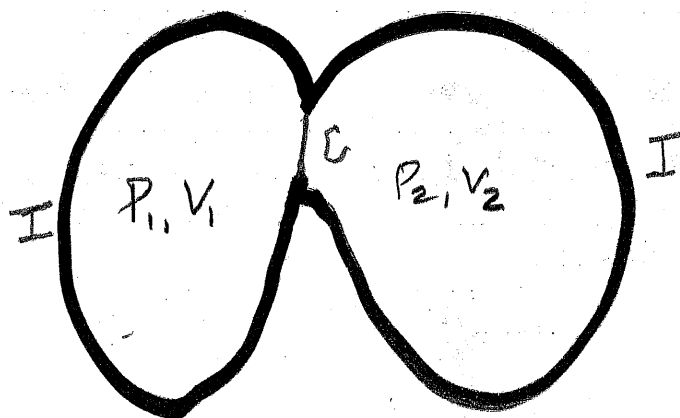
1. The atoms are in random motion
2. Each time an atom bounces off a wall it delivers momentum  $2mv$  to the wall because collision is elastic.
3. If there are  $N_c$  collisions per second on a wall of area  $A$ , wall experiences a force  $2mv N_c$
4. Pressure is force/area.



Problem 4a

Consider the setup of two thermodynamic systems which are isolated from the surroundings but have a conducting wall between them. Use it to develop the concept of temperature.

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Let the initial pressures and volumes be  $P_1, V_1$  and  $P_2, V_2$  respectively

There are two possibilities

Expt ① There is no change when Expt begins although  $P_1 \neq P_2, V_1 \neq V_2$ .

② Both systems change but after a while changes stop. Again the new values  $P_1' \neq P_2', V_1' \neq V_2'$

Conclusion ① When there is no change systems must be in equilibrium (not dynamic).

②  $P$  &  $V$  are irrelevant for this  $\Xi_m$ .

③ We need a new parameter whose equality ensures  $\Xi_m$ . This is temperature so we call it thermal  $\Xi_m$

and state. Two systems can be in  $\Xi_m$  if and only if they have same TEMPERATURE

**Problem 4b**

A  $100\text{cm}^3$  beaker of Aluminum (Coefficient of linear expansion  $\alpha = 23 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}^{-1}$ ) is filled to the brim with water ( $\gamma = 210 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}^{-1}$ ) at  $15^\circ\text{C}$ . Next, it is warmed to a temperature of  $90^\circ\text{C}$ . How much water, if any, will overflow in this experiment? Why?

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Both the beaker & water will expand.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Beaker} \\ V_B &= V_0 [1 + \alpha(\theta - \theta_0)]^3 \\ &= V_0 [1 + 3\alpha(\theta - \theta_0)] \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha \rightarrow$  linear  
3  $\alpha$  - volume

$$\text{Water} \quad V_W = V_0 [1 + \gamma(\theta - \theta_0)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_W - V_B &= V_0 [(\gamma - 3\alpha)(\theta - \theta_0)] \\ &= 100 [(210 - 69) \times 10^{-6} \times 75] \text{ cm}^3 \\ &= (100 \times 75 \times 141 \times 10^{-6}) \text{ cm}^3 \\ &= 105575 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^3 = 1.05 \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$