

PROBLEM SET 12 SOLUTIONS

Physics 2021

1. **Mass of All Planets = 0.055 + 0.815 + 1.0 + 0.107**
+ 317.9 + 95.2 + 14.5 + 17.1 + 0.002 = 446.679 earth masses

Mass of Jupiter = 317.9 earth masses

Percentage = 317.9 / 446.679 = 71.2%

2. **Volume \propto Radius³ (or diameter if used in a ratio)**

$$\text{Volume}_S / \text{Volume}_E = (9.54 / 1.0)^3 = 868 \text{ X}$$

3. **Compute the mass of Jupiter using Almathea's orbit.**

	Almathea
Period (days)	0.4982
Period (years)	1.364 x 10⁻³
Distance (km)	181,365
Distance (AU)	1.209 x 10⁻³
Mass (solar)	9.500 x 10⁻⁴
Mass (kg)	1.90 x 10²⁷
Mass (earth)	318.1

4. **R_{Jupiter} = 71,492 km = 7.15 x 10⁵ km**

$$\text{C} = 2 \pi \text{R} = 2 \pi (7.15 \times 10^5 \text{ km}) = 4.49 \times 10^5 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{Rotation rate} = 9^{\text{h}} 50^{\text{m}} 28^{\text{s}} = 3.54 \times 10^4 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{v} = (4.49 \times 10^5 \text{ km}) / (3.54 \times 10^4 \text{ s}) = 12.7 \text{ km/s}$$

5. $\text{Diameter}_{\text{RedSpot}} = 2.5 \text{ Diameter}_{\text{Earth}} = 2.5 \times 12,750 = 32,000 \text{ km}$

$C = 100,000 \text{ km}$ $\text{Period} = 5.5 \text{ days} = 4.752 \times 10^5 \text{ s}$

$\text{Velocity} = 100,000 \text{ km} / (4.752 \times 10^5 \text{ seconds}) = 0.21 \text{ km/s} = 760 \text{ km/hr}$

6. Saturn's orbital eccentricity varies its distance from the Sun and the time it takes to move in its orbit (via Kepler's Second Law).

7. Outer edge $a = 136,600 \text{ km} = 9.11 \times 10^{-4} \text{ AU}$ $\mathcal{M} = 2.86 \times 10^{-4} \text{ solar mass}$

Inner edge $a = 92,000 \text{ km} = 6.13 \times 10^{-4} \text{ AU}$

Outer edge $P = 1.626 \times 10^{-3} \text{ yr} = 0.594 \text{ day} = 14.25 \text{ hours}$

Inner edge $P = 8.974 \times 10^{-4} \text{ yr} = 0.328 \text{ day} = 7.87 \text{ hours}$

The rotation of Saturn is 10.2 hours. The outer edge drifts eastward; the inner one goes westward.

8. $a = 1.335 \times 10^5 \text{ km} / 1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ km/AU} = 8.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ AU}$

$\mathcal{M} = 2.86 \times 10^{-4} \text{ solar mass}$

$P^2 = a^3 / \mathcal{M} = (8.9 \times 10^{-4})^3 / (2.86 \times 10^{-4}) = 2.466 \times 10^{-6}$

$P = 1.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ yr} = 0.574 \text{ days}$

Pan $0.573 \text{ days} / 0.574 = 1 / 1$

Tethys $1.888 / 0.574 = 3 / 1$ (approximately)

Problem 4 is worth 1 point;
Problems 1, 2, and 5 are worth 2 points each.
Problem 3 is worth 3 points.