



Problems For 6th PYPT'24

Regional (Phase I)

1 (2). Droplet Microscope

By looking through a single water droplet placed on a glass surface, one can observe that the droplet acts as an imaging system. Investigate the magnification and resolution of such a lens.

2 (3). Rigid Ramp Walker

Construct a rigid ramp walker with four legs (e.g. in the form of a ladder). The construction may begin to 'walk' down a rough ramp. Investigate how the geometry of the walker and relevant parameters affect its terminal velocity of walking.

3 (5). Ping Pong Rocket

A ping pong ball is placed in a container of water. When the container is dropped, the ping pong ball will get launched to a great height. What maximum height can you reach with up to 2 liters of water?

4 (8). Another Magnetic Levitation

Place a large disk-shaped magnet on a non-magnetic conductive plate. When a smaller magnet is moved under the plate, the magnet on top may levitate under certain conditions. Investigate the levitation and the possible motion of the magnet on top.

5 (10). Magnetic Gear

Take several identical fidget spinners and attach neodymium magnets to their ends. If you place them side by side on a plane and rotate one of them, the remaining ones start to rotate only due to the magnetic field. Investigate and explain the phenomenon.

6 (12). The Soap Spiral

Lower a compressed slinky into a soap solution, pull it out and straighten it. A soap film is formed between the turns of the slinky. If you break the integrity of the film, the front of the film will begin to move. Explain this phenomenon and investigate the movement of the front of the soap film.

7 (14). Ruler Trick

Place a ruler on the edge of a table, and throw a ball at its free end. The ruler will fall. However, if you cover a part of the ruler with a piece of paper and repeat the throw, then the ruler will remain on the table while the ball will bounce off it. Explain this phenomenon, and investigate the relevant parameters.

8(15). Wet Scroll

Gently place a piece of tracing paper on the surface of water. It rapidly curls into a scroll and then slowly uncurls. Explain and investigate this phenomenon.

Only one rejection is allowed in Phase I.

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