

1a) [10 pts] Kinetic energy is just  $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

Mass is going to be density times volume,  $m = \rho V = \rho(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3) = (3.4g/cm^2)(\frac{4}{3}\pi(5km \times \frac{10^5cm}{km})^3) = 1.78 \times 10^{18}g$

If velocity at infinity is 0, it will land with escape velocity,  $v = 11.2km/s = 1.12 \times 10^6cm/s$

So energy will be:  $E = \frac{1}{2}(1.78 \times 10^{18}g)(1.12 \times 10^6cm/s)^2 = 1.12 \times 10^{30}erg$  about 0.05% of 1 second of the Sun's total energy output. Yowza.

Pressure? Equation 5.18 tells us  $P \approx \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 = \frac{1}{2}(3.4g/cm^2)(1.12 \times 10^6cm/s)^2 = 2.13 \times 10^{12}dyne/cm^2$

1b) [10 pts] We need the escape velocity from Jupiter:

$v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(6.67 \times 10^{-8})(1.90 \times 10^{30})}{(6.99 \times 10^9)}} = 6.02 \times 10^6cm/s$  about 5 times faster than for Earth

$E = \frac{1}{2}(1.78 \times 10^{18}g)(6.02 \times 10^6cm/s)^2 = 3.23 \times 10^{31}erg$  About 1% of 1 second of the Sun's total energy output

1c) [10 pts] Mass of this fragment is  $m = \rho V = \rho(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3) = (0.5g/cm^2)(\frac{4}{3}\pi(0.5km \times \frac{10^5cm}{km})^3) = 2.62 \times 10^{14}g$

Which gives an energy of:  $E = \frac{1}{2}(2.62 \times 10^{14}g)(6.02 \times 10^6cm/s)^2 = 4.75 \times 10^{27}erg$

2a) [10 pts] Kinetic energy is just  $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

Mass is going to be density times volume,  $m = \rho V = \rho\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3\right) = (7g/cm^2)\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi(150m \times \frac{10^2cm}{m})^3\right) = 9.90 \times 10^{13}g$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}(9.90 \times 10^{13}g)(12 \times 10^5 cm/s)^2 = 7.13 \times 10^{25} erg$$

2c) [15 pts] An object on a ballistic trajectory will travel the furthest if the launch angle is 45 degrees

$$v_{tot} = 500m/s$$

$$v_x = v_y = v_{tot} \sin 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}v_{tot} = 354m/s$$

Equation for distance travelled under constant acceleration:  $x(t) = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

Consider vertical motion, the rock spends total time in the air  $t_{air}$ , and has starting and final position equal to 0:

$$0 = 0 + v_y t_{air} - \frac{1}{2}g_M t_{air}^2$$

Solving for  $t_{air}$ ,

$$t_{air} = \frac{2v_y}{g_M}$$

Surface gravity of the Moon is:  $g_M = \frac{GM}{R^2} = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-8})(7.35 \times 10^{25})}{(1.74 \times 10^8)^2} = 162cm/s^2$  About 1/6 that of Earth, so that worked (pew)

$$t_{air} = \frac{2v_y}{g_M} = \frac{2(3.54 \times 10^4 cm/s)}{162 cm/s^2} = 437s \quad 7 \text{ minutes of airtime. Wow.}$$

2c, continued) Now, we do the x-component of velocity to find the total distance between the impact site and the second crater:

$$x(t) = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2 = 0 + (3.54 \times 10^4 \text{ cm/s})(437 \text{ s}) + 0 = 1.55 \times 10^7 \text{ cm} = 155 \text{ km} \quad \dots \text{pretty far!}$$

3a) [15 pts] This calls for the Gault scaling relation:  $D = 2\rho_m^{0.11}\rho_p^{-1/3}g_p^{-0.22}R^{0.13}E_K^{0.22}(\sin\theta)^{1/3}$  (mks units)

From the problem:

$$\rho_m = 3g/cm^3 = 3 \times 10^3 kg/m^3$$

$$\rho_p = 3.5g/cm^3 = 3.5 \times 10^3 kg/m^3$$

$$R = \frac{1}{2}1km = 500m$$

$$\theta = 45^\circ, \sin\theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

And we know the surface gravity of Earth is  $g = 9.8m/s^2$

That just leaves the kinetic energy. As before, we start by getting the mass of the meteor:

$$M = \rho V = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \rho = \frac{4}{3}\pi(500m)^3(3 \times 10^3 kg/m^3) = 1.57 \times 10^{12} kg$$

Which then gives a kinetic energy of:

$$E_K = \frac{1}{2}Mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1.57 \times 10^{12} kg)(15km/s \frac{1000m}{km})^2 = 1.77 \times 10^{20} J$$

Phew, got all the numbers, let's plug them in:

$$D = 2(3 \times 10^3)^{0.11}(3.5 \times 10^3)^{-1/3}(9.8)^{-0.22}(500)^{0.13}(1.77 \times 10^{20})^{0.22}(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})^{1/3} = 1.09 \times 10^4 m = 11km$$

3b) [15 pts] Same as before, but we increase the radius from 500m to 5km

Most numbers stay the same, but kinetic energy increases by a factor of 1000:

$$M = \rho V = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \rho = \frac{4}{3}\pi(5000m)^3(3 \times 10^3 kg/m^3) = 1.57 \times 10^{15} kg$$

Which then gives a kinetic energy of:

$$E_K = \frac{1}{2} M v^2 = \frac{1}{2} (1.57 \times 10^{15} kg) \left( 15 km/s \frac{1000m}{km} \right)^2 = 1.77 \times 10^{23} J$$

Phew, got all the numbers, let's plug them in:

$$D = 2(3 \times 10^3)^{0.11} (3.5 \times 10^3)^{-1/3} (9.8)^{-0.22} (5000)^{0.13} (1.77 \times 10^{23})^{0.22} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)^{1/3} = 6.75 \times 10^4 m = 67.5 km$$

3c) [15 pts] Same as before, but we replace the Earth with the Moon

From before,  $g = 1.62 \text{ m/s/s}$

Assume density of the Moon is the same as the density of the Earth

Impact velocity of the two meteors stays the same, as does the mass, so the kinetic energy is the same as well

Ok, first meteor:

$$D = 2(3 \times 10^3)^{0.11} (3.5 \times 10^3)^{-1/3} (1.62)^{-0.22} (500)^{0.13} (1.77 \times 10^{20})^{0.22} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^{1/3} = 1.62 \times 10^4 \text{ m} = 16.2 \text{ km}$$

Only about 50% bigger than when it hits Earth

And second, larger meteor:

$$D = 2(3 \times 10^3)^{0.11} (3.5 \times 10^3)^{-1/3} (1.62)^{-0.22} (5000)^{0.13} (1.77 \times 10^{23})^{0.22} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^{1/3} = 1.00 \times 10^5 \text{ m} = 100 \text{ km}$$