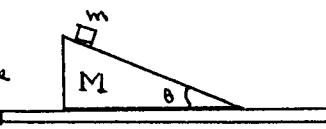


(1) A wedge of mass  $M$  rests on a frictionless horizontal table top. A block of mass  $m$  is placed on the wedge as shown in Fig. 1. There is no friction between the block and the wedge. The system is released from the rest.

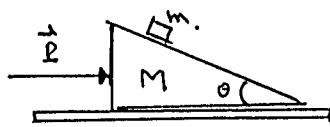


Calculate (a) the acceleration of the wedge. (b) the horizontal and vertical components of the acceleration of the block.

(c) If the wedge is to remain rest on the table top, how much horizontal force  $F$  is required? (as shown in Fig. 2)

(2). (a) What are isotopes of an element?

15% (b) Describe and explain the function of a mass spectrometer. Fig. 2



(3) (a) What is a Carnot engine?

15% (b) Explain why it is so important and verify your statements.

(4). (a) Describe the structure of a grating spectrometer.

15% (b) Derive an expression to explain the function of this device.

(5) A conducting spherical shell of inner radius  $a$  and outer radius  $b$  has a positive point charge  $Q$  located at its center. The total charge on the shell is  $-3Q$ , and it is insulated from its surroundings.

(a) Find the electric field and potential for the regions  $r < a$ ,  $a < r < b$ , and  $r > b$ .

(b) Find the surface charge density on the inner surface of the conducting shell.

(6) For the circuit as shown in Fig. 3.

20% (a) Find the expression for the current through switch  $S_1$  at any time after the switch  $S_1$  is closed.  $S_1$

(b) After the current has reached its final steady value,

the switch  $S_2$  is closed. Derive an expression for the currents through  $R_0$ ,  $R$  and  $S_2$  as function of time.

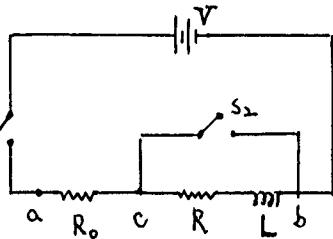


Fig. 3