

A level Physics B

H557/01 Fundamentals of physics

Question Set 9

1. An asteroid is tracked from the Earth by radar pulses. A pulse places it at a distance of 44.444 light-minutes from Earth. After 24 hours a second pulse places it 44.204 light-minutes from Earth. (a) Use this data to calculate the average velocity of approach of the asteroid relative to Earth. relative velocity = ms⁻¹ [2] (b) The path of the asteroid is shown in the figure. After 24 hours the angular shift in position of the asteroid relative to Earth is 1.8 mrad. asteroid on second day across sky asteroid on first day pulse on second day pulse on first day Earth angle 1.8 mrad (not to scale) Estimate the velocity component of the asteroid perpendicular to its direction from Earth. Make your method clear.

[3]

Total Marks for Question Set: 5



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