2020A F=ma Exam: Problem 17

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The normal force holds up the weight of the giant, the weight of the water accumulated, and changes the momentum of the incoming rain. Thus,

$$N = Mg + mg + \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$$

We have

$$m = \rho V = \rho(Art)$$

where r is the rate of accumulation. For a given amount of rain, the velocity is brought to zero on impact with the hat.

$$\Delta p = \Delta m \, v$$

Using the mass accumulation rate,

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t}v = (\rho A r)v$$

Thus,

$$N = Mg + \rho Argt + \rho Arv = 5000 + 10t + 1 = 5001 + t$$