

## HomeWork # 4

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### Chapter # 4

**Q1:** - Calculate the angular velocity with respect to the center of the Earth for a Geosynchronous orbit in rad/s?

**ANS:** -  $\omega = V/R$ , Also  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{\tau} = \frac{2\pi}{86,400s} = 7.27 * 10^{-5} \text{ rad/sec or } 85 \mu\text{rad/sec}$

**Q2:** - Calculate the period for a circular orbit at an altitude of one Earth radius.

**ANS:** -  $R_{\text{Earth}} = 6380\text{km}$

$$\tau = \frac{2\pi}{R_{\text{Earth}}} \sqrt{\frac{r^3}{go}} = \frac{2\pi}{6380\text{km}} * \sqrt{\frac{(2 * 6380\text{km})^3}{9.8\text{m/s}^2}} = 14339 \text{ sec or about 4 hours}$$

**Q3:** - Calculate the period for a circular orbit at the surface of the Earth. What is the velocity? This is a "Herget" orbit, and is considered undesirable for a satellite.

**ANS:** -  $R_{\text{Earth}} = 6380\text{km}$

Period =  $\tau$

$$\tau = \frac{2\pi}{R_{\text{Earth}}} \sqrt{\frac{r^3}{go}} = \frac{2\pi}{6380\text{km}} * \sqrt{\frac{(6380\text{km})^3}{9.8\text{m/s}^2}} = 5076\text{sec}$$

Velocity =  $v$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{g_o}{r}} R_{\text{Earth}} = \sqrt{\frac{9.8\text{m/s}^2}{6380\text{km}}} * 6380\text{km} = 7907\text{m/s}$$

**Q5:** - Derive the radius of the orbit for a geosynchronous orbit.

**ANS:** - We know that

$$\tau = \frac{2\pi}{R_{\text{Earth}}} \sqrt{\frac{r^3}{go}} \text{ Implies that } r^3 = \left(\frac{R_{\text{Earth}} * \tau}{2\pi}\right)^2 * go$$
$$r = \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{R_{\text{Earth}} * \tau}{2\pi}\right)^2 * go} = \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{6380000 * 86400}{2\pi}\right)^2 * 9.8} = 41883.685\text{km}$$

**Q6:** - Can you see Antarctica from geosynchronous orbit?

**ANS:** - No, Antarctica cannot be seen from geosynchronous orbit because geostationary satellites does not cover that region.

**Q7:** - A satellite is in an elliptical orbit, with perigee of 1.5 Earth radii (geocentric), and apogee of three Earth radii (geocentric). If the velocity is 3.73 km/s at apogee, what is the velocity at perigee (what is the semi-major axis)? Hint: Use conservation of angular momentum:  $\mathbf{L} = m\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r} = \text{constant}$ .

**ANS:** -  $L_A = mV_a \times R_a$  and  $L_p = mV_p \times R_p$   
 $mV_a \times R_a = mV_p \times R_p$   
 $V_{\text{perigee}} R_{\text{perigee}} = V_{\text{apogee}} R_{\text{apogee}}$   
 $V_{\text{perigee}} = \frac{V_{\text{apogee}} R_{\text{apogee}}}{R_{\text{perigee}}}$   

$$V_{\text{perigee}} = \frac{\left(3.73 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}\right) * 19.14 \times 10^6 \text{ m}}{9.57 \times 10^6 \text{ m}}$$
  

$$V_{\text{perigee}} = 7.46 \text{ km/s}$$

**Q4:** - Look up the orbits for the nine planets and plot the period vs. the semi-major axis. Do they obey Kepler's third law? This is best done by using a log-log plot. Even better, plot the two-thirds root of the period vs. the semi-major axis (or mean radius).

## Orbital Data for the Planets & Dwarf Planets

Planet	Semimajor Axis (AU)	Orbital Period (yr)	Orbital Speed (km/s)	Orbital Eccentricity (e)	Inclination of Orbit to Ecliptic (°)	Rotation Period (days)	Inclination of Equator to Orbit (°)
<a href="#">Mercury</a>	0.3871	0.2408	47.9	0.206	7.00	58.65	0
<a href="#">Venus</a>	0.7233	0.6152	35.0	0.007	3.39	-243.01*	177.3
<a href="#">Earth</a>	1.000	1	29.8	0.017	0.00	0.997	23.4
<a href="#">Mars</a>	1.5273	1.8809	24.1	0.093	1.85	1.026	25.2
<a href="#">Jupiter</a>	5.2028	11.862	13.1	0.048	1.31	0.410	3.1
<a href="#">Saturn</a>	9.5388	29.458	9.6	0.056	2.49	0.426	26.7
<a href="#">Uranus</a>	19.1914	84.01	6.8	0.046	0.77	-0.746*	97.9
<a href="#">Neptune</a>	30.0611	164.79	5.4	0.010	1.77	0.718	29.6
<b>Dwarf Planets</b>							
<a href="#">Ceres</a>	2.76596	4.599	17.882	0.07976	10.587	0.378	~3
<a href="#">Pluto</a>	39.5294	248.54	4.7	0.248	17.15	-6.4*	122.5
<a href="#">Haumea</a>	43.335	285.4	4.484	0.18874	28.19	0.163	?
<a href="#">Makemake</a>	45.791	309.88	4.419	0.159	28.96	?	?
<a href="#">Eris</a>	67.6681	557	3.436	0.44177	44.187	> 8 hrs ?	?

ANS: -

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Chap_4_Prob_4.m
1 % Zeeshan Ahmad
2 % Submitted To: Prof. Viviana Vladutescu
3 % EET-3132 Remote Sensing, Spring 2016
4 % Problem 4, Chapter 4, RS from Air and Space
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6 p = [0.248, 0.6152, 1, 1.8809, 11.862, 29.458, 84.01, 164.79, 248.54];
7 % Orbital Period (Year)
8 s = [0.3871, 0.7233, 1, 1.5273, 5.2028, 9.5388, 19.1914, 30.0611, 39.5294];
9 % Semimajor Axis (Astronomical Unit, 1 AU=149,597,871 km)
10 loglog(p,s);
11 title('loglog(p,s)')
12 xlabel('Period(yr)')
13 ylabel('SemiMajor-Axis(AU)')
14 %%
15 p = [0.248, 0.6152, 1, 1.8809, 11.862, 29.458, 84.01, 164.79, 248.54];
16 % Orbital Period (Year)
17 s = [0.3871, 0.7233, 1, 1.5273, 5.2028, 9.5388, 19.1914, 30.0611, 39.5294];
18 % Semimajor Axis (Astronomical Unit, 1 AU=149,597,871 km)
19 plot(p,s);
20 title('plot(p,s)')
21 xlabel('Period(yr)')
22 ylabel('SemiMajor-Axis(AU)')
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## Results

