

Geostationary Satellite

We know the following:

$$M_E = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_E = 6.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 / \text{kg}^2$$

- 1) What is a geostationary satellite?
- 2) What is the period T in s of a geostationary satellite?
- 3) What is the equation for the distance r from the center of the Earth to the altitude of a geostationary satellite in terms of G , T , and M_E ?
- 4) What is the numerical value of the distance r from the center of the Earth to the altitude of a geostationary satellite?
- 5) What is the height H of the satellite above the surface of the Earth?
- 6) Assume that the satellite travels in a circular orbit. What is the circumference of the orbit? Hint: this is the actual distance traveled by the satellite in one day.
- 7) What is the linear orbital velocity v in m/s ?
- 8) What is the angular orbital velocity ω in rad/s ? Hint: how many degrees and radians does this satellite travel in one day?