

27. (a) Earth makes one rotation per day and 1 d is $(24\text{ h})(3600\text{ s/h}) = 8.64 \times 10^4\text{ s}$, so the angular speed of Earth is

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi\text{ rad}}{8.64 \times 10^4\text{ s}} = 7.27 \times 10^{-5}\text{ rad/s} .$$

- (b) We use $v = \omega r$, where r is the radius of its orbit. A point on Earth at a latitude of 40° moves along a circular path of radius $r = R \cos 40^\circ$, where R is the radius of Earth ($6.37 \times 10^6\text{ m}$). Therefore, its speed is

$$v = \omega (R \cos 40^\circ) = (7.27 \times 10^{-5}\text{ rad/s}) (6.37 \times 10^6\text{ m}) \cos 40^\circ = 355\text{ m/s} .$$

- (c) At the equator (and all other points on Earth) the value of ω is the same ($7.27 \times 10^{-5}\text{ rad/s}$).
(d) The latitude is 0° and the speed is

$$v = \omega R = (7.27 \times 10^{-5}\text{ rad/s}) (6.37 \times 10^6\text{ m}) = 463\text{ m/s} .$$