

Physics 160 Written Homework - Chapter 12-13

1 Gravitation

A satellite 3000km above the surface of the earth is to maintain a circular orbit. Find the necessary tangential speed v , and, in your own words, explain why the mass of the satellite is irrelevant.

2 Simple Harmonic Motion

A glider on a horizontal frictionless track is attached to an ideal massless spring that is fixed to a wall. At a point in the glider's simple harmonic motion 0.75m from the equilibrium position of the system, the glider is moving to the right at 3m/s , is accelerating to the left at 1m/s^2 , and has 18J of kinetic energy. Find the glider's maximum velocity.