

Angular Velocity Conversions

Here are 2 non-SI common units for angular velocity

$$\text{rps} = \text{rotations per second} = \frac{\text{rotations}}{\text{second}}$$

$$\text{rpm} = \text{rotations per minute} = \frac{\text{rotations}}{\text{minute}}$$

You can convert these into radians per second using the following conversion factor:

$$1 \text{ rotation} = 2\pi \text{ radians.}$$

In each of the following problems, please fully write out the conversion factors.

Convert 50 rps to radians per second.

Convert 120 rps to radians per second.

Convert 2 rpms to radians per second:

Convert 30 rpms to radians per second.

Conceptual Questions on Angular Velocity:

Remember, that angular velocity, unlike linear velocity, does not relate to something that is *down*.

Written Question 1:

Which has a higher angular velocity, the earth (in its daily rotation) or a typical spinning top?
Explain your answer