

A boy of mass 20 kg stands 3m from the center of a merry-go-round. Find the angular momentum of the boy if his speed is 4 m/s when the ride is in motion.

Given:

Mass of the boy:

$$m = 20 \text{ kg}$$

Distance of boy from center:

$$r = 3 \text{ m}$$

Speed of the boy:

$$v = 4 \text{ m/s}$$

Determine: angular momentum of boy: L

Use formula:

$$L = mrv \text{-----(1)}$$

Substituting for m, r & v in (1):

$$L = 20 \times 3 \times 4 = 240 \text{ kgm}^2/\text{s}$$