

A solid uniform sphere has a mass of 10 kg and radius of 70 cm. The angular speed of revolution of the sphere around an axis through its center is 20 rad/s. What is the angular momentum of the sphere?

Given:

Mass of the sphere:

$$m = 10 \text{ kg}$$

Radius of the sphere:

$$r = 70 \text{ cm} = 0.7 \text{ m}$$

Angular speed of sphere:

$$\omega = 20 \text{ rad / s}$$

Determine: Angular Momentum: L

Use formula:

$$L = I\omega \text{ ----- (1)}$$

Moment of inertia, I, of the solid sphere around an axis through its center is $(\frac{2}{5})mr^2$.

$$I = (\frac{2}{5})mr^2 = (\frac{2}{5}) \times 10 \times (0.7)^2 = 1.96 \text{ kg m}^2$$

Substituting for I and ω in (1):

$$L = 1.96 \times 20 = 39 \text{ kg m}^2 / \text{s}$$