Problems Class 6

Use the cross product to work out the torque exerted by a force $F = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} N$ acting at a position $r = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} m$.

Compare the above number with that obtained by taking the product of the magnitude of the force and the perpendicular distance between its line of action and the axis about which rotation occurs.

What is the angular momentum associated with the moon's rotations about its axis? Assume the moon is a uniform sphere of mass $m = 7.3x10^{22}$ kg and radius r = 1700 km. The moment of inertia of a sphere for rotations about its axis is given by $I = \frac{2}{5}mr^2$.



