

Answer on Question #48875 – Physics – Other

1. The Sun rotates with a period of 24.47 days and has a mass of 1.09×10^{30} kg. It has a radius of 6.96×10^8 m. The Sun can be approximated as a sphere of uniform density. Calculate the angular momentum of Jupiter, 7.79×10^{11} m as its distance from the Sun, and that it makes one full trip around the Sun every 4.332×10^3 days. Which value of angular momentum is larger.

$$T_s = 24.47 \text{ days} = 2.114 \cdot 10^6 \text{ s}$$

$$m_s = 1.09 \cdot 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

$$r_s = 6.96 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m}$$

$$d = 7.79 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ m}$$

$$T_j = 4.332 \cdot 10^3 \text{ days} = 3.742 \cdot 10^8 \text{ s}$$

$$m_j = 1.899 \cdot 10^{27} \text{ kg}$$

$$L_j, -?$$

Solution.

The angular momentum of Jupiter is $L_j = d \cdot m_j v$,

where the velocity is $v = \frac{2\pi d}{T_j}$. So, $L_j = \frac{2\pi d^2 m_j}{T_j}$.

The angular momentum of Sun is $L_s = I \cdot \omega$,

where the moment of inertia of a uniform sphere during rotation

is $I = \frac{2m_s r_s^2}{5}$ and the angular velocity is $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T_s}$.

$$\text{So, } L_s = \frac{4\pi m_s r_s^2}{5T_s}$$

$$\text{Let check the dimensions: } [L_j] = \frac{m^2 \cdot kg}{s} = kg \cdot \frac{m^2}{s}, \quad [L_s] = \frac{kg \cdot m^2}{s}$$

Let evaluate the quantities:

$$L_j = \frac{2 \cdot 3.14 \cdot (7.79 \cdot 10^{11})^2 \cdot 1.899 \cdot 10^{27}}{3.742 \cdot 10^8} = 1.93 \cdot 10^{43} \left(kg \cdot \frac{m}{s^2} \right),$$

$$L_s = \frac{4 \cdot 3.14 \cdot 1.09 \cdot 10^{30} \cdot (6.96 \cdot 10^8)^2}{5 \cdot 2.114 \cdot 10^6} = 6.27 \cdot 10^{41} \left(kg \cdot \frac{m}{s^2} \right).$$

Answer: $1.93 \cdot 10^{43} kg \cdot \frac{m}{s^2}$. The angular momentum of the Jupiter is larger.