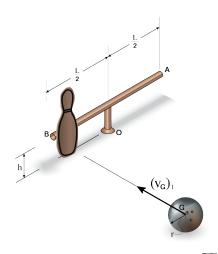
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A bowling team is practicing for their upcoming tournament by bowling a 6 kg bowling ball at a target bowling pin of negligible mass stuck to a 7 kg slender bar that has a length L=115 cm. The target is attached directly at the end of the bar and is initially at rest. The radius of the bowling ball and the height of the bar off the ground are both 13 cm. If the bowling ball is moving at a speed of $(v_G)_1=2.3$ m/s and the coefficient of restitution is e=0.8, find the angular velocity of the target pin just after the impact.



Solution

Upon impact, the angular momentum about the axis upwards from O is conserved and so $(\vec{H}_O)_1 = (\vec{H}_O)_2$:

$$\vec{r}_{B/O} \times \vec{L}_{ball1} + 0 = \vec{r}_{B/O} \times \vec{L}_{ball2} + I_{bar} \vec{\omega}_{bar2}$$
 where $\vec{L}_{ball} = m_{ball} \vec{v}_{ball}$

$$-\left[m_{ball}\,v_{ball1}(\frac{L}{2})\right]\,\hat{k} = -\left[m_{ball}\,v_{ball2}(\frac{L}{2})\right]\,\hat{k} + \left[\frac{m_{bar}}{12}(L^2)\omega_{bar2}\right]\,\hat{k}$$

 $-7.935 = -3.45 v_{ball2} + 0.771 \omega_{bar2}$

Note that the last term is positive because we are assuming $\vec{\omega}_{bar2}$ to be in the $+\hat{k}$ direction for now

Now using the equation for the coefficient of restitution:

$$e = \frac{v_{bar2} - v_{ball2}}{v_{ball1} - v_{bar1}} = \frac{\omega_2(L/2) - v_{ball2}}{v_{ball1}}$$

$$v_{ball1}e = \omega_{bar2}(\frac{L}{2}) - v_{ball2}$$

$$1.84 = 0.575 \,\omega_{bar2} - v_{ball2}$$

Solving the system of equations:

$$-7.935 = -3.45 (0.575 \omega_{bar2} - 1.84) + 0.771 \omega_{bar2}$$

$$-14.283 = -2.755 \,\omega_{bar2} \implies \vec{\omega}_{bar2} = -5.185 \,\hat{k} \,[\text{rad/s}]$$

$$\implies v_{ball2} = 1.141 \text{ [m/s]}$$