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OBLIQUE COLLISIONS

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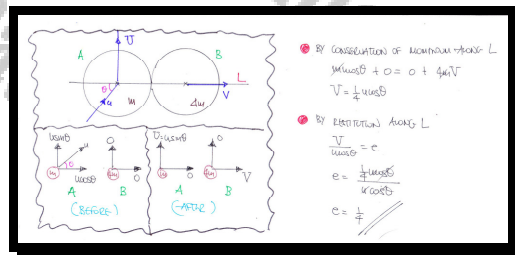
Question 1 ()**

A smooth sphere B of mass $4m$ is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. Another sphere A is moving with speed u in a straight line, on the same surface. There is a collision between the two spheres and L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact.

The path of A immediately before the collision makes an angle of θ with L , $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ and immediately after the collision the two spheres move at right angles to one another.

Determine the value of the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres.

$$e = \frac{1}{4}$$



Question 2 (**)

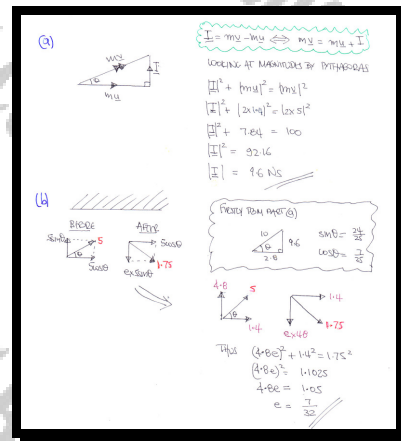
A particle of mass 2 kg is moving on a smooth horizontal plane with speed 1.4 ms^{-1} when it receives an impulse of magnitude $I \text{ N s}$, in a direction perpendicular to its direction of motion. The speed of the particle, after it receives I , changes to 5 ms^{-1} .

- a) Determine the value of I .

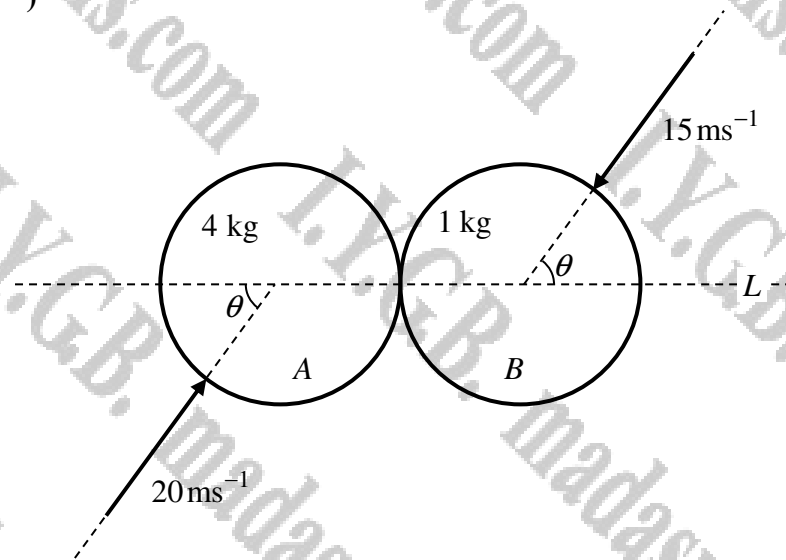
The particle was moving in a direction parallel to a smooth vertical wall in the time period before it received I . After it received I the particle hits the wall and rebounds with speed 1.75 ms^{-1} .

- b) Calculate the coefficient of restitution between the particle and the wall.

$$I = 9.6, \quad e = \frac{7}{32}$$



Question 3 (**)

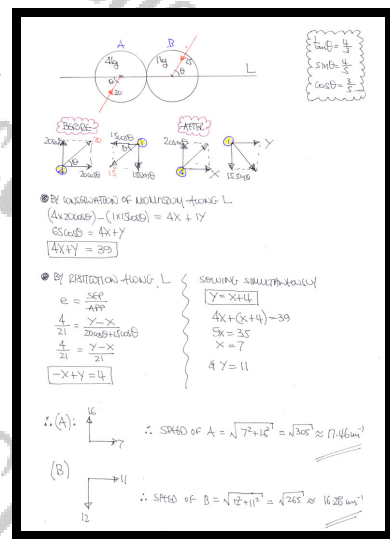


Two uniform smooth spheres A and B , of equal radius, are moving in opposite directions on a smooth horizontal surface when they collide obliquely. The respective masses of A and B are 4 kg and 1 kg .

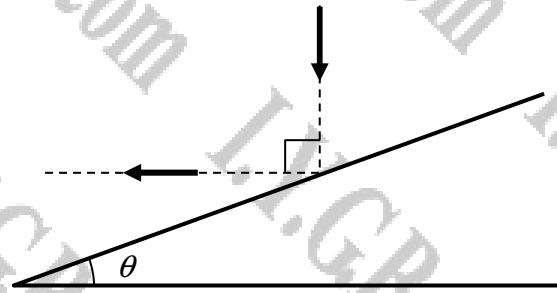
Immediately before the collision the respective speeds of A and B are 20 ms^{-1} and 15 ms^{-1} . On collision the line through the centres of the two spheres is L , and the angle between the speed of each sphere and L is θ , where $\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}$.

Given that the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres is $\frac{4}{21}$, determine the speed of A and the speed of B , after the collision.

$$V_A \approx 17.46\text{ ms}^{-1}, \quad V_B \approx 16.28\text{ ms}^{-1}$$



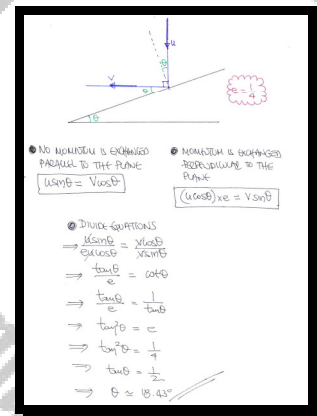
Question 4 (**)



A smooth plane is inclined at an angle θ to the horizontal. A small smooth ball falls vertically and hits the plane and immediately after the impact the direction of the ball is horizontal, as shown in the figure above.

Given the coefficient of restitution between the plane and the ball is 0.25, calculate an approximate value of θ .

$$\theta \approx 18.43^\circ$$

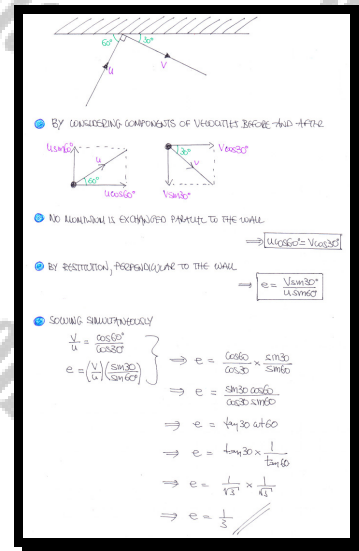


Question 5 (**)

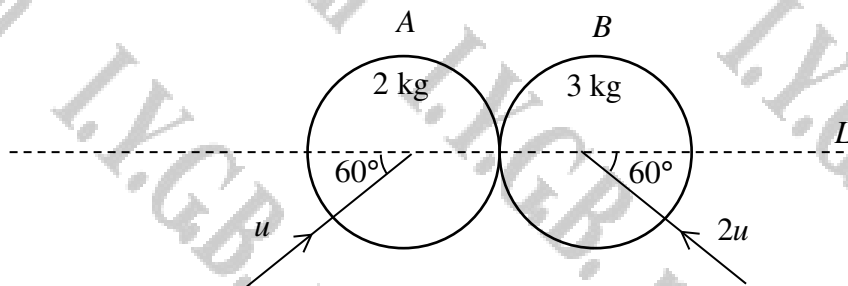
A smooth uniform sphere is moving on a smooth horizontal surface when it collides with a smooth vertical wall. Before the impact the direction of motion of the sphere makes an angle of 60° with the wall. After the impact the direction of motion of the sphere makes an angle of 30° with the wall.

Determine the value of the coefficient of restitution between the sphere and the wall.

$$e = \frac{1}{3}$$



Question 6 (**)



Two smooth spheres, A and B , of equal radius and respective masses 2 kg and 3 kg , are moving on a smooth horizontal plane when they collide obliquely.

When A and B collide the straight line through their centres is denoted by L .

The speeds of A and B before their collision are u and $2u$, respectively and the direction of both speeds is at an angle 60° to L , as shown in the figure above.

Given that after the collision B is moving at right angles to L , find the value of the coefficient of restitution between A and B .

, $e = \frac{2}{3}$

● BY RESTITUTION CONSIDERATIONS ALONG L

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\text{SEP}}{\text{APP}}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{x}{2u+u}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{4x}{3u}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{4}{3}$$

● BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM ALONG L

$$\Rightarrow (2 \times \frac{1}{2}u) + (3 \times \frac{1}{2}u) = -2x$$

$$\Rightarrow u - 3u = -2x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 2u$$

$$\Rightarrow x = u$$

Question 7 (+)**

A smooth sphere B is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. An identical sphere A is moving with speed u in a straight line, on the same surface. There is a collision between the two spheres and L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact.

The path of A immediately before the collision makes an angle of $\frac{\pi}{3}$ with L , and immediately after the collision makes an angle of β with L , where $0 < \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Given that the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres is 0.8, show that

$$\tan \beta = 10\sqrt{3}.$$

proof

The handwritten solution includes two diagrams labeled 'BEFORE' and 'AFTER' showing the collision of two spheres A and B. In the 'BEFORE' diagram, sphere A is moving towards sphere B (which is at rest) at an angle of $\frac{\pi}{3}$ to the line of centers L . In the 'AFTER' diagram, sphere A is moving away from sphere B at an angle β to the line of centers L . The solution also includes the following calculations:

- By conservation of momentum along L : $m u \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + 0 = m X + m Y$, leading to $X + Y = \frac{1}{2}u$.
- By restitution along L : $\frac{Y - X}{\frac{1}{2}u} = e$, leading to $Y - X = \frac{1}{2}e u$.
- Solving these equations gives $X = \frac{1}{10}u$ and $Y = \frac{4}{5}u$.
- Finally, $\tan \beta = \frac{Y \sin \frac{\pi}{3}}{X} = \frac{\frac{4}{5}u \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{1}{10}u} = 10\sqrt{3}$.

Question 8 (+)**

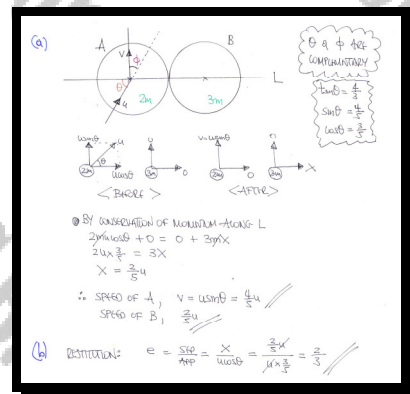
A smooth sphere B of mass $3m$ is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. Another smooth sphere A of mass $2m$ and of equal radius as that of B is moving with speed u in a straight line. There is a collision between the two spheres.

Immediately before the collision the path of A makes an angle θ with the line of the centres of the spheres, where $\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}$.

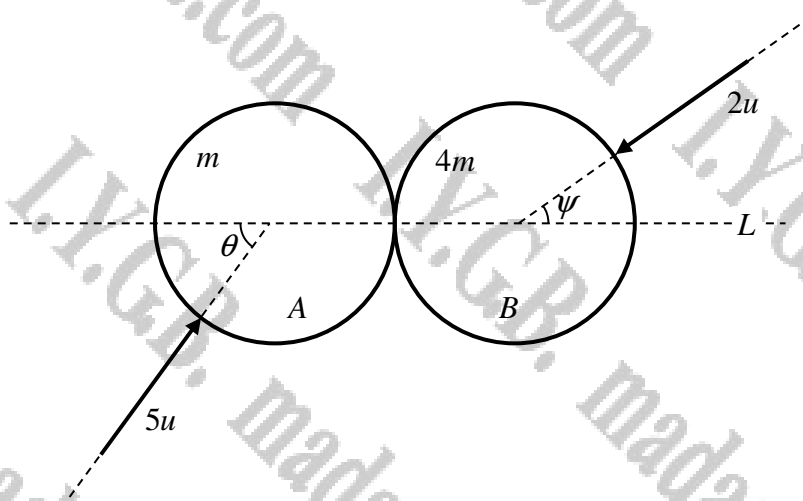
As a result of the impact, the direction of motion of A is turned through an angle φ , where $\tan \varphi = \frac{3}{4}$.

- Determine the speed of each of the spheres after the collision.
- Find the value of the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres.

$$V_A = \frac{4}{5}u, \quad V_B = \frac{2}{5}u, \quad e = \frac{2}{3}$$



Question 9 (**+)



Two smooth uniform spheres A and B have equal radii, and their respective masses are m and $4m$. The spheres are moving on a smooth horizontal plane when they collide obliquely, with their centres at impact defining the straight line L , as shown in the figure above.

Immediately before the collision, A is moving with speed $5u$ at an acute angle θ to L and B is moving with speed $2u$ at an acute angle ψ to L .

It is further given that $\cos \theta = 0.2$, $\cos \psi = 0.75$ and the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres is 0.5 .

- Determine, in terms of m and u , the magnitude of the impulse on A due to the collision.
- Express the kinetic energy **gained** by A in the collision, as a percentage of its initial kinetic energy.

, $I = 3mu$, 12%

a) SPEEDS USE A DIAGRAM

NO MOMENTUM IS CHANGED IN A DIRECTION PERPENDICULAR TO L .

• BY CONSERVATION OF LINEAR MOMENTUM ALONG L

$$m(5u \cos \theta) + 4m(2u \cos \psi) = m(u \cos \theta) + 4m(2u \cos \psi)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5u \cos \theta + 8u \cos \psi = u \cos \theta + 8u \cos \psi$$

$$\Rightarrow 4u \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 90^\circ$$

• BY RESTITUTION ALONG L

$$e = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{u_1 - u_2}$$

$$0.5 = \frac{2u \cos \psi - u \cos \theta}{5u \cos \theta - 2u \cos \psi}$$

$$0.5 = \frac{2u \cos \psi - 0}{5u \cos \theta - 2u \cos \psi}$$

$$0.5 = \frac{2 \cos \psi}{5 \cos \theta - 2 \cos \psi}$$

$$0.5(5 \cos \theta - 2 \cos \psi) = 2 \cos \psi$$

$$2.5 \cos \theta - \cos \psi = 2 \cos \psi$$

$$2.5 \cos \theta = 3 \cos \psi$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{2.5} \cos \psi = 1.2 \cos \psi$$

Since $\cos \theta = 0.2$ and $\cos \psi = 0.75$, we have $0.2 = 1.2 \times 0.75 = 0.9$, which is not possible. Therefore, the initial velocity of A must be $5u$ at an angle θ to line L, and the initial velocity of B must be $2u$ at an angle ψ to line L.

After collision, the velocity of A is u at an angle θ to line L, and the velocity of B is $2u$ at an angle ψ to line L.

FINDING THE IMPULSE ON A - JUST ON THE DIRECTION OF L

BEFORE COLLISION - MOMENTUM OF A SPHERE

$$I = mv \cos \theta = m(5u \cos \theta)$$

$$I = m(5u \cos \theta) = 5mu \cos \theta$$

$$I = 5mu \cos \theta$$

$$I = 5mu \cos \theta$$

b) KINETIC ENERGY OF A SPHERE

KINETIC ENERGY OF A SPHERE

$$\frac{1}{2} m(5u)^2 = \frac{25}{2} mu^2$$

KINETIC ENERGY OF A SPHERE

$$\frac{1}{2} m(u)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m(2u)^2 = \frac{1}{2} m(u^2 + 4u^2) = \frac{5}{2} mu^2$$

KINETIC ENERGY GAIN

$$\frac{5}{2} mu^2 - \frac{25}{2} mu^2 = -10mu^2$$

PERCENTAGE INCREASE

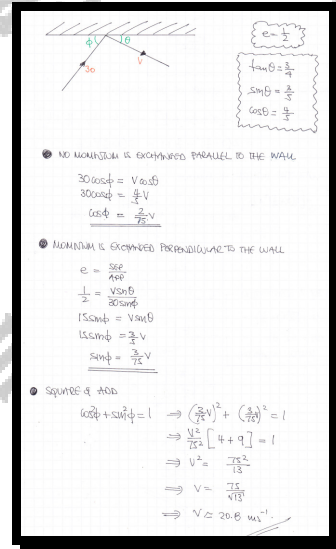
$$\frac{-10mu^2}{\frac{25}{2} mu^2} \times 100 = -80\%$$

Question 10 (+)**

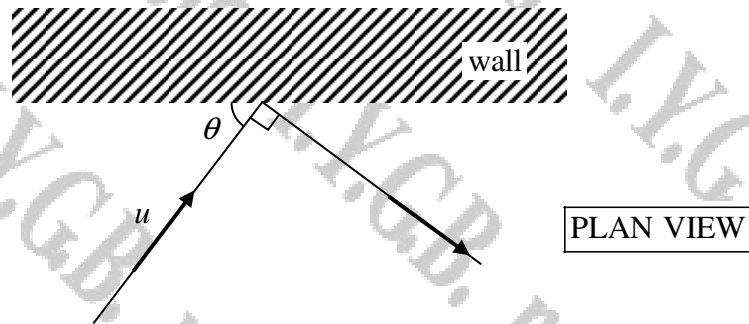
A smooth uniform sphere is moving with speed 30 ms^{-1} on a smooth horizontal surface, when it collides with a smooth vertical wall. After the impact the velocity of the sphere makes an angle θ with the wall, where $\tan \theta = 0.75$.

Given that the coefficient of restitution between the sphere and the wall is $\frac{1}{2}$, determine the speed of the sphere after the collision.

$$v \approx 20.8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$



Question 11 (**+)



A ball is moving on a smooth horizontal surface, bouncing off a smooth vertical wall, where the coefficient of restitution between the wall and the ball is e .

The speed of the ball before hitting the wall is $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and makes an acute angle θ with the wall. After the collision with wall the path of the ball turns by a right angle as shown in the figure above.

- a) Show clearly that

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}.$$

- b) Hence determine the range of possible values of θ .

$$\boxed{}, \quad 45^\circ \leq \theta < 90^\circ$$

a) STRATEGY: WITH A BEFORE & AFTER DIAGRAM — LET THE BOUNCING SPEED BE V

BEFORE

AFTER

NO. REMAINING COMPONENT IN A 2-DIRECTION PERPENDICULAR TO THE WALL

BY DEFINITION, PERPENDICULAR TO THE WALL

$\Rightarrow u \cos \theta = V \sin \theta$

$\Rightarrow \frac{u}{V} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{e} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$

$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$

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COMBINE EQUATIONS FROM ABOVE

$\frac{1}{e} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$

$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$ (9 marks)

FINALLY WE HAVE

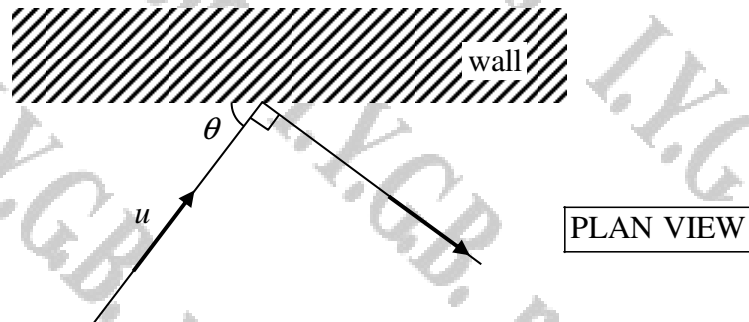
$0 < e < 1$

$0 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} < 1$

$1 < \frac{1}{e} < \infty$

$\therefore 45^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$

Question 12 (**+)

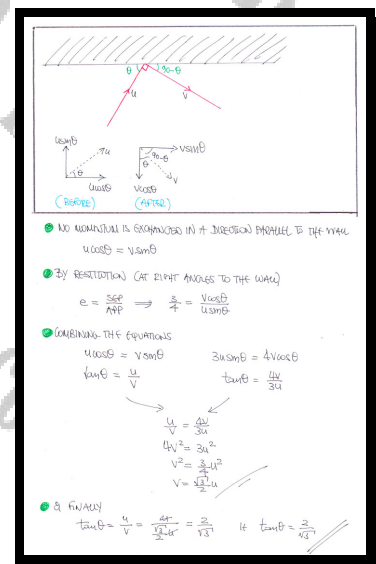


A ball is moving on a smooth horizontal surface, bouncing off a smooth vertical wall, where the coefficient of restitution between the wall and the ball is $\frac{3}{4}$.

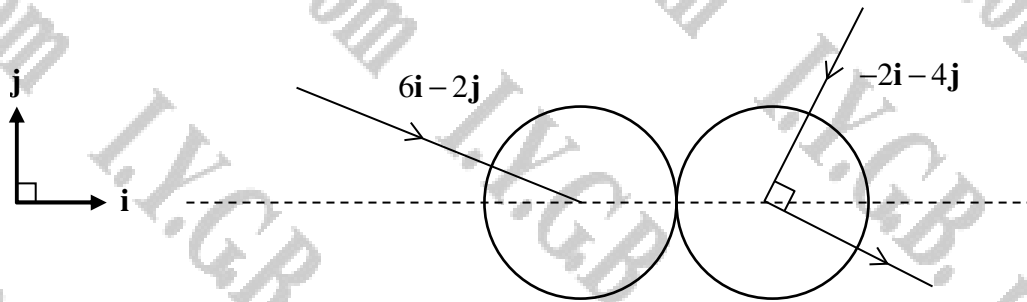
The speed of the ball before hitting the wall is $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and makes an acute angle θ with the wall. After the collision with wall the path of the ball turns by a right angle as shown in the figure above.

Find the speed of the ball in terms of u , and the value of $\tan \theta$.

$$v = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}u, \quad \tan \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$



Question 13 (***)



The vectors $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$ are horizontal unit vectors perpendicular to each other.

Two smooth spheres, A and B , of equal radius and respective masses 4 kg and 2 kg , are moving on a smooth horizontal plane when they collide obliquely.

When A and B collide the straight line through their centres is parallel to the unit vector $\mathbf{i}$.

The velocities of A and B before their collision are $(6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})\text{ ms}^{-1}$ and $(-2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j})\text{ ms}^{-1}$, respectively.

As a result of the collision, the direction of motion of B is changed through 90° , as shown in the figure above.

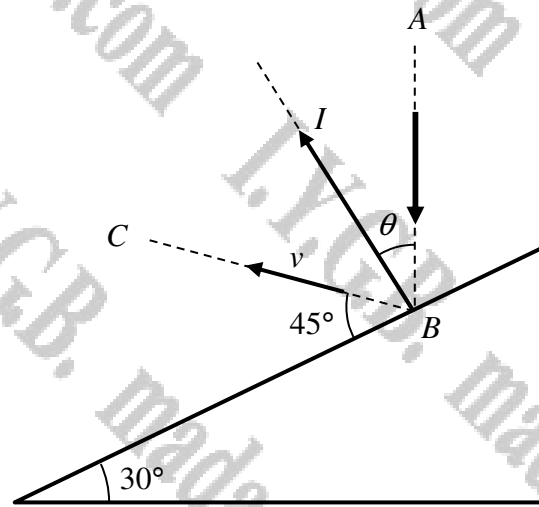
Determine the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres.

$$e = \frac{7}{8}$$

(Before) (After)

- No momentum is exchanged parallel to $\perp$ for the components in this direction is unchanged. Hence the velocity of B after the collision is $Y\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{j}$
- By dot product $(-2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}) \cdot (Y\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{j}) = 0$
 $-2Y + 16 = 0$
 $Y = 8$
- By conservation of momentum along $\perp$
 $6 \times 4 - 2 \times 2 = 4X + 2Y$
 $20 = 4X + 16$
 $4 = 4X$
 $X = 1$
- $e = \frac{\text{SPR}}{\text{APR}} = \frac{Y - X}{6 + 2} = \frac{8 - 1}{6 + 2} = \frac{7}{8}$

Question 14 (***)



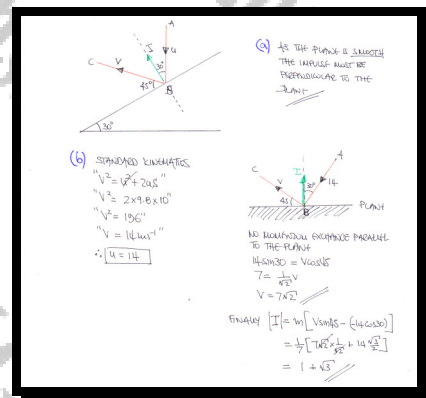
The point B lies on a smooth plane inclined at 30° to the horizontal. A particle of mass $\frac{1}{7}$ kg is dropped from a point A which lies 10 m vertically above B .

The particle rebounds from the plane in the direction BC with speed $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$, at an angle of 45° to the plane. The points A , B and C lie in a vertical plane which includes the line of greatest slope of the plane.

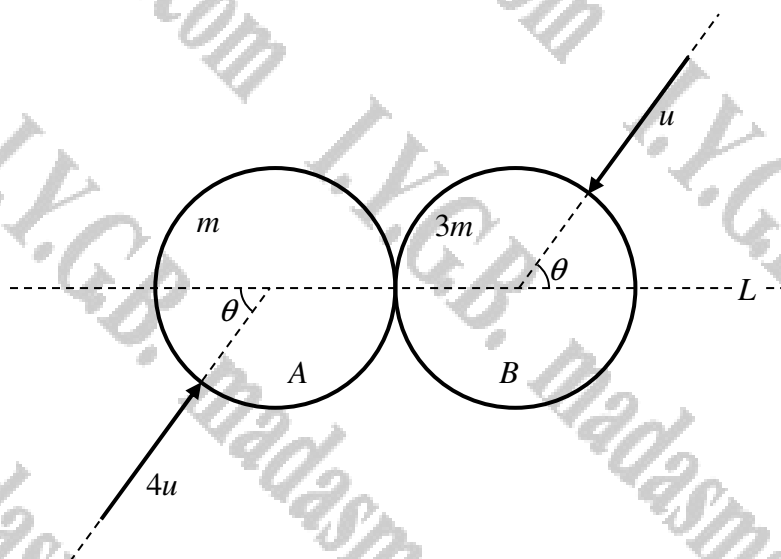
The impulse exerted by the plane on the particle has magnitude $I \text{ N s}$, and is inclined at an angle θ to AB .

- Justify why $\theta = 30^\circ$.
- Determine the exact value of v and the exact value of I .

$$v = 7\sqrt{2}, \quad I = 1 + \sqrt{3}$$



Question 15 (***)



Two smooth uniform spheres A and B with equal radii have masses m and $3m$ respectively. The spheres are moving in opposite directions on a smooth horizontal surface, where they collide obliquely.

Immediately before the collision, A has speed $4u$ and its direction of motion forms an angle θ to the straight line L joining the centres of the spheres on impact.

Immediately before the collision B has speed u with its direction of motion also forming an angle θ to L , as shown in the figure above.

Immediately after the collision, the speed of A is twice the speed of B.

Given further that the coefficient of restitution between A and B is 0.25, find the value of θ .

, $\theta \approx 14.4^\circ$

STARTING WITH THE STANDARD DIAGRAM

BEFORE AFTER

BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM - VECTOR

$$m(4u \cos \theta) + 3m(u \cos \theta) = m(u' \cos \theta) + 3m(v' \cos \theta)$$

$$4u \cos \theta + 3u \cos \theta = u' \cos \theta + 3v' \cos \theta$$

$$7u \cos \theta = u' \cos \theta + 3v' \cos \theta$$

$$7u = u' + 3v' \quad (1)$$

BY RESTITUTION - SCALAR

$$e = \frac{v' \sin \theta - u' \sin \theta}{4u \sin \theta - u \sin \theta}$$

$$0.25 = \frac{v' \sin \theta - u' \sin \theta}{4u \sin \theta - u \sin \theta}$$

$$0.25(4u \sin \theta - u \sin \theta) = v' \sin \theta - u' \sin \theta$$

$$0.25(3u \sin \theta) = v' \sin \theta - u' \sin \theta$$

$$0.75u \sin \theta = v' \sin \theta - u' \sin \theta$$

$$0.75u = v' - u' \quad (2)$$

ACROSS THE EQUATIONS IN THE 'HOUSE'

$$7u = u' + 3v' \quad (1)$$

$$0.75u = v' - u' \quad (2)$$

$$7u = u' + 3(v' - 0.75u)$$

$$7u = u' + 3v' - 2.25u$$

$$9.25u = u' + 3v'$$

$$9.25u = u' + 3(0.75u + u')$$

$$9.25u = u' + 2.25u + 3u'$$

$$7u = 4u'$$

$$u' = \frac{7}{4}u$$

$$0.75u = v' - \frac{7}{4}u$$

$$v' = 0.75u + \frac{7}{4}u$$

$$v' = \frac{3}{4}u + \frac{7}{4}u$$

$$v' = \frac{10}{4}u$$

$$v' = \frac{5}{2}u$$

FINALLY USE THE EQUATIONS ON THE 'HYPOTENUSE'

$$u'^2 = \left(\frac{7}{4}u\right)^2 \sin^2 \theta + \left(\frac{7}{4}u\right)^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$u'^2 = \left(\frac{7}{4}u\right)^2 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$u'^2 = \left(\frac{7}{4}u\right)^2$$

$$u' = \frac{7}{4}u$$

$$\frac{7}{4}u = \frac{7}{4}u$$

$$1 = 1$$

FOR B

$$v'^2 = \left(\frac{5}{2}u\right)^2 \sin^2 \theta + \left(\frac{5}{2}u\right)^2 \cos^2 \theta$$

$$v'^2 = \left(\frac{5}{2}u\right)^2 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$v'^2 = \left(\frac{5}{2}u\right)^2$$

$$v' = \frac{5}{2}u$$

FOR THE ANGLE

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v' \sin \theta}{v' \cos \theta}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\frac{5}{2}u \sin \theta}{\frac{5}{2}u \cos \theta}$$

$$\tan \theta = \tan \theta$$

$$\theta = \theta$$

FOR THE SPEED

$$u' = \frac{7}{4}u$$

$$v' = \frac{5}{2}u$$

FOR THE ANGLE

$$\theta \approx 14.4^\circ$$

Question 16 (*)**

The vectors $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$ are horizontal unit vectors perpendicular to each other.

Two smooth uniform spheres A and B with equal radii are moving on a smooth horizontal surface.

The mass of A is 2 kg and the mass of B is 3 kg.

The velocity of A is $(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and the velocity of B is $(-\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

The spheres collide when the line joining their centres is parallel to $\mathbf{j}$.

Given further that the coefficient of restitution between A and B is 0.5, find kinetic energy lost as a result of the collision.

1.8 J

DEFINING A DIAGRAM

By conservation of momentum along $\mathbf{j}$

$$(2u) - (3u) = 3x + 2y$$

$$3x + 2y = -1$$

By definition along $\mathbf{j}$

$$e = \frac{v_B - v_A}{u_A - u_B} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{x - y}{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x - y = -1$$

Solving the equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y &= -1 \\ x - y &= -1 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 3x + 2y &= -1 \\ 3x - 3y &= -3 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 5y &= 2 \\ y &= 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $y = 0.4$ into $x - y = -1$

$$x - 0.4 = -1 \Rightarrow x = -0.6$$

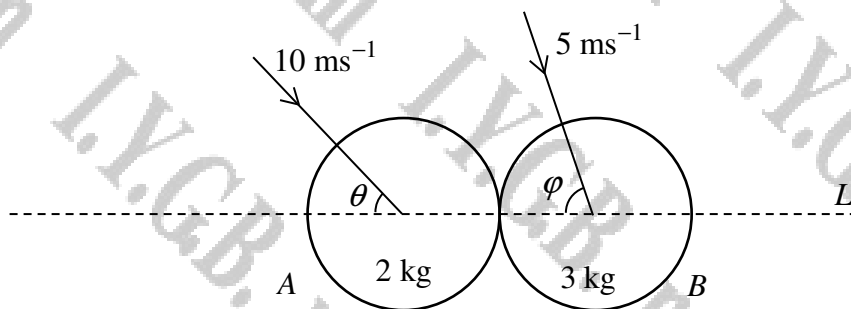
IT SUFFICES TO WORK OUT THE KINETIC ENERGY CHANGE IN THE INTERVAL WHICH MOMENTUM IS EXCHANGED ONLY

KE BEFORE = $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 1^2 = 1 + 1.5 = 2.5$

KE AFTER = $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times (-0.6)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times (0.4)^2 = 0.36 + 0.24 = 0.6$

$\therefore$ KE LOSS OF $2.5 - 0.6 = 1.9 \text{ J}$

Question 17 (***)



Two smooth spheres, A and B , of equal radius and respective masses 2 kg and 3 kg , are moving on a smooth horizontal plane when they collide obliquely.

The speeds of A and B before their collision are 10 ms^{-1} and 5 ms^{-1} respectively.

When A and B collide the straight line through their centres is denoted by L .

The direction of the speed of A before the collision is at an acute angle θ to L , where $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$.

The direction of the speed of B before the collision is at an acute angle ϕ to L , where $\tan \phi = \frac{4}{3}$, as shown in the figure above.

The coefficient of restitution between A and B is $\frac{1}{2}$.

Calculate the speed of A and the speed of B , after the collision.

$$\boxed{14.6}, \quad V_A = \sqrt{48.25} \approx 6.95 \text{ ms}^{-1}, \quad V_B = \sqrt{52} \approx 7.21 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

● SPLITTING WITH A DIAGRAM

● NO NORMAL & EXCHANGED PERPENDICULAR TO L

● BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM OF L

$$\Rightarrow 2(10 \cos \theta) + 3(5 \cos \phi) = 2V_A \cos \theta + 3V_B \cos \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 \cos \theta + 15 \cos \phi = 2V_A \cos \theta + 3V_B \cos \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) + 15 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = 2V_A \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) + 3V_B \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 \times 4 + 15 \times 3 = 16V_A + 9V_B$$

$$\Rightarrow 2X + 3Y = 25$$

● FINALLY THE "AFTER SPEEDS" CAN BE DETERMINED

$$V_A = \sqrt{(10 \sin \theta)^2 + X^2} = \sqrt{16 + 3.5^2} = \sqrt{48.25} \approx 6.95 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$V_B = \sqrt{(5 \sin \phi)^2 + Y^2} = \sqrt{16 + 3.5^2} = \sqrt{52} \approx 7.21 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

● BY CONSERVATION OF RESTITUTION - COEF L

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{\text{SEP}}{\text{APP}} = \frac{Y - X}{10 \cos \theta - 5 \cos \phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{Y - X}{10 \cos \theta - 5 \cos \phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow -X + Y = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -2X + 2Y = 5$$

● SOLVING SIMULTANEOUSLY

$$2X + 3Y = 25$$

$$-2X + 2Y = 5$$

$$5Y = 30 \quad (\text{ADDING})$$

$$Y = 6$$

$$2X + 3(6) = 25$$

$$2X + 18 = 25$$

$$2X = 7$$

$$X = \frac{7}{2}$$

Question 18 (***)

A smooth sphere B of mass $4m$ is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. Another sphere A , of mass m , is moving with speed u in a straight line, on the same surface.

There is a collision between the two spheres where L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact.

The direction of motion of A immediately before the collision makes an angle of 30° with L . As a result of the collision, the direction of motion of A is turned through a right angle.

Determine the value of the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres.

$$\boxed{}, \quad e = \frac{2}{3}$$

Draw a standard oblique collision diagram

Draw sphere A and note that there is no momentum exchange in a direction perpendicular to L

By conservation of momentum along L

$$mu \cos 30^\circ + 0 = -mX + 4mY$$

$$-X + 4Y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}u \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

By Restitution along L

$$e = \frac{\text{sep. aft.}}{\text{app. bef.}} \Rightarrow e = \frac{X+Y}{u \cos 30^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow X+Y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}eu \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

As there is no momentum exchange perpendicular to L

$$X = u \sin 30^\circ \quad \text{or } X = \frac{1}{2}u \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Subst. (3) in (2) to get Y by adding

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow Y &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}eu - \frac{1}{2}u \\ \Rightarrow X &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}eu - \frac{1}{2}u - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}eu \\ \Rightarrow X &= -\frac{1}{2}u \end{aligned}$$

Using this X with (1) & (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow X &= \frac{1}{2}u \\ \Rightarrow 2X &= u \\ \Rightarrow 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}u\right) &= u \\ \Rightarrow -u &= u \\ \Rightarrow -2u &= u \\ \Rightarrow -3u &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore e = \frac{2}{3}$

Question 19 (***)

A small smooth sphere B of mass m is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface.

Another smooth sphere A of mass $2m$ and of equal radius as that of B is moving with speed u in a straight line, on the same surface.

There is a collision between the two spheres and L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact.

The path of A immediately before the collision makes an angle of 30° with L .

- Determine simplified expressions for the speeds of A and B , in terms of u and e , where e is the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres.
- Given further that 20% of the kinetic energy of the system is lost due to the impact, show that $e^2 = \frac{1}{5}$.

$$\boxed{}, \quad |V_A| = u\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}(e^2 - 4e + 7)}, \quad |V_B| = \frac{u}{\sqrt{3}}(1+e)$$

a) STARTING WITH A IDEAL DIAGRAM FOR THE COLLISION

BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM ALONG L

$$\Rightarrow 2mu \cos 30 + 0 = 2mV \cos \theta + mV_B$$

$$\Rightarrow 2X + Y = 2u \cos 30$$

$$\Rightarrow 2X + Y = \sqrt{3}u$$

BY RESTITUTION ALONG L

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Y - X}{u \cos 30} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow -X + Y = e u \cos 30$$

$$\Rightarrow -X + Y = \frac{e}{2}u$$

$$\Rightarrow -2X + 2Y = eu$$

SOLVING THE EQUATIONS BY ADDITION

$$\Rightarrow 3Y = \sqrt{3}u + \frac{e}{2}u$$

$$\Rightarrow 3Y = \sqrt{3}u(1 + \frac{e}{2\sqrt{3}})$$

$$\Rightarrow Y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}u(1 + \frac{e}{2\sqrt{3}})$$

AND $X = Y - \frac{eu}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow X = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}u(1 + \frac{e}{2\sqrt{3}}) - \frac{eu}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}u + \frac{e}{2}u - \frac{eu}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow X = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}u - \frac{e}{2}u$$

$$\Rightarrow X = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}u(2 - e)$$

SPEED OF A -- NO UNKNOWN COMPONENT $\perp$ TO L

$$|V|^2 = (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}u(2-e))^2 + (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}u(1 + \frac{e}{2\sqrt{3}}))^2$$

$$|V|^2 = \frac{1}{12}u^2 [3(2-e)^2 + (2+e)^2]$$

$$|V|^2 = \frac{1}{12}u^2 [e^2 - 4e + 7]$$

$$|V| = \frac{u}{\sqrt{12}} \sqrt{e^2 - 4e + 7}$$

SPEED OF B

SIMPLY FOUND ABOVE AS THE PERPENDICULAR TO L COMPONENT IS ZERO

$$|V_B| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}u(1+e)$$

b) KE BEFORE THE COLLISION

$$\frac{1}{2}(2m)u^2 = mu^2$$

KE AFTER THE COLLISION

$$\frac{1}{2}(2m)V^2 + \frac{1}{2}mV_B^2$$

$$= m(\frac{1}{12}u^2(e^2 - 4e + 7)) + \frac{1}{2}m(\frac{1}{3}u^2(1+e)^2)$$

$$= \frac{mu^2}{12}(e^2 - 4e + 7) + \frac{mu^2}{6}(e^2 + 2e + 1)$$

$$= \frac{mu^2}{12}(e^2 - 4e + 7 + 2e^2 + 4e + 2)$$

$$= \frac{mu^2}{12}(3e^2 + 9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}mu^2(e^2 + 3)$$

FINALLY WE HAVE

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{4}mu^2(e^2 + 3)}{mu^2} = \frac{4}{5} \quad \leftarrow \text{"20% LOST"}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}(e^2 + 3) = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^2 + 3 = \frac{16}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^2 = \frac{1}{5}$$

Question 20 (*)**

A smooth uniform sphere P is moving on a smooth horizontal plane when it collides obliquely with an identical sphere Q which is at rest on the plane.

Immediately before the collision P is moving with speed $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$ in a direction which makes an angle of 60° with the line joining the centres of the spheres.

The coefficient of restitution between the spheres is $\frac{1}{2}$.

- a) Show clearly that after the collision P is moving at an angle of 75° with the line joining the centres of the spheres.

After the collision the respective speeds of P and Q are $U \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and $V \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

It is further given that $u = (6\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{6}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

- b) Find the value of U .
- c) Show further that $uV = 4U$.

, $U = 12$

a) SPHERE WITH A SMOOTH PLANE

BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM ALONG L

$$mu \cos 60^\circ + 0 = mU \cos \theta + mV \cos \phi$$

$$\frac{1}{2}u = U \cos \theta + V \cos \phi$$

BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM PERPENDICULAR TO L

$$mu \sin 60^\circ + 0 = mU \sin \theta + mV \sin \phi$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}u = U \sin \theta + V \sin \phi$$

ELIMINATING Y

$$\begin{cases} X + Y = \frac{1}{2}u \\ -X + Y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}u \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2Y = \frac{1}{2}u(1 + \sqrt{3}) \\ 2X = \frac{1}{2}u(1 - \sqrt{3}) \end{cases}$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{4}u(1 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$X = \frac{1}{4}u(1 - \sqrt{3})$$

FOR ANY USE HERE

$$\tan \theta = \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}u(1 + \sqrt{3})}{\frac{1}{4}u(1 - \sqrt{3})} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{1 - \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{3})(1 + \sqrt{3})}{(1 - \sqrt{3})(1 + \sqrt{3})} = \frac{4 + 2\sqrt{3}}{1 - 3} = \frac{4 + 2\sqrt{3}}{-2} = -2 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\theta = 75^\circ$$

As expected

b) BY PYTHAGOREAN FROM ABOVE DIAGRAM

$$u^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4}u\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{4}u(1 + \sqrt{3})\right)^2$$

$$u^2 = \frac{1}{16}u^2 + \frac{1}{16}u^2(1 + 2\sqrt{3} + 3)$$

$$u^2 = \frac{1}{16}u^2[4 + 2\sqrt{3} + 4]$$

$$u^2 = \frac{1}{16}u^2(8 + 2\sqrt{3})$$

$$u^2 = \frac{1}{8}u^2(4 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$u^2 = \frac{3}{8}(4 + \sqrt{3})u^2$$

$$u^2 = \frac{3}{8}(4 + \sqrt{3})(4 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$u^2 = \frac{3}{8}(16 + 8\sqrt{3} + 12)$$

$$u^2 = \frac{3}{8}(28 + 8\sqrt{3})$$

$$u^2 = \frac{3}{8}(4(7 + 2\sqrt{3}))$$

$$u^2 = \frac{3}{2}(7 + 2\sqrt{3})$$

$$u = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(7 + 2\sqrt{3})}$$

FOR ANY USE HERE

$$\begin{cases} X + Y = \frac{1}{2}u \\ -X + Y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}u \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2Y = \frac{1}{2}u(1 + \sqrt{3}) \\ 2X = \frac{1}{2}u(1 - \sqrt{3}) \end{cases}$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{4}u(1 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$X = \frac{1}{4}u(1 - \sqrt{3})$$

FOR ANY USE HERE

$$uV = uY = \frac{1}{4}u^2(1 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(4 + 2\sqrt{3})\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)u^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(12 + 6\sqrt{3})\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)u^2$$

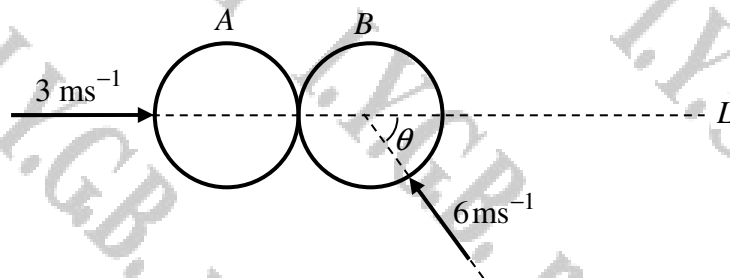
$$= \frac{1}{4}(18 + 9\sqrt{3})\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)u^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(27 + \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{2})\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)u^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(41)u^2$$

$$uV = 4U$$

Question 21 (***)



Two uniform smooth spheres A and B , of equal radius and equal masses, are moving in opposite directions on a smooth horizontal surface when they collide obliquely.

The straight line through the centres of A and B just before the collision is denoted by L and the coefficient of restitution between A and B is e .

Just before the collision the speed of A is 3 ms^{-1} along L and the corresponding speed of B is 6 ms^{-1} at an angle 30° to L , as shown in the figure above.

After the collision, the direction of motion of B is at right angles to its original direction of motion.

Show that $e = 3 - k\sqrt{3}$, where k is a rational constant to be found.

$$e = 3 - \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{3}$$

Handwritten solution for the collision problem:

• **BEFORE COLLISION**

Diagram shows sphere A moving right with speed 3, and sphere B moving towards A at an angle of 30° to the horizontal line L with speed 6.

• **AFTER COLLISION**

Diagram shows sphere A moving right with speed x , and sphere B moving away from A at an angle of 60° to the horizontal line L with speed y .

• **EVERY 10 MOMENTUM EXCHANGE, PERPENDICULAR TO L**

Thus $V_{B\perp} = 6 \cos 30^\circ$
 $y = 3\sqrt{3}$

• **NEW 2D CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM ALONG L**

$m_A u_A + m_B u_B = m_A v_A + m_B v_B$
 $3 - 3\sqrt{3} = x + 3y$
 $3 - 3\sqrt{3} = x + 3(3\sqrt{3})$
 $3 - 9\sqrt{3} = x$
 $x = -3(3 + \sqrt{3})$ (i.e. A REBOUNDS)

Thus $e = \frac{v_{B\perp}}{u_{B\perp}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{6 \cos 30^\circ} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{3 + 3\sqrt{3}}$
 $e = \frac{(3\sqrt{3} - 3)(3\sqrt{3} - 3)}{(3\sqrt{3} + 3)(3\sqrt{3} - 3)} = \frac{9(3 - \sqrt{3})}{27 - 9}$
 $e = \frac{9(3 - \sqrt{3})}{18} = 3 - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$

Question 22 (***)

A small smooth sphere B of mass $2m$ is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface.

Another small smooth sphere A , of mass m and radius equal to that of B , is moving with speed u in a straight line, on the same surface.

There is a collision between the two spheres and L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact. The path of A immediately before the collision makes an angle of θ with L .

The speed of A after the collision is $\frac{1}{3}u$.

Given further that the coefficient of restitution between A and B is $\frac{2}{3}$ show that

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{10}.$$

proof

The handwritten solution includes two diagrams labeled '< BEFORE >' and '< AFTER >'. In the 'BEFORE' diagram, sphere A (mass m) moves towards sphere B (mass 2m) at an angle θ to the line of centers L. In the 'AFTER' diagram, sphere A moves away at an angle θ with speed $\frac{1}{3}u$, and sphere B moves away along L with speed $\frac{4}{3}u$. The coefficient of restitution is given as $e = \frac{2}{3}$.

- BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM, ALONG L
 $m u \cos \theta + 0 = m X + 2m Y$
 $X + 2Y = u \cos \theta$
- NO MOMENTUM EXCHANGES PERPENDICULAR TO L - FROM A IN THE AFTER
 $X^2 + u^2 \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{9} u^2$
- BY DEFINITION OF e ALONG L
 $\frac{Y - X}{u \cos \theta} = \frac{2}{3}$
 $-X + Y = \frac{2}{3} u \cos \theta$
- ELIMINATE Y BETWEEN THE FIRST TWO EQUATIONS
 $\begin{aligned} X + 2Y &= u \cos \theta \\ -X + Y &= \frac{2}{3} u \cos \theta \end{aligned} \Rightarrow 3X = -\frac{1}{3} u \cos \theta \quad (\text{REARRANGE})$
 $X = -\frac{1}{9} u \cos \theta$
 THEN WE OBTAIN
 $\begin{aligned} \left(-\frac{1}{9} u \cos \theta\right)^2 + u^2 \sin^2 \theta &= \frac{1}{9} u^2 \\ \frac{1}{81} u^2 \cos^2 \theta + u^2 \sin^2 \theta &= \frac{1}{9} u^2 \\ \cos^2 \theta + 8 \sin^2 \theta &= 9 \\ 1 - \sin^2 \theta + 8 \sin^2 \theta &= 9 \\ 7 \sin^2 \theta &= 8 \end{aligned}$
 $\therefore \sin^2 \theta = \frac{8}{70}$

Question 23 (***)

A small smooth sphere B is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. An identical sphere A is moving with speed u in a straight line, on the same surface. There is a collision between the two spheres and L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact. The path of A immediately before the collision makes an angle of α with L , where $\tan \alpha = 0.75$.

- a) Given that the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres is $\frac{1}{8}$ determine simplified expressions for the speeds of A and B , in terms of u .

The path of A is deflected by an angle θ .

- b) Show that $\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{43}{76}\right)$.

$$|V_A| = \frac{u}{20}\sqrt{193}, \quad |V_B| = \frac{9u}{20}$$

Diagram: Two spheres, A and B, are shown on a horizontal surface. Sphere A is moving towards sphere B. A line L connects the centers of the two spheres at the moment of impact. The path of A before collision makes an angle α with L. After collision, A moves away at an angle θ from its original path.

Conservation of Momentum:

Before collision: $u \cos \alpha$ (horizontal component of A's velocity)

After collision: $V_A \cos \theta$ (horizontal component of A's velocity) + V_B (velocity of B)

Coefficient of Restitution:

$\frac{1}{8} = \frac{V_B - V_A \sin \theta}{u \sin \alpha}$

Speed of A:

$V_A = \frac{u}{20}\sqrt{193}$

Speed of B:

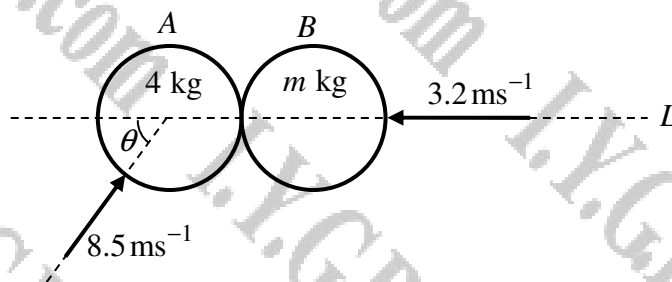
$V_B = \frac{9u}{20}$

Deflection Angle θ :

$\tan \theta = \frac{43}{76}$

$\therefore \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{43}{76}\right)$

Question 24 (*)**



Two uniform smooth spheres A and B , of equal radius, have respective masses of 4 kg and $m\text{ kg}$, are moving in opposite directions on a smooth horizontal surface when they collide obliquely.

The straight line through the centres of A and B , just before the collide is denoted by L and the coefficient of restitution between A and B is e .

Immediately before the collision the speed of A is 8.5 ms^{-1} at an angle θ to L , where $\tan \theta = \frac{8}{15}$. The corresponding speed of B is 3.2 ms^{-1} along L , as shown in the figure above.

As a result of the impact, B rebounds with speed 2 ms^{-1} and A loses 52 J of kinetic energy.

- Calculate the speed of A after the collision.
- Determine the angle through by which the motion of A is deflected.
- Find the value of m and the value of e .

$$\text{speed} \approx 6.80 \text{ ms}^{-1}, \quad \delta \approx 115.9^\circ, \quad m = 10 \text{ kg}, \quad e \approx 0.70$$

[illegible]

Question 25 (*)**

A small smooth ball of mass m is falling vertically when it strikes a fixed smooth plane which is inclined at an angle θ to the horizontal, where $\theta > 30^\circ$.

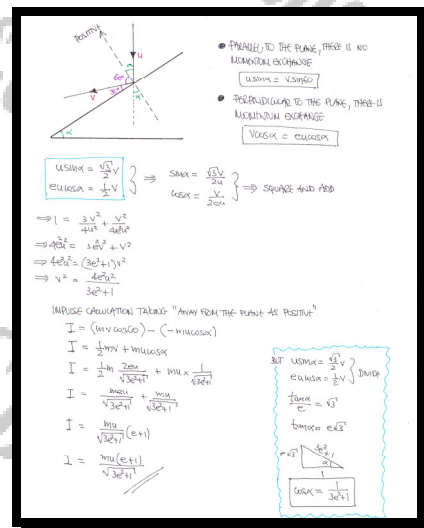
Immediately before striking the plane the ball has speed u .

Immediately after striking the plane the ball moves in a direction which makes an angle of 30° with the plane.

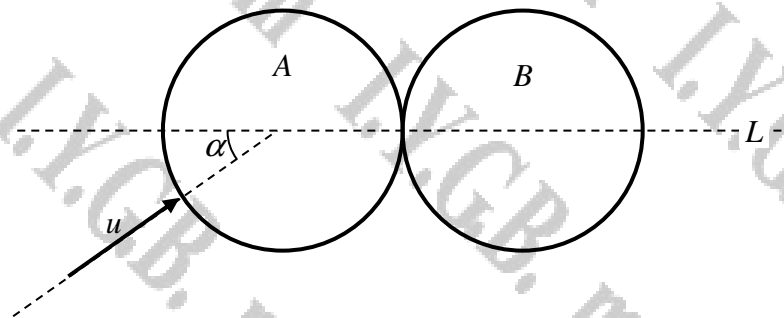
The coefficient of restitution between the ball and the plane is e .

Determine, in terms of m , u and e , the magnitude of the impulse exerted by the plane on the ball.

proof



Question 28 (***)



A uniform smooth sphere B is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. An identical sphere A moving with speed u on the same surface collides with B obliquely.

On collision the line through the centres of the two spheres is L , and the angle between u and L on impact is α , as shown in the figure above.

Given that **after** the collision the acute angle between the path of A and L is θ , show that

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - e},$$

where e is the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres.

proof

Diagram: Shows spheres A and B on a horizontal surface. Sphere A is moving towards sphere B with velocity u . The line of impact L is horizontal. The angle between u and L is α . After collision, sphere A moves away from sphere B with velocity v at an angle θ to L .

Handwritten Solution:

Let X and Y be the components of velocity along and perpendicular to L respectively.

Before collision:

- For sphere A: $X = u \cos \alpha$, $Y = u \sin \alpha$
- For sphere B: $X = 0$, $Y = 0$

After collision:

- For sphere A: $X = v \cos \theta$, $Y = v \sin \theta$
- For sphere B: $X = V$, $Y = 0$

Conservation of Momentum:

Along L : $mX + 0 = mX' + mV$
 $u \cos \alpha = v \cos \theta + V$

Perpendicular to L : $mY + 0 = mY' + 0$
 $u \sin \alpha = v \sin \theta$

Coefficient of Restitution:

$e = \frac{V - v \cos \theta}{u \cos \alpha}$

Derivation:

From the momentum equations:

$$V = u \cos \alpha - v \cos \theta$$

$$e = \frac{u \cos \alpha - v \cos \theta - v \cos \theta}{u \cos \alpha} = \frac{u \cos \alpha - 2v \cos \theta}{u \cos \alpha}$$

$$e u \cos \alpha = u \cos \alpha - 2v \cos \theta$$

$$2v \cos \theta = u \cos \alpha (1 - e)$$

$$v \cos \theta = \frac{u \cos \alpha (1 - e)}{2}$$

From the perpendicular momentum equation:

$$v \sin \theta = u \sin \alpha$$

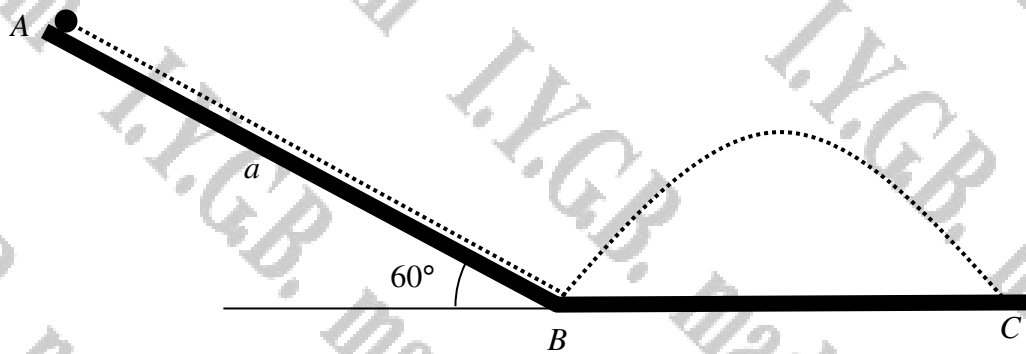
Dividing the two equations:

$$\frac{v \cos \theta}{v \sin \theta} = \frac{\frac{u \cos \alpha (1 - e)}{2}}{u \sin \alpha}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{(1 - e) \cos \alpha}{2 \sin \alpha}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1 - e}$$

Question 29 (***)



The figure above shows the path of a particle released from rest and moving down a line of greatest slope of a smooth plane inclined at 60° to the horizontal.

The particle is released from the point A on the plane and strikes a smooth horizontal plane at the point B, where $|AB| = a$.

The particle rebounds off the horizontal plane at B and first strikes the horizontal plane at the point C.

Given that the coefficient of restitution between the particle and horizontal plane is

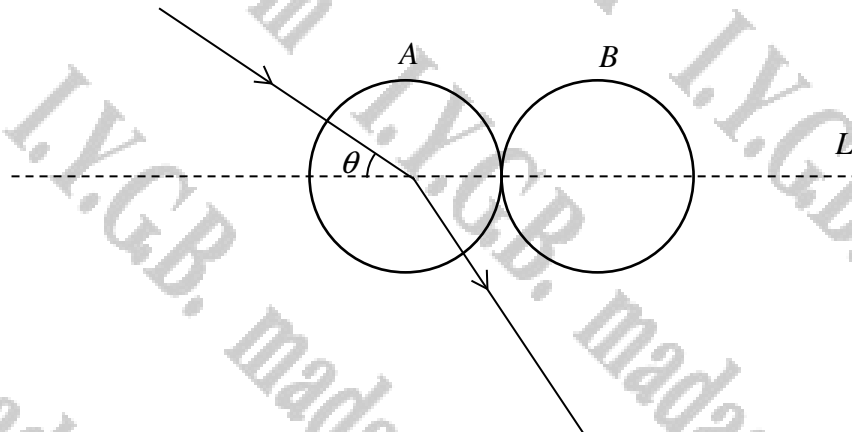
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \text{ show that } |BC| = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a.$$

proof

Handwritten Solution:

- By energy from A to B: $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgh$ (smooth)
 $v^2 = 2ag \sin 60^\circ$
 $v^2 = \sqrt{3}ag$
- Velocity at B on impact: $v_{\text{vertical}} = v \sin 60^\circ$
 $v_{\text{horizontal}} = v \cos 60^\circ$
- Velocity off impact: $v_{\text{vertical}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} v \sin 60^\circ$
 $v_{\text{horizontal}} = v \cos 60^\circ$
- Projectile flight time using $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$:
 $0 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}v \sin 60^\circ\right)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$
 $0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}vt - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$
 $0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}v - \frac{1}{2}gt$
 $\therefore \text{Flight time is } t = \frac{v}{g}$
- Horizontally $s = \text{speed} \times \text{time}$:
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}v \times \frac{v}{g}$
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{v^2}{2g}$
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{3}ag}{2g}$
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a$

Question 30 (***)



A smooth sphere A travelling along a smooth horizontal surface collides with an identical sphere B , which lies at rest on the same surface. At the moment of impact the direction of motion of A makes an angle θ with the straight line L , which joins the centres of the sphere at the moment of impact.

The coefficient of restitution between A and B is e .

The motion of A is deflected as a result of the impact by an angle δ .

Show that

$$\tan \delta = \frac{(1+e) \tan \theta}{1-e+2 \tan^2 \theta}$$

proof

BEFORE

AFTER

BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM ALONG L

$$m u \cos \theta + 0 = m v \cos \delta + m w$$

$$u \cos \theta = v \cos \delta + w$$

BY RESTITUTION ALONG L

$$\frac{v \cos \delta - w}{u \cos \theta} = e$$

$$v \cos \delta - w = e u \cos \theta$$

1. CALCULATE X BETWEEN THE LAST 2 EQUATIONS BY SUBSTITUTION

$$\Rightarrow 2 v \cos \delta = u \cos \theta + e u \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 v \cos \delta = u (1+e) \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v}{u} = \frac{(1+e) \cos \theta}{2 \cos \delta}$$

2. THERE IS NO MOMENTUM EXCHANGE PERPENDICULAR TO L , $w \sin \delta = 0$ (SEE DIAGRAM)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v}{u} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \delta}$$

3. COMBINING TO ELIMINATE v & u

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(1+e) \cos \theta}{2 \cos \delta} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \delta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin \delta}{\cos \delta} = \frac{(1+e) \sin \theta}{2 \cos \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \delta = \frac{(1+e) \tan \theta}{2}$$

4. FINALLY $\phi = \theta + \delta$, WHERE δ IS THE DEFLECTION ANGLE

$$\Rightarrow \delta = \phi - \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \delta = \tan(\phi - \theta)$$

$\Rightarrow \tan \delta = \frac{\tan \phi - \tan \theta}{1 + \tan \phi \tan \theta}$

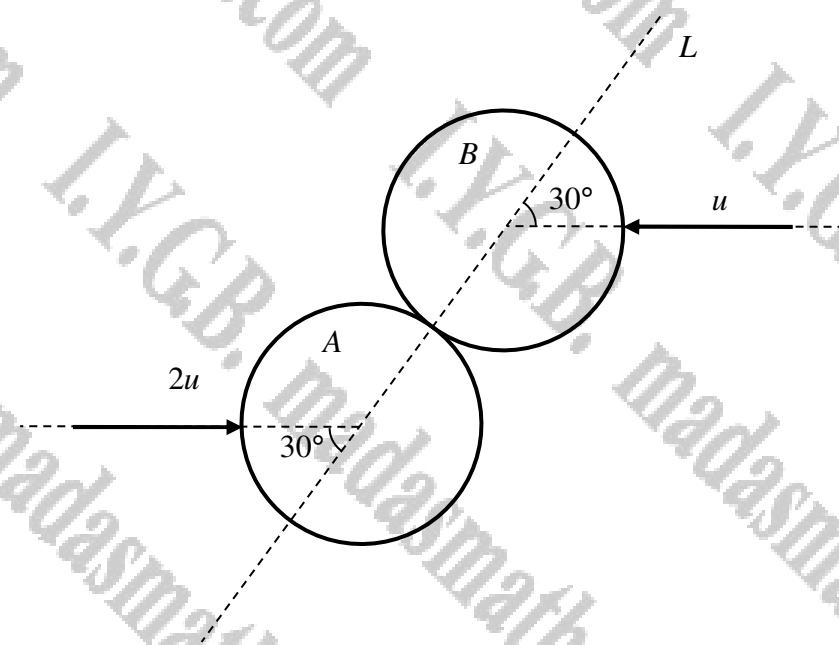
RECALLING FOR A BIT OF THE TRIGONOMETRY ON THE R.H.S. BY (1-e)

$$\Rightarrow \tan \delta = \frac{2 \tan \theta - (1-e) \tan \theta}{(1-e) + 2 \tan^2 \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \delta = \frac{\tan \theta + e \tan \theta}{1-e+2 \tan^2 \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \delta = \frac{(1+e) \tan \theta}{1-e+2 \tan^2 \theta}$$

Question 31 (***)



Two identical smooth uniform spheres A and B are moving in opposite directions on a smooth horizontal surface, where they collide obliquely.

Immediately before the collision, A has speed $2u$ with its direction of motion at an angle of 30° to the straight line L joining the centres of the spheres on impact, and B has speed u with its direction of motion also at an angle of 30° to L , as shown in the figure above.

Given further that the direction of motion of A turns through a right angle as a result of the collision determine the coefficient of restitution between A and B .

$$e = \frac{7}{9}$$

BEFORE

AFTER

By conservation of momentum along L

$$m(2u \cos 30^\circ) - m(u \cos 30^\circ) = -mX + mY$$

$$m u \cos 30^\circ = mY - mX$$

$$Y - X = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}u$$

By conservation of momentum perpendicular to L

Looking at the before diagram

$X = V \cos 60^\circ$
 $X = \frac{1}{2}V$
 $V = 2X$

$2u \sin 30^\circ = V \sin 60^\circ$
 $u = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}V$

Combining to eliminate V

$$u = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} X \right)$$

$$u = \sqrt{3} X$$

$$X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} u$$

Thus using $Y = X + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}u$

$$Y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}u + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}u$$

$$Y = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{6}u$$

Finally restitution

$$e = \frac{\text{SEP}}{\text{APP}} = \frac{Y - X}{2u \cos 30^\circ + u \cos 30^\circ}$$

$$e = \frac{\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{6}u - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}u}{3u \cos 30^\circ} = \frac{\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{6}u + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{6}u}{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}u}$$

$$e = \frac{\frac{7\sqrt{3}}{6}u}{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}u} = \frac{7}{9}$$

Question 32 (**)**

Two identical small smooth uniform spheres, A and B are travelling towards each other in parallel but opposite directions, on a smooth horizontal surface.

The speed of A is $2u$ and the speed of B is u .

There is a collision between the two spheres and L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact. The acute angle θ is the angle that L with the original direction of the spheres.

After the collision, B moves at right angles to its original direction of motion.

Show that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < \tan \theta < \sqrt{2}.$$

proof

The handwritten solution includes two diagrams and several equations:

Diagram 1 (Before Collision): Two spheres, A and B, are shown moving towards each other. Sphere A has an initial velocity of $2u$ to the right, and sphere B has an initial velocity of u to the left. A line L is drawn at an angle θ to the horizontal.

Diagram 2 (After Collision): Sphere A has a final velocity $v \cos \theta$ to the right, and sphere B has a final velocity $v \sin \theta$ upwards. The line L is still at an angle θ to the horizontal.

Equations:

- Conservation of momentum: $2u = v \cos \theta + v \sin \theta$
- Conservation of kinetic energy: $\frac{1}{2}(2u)^2 + \frac{1}{2}u^2 = \frac{1}{2}v^2 \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2}v^2 \sin^2 \theta$
- From the momentum equation: $v = \frac{2u}{\cos \theta + \sin \theta}$
- Substituting into the energy equation: $2u^2 + \frac{1}{2}u^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2u}{\cos \theta + \sin \theta} \right)^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)$
- Simplifying: $2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{(\cos \theta + \sin \theta)^2}$
- Further simplification: $\frac{5}{2} = \frac{2}{(\cos \theta + \sin \theta)^2}$
- Final result: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < \tan \theta < \sqrt{2}$

Question 33 (**)**

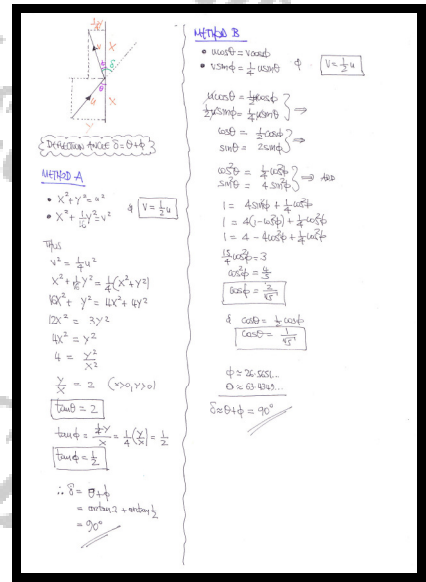
A ball is moving on a smooth horizontal plane when it collides obliquely with a smooth plane vertical wall.

The coefficient of restitution between the ball and the wall is $\frac{1}{4}$.

The speed of the ball immediately after the collision is half the speed of the ball immediately before the collision.

By modelling the ball as a particle, calculate the angle through which the path of the ball is deflected by the collision.

$$\delta = 90^\circ$$



Question 34 (**)**

A particle of mass 0.5 kg is moving on a smooth horizontal plane with constant speed in a direction parallel to a long straight wall.

The particle receives an impulse of 2 N s in a direction perpendicular to its motion.

Consequently, the particle's speed changes to 5 ms^{-1} and a collision with wall follows.

The speed of the particle after its collision with the wall is $3\sqrt{2} \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

Assuming that the contact between the particle and the wall is smooth, determine the coefficient of restitution between the particle and the wall.

$$\boxed{e = \frac{3}{4}}$$

• START WITH A DIAGRAM OF IMPULSE (WHERE VELOCITIES ARE IMPULSES)

• BY PYTHAGORAS WE HAVE

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2^2 + (0.5u)^2 &= 2.5^2 \\ \Rightarrow 4 + 0.25u^2 &= 6.25 \\ \Rightarrow 0.25u^2 &= 2.25 \\ \Rightarrow u^2 &= 9 \\ \Rightarrow u &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

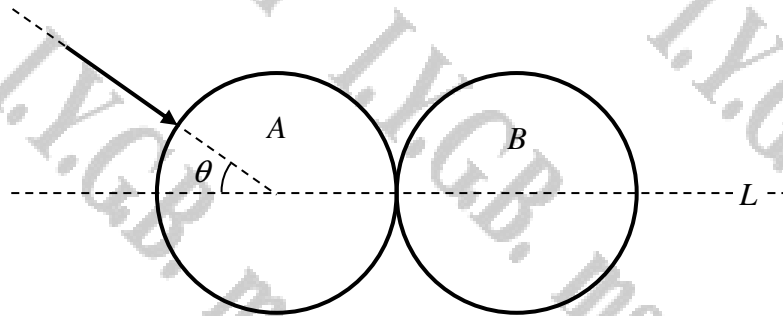
• NOW THE PARTICLE IS TRAVELLING WITH SPEED $\frac{3}{0.5} = 6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$, PERPENDICULAR TO THE WALL

• IT REBOUNDS WITH PERPENDICULAR SPEED $4e$

• FINISH

$$\begin{aligned} 3^2 + (4e)^2 &= (3\sqrt{2})^2 \\ 9 + 16e^2 &= 18 \\ 16e^2 &= 9 \\ e^2 &= \frac{9}{16} \\ e &= \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Question 35 (***)



A uniform smooth sphere B of mass km , $k > 0$, is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. Another sphere A , of equal radius as that of B but of mass m , is moving on the same surface. The two spheres collide obliquely. On collision the line through the centres of the two spheres is L . The angle between the direction of motion of A and L on impact is θ , as shown in the figure above.

As a result of the collision the direction of motion of A is deflected through a right angle

Determine a simplified expression for $\tan^2 \theta$, in terms of k and e , where e is the coefficient of restitution between A and B , and hence deduce $k > 1$

$$\tan^2 \theta = \frac{ek - 1}{k + 1}$$

BEFORE IMPACT

AFTER IMPACT

BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM ALONG L

$$mu \cos \theta + 0 = -mv \cos \theta + kmv \cos \theta$$

$$u \cos \theta = -v \cos \theta + kv \cos \theta$$

BY RESTITUTION ALONG L

$$e = \frac{v \cos \theta - (-u \cos \theta)}{u \cos \theta}$$

• NO MOMENTUM IS EXCHANGED PERPENDICULAR TO L

$$u \sin \theta = v \sin \theta \quad (\text{AFTER IMPACT DIRECTION OF "A"})$$

• ELIMINATE X FROM THE FIRST TWO EQUATIONS

$$\Rightarrow X + v \sin \theta = u \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow X = u \sin \theta - v \sin \theta$$

THINK OF THIS

$$\Rightarrow u \cos \theta = -v \cos \theta + k(u \cos \theta - v \cos \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow u \cos \theta = -v \cos \theta + ku \cos \theta - kv \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow u = -v \tan \theta + ek - kv \tan \theta$$

BUT $v \cos \theta = u \sin \theta$

$$v = u \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow u = -(u \tan \theta) \tan \theta + ek - k(u \tan \theta) \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = -\tan^2 \theta + ek - k \tan^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow k \tan^2 \theta + \tan^2 \theta = ek - 1$$

$\Rightarrow (k+1) \tan^2 \theta = ek - 1$

$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta = \frac{ek - 1}{k + 1}$

Now $ek - 1 > 0$

$ek > 1$

$e > \frac{1}{k}$

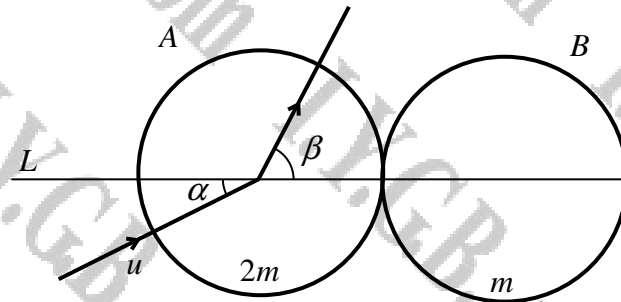
BUT

$0 < e < 1$

$0 < \frac{1}{k} < 1$

$k > 1$

Question 36 (****)



A small smooth sphere B of mass m is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. Another smooth sphere A of mass $2m$ and of equal radius as that of B is moving with speed u in a straight line, on the same surface. There is a collision between the two spheres and L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact. The direction of motion of A immediately before and immediately after the collision makes acute angles α and β with L , as shown in the figure above.

Given that $\alpha = \arctan \frac{1}{2}$ and $\beta = \arctan 2$ find the value of the coefficient of restitution between A and B , and hence determine the speed of B in terms of u .

$$e = \frac{2}{3}$$

Diagram: Shows spheres A (mass 2m) and B (mass m) on a horizontal surface. A horizontal line L passes through their centers. Sphere A is moving towards B with speed u. The direction of motion of A immediately before the collision makes an acute angle α with L. The direction of motion of A immediately after the collision makes an acute angle β with L.

Table of Velocities:

Direction	Before	After
Along L	$2u \cos \alpha$	$2X$
Perp to L	$2u \sin \alpha$	Y
Along L	0	Y
Perp to L	0	0

By Conservation of Momentum Along L:

$$2mu \cos \alpha + 0 = 2mX + mY$$

$$2X + Y = 2u \cos \alpha \quad (1)$$

By Restitution Along L:

$$e = \frac{Y - X}{u \cos \alpha}$$

$$-X + Y = eu \cos \alpha \quad (2)$$

Find X & Y:

$$\begin{aligned} 2X + Y &= 2u \cos \alpha \\ -X + Y &= eu \cos \alpha \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 3X &= 2u \cos \alpha - eu \cos \alpha \\ X &= \frac{1}{3}u(2-e) \cos \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2X + Y &= 2u \cos \alpha \\ -2X + 2Y &= 2eu \cos \alpha \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 3Y &= 2u \cos \alpha + 2eu \cos \alpha \\ Y &= \frac{2}{3}u(1+e) \cos \alpha \end{aligned}$$

Now:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{1}{3}u(2-e) \cos \alpha \\ Y &= \frac{2}{3}u(1+e) \cos \alpha \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}u(2-e) \cos \alpha = \frac{2}{3}u(1+e) \cos \alpha$$

Next:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{3}u(2-e) \cos \alpha &= \frac{2}{3}u(1+e) \cos \alpha \\ 2(2-e) &= 2(1+e) \\ 2 &= 2 - e \\ e &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Find the speed of B:

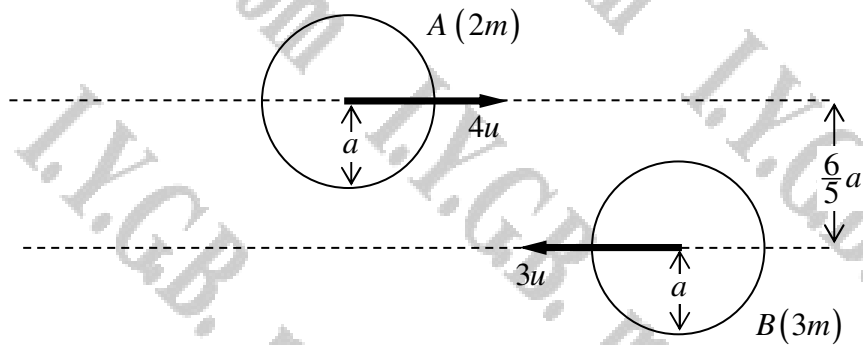
$$V = \frac{2}{3}u(1+e) \cos \alpha$$

$$V = \frac{2}{3}u(1+\frac{2}{3}) \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$V = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{3} \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} u$$

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{5} u$$

Question 37 (****)



Two smooth spheres A and B , of equal radii, have respective masses of $2m$ kg and $3m$ kg, and are moving on a smooth horizontal surface when they collide.

Leading up to the collision, the centres of the two spheres are tracing parallel paths, $\frac{6}{5}a$ apart, where the respective speeds of A and B are $4u$ and $3u$, as shown in the figure above.

The coefficient of restitution between the two spheres is $\frac{1}{7}$

Show that the momentum exchanged during the collision has magnitude $\frac{192}{25}mu$.

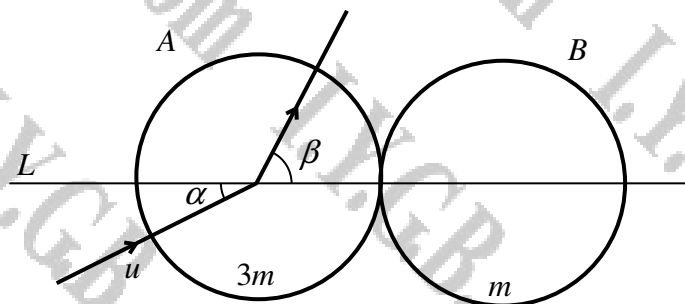
proof

Diagram 1: Before Collision
 Sphere A (mass $2m$) moves right with speed $4u$. Sphere B (mass $3m$) moves left with speed $3u$. The centers are $\frac{6}{5}a$ apart.
 Impulse J acts on A to the left and on B to the right.

Diagram 2: After Collision
 Sphere A moves with speed X to the right. Sphere B moves with speed Y to the right.

Equations:
 Conservation of momentum:
 $2m(4u) + 3m(-3u) = 2mX + 3mY$
 $8mu - 9mu = 2mX + 3mY$
 $-mu = 2X + 3Y$
 $2X + 3Y = -mu$
 Coefficient of restitution $e = \frac{1}{7}$:
 $\frac{Y - X}{4u - (-3u)} = \frac{1}{7}$
 $Y - X = \frac{1}{7}(7u) = u$
 $Y = X + u$
 Substituting into momentum equation:
 $2X + 3(X + u) = -mu$
 $2X + 3X + 3u = -mu$
 $5X = -4u$
 $X = -\frac{4}{5}u$
 Then $Y = X + u = -\frac{4}{5}u + u = \frac{1}{5}u$
 Momentum exchanged = $2m|X| = 2m \cdot \frac{4}{5}u = \frac{8}{5}mu$
 Wait, the handwritten solution says $\frac{192}{25}mu$. Let's recheck the algebra.
 From $2X + 3Y = -mu$ and $Y = X + u$:
 $2X + 3(X + u) = -mu$
 $2X + 3X + 3u = -mu$
 $5X = -4u$
 $X = -\frac{4}{5}u$
 $Y = \frac{1}{5}u$
 Impulse on A = $2m(X - 4u) = 2m(-\frac{4}{5}u - 4u) = 2m(-\frac{24}{5}u) = -\frac{48}{5}mu$
 Impulse on B = $3m(Y - (-3u)) = 3m(\frac{1}{5}u + 3u) = 3m(\frac{16}{5}u) = \frac{48}{5}mu$
 Magnitude of momentum exchanged = $\frac{48}{5}mu$.
 The handwritten solution has a mistake in the final step. The correct magnitude is $\frac{48}{5}mu$.

Question 38 (****)



A small smooth sphere B of mass m is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. Another smooth sphere A of mass $3m$ and of equal radius as that of B is moving with speed u in a straight line, on the same surface. There is a collision between the two spheres and L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact. The direction of motion of A immediately before and immediately after the collision makes acute angles α and β with L , as shown in the figure above.

- a) Given that the coefficient of restitution between A and B is $\frac{1}{2}$, show that

$$5 \tan \beta = 8 \tan \alpha.$$

- b) Calculate, as α varies, the maximum angle of deflection of A caused by the impact.

$$(\beta - \alpha)_{\max} \approx 13.3^\circ$$

a)
 • NO MOMENTUM EXCHANGE $\perp$ TO L , ALLEMOV ANGERS ON THE SURFACE
 $\therefore V_{Ax} = u \cos \alpha$ and $V_{Bx} = 0$
 • CONSERVE Y MOMENTUM (if a q)
 $3m \times u \sin \alpha = 3m V_A \sin \beta + m V_B \sin \beta$
 $\rightarrow 3u \sin \alpha = 3V_A \sin \beta + V_B \sin \beta$
 $\Rightarrow V_A = \frac{3}{4} u \sin \alpha$
 For $V_{Ax} = \frac{3}{4} u \cos \alpha$
 $V_{Bx} = u \sin \alpha$
 Divide equations "eliminate"
 $\frac{V_{Bx}}{V_{Ax}} = \frac{u \sin \alpha}{\frac{3}{4} u \cos \alpha} \Rightarrow \tan \beta = \frac{4}{3} \tan \alpha$
 $\Rightarrow 5 \tan \beta = 8 \tan \alpha$
 • BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM ALONG L
 $3mu \cos \alpha + 0 = 3mV_A \cos \beta + mV_B \cos \beta$
 $3u \cos \alpha = 3V_A \cos \beta + V_B \cos \beta$
 • BY RESTITUTION ALONG L
 $\frac{V_B - V_A}{u} = \frac{1}{2}$
 $-V_A + V_B = \frac{1}{2} u \cos \alpha$

b)
 • FIND β OF DEFLECTION IS β
 $\theta = \beta - \alpha$
 $\tan \theta = \tan(\beta - \alpha)$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}{1 + \tan \beta \tan \alpha}$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\frac{4}{3} \tan \alpha - \tan \alpha}{1 + \frac{4}{3} \tan^2 \alpha}$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\frac{1}{3} \tan \alpha}{\frac{3 + 4 \tan^2 \alpha}{3}}$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\tan \alpha}{3 + 4 \tan^2 \alpha}$
 • NOW LET $f(\alpha) = \frac{\tan \alpha}{3 + 4 \tan^2 \alpha}$
 $f'(\alpha) = \frac{(3 + 4 \tan^2 \alpha) \cdot 1 - \tan \alpha \cdot (8 \tan \alpha)}{(3 + 4 \tan^2 \alpha)^2}$
 $f'(\alpha) = \frac{3 - 4 \tan^2 \alpha}{(3 + 4 \tan^2 \alpha)^2}$
 • SET $f'(\alpha) = 0$
 $3 - 4 \tan^2 \alpha = 0$
 $\tan^2 \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$
 $\tan \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
 $\alpha = 30^\circ$
 • DEFINITION A MAX
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\tan \alpha}{3 + 4 \tan^2 \alpha}$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{3 + 4 \cdot \frac{3}{4}}$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$
 $\theta = 13.3^\circ$

Question 39 (****+)

In this question $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$ are perpendicular unit vectors in a horizontal plane.

A smooth sphere is moving on a smooth horizontal surface when it collides with a smooth vertical wall, which is parallel to the direction $(4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$.

The velocity of the sphere before the impact with the wall is $(5\mathbf{i} - 15\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

Given that the coefficient of restitution between the sphere and the wall is $\frac{1}{3}$, find the velocity of the sphere after the impact.

$$\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{61}{5}\mathbf{i} - \frac{27}{5}\mathbf{j} \right)$$

The handwritten solution is divided into two parts, each with a diagram and calculations.

Left Diagram: Shows a vector $\mathbf{u} = 5\mathbf{i} - 15\mathbf{j}$ and a wall line defined by $4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$. A normal vector $\mathbf{n} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$ is shown perpendicular to the wall. The coefficient of restitution $e = \frac{1}{3}$ is noted.

Left Calculations:

- THE NORMAL DIRECTION TOWARDS THE WALL IS $3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$
- PARALLEL UNIT VECTOR $\hat{s} = \frac{1}{5}(4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j})$
- PERPENDICULAR UNIT VECTOR $\hat{n} = \frac{1}{5}(3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$
- RESOLVE THE BEFORE VELOCITY

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} - 15\mathbf{j} &= A\hat{s} + B\hat{n} \\ \mathbf{u} - 15\mathbf{j} &= \frac{A}{5}(4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) + \frac{B}{5}(3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) \\ 5\mathbf{u} - 75\mathbf{j} &= (4A + 3B)\mathbf{i} + (-3A + 4B)\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4A + 3B &= 25 \\ -3A + 4B &= -75 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 12A + 9B &= 75 \\ -12A + 6B &= -300 \end{aligned}$$

$$15B = -225 \Rightarrow B = -15$$

$$\Rightarrow 4A + 3(-15) = 25 \Rightarrow 4A - 45 = 25 \Rightarrow 4A = 70 \Rightarrow A = 17.5$$

Right Diagram: Shows the velocity vector $\mathbf{v} = 13\mathbf{i} - 9\mathbf{j}$ after impact. The wall line and normal vector are also shown.

Right Calculations:

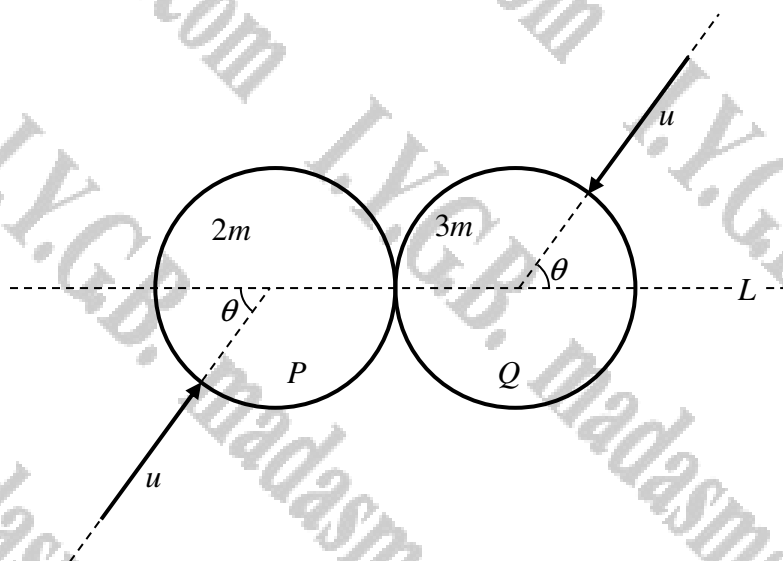
NO RESTITUTION IS EXERCISED IN THE PARALLEL DIRECTION, IT IS PARALLEL TO THE WALL (S)

RESTITUTION IS EXERCISED IN A DIRECTION PERPENDICULAR TO THE WALL (N) - DEPENDS ON THE SPHERE & SURFACE

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \mathbf{v} &= 13\hat{s} + B\hat{n} \\ \mathbf{v} &= \frac{B}{5}(4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) + B\left(\frac{3}{5}\mathbf{i} + \frac{4}{5}\mathbf{j}\right) \\ \mathbf{v} &= \frac{4B}{5}\mathbf{i} - \frac{3B}{5}\mathbf{j} + \frac{3B}{5}\mathbf{i} + \frac{4B}{5}\mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{v} &= \frac{7B}{5}\mathbf{i} + \frac{B}{5}\mathbf{j} \end{aligned}$$

Then $\mathbf{u} = 5\mathbf{i} - 15\mathbf{j} = 13\hat{s} - 9\hat{n}$

Question 40 (****+)



Two smooth uniform spheres P and Q with equal radii have masses $2m$ and $3m$ respectively. The spheres are moving in opposite directions on a smooth horizontal surface, where they collide obliquely.

Immediately before the collision, P has speed u , and its direction of motion forms an angle θ with the straight line L , joining the centres of the spheres on impact.

Immediately before the collision Q has speed u with its direction of motion also forming an angle θ to L , as shown in the figure above.

Given that $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{5}$ and the direction of motion of Q is deflected by 90° , as a result of the collision, find the value of the coefficient of restitution between P and Q .

$$e = 0.3$$

Handwritten Solution:

Diagram: Two spheres P (mass 2m) and Q (mass 3m) are shown at the moment of collision. A horizontal dashed line L passes through their centers. Sphere P moves towards Q with speed u at an angle theta to L. Sphere Q moves towards P with speed u at an angle theta to L.

Table of Velocities:

Direction	Before	After
Along L (X)	$u \cos \theta$ (P), $-u \cos \theta$ (Q)	X (P), Y (Q)
Perpendicular to L (Y)	$u \sin \theta$ (P), $u \sin \theta$ (Q)	0 (P), $u \sin \theta$ (Q)

Method 1: Conservation of Momentum Along L

$$2m(u \cos \theta) - 3m(u \cos \theta) = 2mX + 3mY$$

$$-u \cos \theta = 2X + 3Y$$

Method 2: Restitution Along L

$$e = \frac{X + Y}{2u \cos \theta}$$

$$X + Y = 2eu \cos \theta$$

Method 3: No Impulse is Exchanged $\perp$ to L

$$u \sin \theta = v_{QY}$$

Consistent Result (1)

$$u \cos \theta = v_{QX}$$

Consistent Result (2)

$$u \cos \theta = -2X + 3 \left(\frac{u \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right)$$

$$2X = \frac{3u \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + u \cos \theta$$

$$X = \frac{3u \sin \theta}{2 \cos \theta} + \frac{1}{2} u \cos \theta$$

Consistent Result (3)

$$\left[\frac{3u \sin \theta}{2 \cos \theta} + \frac{1}{2} u \cos \theta \right] + \left[\frac{u \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right] = 2eu \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3 \sin \theta}{2 \cos \theta} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta = 2e \cos \theta$$

Final Calculation:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} \tan \theta + \frac{1}{4} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{5} \right) + \frac{1}{4} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{5} + 1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{8}{5} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{2}{5}$$

Final Answer:

$$e = 0.3$$

Question 41 (****+)

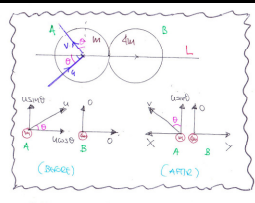
A smooth sphere B of mass $4m$ is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. Another sphere A is moving with speed u in a straight line, on the same surface. There is a collision between the two spheres and L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact.

The direction of motion of A immediately before the collision makes an angle of θ with L , where $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$.

Immediately after the collision, the direction of motion of A is at right angles to direction of motion of A immediately before the collision.

Determine the greatest possible value of θ .

$$\theta \approx 37.76^\circ$$



By conservation of momentum along L
 $mu \cos \theta = 0 + 4mV$
 $V = \frac{1}{4}u \cos \theta$

By conservation of momentum perpendicular to L
 $mu \sin \theta = 0 + 4mW$
 $W = \frac{1}{4}u \sin \theta$

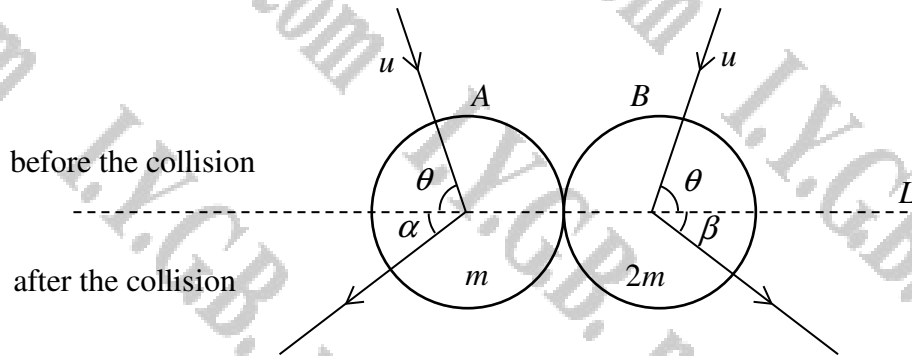
No impulsive force $\perp$ to L
 $V \cos \theta = u \sin \theta$ or $W = V \sin \theta$

Solving the first two equations to find X & Y
 $X + Y = u \cos \theta$
 $-X + 4Y = u \sin \theta$ eliminate $Y \Rightarrow$
 $4X + 4Y = 4u \cos \theta$ subtract $\Rightarrow$
 $-X + 4Y = u \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow 5X = 4u \cos \theta - u \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow X = \frac{4}{5}u \cos \theta - \frac{1}{5}u \sin \theta$

Now $V \sin \theta = \frac{1}{4}u \cos \theta$
 $\Rightarrow V \sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4}u \cos \theta \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow \sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4}u \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow \sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4}u \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{1}{4}u$
 $\Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{4})$
 $\Rightarrow \theta \approx 14.48^\circ$

But $e \leq 1$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}(1 + \sin \theta) \leq 1$
 $\Rightarrow 1 + \sin \theta \leq 4$
 $\Rightarrow \sin \theta \leq 3$
 $\sin \theta \leq \frac{3}{4}$
 $\theta \leq 37.76^\circ$

Question 42 (****+)



Two smooth spheres, A and B , of equal radius and respective masses m and $2m$, are moving on a smooth horizontal plane when they collide obliquely.

When A and B collide the straight line through their centres is denoted by L .

The speeds of A and B before their collision are both u and the direction of both speeds is at an acute angle θ to L .

After the collision, the direction of motion of A is at an acute angle α to L , and the direction of motion of B is at an acute angle β to L , as shown in the figure above.

The coefficient of restitution between A and B is e .

Determine simplified expressions for $\tan \alpha$ and $\tan \beta$ in terms of e and θ .

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{3 \tan \theta}{4e + 1}, \quad \tan \beta = \frac{3 \tan \theta}{2e - 1}$$

Handwritten solution for Question 42, Part 1. It shows a diagram of the collision and lists steps: 1. Conservation of momentum along L , 2. Coefficient of restitution along L , 3. Solving for v_A and v_B .

Handwritten solution for Question 42, Part 2. It shows the derivation of $\tan \alpha$ and $\tan \beta$ from the velocity components.

Question 43 (****+)

In this question $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$ are perpendicular unit vectors in a horizontal plane.

Two smooth spheres A and B , of equal radii, have respective masses of $3m$ kg and m kg, and are moving on a smooth horizontal surface when they collide obliquely.

In standard Cartesian vector notation, the respective velocities of A and B just before their collision are $(2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and $(3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

- Given that the velocity of B after the collision is $(3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$, determine the velocity of A after the collision.
- Calculate the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres.

The radius of each of the two spheres is 0.1 m. At time T s after the collision the centres of the spheres are 3.2 m apart.

- Show that $T = 1.351$ s, correct to three decimal places.

$$e = \frac{5}{9}, \quad I = 1.68 \text{ Ns}, \quad F = \frac{189}{17} \approx 11.12 \text{ N}$$

(a) BEFORE

Velocity of A : $(2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$
 Velocity of B : $(3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$

AFTER

Velocity of B : $(3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$
 Velocity of A : $(u\mathbf{i} + v\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$

By conservation of momentum:

$$3m(2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) + m(3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) = 3m(u\mathbf{i} + v\mathbf{j}) + m(3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow (6\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}) + (3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) = (3u\mathbf{i} + 3v\mathbf{j}) + (3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow (9\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}) = (3u\mathbf{i} + 3v\mathbf{j}) + (3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow (6\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}) = (3u\mathbf{i} + 3v\mathbf{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow (2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) = (u\mathbf{i} + v\mathbf{j})$$

∴ Velocity of A is $2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$

(b) IMPULSE ON B

$\mathbf{I} = m\mathbf{v}_2 - m\mathbf{u}_2$
 $\mathbf{I} = m(3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) - m(3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})$
 $\mathbf{I} = (3m - 3m)\mathbf{i} + (4m + 2m)\mathbf{j}$
 $\mathbf{I} = 6m\mathbf{j}$

As momentum is exchanged on $\perp$ ONLY, THEN THE SPHERES' CENTRES LINE UP ALONG $\perp$ JUST BEFORE THE IMPACT

APPROACH

See APP IN $\perp$ DIRECTION ONLY
 $e = \frac{v_{B\perp} - v_{A\perp}}{u_{A\perp} - u_{B\perp}} = \frac{1}{3}$

APPROACH: $\mathbf{v}_A = (2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})$
 $\mathbf{v}_B = (3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$

So $\mathbf{v}_B - \mathbf{v}_A = (3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) - (2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) = (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})$

TAKE $\mathbf{A}$ AS THE POINT OF IMPACT

$\mathbf{r}_A = \mathbf{r}_A + \mathbf{v}_A t$
 $\mathbf{r}_B = \mathbf{r}_B + \mathbf{v}_B t$
 $\mathbf{r}_A = \mathbf{r}_B + (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})t$
 $|\mathbf{r}_A - \mathbf{r}_B| = \sqrt{t^2 + (2t + 0.2)^2}$
 $3.2 = \sqrt{t^2 + 4t^2 + 0.8t + 0.04}$
 $0 = 5t^2 + 0.8t - 10.2$
 $t = \frac{-0.8 \pm \sqrt{0.64 + 204.64}}{10} = \frac{-0.8 \pm 14.35}{10}$
 $t = 1.351$ (REMOVE NEGATIVE)

Question 44 (****+)

In this question $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$ are perpendicular unit vectors in a horizontal plane.

A smooth sphere is moving on a smooth horizontal surface when it strikes a fixed smooth vertical wall. The wall is parallel to the vector $3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$.

The velocity of the sphere immediately before the impact is $a(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$, where a is a positive scalar constant.

The velocity of the sphere immediately after the impact is $b(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$, where b is a positive scalar constant.

- Calculate the coefficient of restitution between the two spheres.
- Determine the fraction of the kinetic energy of the sphere that is lost due to the collision with the wall.

$$e = \frac{4}{21}, \quad \frac{17}{49}$$

(a) Diagram showing the wall line $3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and the initial velocity vector $a(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$ at an angle θ to the wall. The normal vector is $\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{i}$. The velocity components are calculated as follows:

- Initial velocity $\mathbf{u} = a(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$
- Normal component $u_n = \frac{a(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) \cdot (\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{i})}{|\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{i}|} = \frac{a(-3 - 9)}{\sqrt{10}} = -\frac{12a}{\sqrt{10}}$
- Tangential component $u_t = \frac{a(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) \cdot (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})}{|\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{i}|} = \frac{a(9 - 1)}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{8a}{\sqrt{10}}$
- Final velocity $\mathbf{v} = b(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$
- Normal component $v_n = \frac{b(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \cdot (\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{i})}{|\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{i}|} = \frac{b(-2 - 3)}{\sqrt{10}} = -\frac{5b}{\sqrt{10}}$
- Tangential component $v_t = \frac{b(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \cdot (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})}{|\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{i}|} = \frac{b(6 + 1)}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{7b}{\sqrt{10}}$

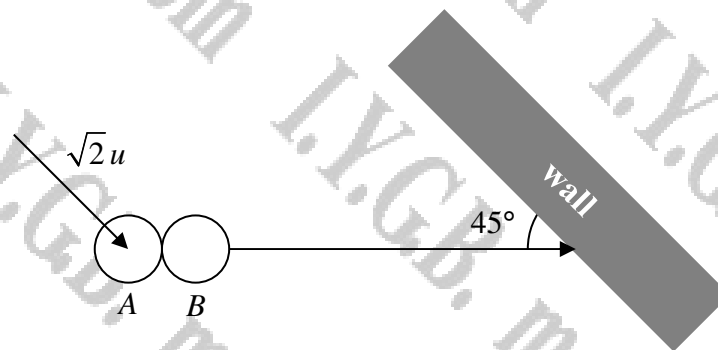
Using the coefficient of restitution $e = \frac{v_n}{u_n}$:

$$e = \frac{-\frac{5b}{\sqrt{10}}}{-\frac{12a}{\sqrt{10}}} = \frac{5b}{12a} = \frac{4}{21} \Rightarrow b = \frac{16a}{17}$$

(b) Kinetic energy before and after collision:

- Initial KE: $\frac{1}{2} m a^2 (3^2 + 1) = 2ma^2$
- Final KE: $\frac{1}{2} m b^2 (2^2 + 1) = \frac{5}{2} m b^2$
- Substituting $b = \frac{16a}{17}$: $\frac{5}{2} m \left(\frac{16a}{17}\right)^2 = \frac{5}{2} m \frac{256a^2}{289} = \frac{640ma^2}{289}$
- Fraction of KE lost: $1 - \frac{\frac{640ma^2}{289}}{2ma^2} = 1 - \frac{320}{289} = \frac{289 - 320}{289} = \frac{-31}{289}$ (Note: The handwritten solution shows a different calculation for energy loss, resulting in $\frac{17}{49}$).

Question 45 (****+)



A smooth sphere B is at rest on a smooth horizontal surface at a fixed distance from a smooth, long vertical wall. An identical sphere A is moving with speed $\sqrt{2}u$ in a straight line, on the same surface, in a direction parallel to the wall.

There is a collision between the two spheres and L is the straight line joining the centres of the two spheres at the moment of impact, which is at 45° to the wall as shown in the figure above.

The coefficient of restitution between the two spheres is e .

After B collides with the wall, its direction of motion is parallel to the direction of motion of A after the collision.

Show that the coefficient of restitution between B and the wall is

$$\frac{1+e}{3-e}$$

□, proof

START BY A DIAGRAM

BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM ALONG L

$$m\sqrt{2}u \cos 45^\circ + 0 = mX + mY$$

$$X + Y = u$$

BY RESTITUTION ALONG L

$$\frac{Y - X}{\sqrt{2} \cos 45^\circ} = e$$

$$-X + Y = eu$$

SOLVING THE EQUATIONS

$$2Y = u + eu \quad 2X = u - eu$$

$$Y = \frac{u}{2}(1+e) \quad X = \frac{u}{2}(1-e)$$

LOOKING AT ANOTHER DIAGRAM

NEXT WE LOOK AT THE COLLISION WITH THE WALL

- $V_{wall} = V_{wall}$ (NO NORMAL COMPONENT)
- $V_{wall} = E$ (RESTITUTION WITH THE WALL)

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FINALLY LOOKING AT THE SPEED OF A, AFTER THE COLLISION

$$\Rightarrow \tan(45^\circ) = \frac{Y \cos 45^\circ}{X} = \frac{\frac{u}{2}(1+e) \cos 45^\circ}{\frac{u}{2}(1-e)}$$

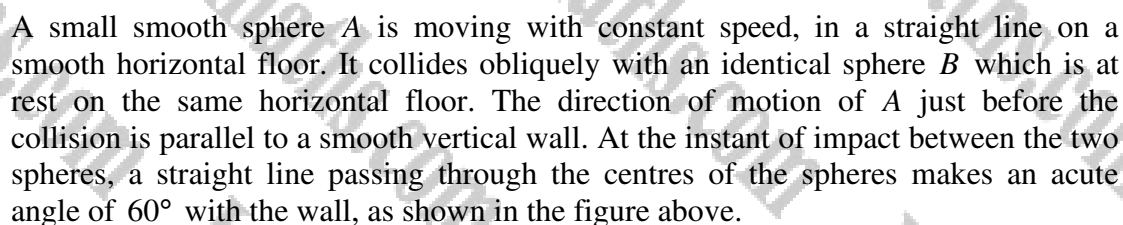
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1+e}{1-e} = \frac{2}{1-e}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+e) + E(1-e) = 2 - 2E$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-e)E = 2 - (1+e)$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{1+e}{3-e}$$

As required



After the spheres collide, B collides with the vertical wall and rebounds.

If the spheres now move in parallel directions, show that the coefficient of restitution between B and the wall is $\frac{1+e}{7-e}$.

, proof

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