

Two uniform small smooth spheres  $A$  and  $B$  have equal radii and masses  $3m$  and  $m$  respectively. Sphere  $A$  is moving with speed  $u$  on a smooth horizontal surface when it collides directly with sphere  $B$  which is at rest. The coefficient of restitution between the spheres is  $e$ .

- (i) Find, in terms of  $u$  and  $e$ , expressions for the velocities of  $A$  and  $B$  after the collision. [3]

Sphere  $B$  continues to move until it strikes a fixed smooth vertical barrier which is perpendicular to the direction of motion of  $B$ . The coefficient of restitution between  $B$  and the barrier is  $\frac{3}{4}$ . When the spheres subsequently collide,  $A$  is brought to rest.

- (ii) Find the value of  $e$ . [7]