

Two uniform smooth spheres A and B of equal radii each have mass m. The two spheres are each moving with speed u on a horizontal surface when they collide. Immediately before the collision A's direction of motion makes an angle of  $\alpha$ ° with the line of centres, and B's direction of motion is perpendicular to that of A (see diagram). The coefficient of restitution between the spheres is e.

Immediately after the collision, *B* moves in a direction at right angles to the line of centres.

(a)	Show that $\tan \alpha = \frac{1+e}{1-e}$ .	[4]

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