

- 6 Two smooth spheres  $A$  and  $B$  have equal radii and masses  $m$  and  $2m$  respectively. Sphere  $B$  is at rest on a smooth horizontal floor. Sphere  $A$  is moving on the floor with velocity  $u$  and collides directly with  $B$ . The coefficient of restitution between the spheres is  $e$ .

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

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Subsequently,  $B$  collides with a fixed vertical wall which makes an angle  $\theta$  with the direction of motion of  $B$ , where  $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$ .

The coefficient of restitution between  $B$  and the wall is  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Immediately after  $B$  collides with the wall, the kinetic energy of  $A$  is  $\frac{5}{32}$  of the kinetic energy of  $B$ .

(b) Find the possible values of  $e$ . [7]

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