



Two uniform smooth spheres A and B of equal radii have masses m and $\frac{3}{2}m$ respectively. 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 is along the line of centres, and B 's direction of motion makes an angle of 60° with the line of centres (see diagram). The coefficient of restitution between the spheres is $\frac{2}{3}$.

- (a) Find the angle through which the direction of motion of B is deflected by the collision. [6]
- (b) Find the loss in the total kinetic energy of the system as a result of the collision. [3]