



AB and BC are two fixed smooth vertical barriers on a smooth horizontal surface, with angle $ABC = 60^\circ$. A particle of mass m is moving with speed u on the surface. The particle strikes AB at an angle θ with AB . It then strikes BC and rebounds at an angle β with BC (see diagram). The coefficient of restitution between the particle and each barrier is e and $\tan \theta = 2$.

The kinetic energy of the particle after the first collision is 40% of its kinetic energy before the first collision.

(a) Find the value of e . [4]

(b) Find the size of angle β . [4]