

- 6** Two uniform smooth spheres  $A$  and  $B$  of equal radii have masses  $m$  and  $km$  respectively. The two spheres are on a horizontal surface. Sphere  $A$  is travelling with speed  $u$  towards sphere  $B$  which is at rest. The spheres collide. Immediately before the collision, the direction of motion of  $A$  makes an angle  $\alpha$  with the line of centres. The coefficient of restitution between the spheres is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- (a)** Show that the speed of  $B$  after the collision is  $\frac{3u \cos \alpha}{2(1+k)}$  and find also an expression for the speed of  $A$  along the line of centres after the collision, in terms of  $k$ ,  $u$  and  $\alpha$ . [4]

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After the collision, the kinetic energy of  $A$  is equal to the kinetic energy of  $B$ .

**(b)** Given that  $\tan \alpha = \frac{2}{3}$ , find the possible values of  $k$ . [5]

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