

- 3 Three uniform small spheres A , B and C have equal radii and masses $2m$, $4m$ and m respectively. The spheres are moving in a straight line on a smooth horizontal surface, with B between A and C . The coefficient of restitution between each pair of spheres is e . Spheres A and B are moving towards each other with speeds $2u$ and u respectively. The first collision is between A and B .

(i) Find the velocities of A and B after this collision. [3]

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Sphere C is moving towards B with speed $\frac{4}{3}u$ and now collides with it. As a result of this collision, B is brought to rest.

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

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(iii) Find the total kinetic energy lost by the three spheres as a result of the two collisions. [3]

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