

A particle P is projected with speed u at an angle $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$ above the horizontal from a point O on a horizontal plane and moves freely under gravity. When P is moving horizontally, it strikes a smooth inclined plane at the point A . This plane is inclined to the horizontal at an angle α , and the line of greatest slope through A lies in the vertical plane through O and A .

As a result of the impact, P moves vertically upwards. The coefficient of restitution between P and the inclined plane is e .

(a) Show that $e \tan^2 \alpha = 1$. [4]

In its subsequent motion, the greatest height reached by P above A is $\frac{3}{16}$ of the vertical height of A above the horizontal plane.

(b) Find the value of e . [6]