

A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  is moving with speed  $u$  on a fixed smooth horizontal surface. The particle strikes a fixed vertical barrier. At the instant of impact the direction of motion of  $P$  makes an angle  $\alpha$  with the barrier. The coefficient of restitution between  $P$  and the barrier is  $e$ . As a result of the impact, the direction of motion of  $P$  is turned through  $90^\circ$ .

**(a)** Show that  $\tan^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{e}$ . [3]

The particle  $P$  loses two-thirds of its kinetic energy in the impact.

**(b)** Find the value of  $\alpha$  and the value of  $e$ . [5]