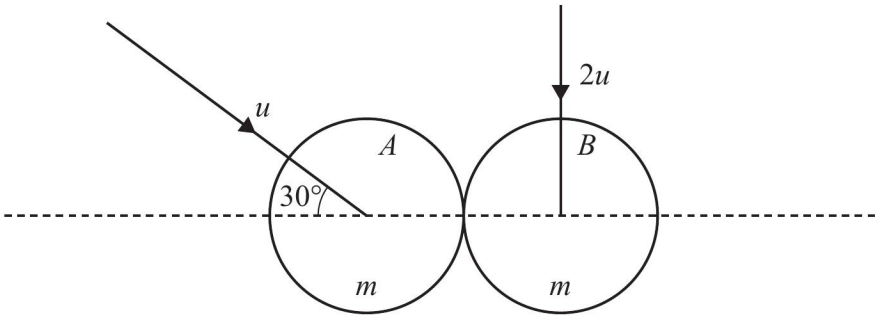

Two identical smooth uniform spheres A and B each have mass m. The two spheres are moving on a smooth horizontal surface when they collide with speeds u and $2u$ respectively. Immediately before the collision, A's direction of motion makes an angle of 30° with the line of centres, and B's direction of motion is perpendicular to the line of centres (see diagram). After the collision, A and B are moving in the same direction. The coefficient of restitution between the spheres is e.

(a) Find the value of e. [5]

(b) Find the loss in the total kinetic energy of the spheres as a result of the collision. [3]