6 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 α 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°.

(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 α and the value of e. [5]