

Further Maths  
A-Level Starter  
Activity



Topic: Direct Impact and Newton's  
Law of Restitution (1)  
Chapter Reference: Further Mechanics 1, Chapter 4

10  
minutes

1. A particle  $P$  of mass  $3m$  is moving in a straight line with speed  $2u$  on a smooth horizontal table. It collides directly with another particle  $Q$  of mass  $2m$  which is moving with speed  $u$  in the opposite direction to  $P$ . The coefficient of restitution between  $P$  and  $Q$  is  $e$ .
- a. Show that the speed of  $Q$  immediately after the collision is  $\frac{1}{5}(9e + 4)u$ . (5)
  - b. The speed of  $P$  immediately after the collision is  $\frac{1}{2}u$ . Show that  $e = \frac{1}{4}$ . (4)

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## Solutions

1a.

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$y - x = e(2u + u)$ o.e.	<b>A1</b>
CLM ( $\rightarrow$ ): $3m(2u) + 2m(-u) = 3m(x) + 2m(y)$ ( $\Rightarrow 4u = 3x + 2y$ )	<b>B1</b>
Hence $x = y - 3eu$ , $4u = 3(y - 3eu) + 2y$ , $(u(9e + 4) = 5y)$	<b>M1</b>
Hence, speed of Q = $\frac{1}{5}(9e + 4)u$ <b>AG</b>	<b>A1</b>

1b. Either

$x = y - 3eu = \frac{1}{5}(9e + 4)u - 3eu$	<b>M1</b>
Hence, speed P = $\frac{1}{5}(4 - 6e)u = \frac{2u}{5}(2 - 3e)$ o.e.	<b>A1</b>
$x = \frac{1}{2}u = \frac{2u}{5}(2 - 3e) \Rightarrow 5u = 8u - 12eu, \Rightarrow 12e = 3$ & solve for $e$	<b>M1</b>
gives, $e = \frac{3}{12} \Rightarrow \underline{e = \frac{1}{4}}$ <b>AG</b>	<b>A1</b>

Or

Using NEL correctly with given speeds of P and Q	<b>M1</b>
$3eu = \frac{1}{5}(9e + 4)u - \frac{1}{2}u$	<b>A1</b>
$3eu = \frac{9}{5}eu + \frac{4}{5}u - \frac{1}{2}u$ , $3e - \frac{9}{5}e = \frac{4}{5} - \frac{1}{2}$ & solve for $e$	<b>M1</b>
$\frac{6}{5}e = \frac{3}{10} \Rightarrow e = \frac{15}{60} \Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{4}$ .	<b>A1</b>





## Solutions

1a.

$x^2 = 21^2 + 2 \times 40 \times 9.8$	<b>M1</b>
$x = 35$	<b>A1</b>
$0 = y^2 - 2 \times 40 \times 9.8$	<b>M1</b>
$y = 28$ may be implied	<b>A1</b>
$e = 28/35$	<b>M1</b>
$e = 0.8$ aef	<b>A1</b>

1b.

$0.2 \times 28 - - 0.2 \times 35$ must be double negative	<b>M1</b>
$I = 12.6$	<b>A1</b>





## Solutions

1.

$16 - 12 = 2x + 3y$	<b>M1</b>
$4 = 2x + 3y$ aef	<b>A1</b>
$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2(8)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3(4)^2$ or $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3y^2$ or $\pm \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2(8^2 - x^2)$ or $\pm \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3(4^2 - y^2)$	<b>B1</b>
$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2(8)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3(4)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3y^2 = 81$	<b>M1</b>
$2x^2 + 3y^2 = 14$ aef	<b>A1</b>
Attempt to eliminate x or y from a linear and a quadratic equation	<b>M1</b>
$15y^2 - 24y - 12 = 0$ or $10x^2 - 16x - 26 = 0$ aef	<b>A1</b>
Attempt to solve a three term quadratic	<b>M1</b>
$x = -1$ (or $x = 2.6$ )	<b>A1</b>
$y = 2$ (or $y = -2/5$ )	<b>A1</b>
$x = -1$ and $y = 2$ only	<b>A1</b>
speeds 1, 2 away from each other	<b>A1</b>





1. A small ball of mass  $0.5\text{ kg}$  is held at a height of  $3.136\text{ m}$  above a horizontal floor. The ball is released from rest and rebounds from the floor. The coefficient of restitution between the ball and floor is  $e$ . The speed of the ball in terms of  $e$  immediately after the impact is  $7.84e$ . The ball continues to bounce until it eventually comes to rest.
  - a. Show that the time between the first bounce and the second bounce is  $1.6e$ . (2)
  - b. Write down, in terms of  $e$ , the time between
    - i. the second bounce and the third bounce,
    - ii. the third bounces and the fourth bounce. (2)
  - c. Given that the time from the ball being released until it comes to rest is  $5\text{ s}$ , find the value of  $e$ . (5)

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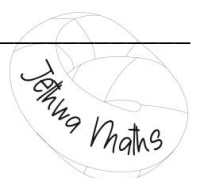
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## Solutions

1a.

$-7.84e = 7.84e - gt$ Uses a complete method to find $t$ .	<b>M1</b>
$t = 1.6e$	<b>A2</b>

1b.

(a) $t_2 = 1.6e^2$	<b>B1</b>
(b) $t_3 = 1.6e^3$	<b>B1</b>

1c.

Time to first bounce is 0.8 s	<b>B1</b>
Identify total time is sum of a GP in $e$ Indication of the sum of at least to term in $e^4$	<b>B1</b>
Equate 3.4 or 4.2 or 5 or 5.8 with attempt at use of formula for sum to infinity of a GP.	<b>M1</b>
$\frac{1.6e}{1-e} = 4.2$	<b>A1</b>
$e = 0.724$ Allow 21/29	<b>A1</b>







## Solutions

1a.

$5m = mu + 4m$ cons. of mom.	<b>M1</b>
$u = 1$	<b>A1</b>
$e = (2-1)/5$	<b>M1</b>
$e = \frac{1}{5}$	<b>A1</b>

1b.

$I = 4m$	<b>B1</b>
$\rightarrow$ to the right	<b>B1</b>

1c.

$4m = 5mv$	<b>M1</b>
$v = \frac{4}{5}$	<b>A1</b>
$\frac{4}{5} < 1$	<b>B1</b>

