

- 2007 5. (a) A smooth sphere P, of mass 2 kg, moving with speed 9 m/s collides directly with a smooth sphere Q, of mass 3 kg, moving in the same direction with speed 4 m/s.
The coefficient of restitution between the spheres is e .

- (i) Find, in terms of e , the speed of each sphere after the collision.
(ii) Show that the magnitude of the momentum transferred from one sphere to the other is $6(1+e)$.

(i) PCM $2(9) + 3(4) = 2v_1 + 3v_2$

NEL $v_1 - v_2 = -e(9-4)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v_1 &= \frac{30-15e}{5} \text{ or } 6-3e \\ v_2 &= \frac{30+10e}{5} \text{ or } 6+2e \end{aligned} \right\}$$

(ii) Impulse = $2(9) - 2(6-3e)$
 $= 6 + 6e$
 $= 6(1+e)$

OR

Impulse = $3(4) - 3(6+2e)$
 $= -6 - 6e$
 $= -6(1+e)$

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