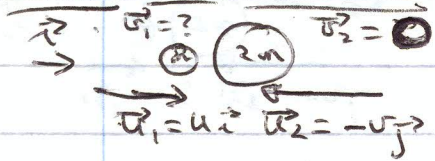


1979. Q7 Collisions



PCM $\Rightarrow m u + 2m(-v) = m v_1 + 2m(0)$

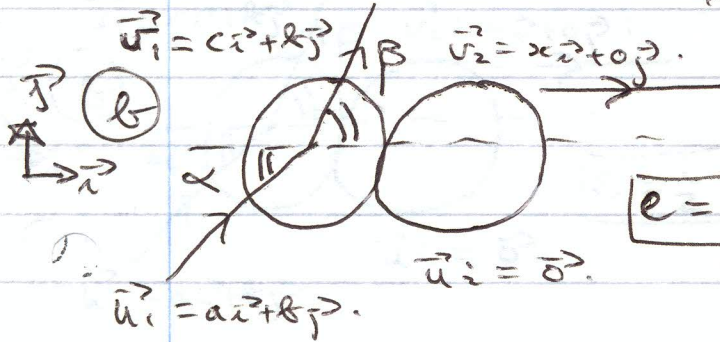
$\Rightarrow u - 2v = v_1$ (1)

NLR $\Rightarrow v_2 - v_1 = -e(u_2 - u_1)$

$0 - v_1 = -e(v - u)$

(1) $\Rightarrow -(u - 2v) = -e(v - u)$

$\Rightarrow e = \frac{2v - u}{u + v}$ q.e.d



Smoothness \Rightarrow pt of speeds unchanged

$e = \frac{1}{2}$ (1) $\frac{k}{a} = \tan \alpha$

$\frac{b}{c} = \tan \beta$ (2)

"geometry" Equations

PCM applied to \hat{i} dir $\Rightarrow m a + m_0 = m c + m x$

$\Rightarrow a = c + x$ (1)

NLR applied to \hat{j} dir $\Rightarrow v_2 - v_1 = -e(u_2 - u_1)$

$\Rightarrow x - c = -\frac{1}{2}(0 - a)$

$\Rightarrow x - c = \frac{a}{2}$ (2)

Now review what you were asked to do!

Prove $\tan \beta = 4 \tan \alpha$.

"geometry" equations (1) and (2) $\Rightarrow b = a \tan \alpha$

and $b = c \tan \beta$

$\therefore a \tan \alpha = c \tan \beta$ (4)

So if we can get c in terms of a we could finish.

So eliminate x from (1) and (2).

Subtract: $c + c = a - \frac{a}{2} \Rightarrow 2c = \frac{a}{2} \Rightarrow c = \frac{a}{4}$

So (4) $\Rightarrow a \tan \alpha = \frac{a}{4} \tan \beta$

$\Rightarrow 4 \tan \alpha = \tan \beta$ q.e.d.