

1986 (collisions)

Q5 (a)



$u_1 = 4u$ $u_2 = 2u$

(i) $v_1 = \frac{1}{2}(4u) = 2u$ find l :

NLR: $v_2 - v_1 = -e(u_2 - u_1)$
 $\Rightarrow v_2 - 2u = -e(2u - 4u)$
 $v_2 - 2u = -e(-2u)$
 $v_2 - 2u = e2u$

$v_2 = (1+e)2u$

PCM: $3m[4u] + 5m[2u] = 3m[v_1] + 5m[v_2]$

$\Rightarrow 12u + 10u = 6u + 5v_2$

$\Rightarrow 16u = 5v_2$

$\rightarrow \frac{16u}{5} = v_2$

Equating (1) and (2) $\Rightarrow (1+e)2u = \frac{16u}{5}$

$\Rightarrow (1+e) = \frac{8}{5}$

$\Rightarrow e = \frac{8}{5} - 1$

$\Rightarrow e = \frac{3}{5}$

(ii) v_1, v_2 any values:

NLR: $v_2 - v_1 = -e(2u - 4u)$

$v_2 - v_1 = e2u$ (1)

PCM: $3m(4u) + 5m(2u) = 3m(v_1) + 5m(v_2)$

$\Rightarrow 22u = 3v_1 + 5v_2$ (2)

Solve (1) and (2): (1) $\times 3 \Rightarrow -3v_1 + 3v_2 = e6u$

(2) $\Rightarrow 3v_1 + 5v_2 = 22u$

$8v_2 = (6e + 22)u$

$\therefore v_2 = \left(\frac{22 + 6e}{8}\right)u$

As e is > 0 always $\Rightarrow v_2 > \frac{22}{8}u$

as $22 > 16 \Rightarrow v_2 > \frac{16}{8}u$

$\Rightarrow v_2 > 2u$ qed.