

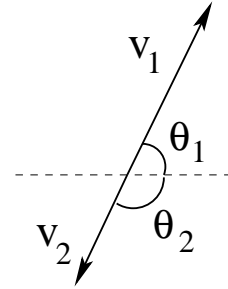
Decay of Particle II [mln103]

Particle in motion decays into two particles.

View from center-of-mass frame:

Momenta: $m_1 \mathbf{v}_1 = -m_2 \mathbf{v}_2$.

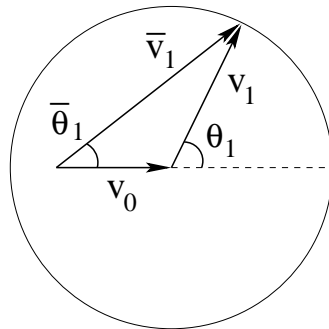
Directions of decay products: $\theta_1 + \theta_2 = \pi$.



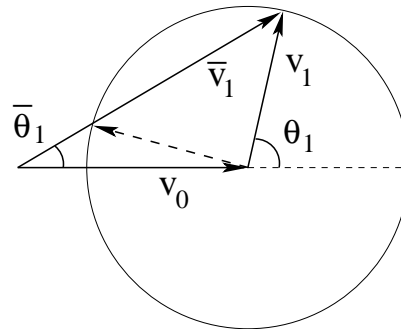
View from laboratory frame:

Momentum of particle before decay: $(m_1 + m_2) \mathbf{v}_0$.

Directions of decay products: $\bar{\theta}_1, \bar{\theta}_2$.



$$v_0 < v_1$$



$$v_0 > v_1$$

Task #1: Find the relation between θ_1 and $\bar{\theta}_1$.

$$\tan \bar{\theta}_1 = \frac{v_1 \sin \theta_1}{v_1 \cos \theta_1 + v_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta_1 = -\frac{v_0}{v_1} \sin^2 \bar{\theta}_1 \pm \cos \bar{\theta}_1 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v_0^2}{v_1^2} \sin^2 \bar{\theta}_1}.$$

Task #2: Find the relation between $\bar{\theta}_1$ and $\bar{\theta}_2$. \rightarrow [mex238]

Task #3: Find the range of the angle $\bar{\theta} \doteq \bar{\theta}_1 + \bar{\theta}_2$. \rightarrow [mex239]