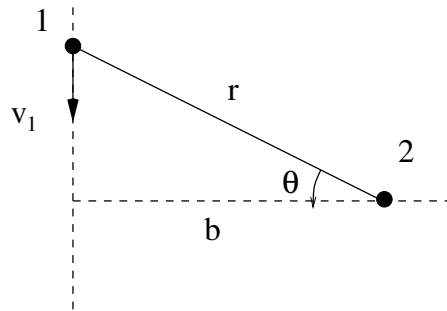


[mex10] Particle experiencing soft Coulomb kick

A particle with charge  $Q_1$  and mass  $m_1$  moves at very high velocity  $v_1$  along a (nearly) straight line that passes at a distance  $b$  from a particle with charge  $Q_2$  and mass  $m_2$ , which is initially at rest. The assumptions are that the two particles interact via a Coulomb central force and that the second particle does not change its position significantly during the encounter.

- (a) Find the direction in which the second particle will move after the encounter.
- (b) Find the energy  $\Delta E$  transferred from the first to the second particle during the encounter.



**Solution:**