



A particle of mass  $m$  is attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length  $a$ . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . The particle is moving in complete vertical circles with the string taut. When the particle is at the point  $P$ , where  $OP$  makes an angle  $\alpha$  with the upward vertical through  $O$ , its speed is  $u$ . When the particle is at the point  $Q$ , where angle  $QOP = 90^\circ$ , its speed is  $v$  (see diagram). It is given that  $\cos \alpha = \frac{4}{5}$ .

- (i) Show that  $v^2 = u^2 + \frac{14}{5}ag$ . [2]

The tension in the string when the particle is at  $Q$  is twice the tension in the string when the particle is at  $P$ .

- (ii) Obtain another equation relating  $u^2$ ,  $v^2$ ,  $a$  and  $g$ , and hence find  $u$  in terms of  $a$  and  $g$ . [5]
- (iii) Find the least tension in the string during the motion. [3]