

Two particles A and B of masses m and km respectively are connected by a light inextensible string of length a . The particles are placed on a rough horizontal circular turntable with the string taut and lying along a radius of the turntable. Particle A is at a distance a from the centre of the turntable and particle B is at a distance $2a$ from the centre of the turntable. The coefficient of friction between each particle and the turntable is $\frac{1}{5}$.

When the turntable is made to rotate with angular speed $\frac{2}{5}\sqrt{\frac{g}{a}}$, the system is in limiting equilibrium.

(a) Find the tension in the string, in terms of m and g . [4]

(b) Find the value of k . [3]