

One end of a light elastic string, of natural length a and modulus of elasticity λmg , is attached to a fixed point O . The string lies on a smooth horizontal surface. A particle P of mass m is attached to the other end of the string. The particle P is projected in the direction OP . When the length of the string is $\frac{4}{3}a$, the speed of P is $\sqrt{2ag}$. When the length of the string is $\frac{5}{3}a$, the speed of P is $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2ag}$.

Find the value of λ .

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