



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 α 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]

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