

- 3 One end of a light elastic string, of natural length a and modulus of elasticity $4mg$, is attached to a fixed point O . The other end of the string is attached to a particle of mass m . The particle moves in a horizontal circle with a constant angular speed $\sqrt{\frac{g}{a}}$ with the string inclined at an angle θ to the downward vertical through O . The length of the string during this motion is $(k+1)a$.

(a) Find the value of k . [4]

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(b) Find the value of $\cos \theta$. [2]

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