

A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.4 \text{ kg}$  is projected horizontally along a smooth horizontal plane from a point  $O$ . After projection the velocity of  $P$  is  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and its displacement from  $O$  is  $x \text{ m}$ . A force of magnitude  $8x \text{ N}$  directed away from  $O$  acts on  $P$  and a force of magnitude  $(2e^{-x} + 4) \text{ N}$  opposes the motion of  $P$ . One end of a light elastic string of natural length  $0.5 \text{ m}$  is attached to  $O$  and the other end of the string is attached to  $P$ .

(i) Show that  $v \frac{dv}{dx} = 20x - 10 - 5e^{-x}$  before the elastic string becomes taut. [2]

(ii) Given that the initial velocity of  $P$  is  $6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , find  $v$  when the string first becomes taut. [3]

When the string is taut, the acceleration of  $P$  is proportional to  $e^{-x}$ .

(iii) Find the modulus of elasticity of the string. [2]