

A particle P of mass 0.5 kg is attached to a fixed point O by a light elastic string of natural length 1 m and modulus of elasticity 16 N . The particle P is projected vertically upwards from O with speed 6 m s^{-1} . A resisting force of magnitude $0.1x^2 \text{ N}$ acts on P when P has displacement $x \text{ m}$ above O . After projection the upwards velocity of P is $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

- (i) Show that, before the string becomes taut, $v \frac{dv}{dx} = -10 - 0.2x^2$. [2]
- (ii) Find the velocity of P at the instant the string becomes taut. [4]
- (iii) Find an expression for the acceleration of P while it is moving upwards after the string becomes taut. [2]
- (iv) Verify that P comes to instantaneous rest before the extension of the string is 0.5 m . [4]