

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 point A is such that OA = a and OA makes an angle α with the upward vertical, where $\tan \alpha = \frac{12}{5}$. The particle is projected downwards from A with speed u perpendicular to the string and moves in a vertical plane (see diagram). The string becomes slack after the string has rotated through 270° from its initial position, with the particle now at the point B.

(i)	Show that $u^2 = 2ag$.	[5]
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