

- 4 (a) Explain qualitatively why a body travelling in a circle with constant speed experiences an acceleration towards the centre of the circle.

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- (b) A toy plane with a mass of 0.40 kg, as shown in Fig 4.1, has a taut wire of length 5.0 m attached to it when it flies in a horizontal circle. The taut wire is inclined  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal and fixed to a point O. The wings of the toy plane are horizontal, creating a vertical upward lift on the plane.

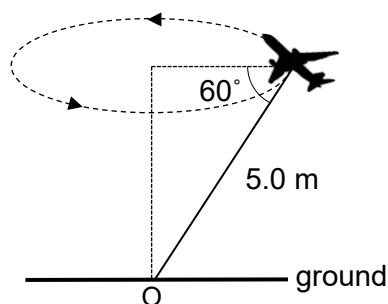


Fig 4.1

- (i) If each revolution takes 3.5 s, show that the centripetal acceleration of the toy plane is  $8.1 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

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- (ii) Calculate the tension  $T$  in the taut wire.

$T = \dots\dots\dots \text{ N}$  [2]

- (iii) Hence calculate the upward lift  $L$  on the toy plane due to the air.

$L = \dots\dots\dots$  N [2]

- (iv) In another arrangement, the taut wire is now fixed to a point O attached to the ceiling with the toy plane flying in a horizontal circle as shown in Fig. 4.2.

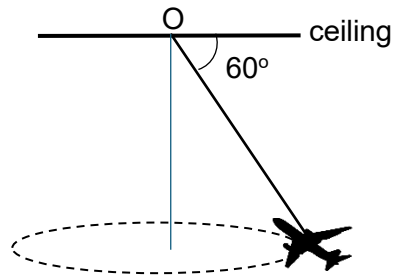


Fig. 4.2

Discuss how your answer to **(a)(iii)** will change if the wings of the toy plane are horizontal and the wire remaining at  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal with the time taken for each revolution unchanged.

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