

- 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.

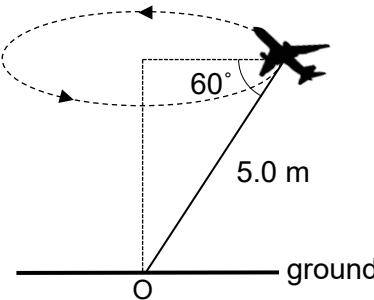


Fig 4.1

- (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.

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

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

$L = \dots$  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.

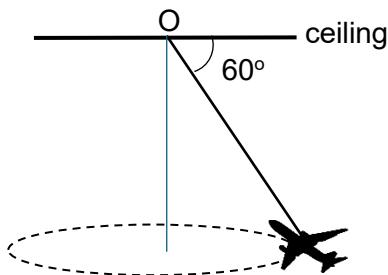


Fig. 4.2

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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