

- 2 A small ball of mass m is fixed to one end of a light rigid rod. The ball is made to move at constant speed around the circumference of a vertical circle with centre at C, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

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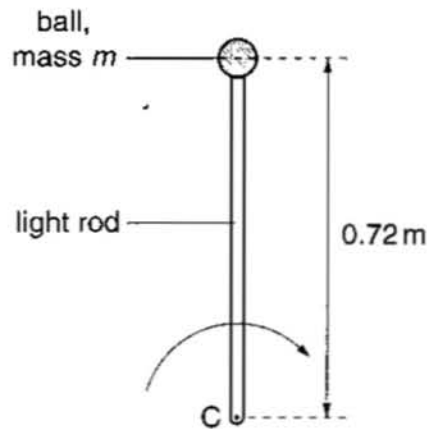


Fig. 2.1

When the rod is vertical with the ball above C, the tension T in the rod is given by

$$T = 2mg$$

where g is the acceleration of free fall.

- (a) (i) Explain why the centripetal force on the ball is greater than $2mg$.

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- (ii) State, in terms of mg , the magnitude of the centripetal force.

centripetal force = [1]

- (iii) Determine the magnitude of the tension, in terms of mg , in the rod when the rod is vertical, with the ball below point C.

tension = [1]

- (b) The distance from the centre of the ball to point C is 0.72 m.

Use your answer in (a)(ii) to determine, for the ball,

- (i) the angular speed,

angular speed = rads^{-1} [3]

- (ii) the linear speed.

linear speed = ms^{-1} [2]

- (c) The ball has a constant angular speed.

- (i) Explain why work has to be done for the ball to move from the position where it is vertically above point C to the position where it is vertically below C.

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- (ii) Calculate the work done in (i) for a ball of mass 240 g.

work done = J [2]