

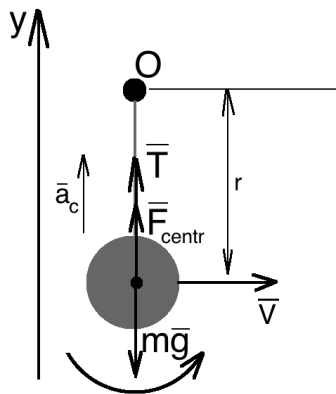
Q.A stone, of mass  $m$ , is attached to a strong string and whirled in a vertical circle of radius  $r$ . At the exact bottom of the path the tension in the string is 3 times the stone's weight. The stone's speed at this point is given by ...?

A.  $2gr$   $^{1/2}$ .

please explain everything in detail

**Solution:**

Newton's second law for the stone At the exact bottom of the path:



$$m\vec{g} + \vec{T} = m\vec{a}_c = \vec{F}_{centr}$$

$mg$  - stone's weight;

$T = 3mg$ - tension in the string;

$F_{centr}$  - Centripetal force (the stone is going in a circle);

$a_c$  - centripetal acceleration.

Projection on the Y-axis:

$$y: T - mg = ma_c \quad (1)$$

at the bottom the tension is 3 times the stone's

weight:

$$T = 3mg \quad (2)$$

Formula for centripetal acceleration:

$$a_c = \frac{V^2}{r} \quad (3)$$

(3) and (2) in (1):

$$3mg - mg = m \frac{V^2}{r}$$

$$2mg = m \frac{V^2}{r}$$

$$2gr = V^2$$

$$V = \sqrt{2gr}$$

**Answer:** The stone's speed at the exact bottom of the path is given by  $V = \sqrt{2gr}$