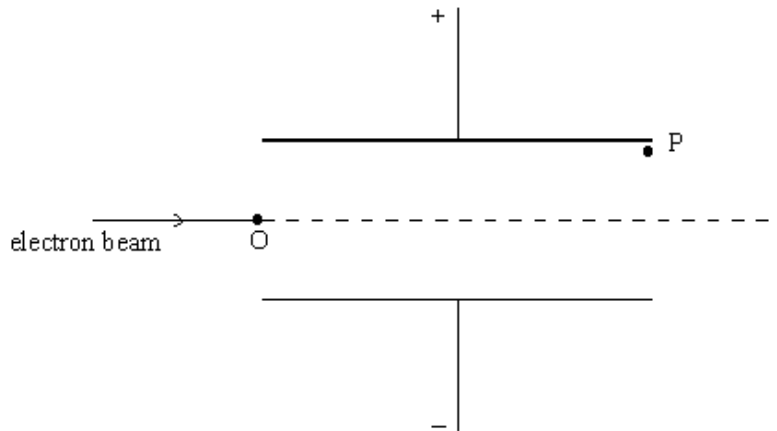


Q1. The diagram shows a narrow beam of electrons directed at right angles into a uniform electric field between two oppositely-charged parallel metal plates at a fixed potential difference.



(a) The electrons enter the field at O and leave it at P. Sketch the path of the beam from O to P and beyond P.

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(b) A uniform magnetic field is applied to the beam perpendicular to the electric field and to the direction of the beam. The magnetic field reduces the deflection of the beam from its initial direction.

(i) Explain why the magnetic field has this effect on the beam.

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(ii) The magnetic flux density is adjusted until the beam passes through the two fields without deflection. Show that the speed v of the electrons when this occurs is given by

$$v = \frac{E}{B}$$

where E is the electric field strength and B is the magnetic flux density.

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- (c) In an experiment to measure the specific charge of the electron, electrons were accelerated from rest through a potential difference of 2900 V to a speed of $3.2 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$. Use this information to calculate the specific charge of the electron.

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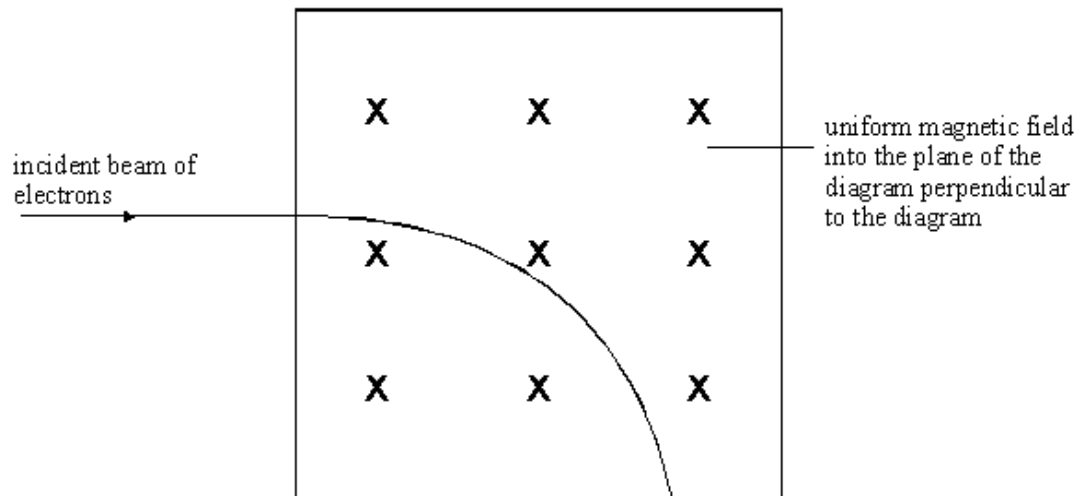
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- Q2.** A narrow beam of electrons at a speed of $3.2 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ travels along a circular path in a uniform magnetic field of flux density, B , as shown in the diagram.



- (a) Explain why the path of the beam in the field is circular.

You may be awarded marks for the quality of written communication in your answer.

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- (b) (i) Show that the speed, v , of the electrons in the field is given by $v = \frac{Ber}{m}$ where r is the radius of the circular path of the beam in the field.

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- (ii) When the flux density was 7.3 mT, the radius of the circular path of the beam in the field was 25 mm. Use the data to calculate the specific charge of the electron.

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Q3. In an experiment to measure the charge of an oil droplet, a positively charged oil droplet was held stationary by means of a uniform electric field of strength $4.9 \times 10^5 \text{ V m}^{-1}$.

(a) (i) What was the direction of the electric field?

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(ii) Show that the specific charge of the oil droplet was $2.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ C kg}^{-1}$.

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(b) When the electric field was switched off the oil droplet fell and quickly reached constant speed.

Explain why the oil droplet reached constant speed.

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Q4. Electrons are emitted by the process of *thermionic emission* from a metal wire in an *evacuated* container. The electrons are attracted to a metal anode which has a small hole at its centre. The anode is at a fixed *positive potential* relative to the wire. A beam of electrons emerges through the hole at constant velocity.

(a) Explain

(i) what is meant by thermionic emission,

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(ii) why it is essential that the container is evacuated,

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(iii) why the anode must be at a positive potential.

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(b) An electron is accelerated from rest through a potential difference of 2500 V between the wire and the anode.

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(i) the kinetic energy of the electron at the anode,

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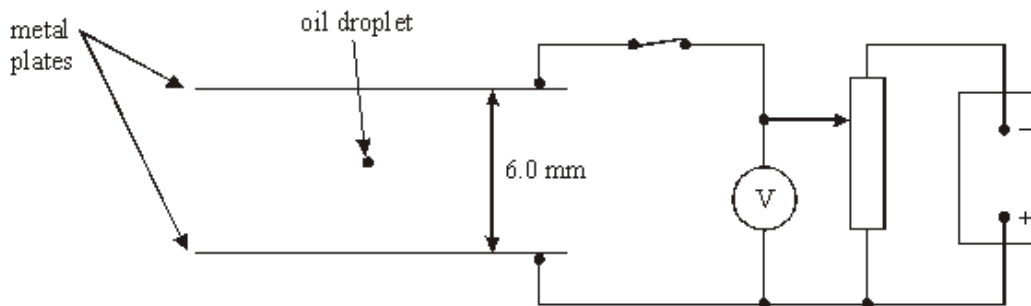
(ii) the speed of the electron at the anode. Ignore relativistic effects.

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Q5. In an experiment to measure the charge on a charged oil droplet, a droplet was observed between two horizontal metal plates, as shown in the diagram below, spaced 6.0 mm apart.



(a) The oil droplet was held stationary when a negative potential of 320 V was applied to the top plate, keeping the lower plate at zero potential.

(i) State the sign of the charge on the droplet.

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(ii) With reference to the forces acting on the droplet explain why it was stationary.

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(b) The potential difference between the plates was then switched off and the droplet fell at constant speed through a vertical distance of 1.20 mm in 13.8 s.

(i) Calculate its speed of descent.

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(ii) By considering the forces on the spherical droplet of radius r as it falls at constant speed v , show that

$$v = \frac{2\rho gr^2}{9\eta}$$

where η is the viscosity of the air between the plates and ρ is the density of the oil. Ignore buoyancy effects.

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(iii) Calculate the radius of the droplet and hence show that its mass is 2.6×10^{-15} kg.

viscosity of the air = 1.8×10^{-5} N s m⁻²

density of the oil = 960 kg m⁻³

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(iv) Calculate the charge carried by this droplet.

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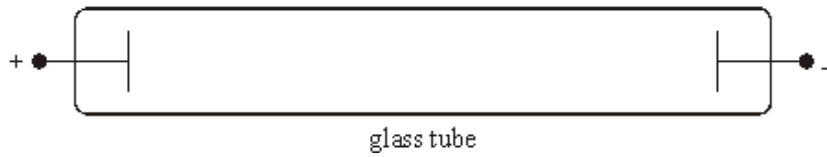
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Q6. A potential difference was applied between two electrodes in a glass tube containing air, as shown in the diagram below. The pressure of the air in the tube was gradually reduced until a glow of light was observed between the electrodes.



(i) Explain why light was emitted.

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(ii) State why the glow was not observed until the pressure of the air in the tube was low enough.

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Q7. A charged oil droplet was observed falling between two oppositely charged parallel plates, as shown in **Figure 1**.

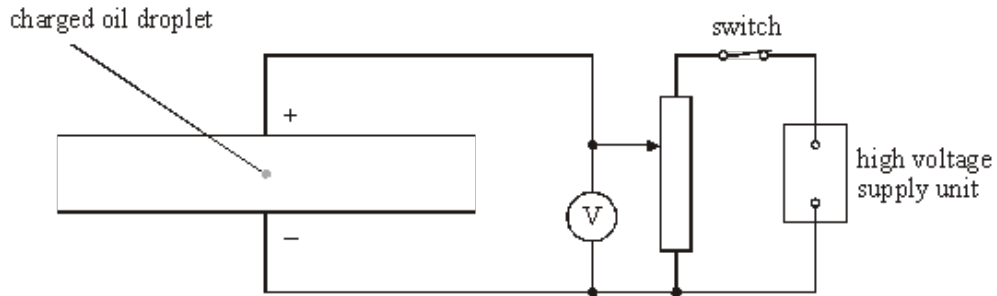


Figure 1

(a) Explain why the droplet stopped moving and remained stationary when the potential difference between the plates was adjusted to a certain value, V_c .

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(b) (i) The spacing between the plates is 6.0 mm. A charged oil droplet of mass 6.2×10^{-14} kg is stopped when $V_c = 5700$ V. Calculate the charge on this droplet.

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- (ii) Describe and explain what would have happened to this droplet if the potential difference had been greater than 5700 V.

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- Q8.** A narrow beam of electrons is produced in a vacuum tube using the arrangement shown in **Figure 1**.

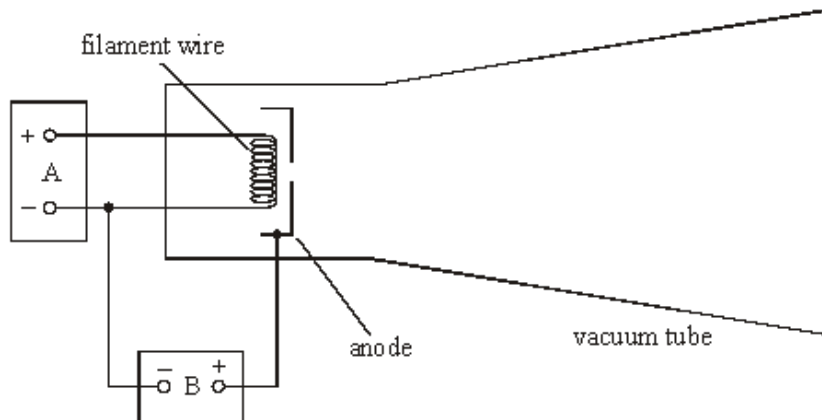


Figure 1

- (a) Describe the function of each voltage supply unit and state a typical voltage for each unit.

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- (ii) unit B

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(b) State and explain the effect on the beam of

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(ii) increasing the voltage of B.

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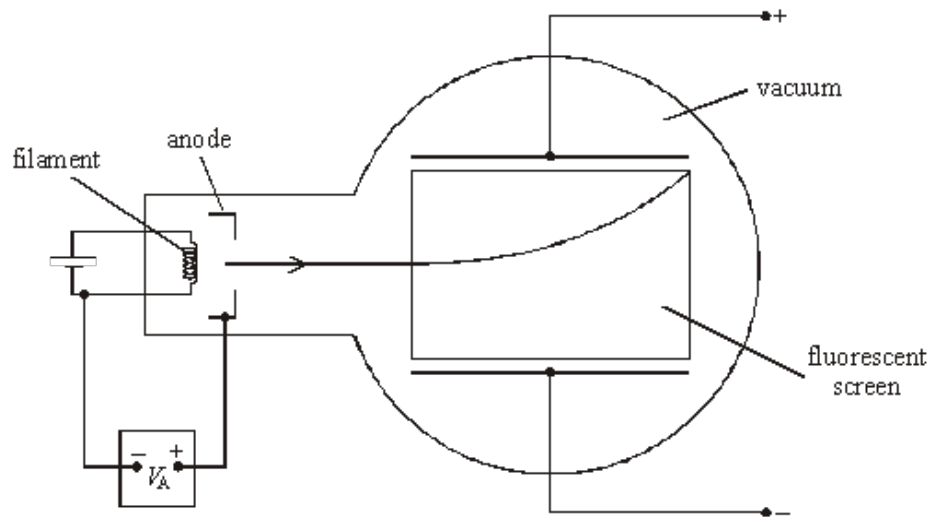
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Q9. A narrow beam of electrons is directed into a uniform electric field created by two oppositely charged parallel horizontal plates, as shown in the figure below. The initial direction of the beam is perpendicular to the direction of the electric field. The beam makes a visible trace on a vertical fluorescent screen.



- (a) Explain why the beam curves upwards at an increasing angle to the horizontal.

You may be awarded marks for the quality of written communication in your answer.

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- (b) When a uniform magnetic field of a certain flux density is applied perpendicular to the screen, the beam passes between the plates undeflected.

- (i) Show that the beam is undeflected when the magnetic flux density $B = \frac{E}{v}$, where E is the electric field strength between the plates and v is the speed of the electrons.

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- (ii) Hence show that the specific charge, e/m , of the electron can be calculated using $\frac{e}{m} = \frac{E^2}{2B^2V_A}$ where V_A is the anode voltage and B is the magnetic flux density needed for zero deflection.

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(iii) Determine the specific charge of the electron using the following data:

anode voltage	= 4500 V
potential difference between the plates	= 3800 V
plate separation	= 50 mm
magnetic flux density	= 1.9 mT

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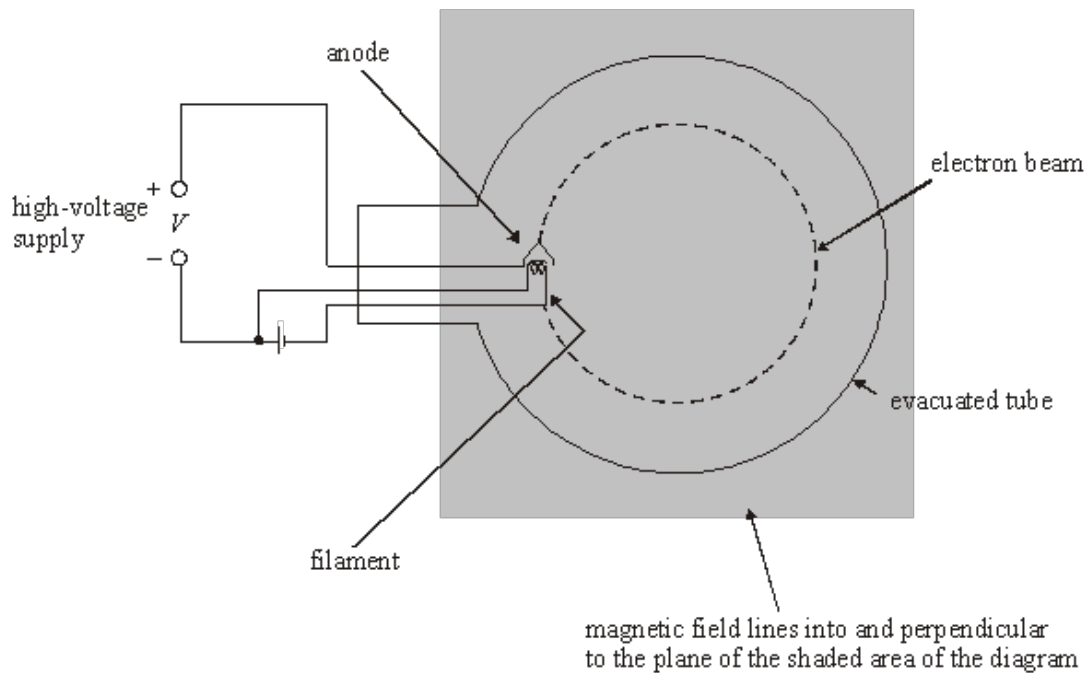
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Q10. The figure below shows an electron gun in an evacuated tube. Electrons emitted by *thermionic emission* from the metal filament are attracted to the metal anode which is at a fixed potential, V , relative to the filament. Some of the electrons pass through a small hole in the anode to form a beam which is directed into a uniform magnetic field.



(a) (i) Explain what is meant by thermionic emission.

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- (ii) Show that the speed, v , of the electrons in the beam is given by

$$v = \left(\frac{2eV}{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where m is the mass of the electron and e is the charge of the electron.

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- (b) The beam of electrons travels through the field in a circular path at constant speed.

- (i) Explain why the electrons travel at constant speed in the magnetic field.

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- (ii) Show that the radius, r , of the circular path of the beam in the field is given by

$$r = \left(\frac{2mV}{B^2 e} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where B is the magnetic flux density and V is the pd between the anode and the filament.

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- (iii) The arrangement described above was used to measure the specific charge of the electron, e/m . Use the following data to calculate e/m .

$$B = 3.1 \text{ mT}$$
$$r = 25 \text{ mm}$$
$$V = 530 \text{ V}$$

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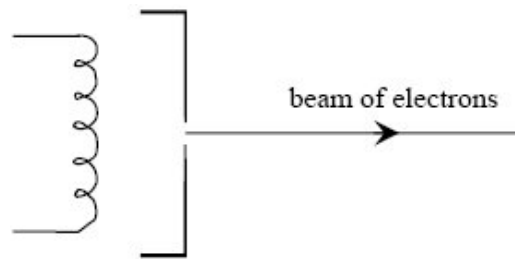
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- Q11.** (a) The diagram below shows a narrow beam of electrons produced by attracting electrons emitted from a filament wire to a metal plate which has a small hole in it.



- (i) Why does electric current through the filament wire cause the wire to emit electrons?

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- (ii) Why must the filament wire and the metal plate be in an evacuated tube?

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(b) The voltage between the filament wire and the metal plate is 3900 V. For each electron emerging through the hole in the plate, calculate

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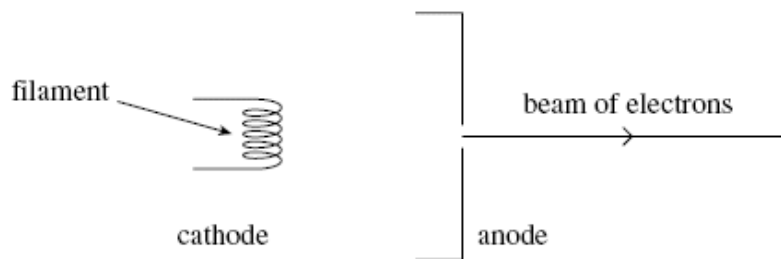
(ii) the speed.

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Q12. A narrow beam of electrons is produced in a vacuum tube using an electron gun, part of which is shown in **Figure 1**.

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(a) (i) State and explain the effect on the beam of electrons of increasing the filament current.

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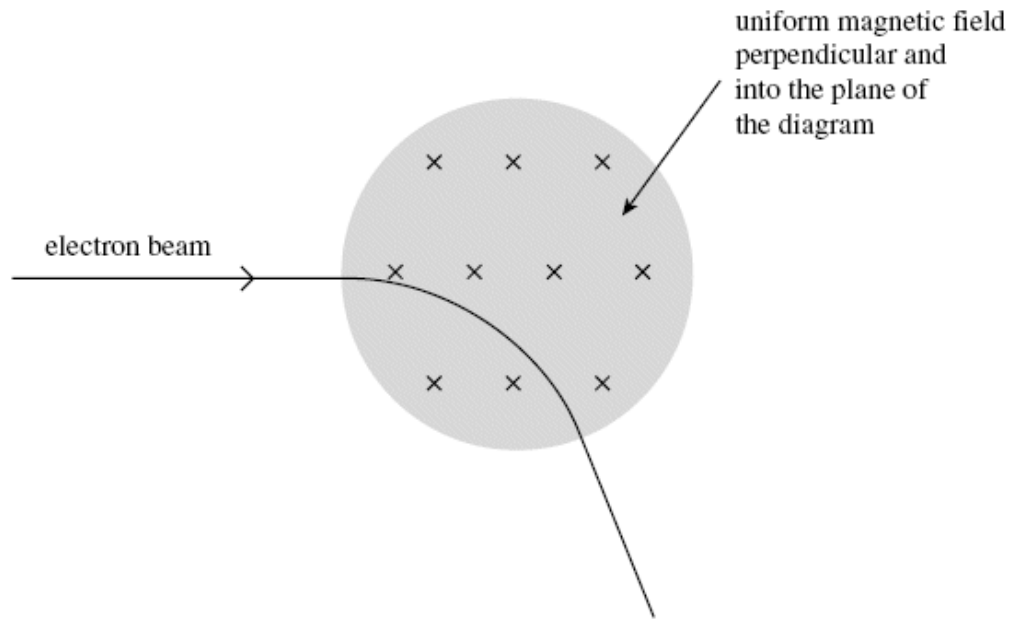
- (ii) State and explain the effect on the beam of electrons of increasing the anode potential.

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- (b) The beam of electrons is directed at right angles into a uniform magnetic field as shown in **Figure 2**.

Figure 2



- (i) Explain why the electrons move in a circular path at a constant speed in the magnetic field.

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- (ii) When the speed of the electrons in the beam is $7.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ and the magnetic flux density is 0.60 m T , the radius of curvature of the beam is 68 mm .

Use these data to calculate the specific charge of the electron, stating an appropriate unit. Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

answer =

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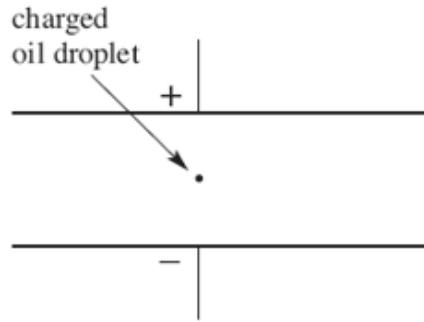
- (iii) Discuss the historical relevance of the value of the specific charge of the electron compared with the specific charge of the H^+ ion.

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Q13. In an experiment to measure the charge of the electron, a charged oil droplet of unknown mass was observed between two horizontal parallel metal plates, as shown in the figure below.



(a) The droplet was observed falling vertically at its terminal speed when the pd between the plates was zero.

(i) By considering the forces acting on the droplet as it falls at its terminal velocity, v , show that the radius, r , of the droplet is given by

$$r = \left(\frac{9\eta v}{2\rho g} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where η is the viscosity of air and ρ is the density of the oil droplet.

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(ii) Explain how the mass of the oil droplet can be determined from its radius, r .

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(b) (i) The two horizontal parallel metal plates were 5.0 mm apart. The mass of the droplet was 6.8×10^{-15} kg. The droplet was held stationary when the plate pd was 690 V.

Calculate the charge of the oil droplet, expressing your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

answer..... C

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- (ii) Millikan made the first accurate measurements of the charge carried by charged oil droplets. Outline what Millikan concluded from these measurements.

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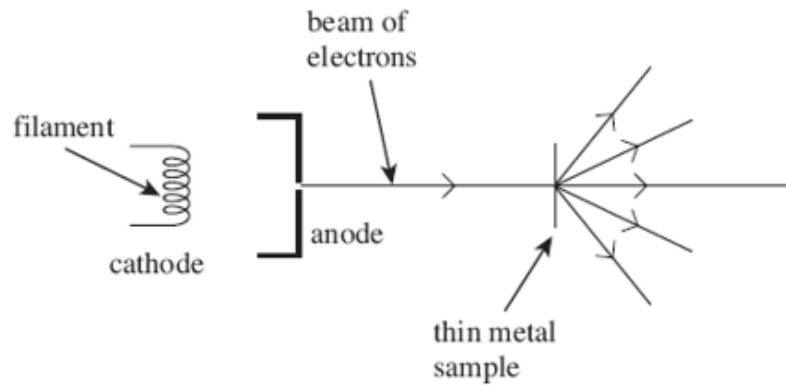
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Q14. In the figure below, a beam of monoenergetic electrons is produced by thermionic emission from a wire filament in an evacuated tube. The beam is directed at a thin metal sample at normal incidence and it emerges from the sample in certain directions only, including its initial direction.



- (a) (i) Name the physical process occurring at the thin metal sample in the figure above which shows the electrons behaving as waves.

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- (ii) Explain why the electrons need to be monoenergetic in order for them to emerge in certain directions only.

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- (b) A transmission electron microscope (TEM) operating at an anode potential of 25kV is used to observe an image of a thin sample.
- (i) Calculate the momentum of the electrons emerging from the anode, stating an appropriate unit.

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- (ii) Describe and explain how the resolution of the image would change if the anode potential were increased.

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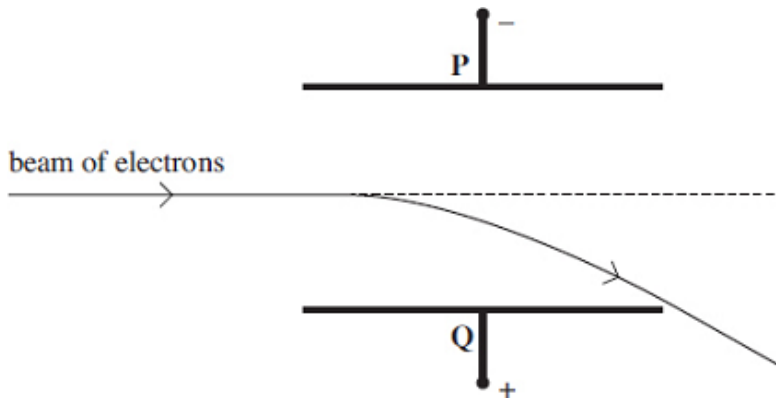
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Q15. A narrow beam of electrons is directed into the region between two parallel plates, **P** and **Q**. When a constant potential difference is applied between the two plates, the beam curves downwards towards plate **Q** as shown in the figure below.



(a) Explain why the beam curves downwards at an increasing angle to its initial direction.

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(b) A uniform magnetic field is then applied at right angles to both the beam and the electric field between the plates **P** and **Q**. As a result, the downward deflection of the beam is increased.

(i) The arrangement is to be used to determine the speed of the electrons in the beam. Describe what adjustments to the flux density B of the magnetic field should be made to reduce the deflection of the beam to zero.

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- (ii) Explain why the electrons pass undeflected through the fields when their speed v is given by

$$v = \frac{V}{Ed}$$

where V is the potential difference between plates **P** and **Q** and d is the perpendicular distance between the plates.

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- (c) The beam of electrons was produced by thermionic emission from a heated filament. When the potential difference between the anode and the filament was 4200 V, the speed of the electrons in the beam was $3.9 \times 10^7 \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

Use this information to determine the specific charge of the electron.

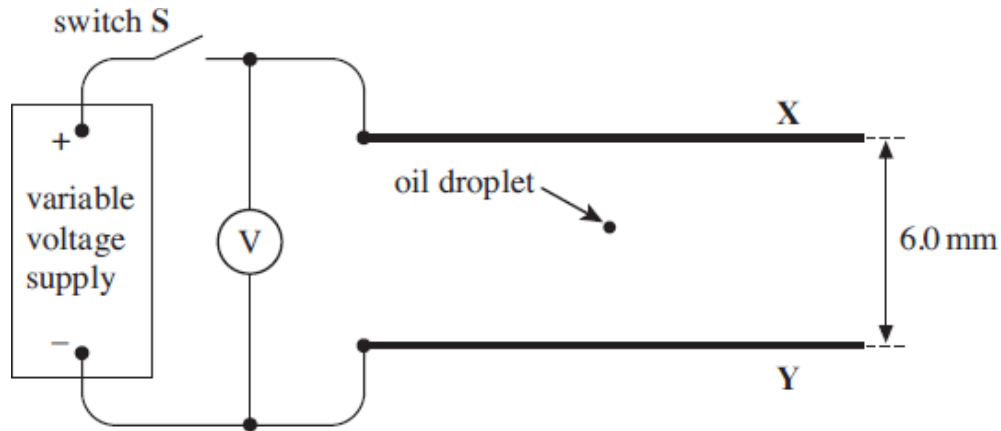
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answer = C kg⁻¹

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Q16. A charged oil droplet was observed between two horizontal metal plates **X** and **Y**, as shown in the diagram below.



- (a) (i) With the switch **S** open, the droplet fell vertically at a constant velocity of $1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ms}^{-1}$. Show that the radius of the droplet is about $1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$. Assume the droplet is spherical.

density of oil, $\rho = 880 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

viscosity of air, $\eta = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N s m}^{-2}$

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- (ii) Calculate the mass of the droplet.

mass kg

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- (iii) The switch **S** was closed and the potential difference from the voltage supply was adjusted gradually to reduce the downward motion of the droplet. The droplet stopped moving when the potential difference across the plates was 680 V. The spacing between the plates was 6.0 mm.

Calculate the magnitude of the charge on the droplet.

charge C

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- (b) The mass of another charged droplet was found to be 4.3×10^{-15} kg. With switch **S** closed and the voltage supply at its maximum value of 1000 V, this droplet fell more slowly than when the switch was open but it could not be stopped.

Explain why this droplet could not be held at rest and show that the magnitude of the charge on it was 1.6×10^{-19} C.

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