

6 (a) A proton in a nucleus decays to form a neutron and a β^+ particle.

(i) State the name of another lepton that is produced in the decay.

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(ii) State the name of the interaction (force) that gives rise to this decay.

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(iii) State which of the three particles (proton, neutron or β^+ particle) has the largest ratio of charge to mass.

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(iv) Use the quark model to show that the charge on the proton is $+e$, where e is the elementary charge.

[2]

(v) The quark composition of the proton is changed during the decay.

Describe the change to the quark composition.

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(b) A nucleus X ($^{12}_6\text{X}$) and a nucleus Y ($^{16}_8\text{Y}$) are accelerated by the same uniform electric field.

(i) Determine the ratio

$$\frac{\text{electric force acting on nucleus X}}{\text{electric force acting on nucleus Y}}.$$

ratio = [2]

(ii) Determine the ratio

$$\frac{\text{acceleration of nucleus X due to the field}}{\text{acceleration of nucleus Y due to the field}}.$$

ratio = [1]

(iii) Nucleus X is at rest in the uniform electric field at time $t = 0$.

The field causes nucleus X to accelerate so that it moves through the field.

On Fig. 6.1, sketch the variation with time t of the acceleration a of nucleus X due to the field.

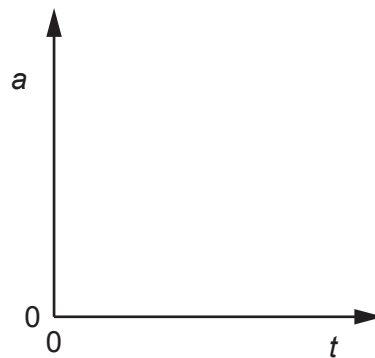


Fig. 6.1

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