

- 7 A  $\beta^-$  particle from a radioactive source is travelling in a vacuum with kinetic energy 460 eV. The particle enters a uniform electric field at a right-angle and follows the path shown in Fig. 7.1.

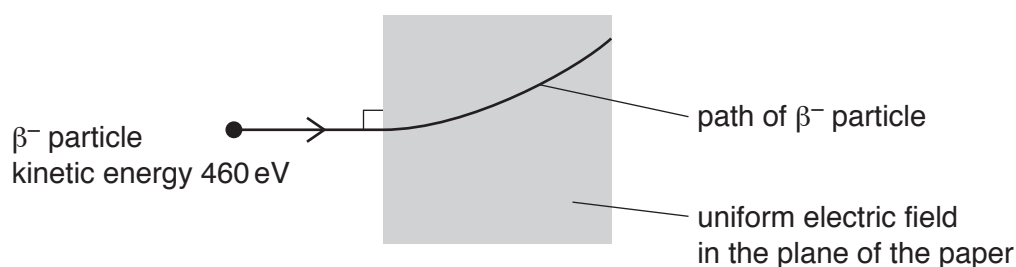


Fig. 7.1

- (a) The direction of the electric field is in the plane of the paper.  
On Fig. 7.1, draw an arrow to show the direction of the electric field. [1]
- (b) Calculate the speed of the  $\beta^-$  particle before it enters the electric field.

speed = .....  $\text{m s}^{-1}$  [3]

- (c) Other  $\beta^-$  particles from the same radioactive source travel outside the electric field along the same incident path as that shown in Fig. 7.1.

State and briefly explain whether those  $\beta^-$  particles will all follow the same path inside the electric field.

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