

- 3 (a) Define *electric field strength*.

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- (b) A sphere S has radius 1.2×10^{-6} m and density 930 kg m^{-3} .

Show that the weight of S is 6.6×10^{-14} N.

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- (c) Two horizontal metal plates are 14 mm apart in a vacuum. A potential difference (p.d.) of 1.9 kV is applied across the plates, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

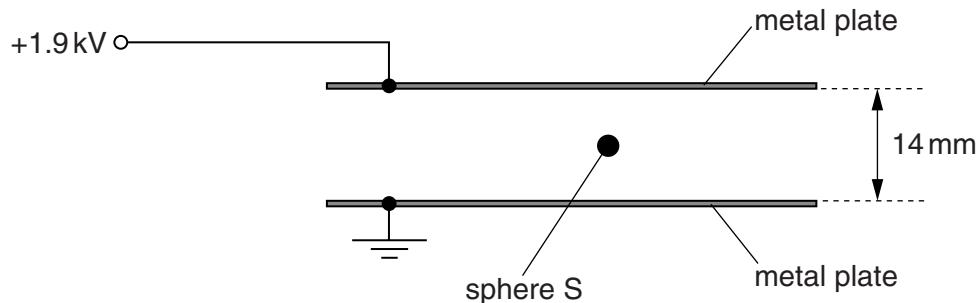


Fig. 3.1

A uniform electric field is produced between the plates.

The sphere S in (b) is charged and is held stationary between the plates by the electric field.

- (i) Calculate the electric field strength between the plates.

electric field strength = Vm^{-1} [2]

- (ii) Calculate the magnitude of the charge on S.

charge = C [2]

- (iii) The magnitude of the p.d. applied to the plates is increased.
Explain why S accelerates towards the top plate.

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