

- 6 A metal wire in a circuit has a length of 1.8 m and a cross-sectional area of $1.5 \times 10^{-6}\text{ m}^2$.
The total number of free electrons (charge carriers) in the wire is 2.3×10^{23} .

There is a current in the wire so that a charge of 172 C moves past a fixed point in the wire in a time of 2.5 minutes .

- (a) Show that the number density of the free electrons in the wire is $8.5 \times 10^{28}\text{ m}^{-3}$.

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- (b) Calculate the average drift speed of the free electrons.

average drift speed = ms^{-1} [3]