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Define *electric field strength*.

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(b)

Fig. 5.1 shows an arrangement used to accelerate an electron and make it travel in a uniform electric field created by two charged parallel plates.

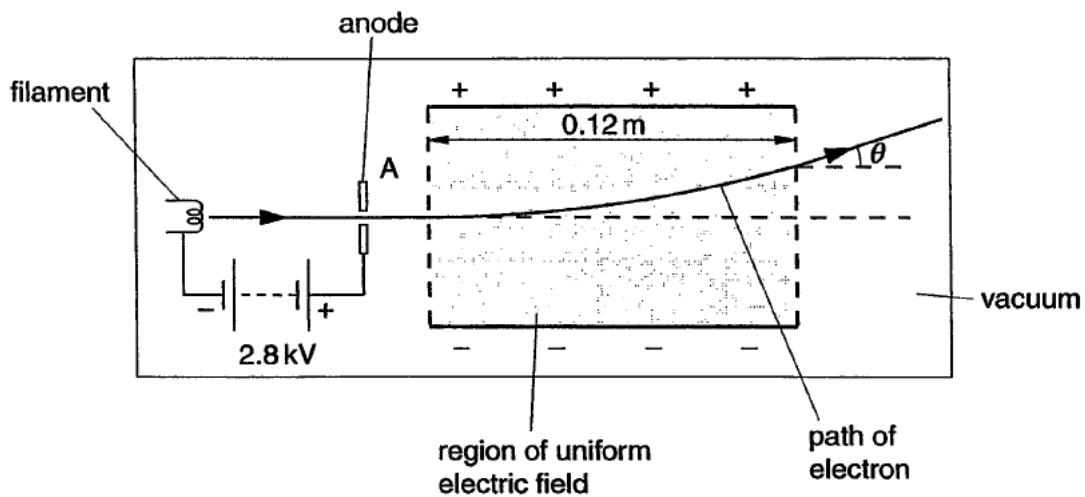


Fig. 5.1

The potential difference between the filament and the anode A is 2.8 kV. The two charged parallel plates create a uniform electric field between them. When the electron is in this field, it experiences a constant force of 3.2×10^{-15} N towards the positive plate. The length of each parallel plate is 0.12 m. The electron emerges from the electric field region at an angle θ .

(i)

Show that the electron is accelerated to a velocity of $3.1 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ by the potential difference between the filament and the anode. [2]

(ii)

Calculate

1. the acceleration of the electron towards the positive plate when it is travelling between the plates,

$$\text{acceleration} = \dots \text{m s}^{-2} [1]$$

2. the time taken for the electron to travel the length of the parallel plates,

$$\text{time} = \dots \text{s} [2]$$

3. the speed in the vertical direction of the electron as it exits the region of uniform electric field,

$$\text{velocity} = \dots \text{m s}^{-1} [2]$$

4. the angle θ .

$\theta = \dots$ ° [2]

(iii)

Describe and explain how the path of a proton with the same initial velocity of $3.1 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ will differ from that of the electron when it enters the same region of uniform magnetic field.

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