

3 A circuit used to investigate the photoelectric effect is shown in Fig. 3.1.

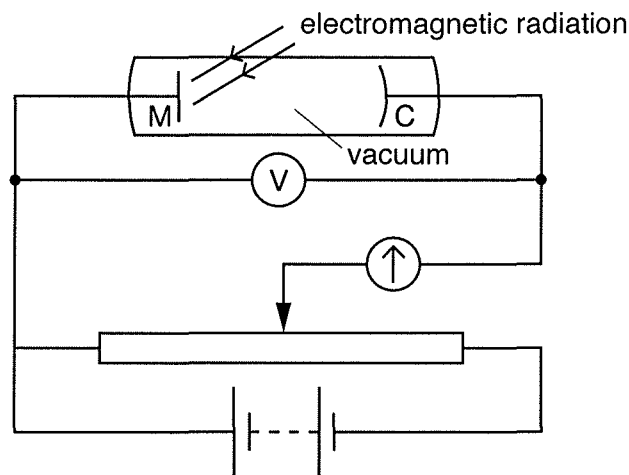


Fig. 3.1

A potential divider circuit is connected to two metal electrodes M and C enclosed in an evacuated glass tube.

The electromagnetic radiation incident on M is of a single frequency and constant intensity.

The voltmeter measures the potential difference  $V$  between the electrodes and a sensitive meter measures the current  $I$  between the electrodes. The potential difference applied across M and C can be changed from positive to negative by reversing the battery terminals.

- (a) State, in terms of energy changes, the required condition for electromagnetic radiation to cause electrons to be emitted from the surface of M.

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(b) The variation with potential difference  $V$  of current  $I$  is shown in Fig. 3.2.

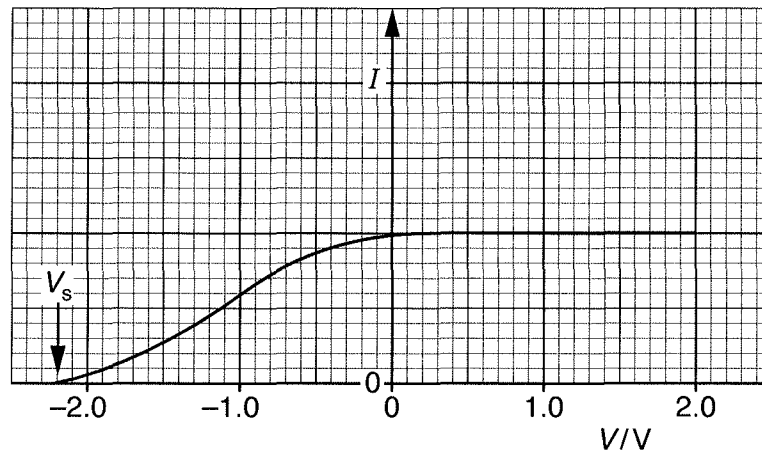


Fig. 3.2

- (i) Explain, in terms of the energy changes of the emitted electrons, why there is a minimum potential difference,  $V_s$ , to reduce the current to zero.

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- (ii) Explain why the current does not continue to increase for positive values of  $V$ .

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- (c) The work function of metal of M is 1.8 eV. Use Fig. 3.2 to calculate the frequency of the electromagnetic radiation.

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- (d) The frequency of the electromagnetic radiation is kept constant as its intensity is doubled. On Fig. 3.2 sketch a graph to show the variation with  $V$  of  $I$  for this increased intensity. [2]

