

Question 25 (6 marks)

A pair of parallel metal plates, placed in a vacuum, are separated by a distance of 5.00×10^{-3} m and have a potential difference of 1000 V applied to them.

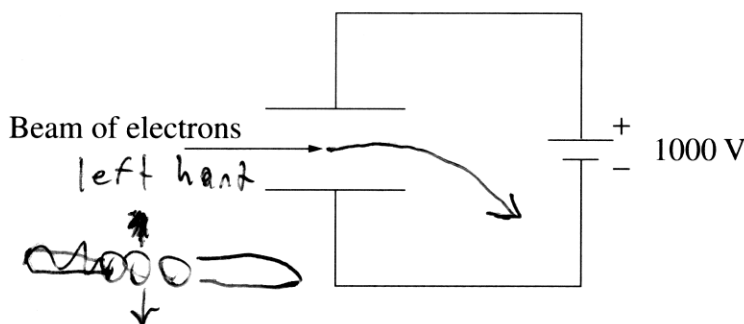
- (a) Calculate the magnitude of the electric field strength between the plates. 1

$$E = \frac{V}{d} = \frac{1000}{5 \times 10^{-3}} = 20000 \text{ V/m}$$

- (b) Calculate the magnitude of the electrostatic force acting on an electron between the plates. 1

$$F = qE = -1.602 \times 10^{-19} \times 20000 = -3.204 \times 10^{-15} \text{ N/m}$$

- (c) A beam of electrons is fired with a velocity of 3.00×10^6 m s⁻¹ between the plates as shown. A magnetic field is applied between the plates, sufficient to cancel the force on the electron beam due to the electric field. 4



Calculate the magnitude and direction of the magnetic field required between the plates to stop the deflection of the electron beam.

Magnetic field into the page

$$F = BIL \sin \theta \quad F = qvB \sin \theta$$

$$F = -1.602 \times 10^{-19} \times 20000 \times B$$

$$= 3.204 \times 10^{-15} = -1.602 \times 10^{-19} \times 20000 \times B$$

$$\therefore B = 1 \text{ Tesla}$$