

5. (a) The magnitude of the current density is given by  $J = nqv_d$ , where  $n$  is the number of particles per unit volume,  $q$  is the charge on each particle, and  $v_d$  is the drift speed of the particles. The particle concentration is  $n = 2.0 \times 10^8/\text{cm}^3 = 2.0 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , the charge is  $q = 2e = 2(1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}) = 3.20 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ , and the drift speed is  $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$ . Thus,

$$J = (2 \times 10^{14}/\text{m})(3.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}) = 6.4 \text{ A/m}^2 .$$

Since the particles are positively charged the current density is in the same direction as their motion, to the north.

- (b) The current cannot be calculated unless the cross-sectional area of the beam is known. Then  $i = JA$  can be used.