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MECHANICAL QUIZ

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Q. Newton's second law of motion states that the acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the net force acting on it and is in the same direction as the net force. If an electron is moving horizontally to the right and a uniform electric field is applied vertically upwards, what will be the direction of the electron's acceleration?

The electron is moving horizontally to the right and a uniform electric field is applied vertically upwards. The electric force on the electron is in the opposite direction to the electric field, i.e. vertically downwards. The magnetic force on the electron is in the direction of the electron's velocity \times the direction of the electric field, i.e. vertically upwards. The net force is in the opposite direction to the electric field, i.e. vertically downwards. The acceleration is in the same direction as the net force, i.e. vertically downwards.

The magnitude of the force is given by $(F = qE)$, where E is the electric field strength and q is the charge of the electron. The force acts horizontally. Hence, the magnitude of acceleration is given using Newton's 2nd law

$F = ma$ where $m = \text{mass}$, $F = \text{force}$, $a = \text{acceleration}$

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{qE}{m}$$

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The direction of a is downwards just like the way force F is directed because according to Newton's 2nd law, force is directly proportional to acceleration.

Q. Electric field is the region around a charge in which another charge can experience electric force. If the test charge is positive, the direction of electric field and electric force are the same. When the test charge is negative, the direction is opposite. Electric field is not a single vector quantity associated with each point in space, this is called the vector field. \times an electric field exist within a conducting

of the field exist in space, in a very charge in the conductor, having
 the free charges. To note, this explains the theory of electric
 current flow.

Electric current is the flow of electric charge.

The electric field E is related to the electric force F by the equation $F = qE$, where q is the charge of the particle.

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