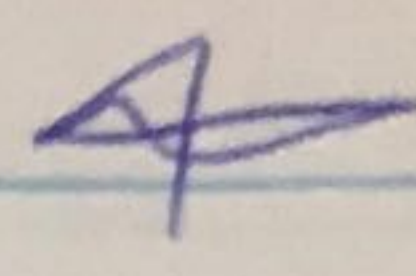


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Question 1

Using the concept of Newton's second law of motion, describe the magnitude and direction of the acceleration of an electron being shot horizontally into a closed space with a uniform field being directed upwards.

Answer

Newton's second law of motion states that the acceleration of an object is produced by a net force is directly proportional to the magnitude of mass of object.

Therefore, on entering the field, there is a vertical downward force acting on the electron. This is because electric force acts in the opposite direction to electric field and the electric field is directed downwards upwards.

The magnitude of the force is given by $F = Eq$, where F is the electric field strength, q is the charge of electron. No force acts horizontally. Hence, the magnitude of electron is gotten using Newton's 2nd law

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

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

The direction of a is downward & just like the way force

F is directed backwards according to Newton's 2nd Law, force is directly proportional to acceleration.

2 Describe electric field and electric current with respect to charges

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 is negative, the direction is opposite. Electric field is not a single vector quantities associated with each point in space, this is called the vector field.

Therefore: An electric field exist within a conductor. The ~~off~~ field exerts a force in energy charged in the conductor.

Electric current is the flow of electric charges

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q} \quad \text{where } \vec{F} = \text{Electric field}$$

$F = \text{force}$

$q = \text{charge}$