



Please read the exam guidelines, rules, instructions and marking criteria at:

<http://www.hep.ucl.ac.uk/~mark1/teaching/3c59/exam/final.html>

This exam is worth 50% of your final course grade. The duration of the exam is 3 hours. Students should upload their work using the web-form. A breakdown of the mark scheme is indicated.

An electron in a cathode ray tube is emitted from a heated cathode at the position (0,0,0) in Cartesian ( $x, y, z$ ) coordinates, with velocity  $10^6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  in the positive  $x$  direction. It travels through a uniform magnetic field of strength  $5 \mu\text{T}$  in the positive  $z$  direction and a uniform electric field of strength  $10 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$  also in the positive  $z$  direction. A flat fluorescent screen is placed perpendicular to the  $x$  axis in the  $y$ - $z$  plane at  $x = 0.3 \text{ m}$ .

The position and velocity of the electron at a time  $t$  after it is emitted from the cathode can be determined by considering small  $\Delta t$  intervals. Within each short interval the change in position of the electron is:

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{v} \Delta t$$

and the change in its velocity is:

$$\Delta \vec{v} = \vec{a} \Delta t$$

where  $\vec{r}$ ,  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{a}$  are the vectors representing position, velocity and acceleration respectively.

The force on a particle with charge  $q$  travelling through a magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  and an electric field  $\vec{E}$  is given by:

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B} + \vec{E})$$

The electron charge is  $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$  and mass  $9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ .

A suitable time interval is  $\sim 1 \text{ ns}$ . In order to avoid getting into an infinite loop, you should stop tracking the electron if it has not reached the screen after  $1 \mu\text{s}$ .

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- Determine the coordinate of the point at which the electron hits the screen. **[20/50 marks]**
- Modify your program to read the initial velocity and electron identifier from the URL:  
<http://www.hep.ucl.ac.uk/~mark1/teaching/3c59/exam/electrons.txt> where each line contains the electron identifier and three numbers representing the electron's velocity ( $v_x$ ,  $v_y$ ,  $v_z$ ).  
**[10/50 marks]**
- By considering the magnitude of the vector connecting (0,0,0) with the point at which the electron hits the screen, determine which electron (by reference to its identifier) travels the furthest. **[5/50 marks]**

Modify you existing code and define appropriate interfaces such that:

- electrons that start from an arbitrary ( $x,y,z$ ) position **[5/50] marks**
- the code can use magnetic and electric fields that are not uniform (i.e. which vary with position)  
**[10/50 marks]**

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