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## Known Values:

$$\text{Electron speed: } u = 8 * 10^6 \frac{m}{s}$$

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Particle of a charge  $q$  moving with velocity  $\mathbf{u}$  in a magnetic field experiences magnetic force  $\mathbf{F}_m$  given by:

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$$\mathbf{F}_m = q\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B} \quad (N)$$

Use Newton's Second Law:  $F = m * a$

Rearrange equation and substitute  $\mathbf{F}$  for equation above.

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$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{\mathbf{F}_m}{m_e} = \frac{q\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}}{m_e}$$

Assuming  $q = -e$

$$= \frac{-1.6 * 10^{-19}}{9.1 * 10^{-31}} (\hat{x}8 * 10^6) \times (\hat{x}4 - \hat{z}3)$$

$$= -\hat{y}4.22 * 10^{18} \quad (m/s^2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 8000000 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i}(0 \cdot (-3) - 0 \cdot 0) - \mathbf{j}(8000000 \cdot (-3) - 0 \cdot 4) + \mathbf{k}(8000000 \cdot 0 - 0 \cdot 4) = \\ &= \mathbf{i}(0 - 0) - \mathbf{j}(-24000000 - 0) + \mathbf{k}(0 - 0) = \{0; 24000000; 0\} \end{aligned}$$