

Question 7. An electron (mass m) with an initial velocity $\mathbf{v} = v_0\mathbf{i}$ ($v_0 > 0$) is in an electric field $\mathbf{E} = E_0\hat{\mathbf{i}}$ ($E_0 = \text{constant} > 0$). Its de-Broglie wavelength at time t is given by

Solution: As $F = -eE\mathbf{i}$

$$a = -eE/m \quad \text{where } m = \text{mass of electron;}$$

$$v(t) = v_0 - eEt/m$$

From De Broglie hypothesis

$$\lambda = h/p = h/mv = h/m(v_0 - eEt/m)$$