

**Answer on** Question #66811, Physics / Electromagnetism

An electron moving parallel to the x-axis has an initial speed of  $3.70 \times (10)^6$  m/s at the origin. Its speed is reduced to  $1.40 \times (10)^5$  m/s at the point  $x=2$  cm - calculate the electric potential difference between the origin and that point?

**Find:**  $v_E - ?$

**Given:**

$$v_0 = 3.7 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = 1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$x = 0.02 \text{ m}$$

$$e = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$m = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

**Solution:**

The changing of the kinetic energy of electron:

$$W = \frac{mv_0^2}{2} - \frac{mv^2}{2} \quad (1),$$

where  $m$  is the mass of electron

The electric field performs work:

$$A = Fx \quad (2),$$

where  $F$  is the electric force,  $x$  is the displacement of electron

Electric force:

$$F = v_E |e| \quad (3),$$

where  $v_E$  is the electric potential,  $e$  is electron charge

(3) in (2):

$$A = v_E |e| x \quad (4)$$

The changing of kinetic energy of electron is equal to work of electric field:

$$\frac{mv_0^2}{2} - \frac{mv^2}{2} = v_E |e| x \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Of (5)} \Rightarrow v_E = \frac{\frac{mv_0^2}{2} - \frac{mv^2}{2}}{|e|x} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Of (6)} \Rightarrow v_E = 1.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N/C}$$

**Answer:**

$$1.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N/C}$$

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