

Chapter 26 :-

Current & Resistance

• **Def:- Electric Current:**

A net flow of charge through a given surface

→ Electric current $(I) = \frac{dq}{dt}$ C/s → LA

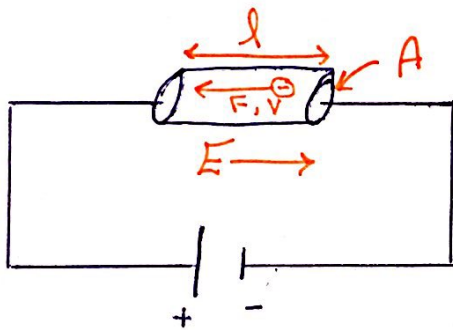
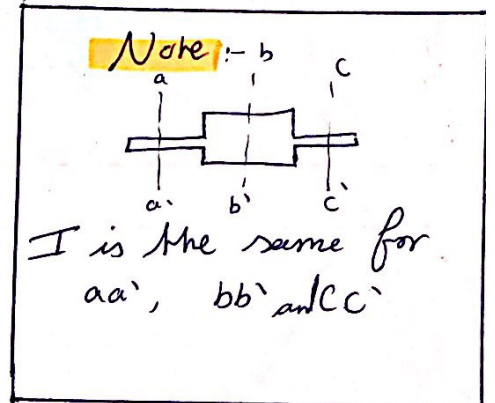
Scalar Quantity

Electric Current in a Conductor:-

l : is the length of conductor

A : is the cross section Area

n : number of conduction electrons / m^3



- E : Electric field
- F : Electric Force
- V : Electric Potential = El

Volume

• The number of conduction electrons = nAl

• The amount of free charge = $enAl$

Current Density :-

$$\vec{J} = I / A \quad A/m^2$$

$$I = \int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Vector Quantity



• Here, current & charge are the same at A and B
But \vec{J} changes

Drift speed:-

Vector Quantity

$$I = neA V_d \leftarrow \text{Drift speed}$$

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$$\vec{J} = (ne) \vec{v}_d$$

Carrier charge density

- if $q > 0 \rightarrow ne$ is positive
- if $q < 0 \rightarrow ne$ is negative

$$n = N_A \left(\frac{1}{M} \right) \rho_{\text{mass}}$$

↑ Avogadro's Number
↑ Molar Mass
↑ mass per unit V (mass density)

\vec{J}, \vec{v}_d has the same Direction
 \vec{J}, \vec{v}_d has the Opposite Direction

Note

(I) depends on:-

- 1- Type of Conductor (n)
- 2- Geometry of Conductor (L, A)
- 3- Applied E & V
- 4- Temperature $\rho - \rho_0 = \rho_0 \alpha (T - T_0)$

Resistance & Resistivity

$$R = V/I \text{ (}\Omega\text{)}$$

$$\rho = E/J \text{ (}\Omega\cdot\text{m)}$$

Conductivity:-

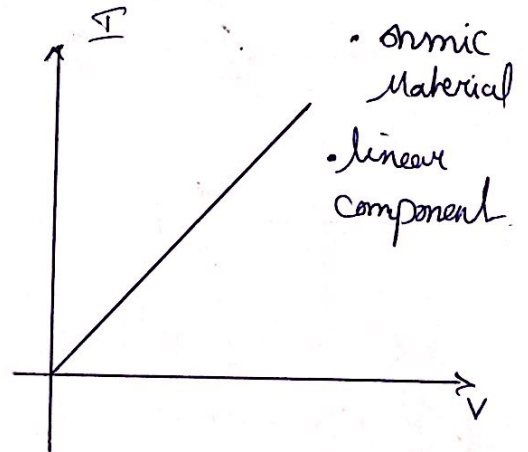
$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

→ R depends on Geometry (L, A) & Type (ρ)

Ohm's law :-

$$R = \frac{V}{I} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{E} = \rho \vec{J}$$



Power in Electric Circuits

↕ rate of energy dissipation

$$\text{Energy} = \Delta Q V$$

$$U_A > U_B \quad \text{and} \quad V_A > V_B$$

Power $P = I^2 R$ watt (J/s)

applies to electrical energy transfer of all kinds

$$= \frac{I V}{1} = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

applies only on energy transfer to thermal energy

