

## CURRENT and RESISTANCE

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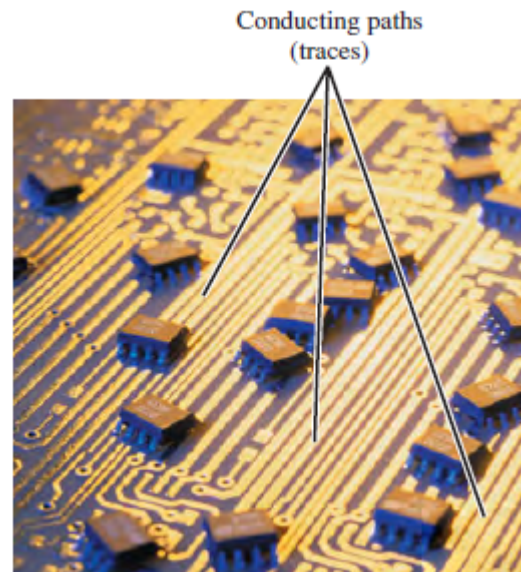
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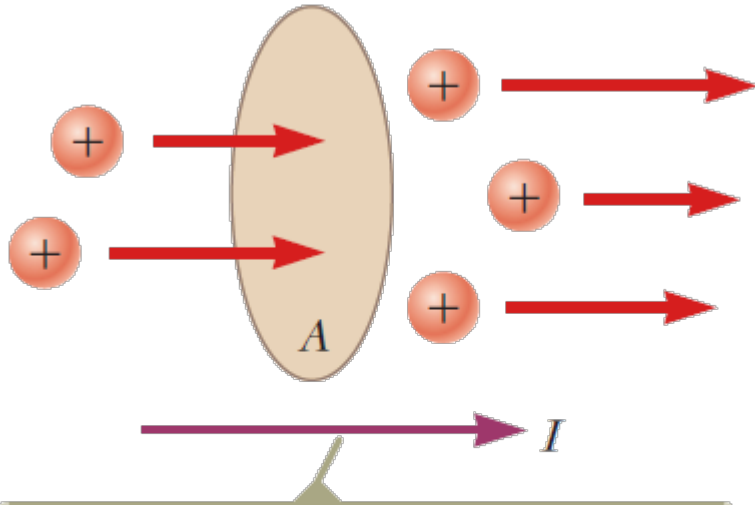
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## 6.1 Electric Current



The direction of the current is the direction in which positive charges flow when free to do so.

The current is the rate at which charge flows through this surface. If  $\Delta q$  is the amount of charge that passes through this area in a time interval  $\Delta t$ , the average current  $I_{av}$  is equal to the charge that passes through  $A$  per unit time:

$$i_{av} = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta t}$$

If the rate at which charge flows varies in time, then the current varies in time; we define the instantaneous current  $i$  as the differential limit of average current:

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

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The SI unit of current is the ampere (A):

$$1\text{A} = 1\text{C} / 1\text{s}$$

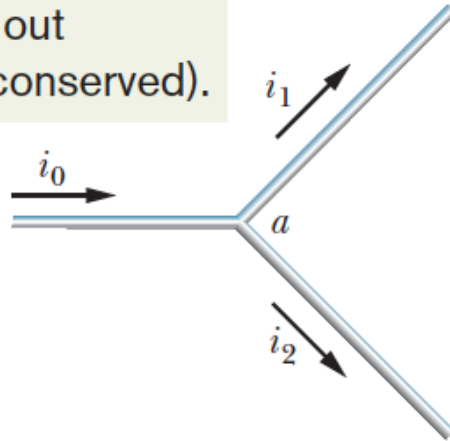
1 A of current is equivalent to 1 C of charge passing through the surface area in 1 s.

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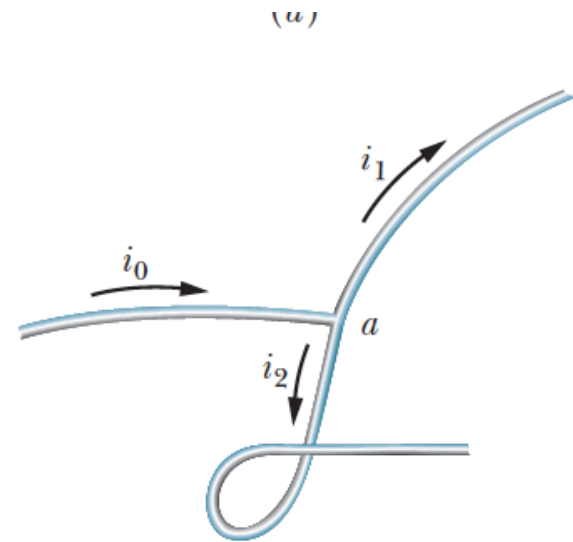
Current is not a Vector !

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

The current into the junction must equal the current out (charge is conserved).



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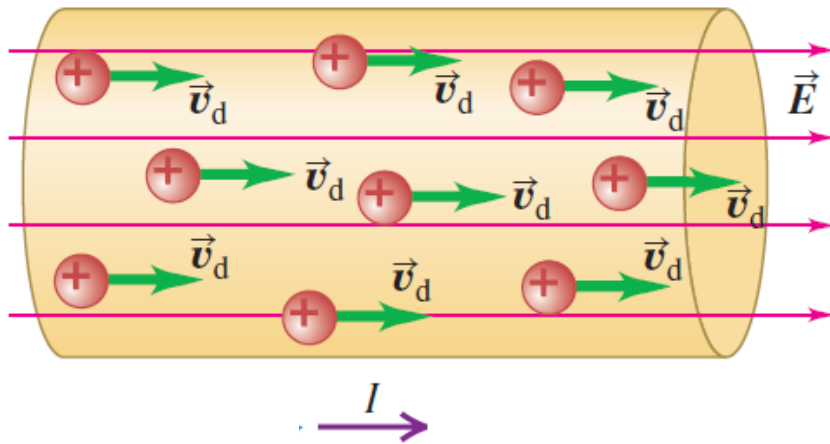


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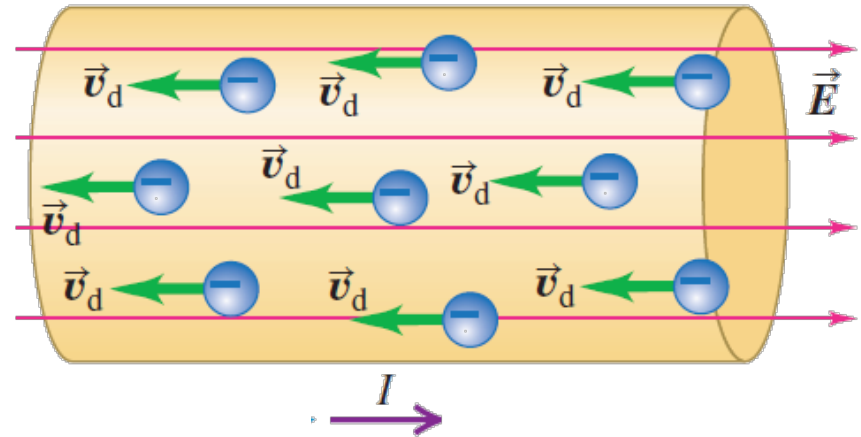
$$i_o = i_1 + i_2$$

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## The Direction of Current Flow



A **conventional current** is treated as a flow of positive charges, regardless of whether the free charges in the conductor are positive, negative, or both.

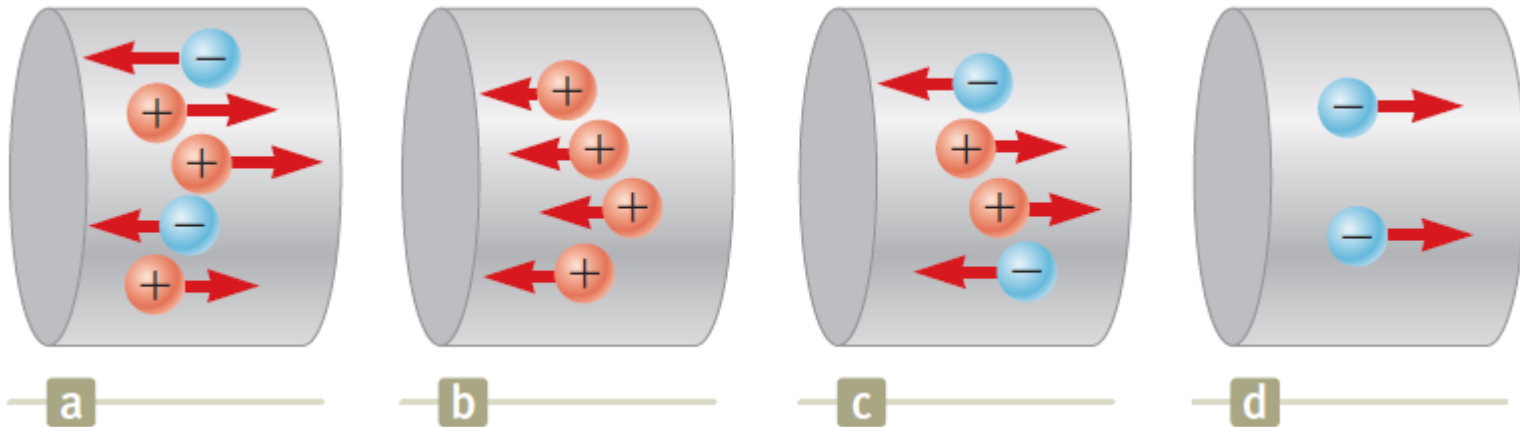


In a metallic conductor, the moving charges are electrons — but the *current* still points in the direction positive charges would flow.

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## Example: The Direction of Current Flow

Rank the current in these four regions, from lowest to highest.



**Solution:**  $a > b = c > d$

## 6.2 Current Density

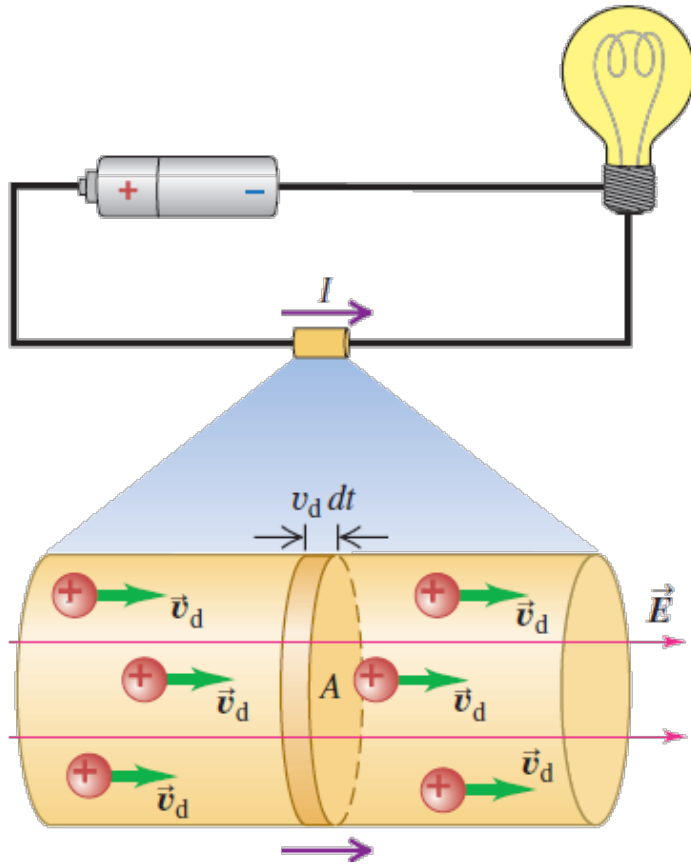
The current per unit cross-sectional area is called the current density

$$J = \frac{i}{A}$$

The SI unit for current density is the ampere per square meter :  $A/m^2$

## 6.2 Current Density

### Microscopic Model of Current: Drift Speed



- Suppose there are  $n$  moving charged particles per unit volume.
- $n$ : concentration of charge carriers, its SI unit is  $\text{m}^{-3}$
- Assume that all the particles move with the same velocity with magnitude:  $V_d$ .
- In a time interval  $\Delta t$ , each particle moves a distance  $L = V_d \cdot \Delta t$
- The volume of the cylinder is  $AV_d \Delta t$

By using the definition of  $n$ :

$$\Delta q = nALe = (nAv_d \Delta t)e$$

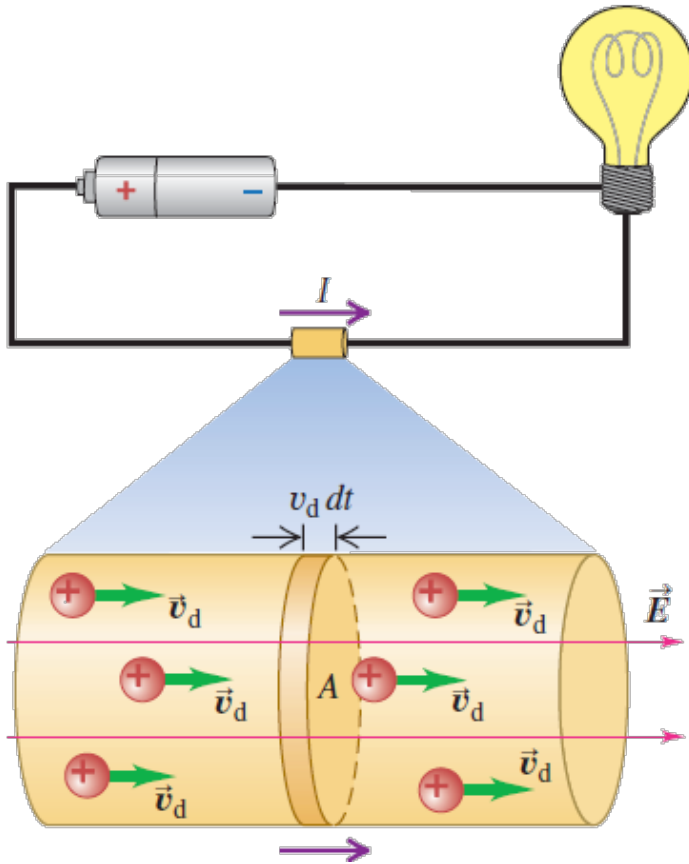
From that, the current is:

$$i = \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta t} = nAv_d e$$



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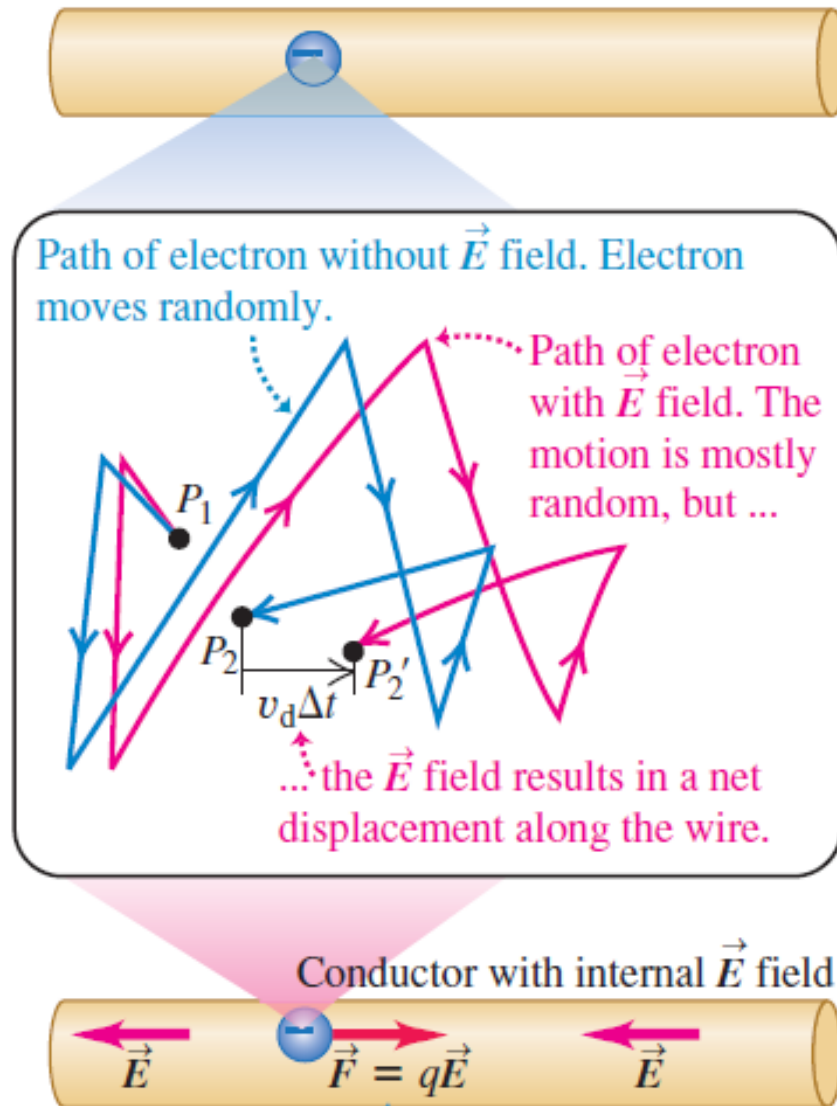
Drift speed:

$$v_d = \frac{i}{nAe} = \frac{J}{ne}$$

In vectoral form:

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

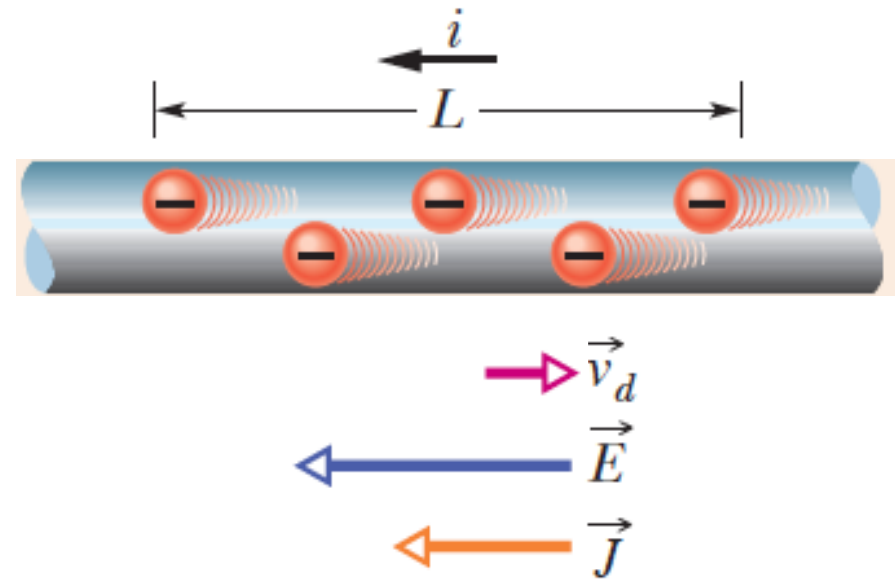
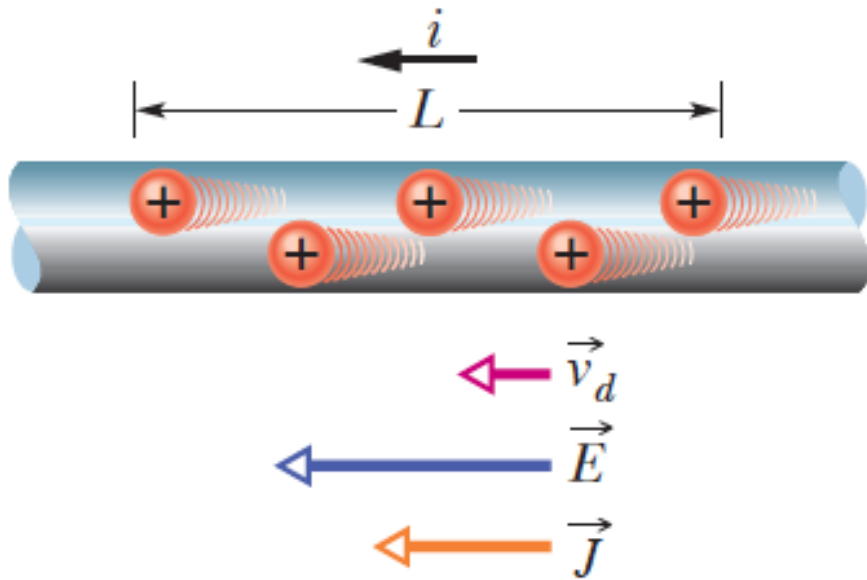
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The current density is in the direction of charge motion for positive charge carriers and opposite the direction of motion for negative charge carriers.



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### Example: Drift Speed in a Copper Wire

A copper wire in a typical residential building has a cross-sectional area of  $3.31 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$ . If it carries a current of 10.0 A, what is the drift speed of the electrons? Assume that each copper atom contributes one free electron to the current. The density of copper is  $8.95 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and molar mass of it is  $63.5 \text{ g/mol}$

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### Solution: Drift Speed in a Copper Wire

Knowing the density of copper, we can calculate the volume occupied by 63.5 g (1 mol) of copper:

$$V = \frac{M}{\rho}$$

Because each copper atom contributes one free electron to the current, we have

$$n = \frac{N_A}{V} = \frac{N_A \rho}{M}$$

From that

$$v_d = \frac{i}{nAe} = \frac{iM}{qAN_A\rho}$$

$$v_d = 2.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m / s}$$

## 6.3 Resistance and Resistivity

The current density in a conductor depends on the electric field and on the properties of the material. In general, this dependence can be quite complex. However In some materials, the current density is proportional to the electric field:

$$J = \sigma E$$

Where  $\sigma$  is the conductivity of a material.

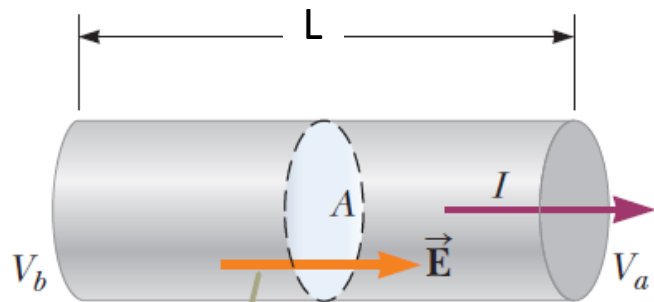
We often speak of the resistivity of a material. This is simply the reciprocal of its conductivity, so

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

The SI unit of resistivity is the  $\Omega \cdot \text{m}$ .

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### Calculating Resistance from Resistivity



A potential difference  $\Delta V = V_b - V_a$  maintained across the conductor sets up an electric field  $\vec{E}$ , and this field produces a current  $I$  that is proportional to the potential difference.

Let  $A$  be the cross-sectional area of the wire, let  $L$  be its length, and let a potential difference  $V = V_B - V_A$  exist between its ends.

$$E = \frac{V}{L} \qquad J = \frac{i}{A}$$

By using Ohm law:

$$\rho = \frac{E}{J} = \frac{V / L}{i / A}$$

$$V = \frac{\rho L}{A} i$$

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So we obtain the relationship between the potential differences and current:

$$V = \frac{\rho L}{A} i$$

The resistance of the conductor :

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

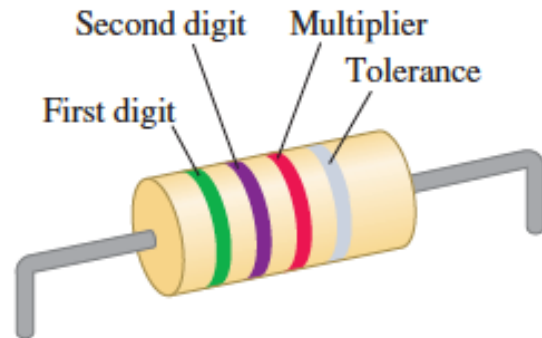
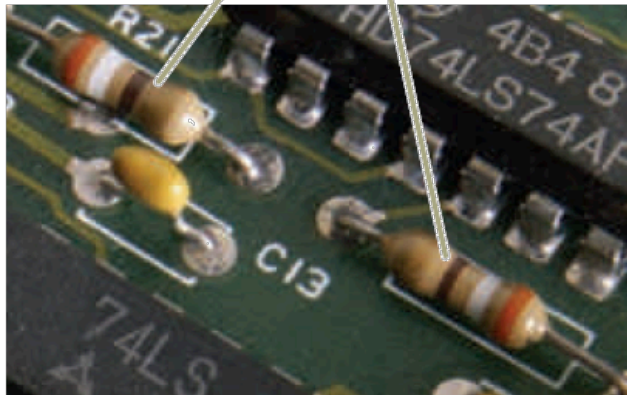
Resistance has SI units of volts per ampere which is called as ohm ( $\Omega$ ).

**Resistance is a property of an object. Resistivity is a property of a material.**



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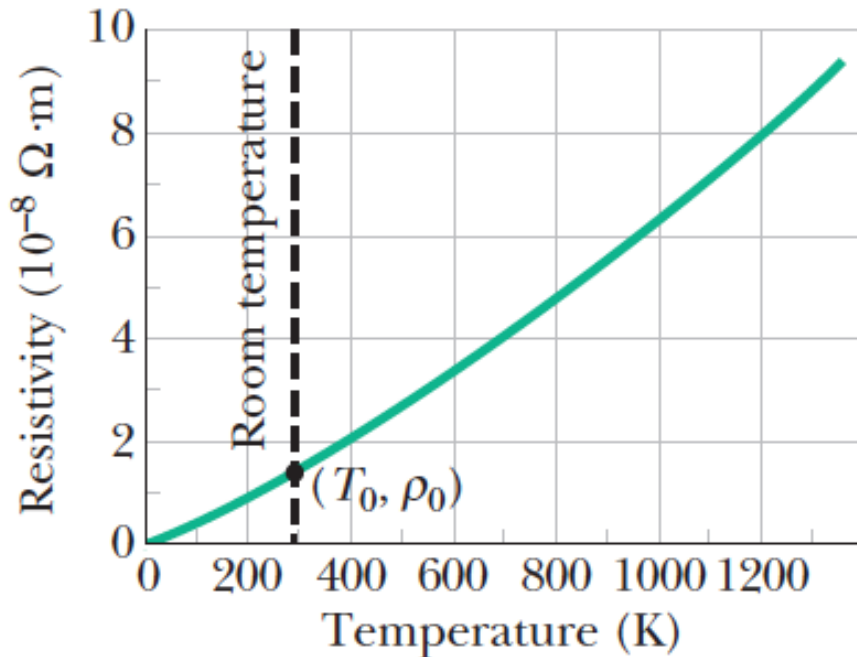
The colored bands on these resistors are orange, white, brown, and gold.



**TABLE 27.1** *Color Coding for Resistors*

Color	Number	Multiplier	Tolerance
Black	0	1	
Brown	1	$10^1$	
Red	2	$10^2$	
Orange	3	$10^3$	
Yellow	4	$10^4$	
Green	5	$10^5$	
Blue	6	$10^6$	
Violet	7	$10^7$	
Gray	8	$10^8$	
White	9	$10^9$	
Gold		$10^{-1}$	5%
Silver		$10^{-2}$	10%
Colorless			20%

## 6.3 Resistance and Resistivity



Resistivity can depend on temperature.

$$\rho = \rho_0 [1 + \alpha(T - T_0)]$$

$\rho$  : is the resistivity at some temperature  $T$  (in degrees Celsius),

$\rho_0$ : is the resistivity at some reference temperature  $T_0$  (usually taken to be  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ),

$\alpha$ : is the temperature coefficient of resistivity.

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\Delta\rho}{\Delta T}$$

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**TABLE 27.2** *Resistivities and Temperature Coefficients of Resistivity for Various Materials*

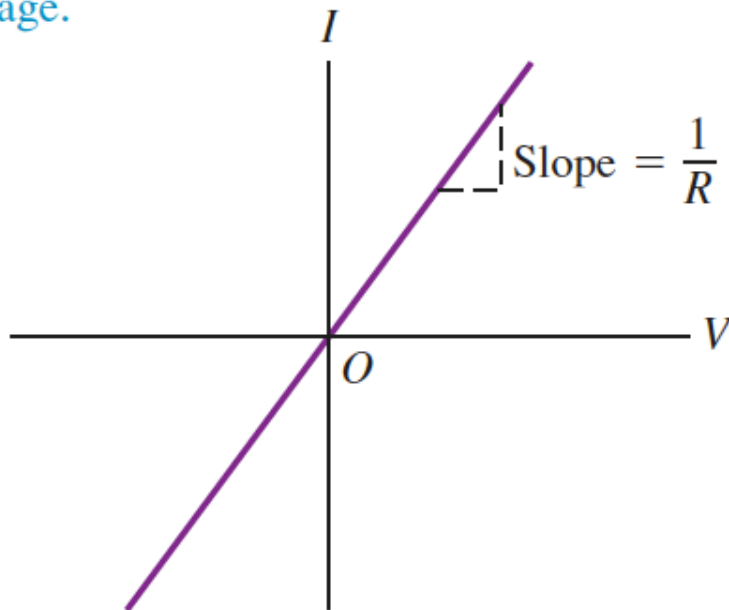
Material	Resistivity <sup>a</sup> ( $\Omega \cdot \text{m}$ )	Temperature Coefficient <sup>b</sup> $\alpha[(^{\circ}\text{C})^{-1}]$
Silver	$1.59 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-3}$
Copper	$1.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.9 \times 10^{-3}$
Gold	$2.44 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-3}$
Aluminum	$2.82 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.9 \times 10^{-3}$
Tungsten	$5.6 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.5 \times 10^{-3}$
Iron	$10 \times 10^{-8}$	$5.0 \times 10^{-3}$
Platinum	$11 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.92 \times 10^{-3}$
Lead	$22 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.9 \times 10^{-3}$
Nichrome <sup>c</sup>	$1.00 \times 10^{-6}$	$0.4 \times 10^{-3}$
Carbon	$3.5 \times 10^{-5}$	$-0.5 \times 10^{-3}$
Germanium	0.46	$-48 \times 10^{-3}$
Silicon <sup>d</sup>	$2.3 \times 10^3$	$-75 \times 10^{-3}$
Glass	$10^{10}$ to $10^{14}$	
Hard rubber	$\sim 10^{13}$	
Sulfur	$10^{15}$	
Quartz (fused)	$75 \times 10^{16}$	

<sup>a</sup> All values at 20°C. All elements in this table are assumed to be free of impurities.

## 6.4 Ohm Law

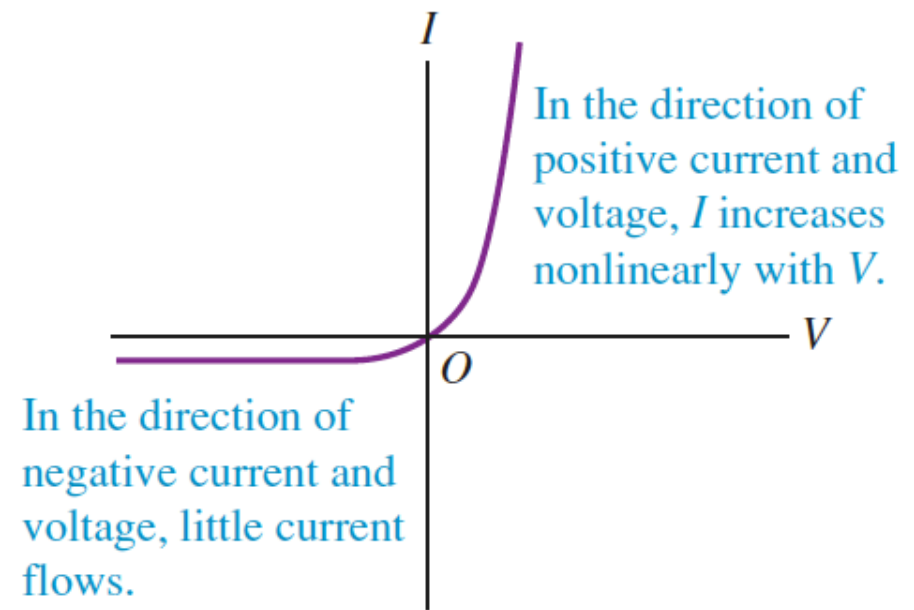
(a)

**Ohmic resistor** (e.g., typical metal wire): At a given temperature, current is proportional to voltage.



(b)

**Semiconductor diode: a nonohmic resistor**

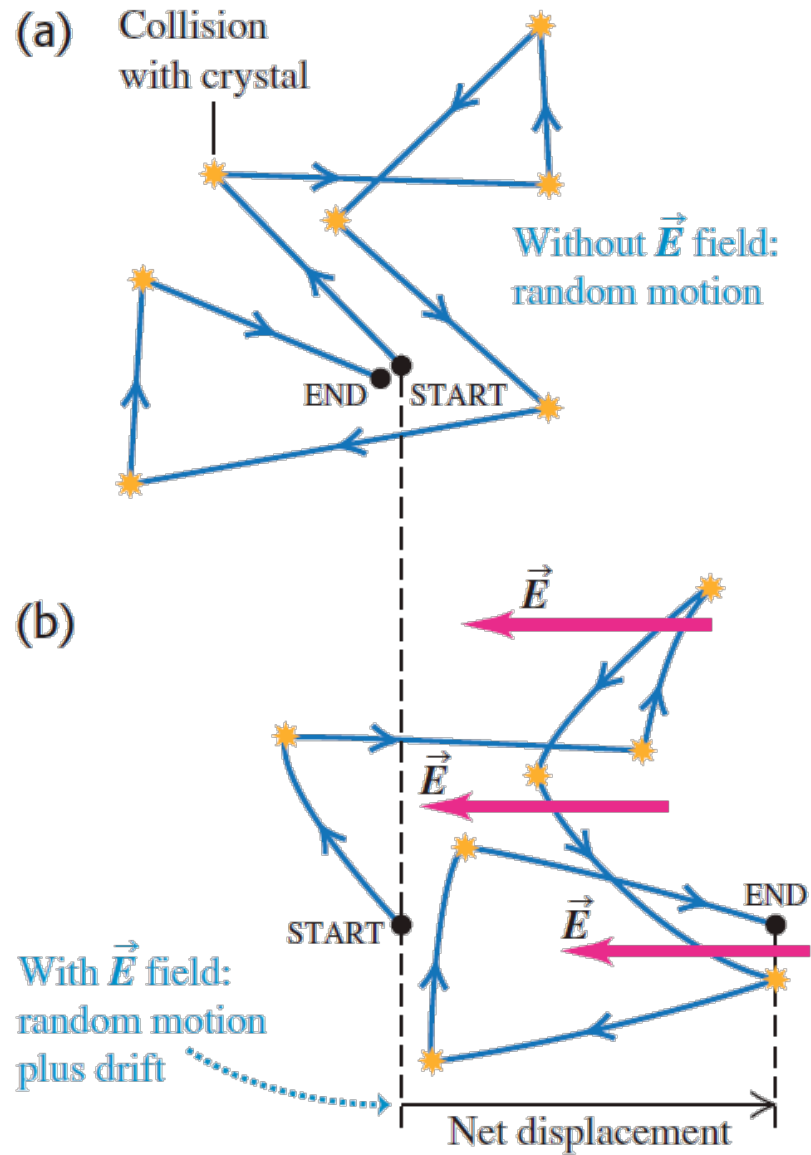


$$V = \frac{\rho L}{A} i \Rightarrow$$

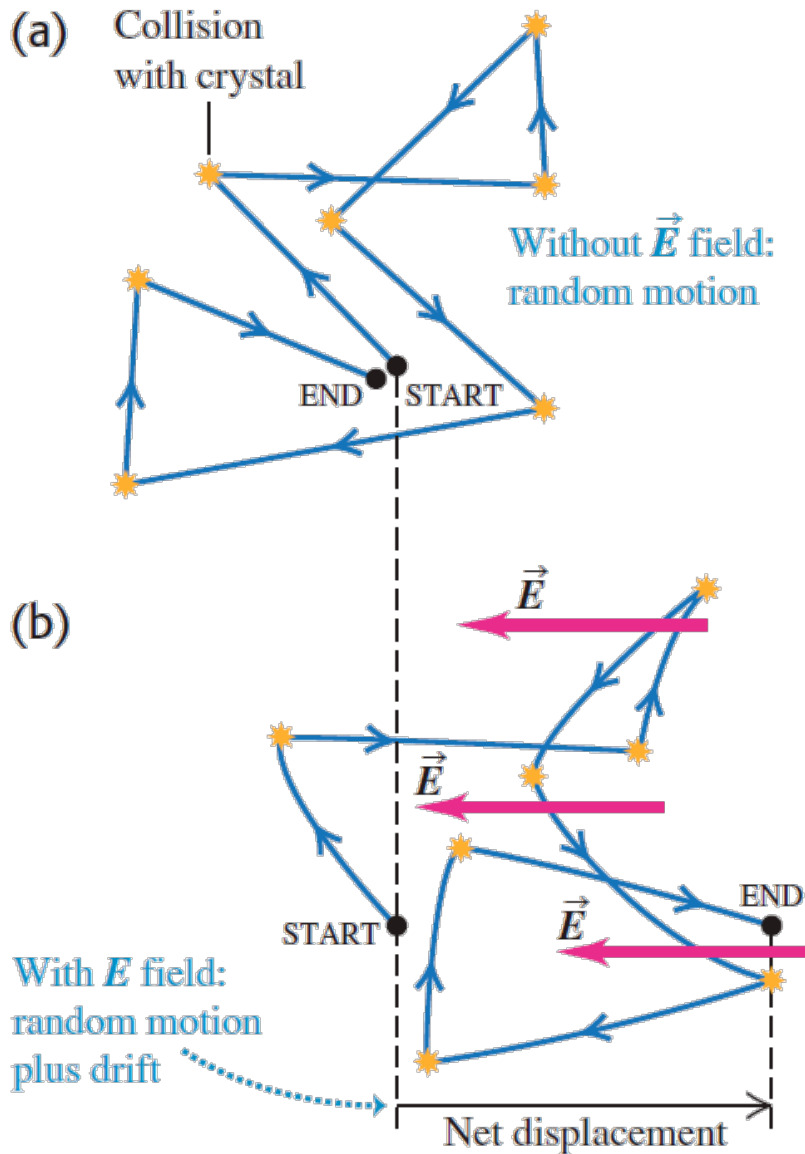
$$V = iR$$

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

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- The motion of an electron after a collision is independent of its motion before the collision.
- The excess energy acquired by the electrons in the electric field is lost to the atoms of the conductor when the electrons and atoms collide..

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When a free electron of mass  $m$ , is subjected to an electric field  $E$ , the electron will experience an acceleration given by Newton's second law:

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{eE}{m}$$

If  $v_i$  is the electron's initial velocity, the instant after a collision (which occurs at a time that we define as  $t = 0$ ), then the velocity of the electron at time  $t$  (at which the next collision occurs) is

$$v_f = v_i + at = v_i + \frac{eE}{m}t$$

$$v_d = \frac{eE}{m}\tau$$

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Because the average value of  $v_f$  is equal to the drift velocity, we have

$$v_d = \frac{eE}{m} \tau$$

where  $\tau$  is the average time interval between successive collisions.



## 6.5 Microscopic View of Ohm Law

The magnitude of the current density is

$$J = nev_d = \frac{ne^2 E}{m} \tau$$

where  $n$  is the number of charge carriers per unit volume. Comparing this expression with Ohm's law, we obtain:

$$J = \sigma E \Rightarrow J = nev_d = \frac{ne^2 E}{m} \tau$$

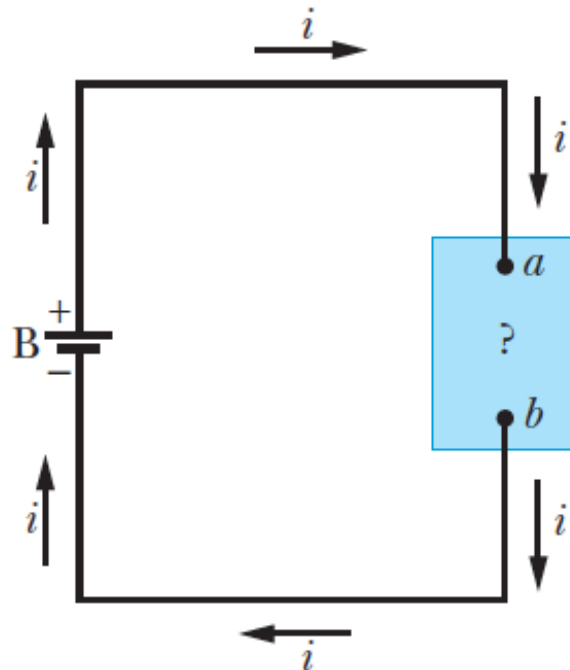
for conductivity and resistivity of a conductor:

$$\sigma = \frac{ne^2 \tau}{m}$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{m}{ne^2 \tau}$$

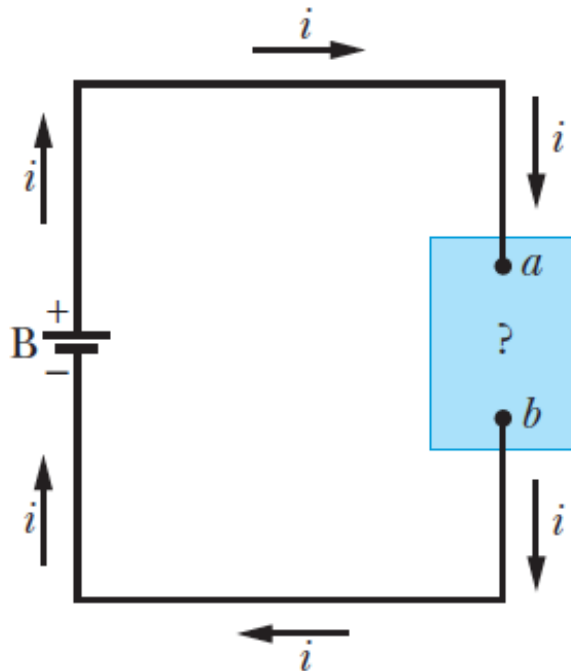
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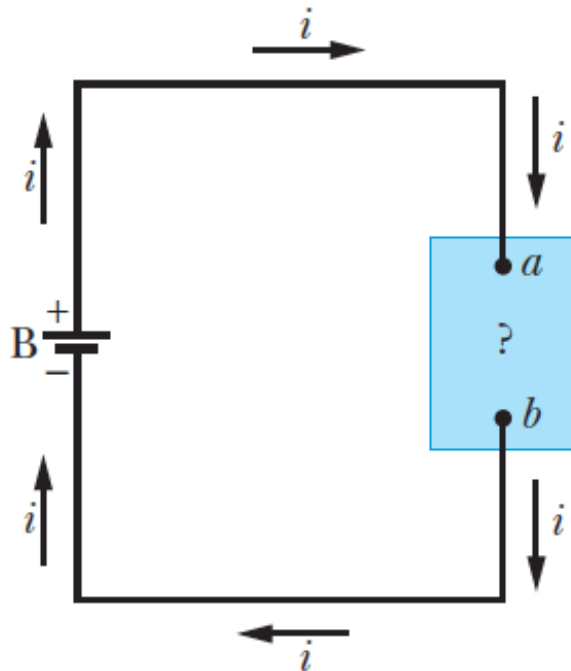
The power  $P$  associated with that transfer is the rate of transfer  $dU / dt$ :

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SI birim sisteminde gücün birimi Watt'tır ve  $W$  ile gösterilir.

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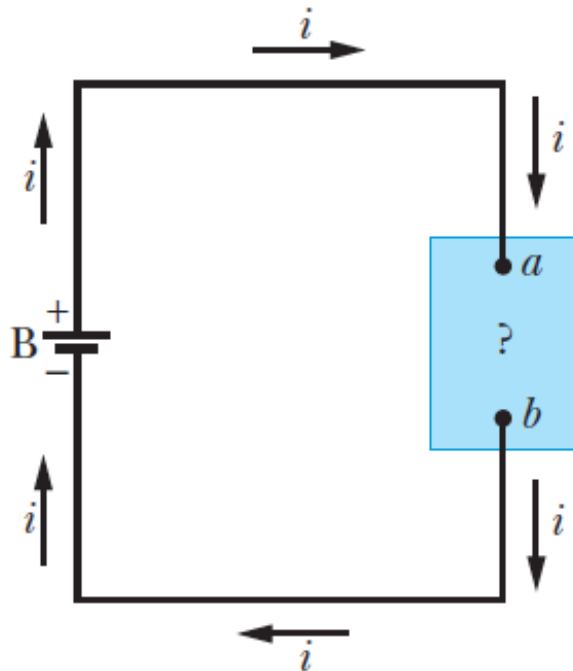
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The unit of power the volt-ampere (V.A) which is equal to 1 Watt (W)

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For a resistor or some other device with resistance  $R$ , for the rate of electrical energy dissipation due to a resistance

$$P = i^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$$