

# Chapter 26

## 1. Current

a. Definition

b. +/-

c. real materials

d. Current Density.

2. Resistivity (Intrinsic)

3. Resistance (Geometric)

4. Batteries... EMF, internal resistance.

5. Energy + Power

6. Theory of resistivity (or conductance)

7. Physiology

Up until now: static (not moving in time)

charge configurations

NOW: let charge move

Conceptually easiest:

A area of endcap

$\rho_r =$  charge density

$v$

$I$

$v dt$

$A$

in time  $dt$ ,  
how

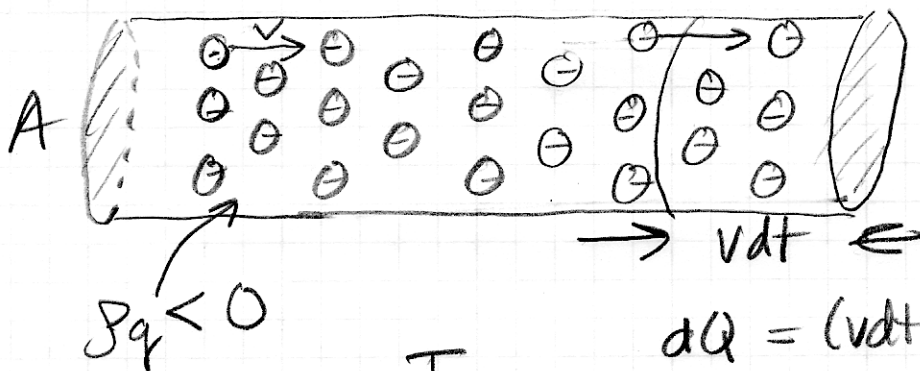
$$dQ = (v dt) A \rho_r$$
$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \rho_r v A$$

bunch of + charges, uniform distribution,  
all with same vel

$\frac{dQ}{dt}$ , the charge/time, is the current.

units:  $\frac{\text{Coulombs}}{\text{sec}} = \text{Ampere}$

In case above, sign of current defined as positive. What about..



$$\rho_q < 0$$

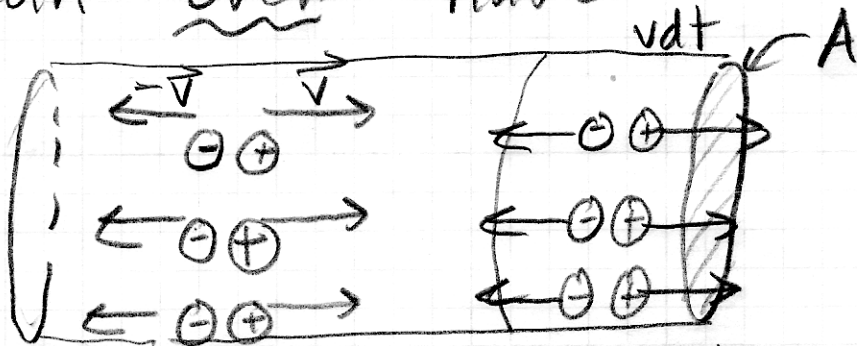
$$dQ = (vdt)A\rho_q < 0$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \rho_q VA < 0$$

sign flip  $\Leftrightarrow$  direction flip

(this doesn't happen with fluid flow!)

Can even have



$$\rho_q = \text{net charge density} = 0!$$

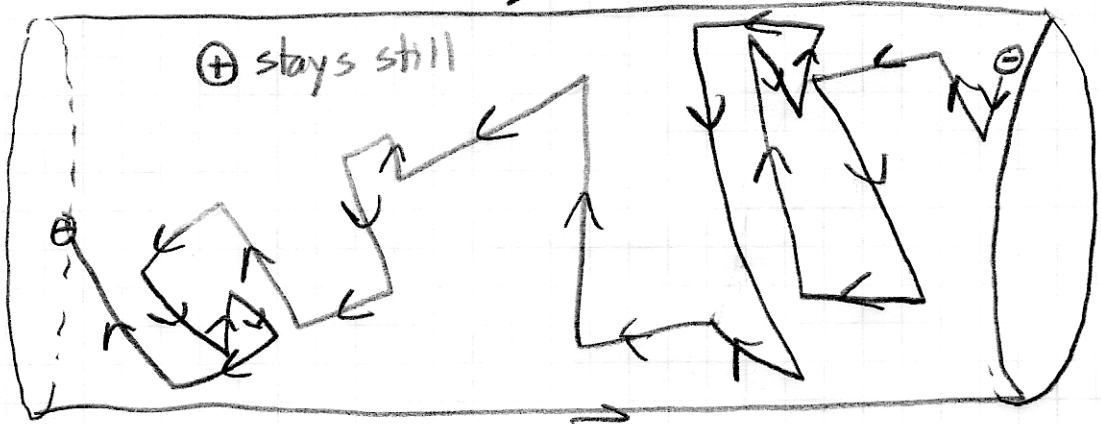
$$= \rho_{+q} + \rho_{-q} = 0 \quad \rho_{+q} = -\rho_{-q}$$

$$\text{net current} \neq 0; \quad \frac{dQ}{dt} = A(\rho_{+q}v + \rho_{-q}(-v)) = 2Av\rho_{+q}$$

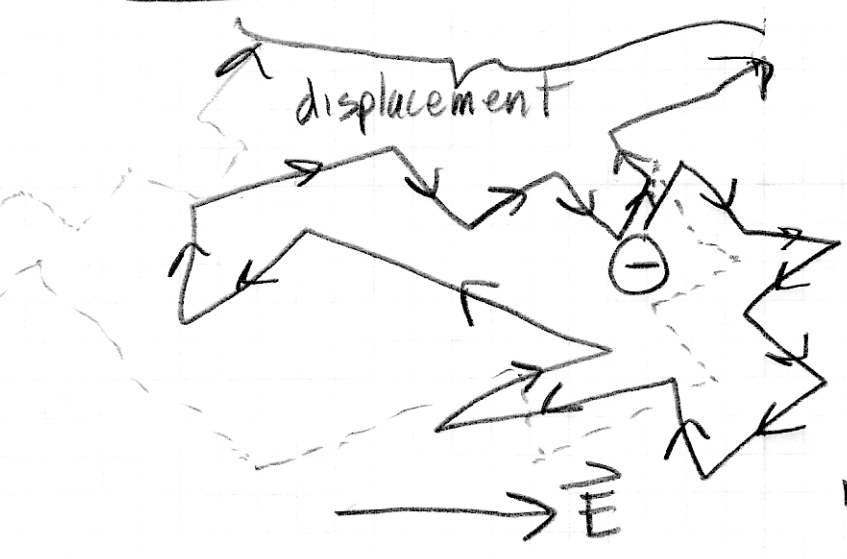
In real materials, charge does not get to go in straight lines (not very often, anyway)

In real materials, often electrons do the moving, atoms stay still, and current looks like this:

$\Rightarrow I$



actually, this path is far less random than real path. Further, the path above is the result of an applied  $\vec{E}$  field. In absence of an  $\vec{E}$  field,  $\ominus$  wanders



without direction with non-zero

$\vec{E}$  applied, each trajectory bent a little...

cumulative effect is drift in direction of  $q\vec{E}$

$V_{drift} \ll V$  (instantaneous)

letting  $\rho_q = \frac{nq}{\text{volume}}$  ← charge carriers volume  
 ← charge of each carrier usually  $-e$

then  $I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = nq v_d \cdot A$  depends on size

"extrinsic"

"intrinsic"

$$\frac{I}{A} = nq v_d = J$$

current density  
↑  
component of  $\vec{J}$

$$\vec{J} \equiv nq \vec{v}$$

vector current density

(note,  $I$  never a vector, it is

$$I = \int_{\text{surface}} dA \hat{n} \cdot \vec{J} \Leftarrow \text{current "flux"}$$

Resistivity + Resistance

intrinsic characteristic of material

"extrinsic" depends on geometry.

$$\rho \quad \vec{J} = \left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right) \vec{E}$$

in material

$\rho$  large,  
 $\vec{J}$  small,  
 "high resistivity"

units:  $\frac{\text{Amps}}{\text{meter}^2} = \left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right) \left(\frac{\text{Volts}}{\text{meter}}\right)$

$[\rho] = (\text{meter}) \cdot \left(\frac{\text{Volts}}{\text{Amp}}\right)$   
 a.k.a. "ohm"

$[\rho] = \text{ohm-meter}$

silver :  $\rho \sim 1.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$  ohm-meter.

copper :  $\rho \sim 1.7 \cdot 10^{-8}$  "

mercury :  $\rho \sim 95 \cdot 10^{-8}$  "

(conductor :  $\sim (1-100) \cdot 10^{-8}$  ohm-meter)

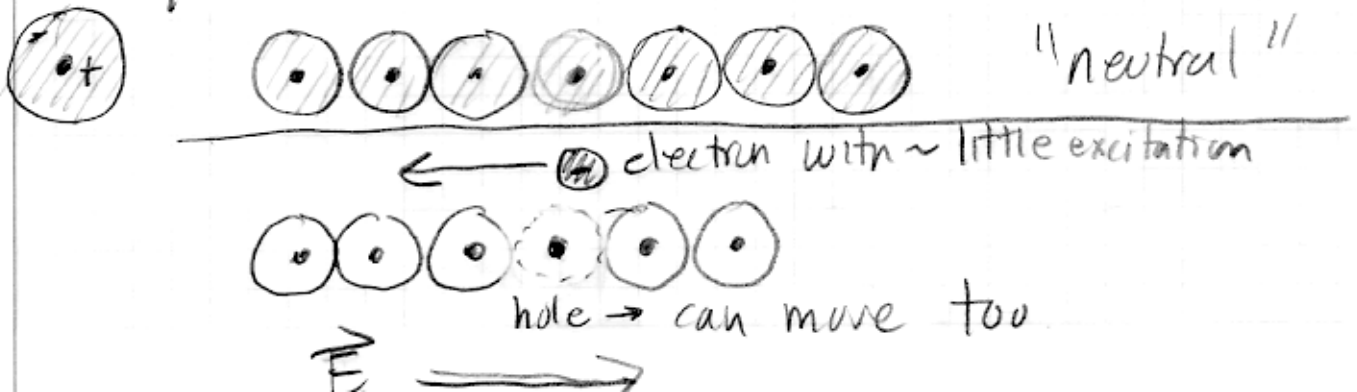
"free" electrons the charge carrier.

pure : Carbon  $\rho \sim 4 \cdot 10^{-5} \Omega\text{-m}$

"semiconductors" Silicon  $\sim 2 \cdot 10^3 \Omega\text{-m}$

Germanium  $\sim 0.6 \Omega\text{-m}$

electrons can "get" free, but are usually bound.. when they get free they leave a divot or "hole"

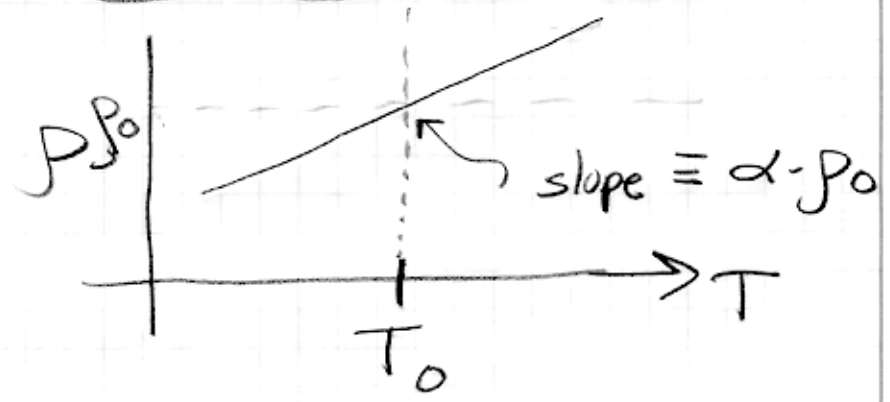


insulators  $\rho: 10^8 \rightarrow 10^{18} \Omega \cdot m$

(26 orders of magnitude separate best conductors from best insulators)

$\rho$  is dependent on temperature

conductors :

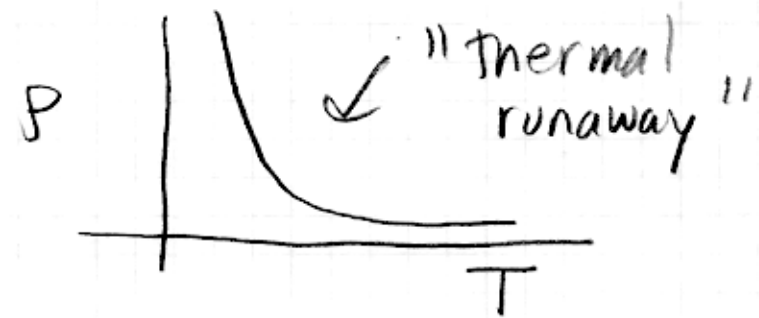


so  $\rho(T) \approx \rho_0 + (T - T_0) \times \alpha \rho_0$

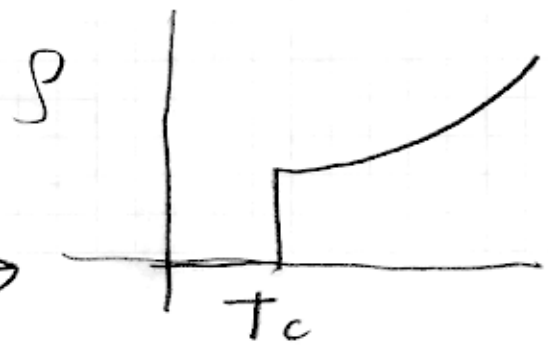
$\rho(T) = \rho_0 (1 + \alpha (T - T_0))$

$\alpha: -5 \cdot 10^{-4}$  up to  $5 \cdot 10^{-3} \frac{1}{^\circ C}$

semiconductors :



superconductors

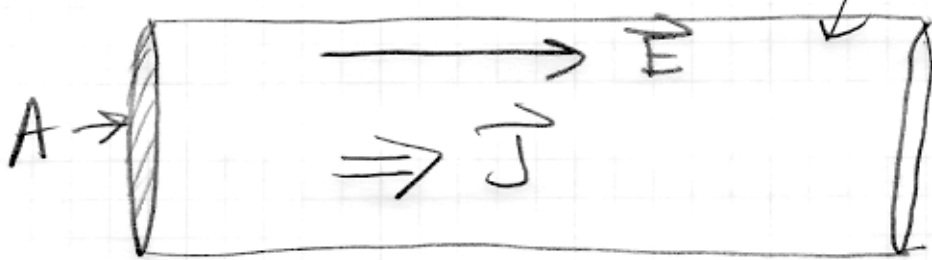


really 0!  $\rightarrow$

# Resistivity + Geometry = Resistance

Example #1

resistivity  $\rho$



$$V = EL$$

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

$$I = J \cdot A = \frac{A}{\rho} E = \frac{A}{\rho L} V$$

$$V = \left[ \rho \cdot \frac{L}{A} \right] \cdot I = I \times \left[ \rho \cdot \frac{L}{A} \right]$$

$$V = IR$$

↑  
resistance

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

↑  
resistance

↑  
resistivity

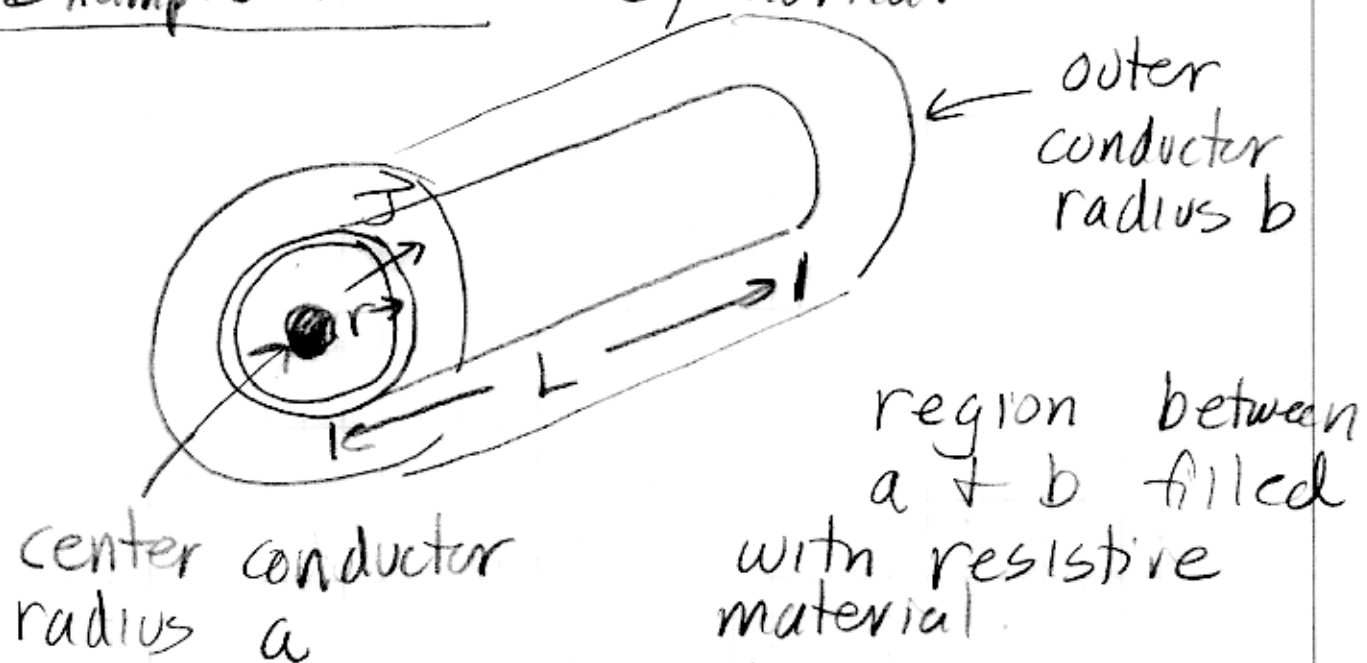
↑  
geometry

dimensions

$$[R] = \left[ \frac{V}{I} \right] = \frac{\text{volts}}{\text{amperes}} = \text{ohms} = \left[ \rho \cdot \frac{L}{A} \right]$$

$\Omega \cdot m$        $\uparrow$        $\uparrow$        $\uparrow$   $1/m$

## Example #2 : Cylindrical



$$dR = \rho \cdot \frac{(\text{thickness})}{\text{Area } \perp \text{ to } \vec{J}}$$

$$dR = \rho \cdot \frac{dr}{L \times 2\pi r}$$

$$R_{\text{total}} = \int dR = \frac{\rho}{2\pi L} \int_a^b \frac{dr}{r} = \frac{\rho \ln(b/a)}{2\pi L}$$

$$R = \rho \times \frac{\ln(b/a)}{2\pi L}$$

↑  
resistance

↑  
resistivity

×  
geometry.