

Conduction

The electromagnetic field in a conductor exerts a force on the mobile charge to create a current.

Under the assumption of linearity

$$\vec{J} = \sigma (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

Under most circumstances, the \vec{E} term is dominant.

Ohm's Law

$$\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$$

Conductivity (σ) - Intrinsic property of conductors controlling the amount of current.

• Units $[\sigma] = \frac{S}{m}$ $S \equiv$ Sieman

• $1 S = \frac{1}{\Omega}$

• Ohm $1 \Omega = 1 V/A$

• Archaise $1 S = 1 mho = 1 \mathcal{V}$

Resistivity (ρ) - Intrinsic property of material that resists current flow

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

• $[\rho] = \Omega \cdot m$

Resistance (R)

$$R = \frac{\Delta V}{I}$$

$$[R] = \Omega$$

Power (P) - Power transferred from the field to the current.

$$P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} = Q \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v}$$

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velocity

Power per unit volume

$$\frac{dP}{dV} = \frac{Q}{V} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v} = \rho \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v}$$

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volume

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charge density

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$$\vec{J} = \rho \vec{v}$$

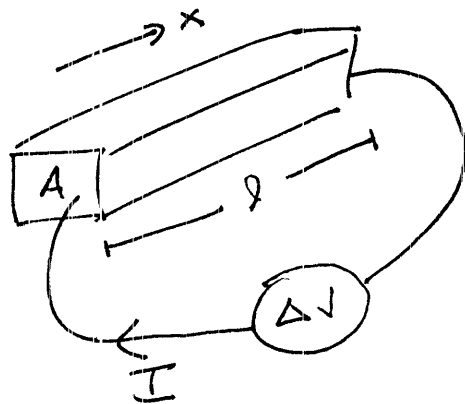
$$\frac{dP}{dV} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}^2 = \frac{J^2}{\sigma}$$

This power is converted into heat in the material.

Dfn Joule Heating - Power dissipate in a conductor

$$\frac{dP}{dV} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$$

Ex Consider a block of material with cross-sectional area A , length l . A potential ΔV across the ends causes a current I to flow.



The resistance is $R = \frac{\Delta V}{I}$

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Assume a uniform current down the bar

$$\vec{J} = J_0 \hat{x}$$

By Ohm's Law, $\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{J}}{\sigma} = \frac{J_0}{\sigma} \hat{x}$

\Rightarrow Note, if we know the current then we know the field.

The potential difference is as always,

$$|\Delta V| = \left| - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{x} \right| = \frac{J_0}{\sigma} l$$

The total current is

$$I = \int J da = J_0 A$$

Resistance

$$R = \frac{\Delta V}{I} = \frac{J_0 l / \sigma}{J_0 A} = \frac{l}{\sigma A}$$

or in terms of resistivity

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

Power converted to thermal energy

$$P = \left(\frac{dP}{dV} \right) V = \left(\frac{dP}{dV} \right) A l$$

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 power per volume volume

$$P = \left(\frac{J_0^2}{\sigma} \right) A l = \left(\frac{J_0 l}{\sigma} \right) \cdot J_0 A$$

$$= \Delta V I$$

Power Dissipated in Electric Device

$$P = I \Delta V \quad \text{Always}$$

Sizes

Copper	ρ	$1.7 \times 10^{-8} \Omega m$
Graphite		$1.4 \times 10^{-5} \Omega m$
Salt Water		$4.4 \times 10^{-2} \Omega m$
Pure Water		$2.5 \times 10^5 \Omega m$
Glass		$10^{10} - 10^{14} \Omega m$

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Ex Now suppose the conductivity changes along the bar, perhaps because of a temperature gradient.

$$\sigma(x) = \sigma(x+x_0)$$

Sln Assume steady current $\vec{J} = J_0 \hat{x}$ otherwise a net charge ~~is~~ continuously builds up in the material.

$$\vec{E} = \frac{J_0}{\sigma} \hat{x} = \frac{J_0}{\sigma(x+x_0)} \hat{x}$$

Potential Difference

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta V| &= \left| - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} \right| \\ &= \left| - \int_0^l \frac{J_0}{\sigma(x+x_0)} dx \right| \\ &= \frac{J_0}{\sigma} \ln \left(\frac{l+x_0}{x_0} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Total Current

$$I = J_0 A$$

Resistance

$$R = \frac{|\Delta V|}{I} = \frac{l}{\sigma A} \ln \left(\frac{l+x_0}{x_0} \right)$$

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Note, since \vec{J} changes with position, and therefore \vec{E} changes with position, we have a static charge density

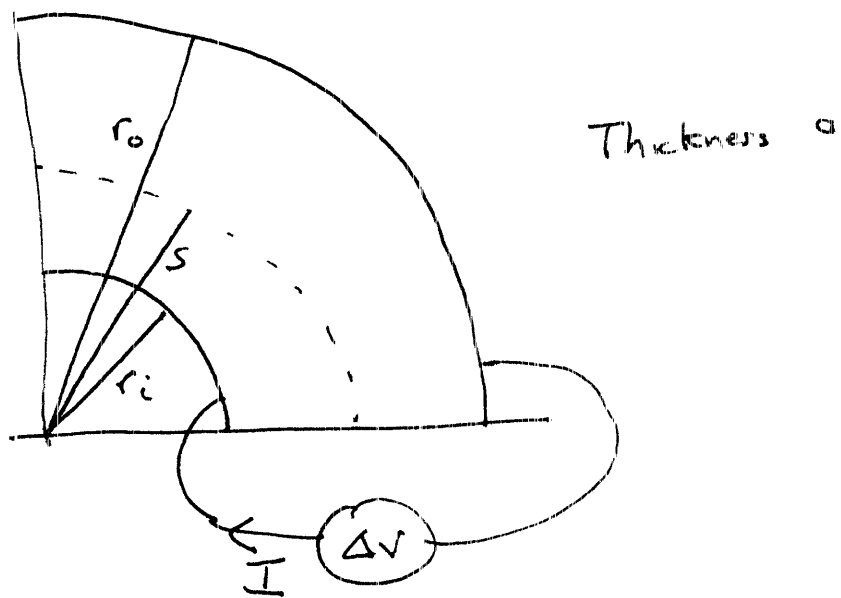
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho / \epsilon_0$$

$$\rho = \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{E}$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dx} \frac{J_0}{\gamma(x+x_0)}$$

$$= - \frac{J_0 \epsilon_0}{\gamma(x+x_0)^2}$$

Ex Consider the resistance of a cylindrical wedge of thickness a , inner radius r_i and outer radius r_o



The total current I through any cross-section must be constant, or change progressively builds up.

The area of a cross-section of the wedge is

$$A(s) = \frac{\pi}{2} s a$$

where s is the radius and a the thickness.

Let I be the current provided by the supply.

$$I = J_0 A(r_i) = J_0 A(r_0)$$

The current density is then

$$\vec{J} = \frac{I}{A(s)} \hat{s} = \frac{2I}{\pi s a} \hat{s}$$

The field is, by Ohm's Law,

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{J}}{\sigma} = \frac{I}{\sigma A(s)} \hat{s}$$

$$= \frac{2I}{\sigma \pi a s} \hat{s}$$

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The potential difference across the wedge is

$$\Delta V = - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = - \int_{r_i}^{r_o} \frac{ZI}{\sigma \pi a s} ds$$

$$= - \frac{ZI}{\sigma \pi a} \ln \left(\frac{r_o}{r_i} \right)$$

The resistance is

$$R = \frac{\Delta V}{I} = \frac{Z}{\sigma \pi a} \ln \left(\frac{r_o}{r_i} \right)$$

Power Dissipated in Wedge

$$\frac{dP}{dV} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} = \frac{J^2}{\sigma} = \frac{I^2}{\sigma A^2}$$

$$\text{Power} = P = \int \frac{dP}{dV} d\tau = \frac{I^2}{\sigma}$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi \int_{r_i}^{r_o} ds s \frac{dP}{dV}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} a \int_{r_i}^{r_o} ds s \frac{I^2}{\sigma \left(\frac{\pi}{2} s a \right)^2}$$

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$$P = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sigma_0} I^2 \int_{r_i}^{r_o} \frac{ds}{s}$$

$$P = \frac{2 I^2}{\pi \sigma_0} \ln \left(\frac{r_o}{r_i} \right) = I^2 R \quad \checkmark$$