

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 $[\sigma] = \frac{S}{m}$ $S \equiv \text{Siemen}$

• $1 S = \frac{1}{\Omega}$

• Ohm $1 \Omega = 1 \text{ V/A}$

• Archaic $1 S = 1 \text{ mho} = 1 \mathcal{U}$

Resistivity (ρ) - Intrinsic property that resists current flow.

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

$$[\rho] = \Omega \cdot m$$

Resistance (R)

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

$$[R] = \Omega$$

Power (P) - Power transferred from field to current

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

↑
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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charge density

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

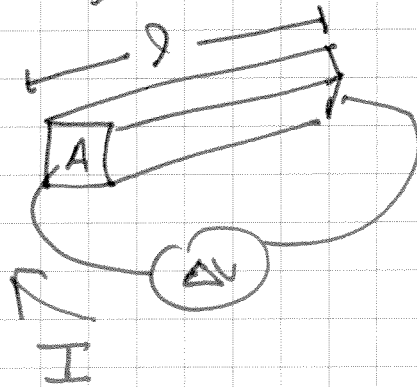
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dV} &= \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} \\ &= \sigma \vec{E}^2 = \frac{J^2}{\rho} \end{aligned}$$

This power is converted into thermal energy in the material.

Defn Joule Heating Power dissipated as heat in a conductor.

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

Ex Consider a rectangular block of material with cross-sectional area A and length l . A potential difference ΔV is established across ends causing a current I to flow.



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

Assume a uniform current down the bar, $\vec{J} = J_0 \hat{x}$.

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

⇒ Note, if we know the current we know the field.

The potential difference is

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

The total current is

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

Resistance

$$R = \frac{\Delta V}{I} = \frac{\frac{J_0 l}{\sigma}}{J_0 A} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{l}{A}$$
$$= \frac{\rho l}{A}$$

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

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

Sln Again assume steady current $\vec{J} = J_0 \hat{x}$ otherwise a net charge builds up in the material.

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

Potential Difference

$$\Delta V = - \int E \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

$$= - \int_0^L \frac{J_0}{\gamma(x+x_0)} dx$$

$$= - \frac{J_0}{\gamma} \ln \left(\frac{L+x_0}{x_0} \right)$$

Total Current

$$I = J_0 A$$

Resistance

$$R = \frac{|\Delta V|}{I} = \frac{1}{\gamma A} \ln \left(\frac{l+x_0}{x_0} \right)$$

⇒ Since \vec{E} changes with position we do develop a static charge density as the current is set up

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

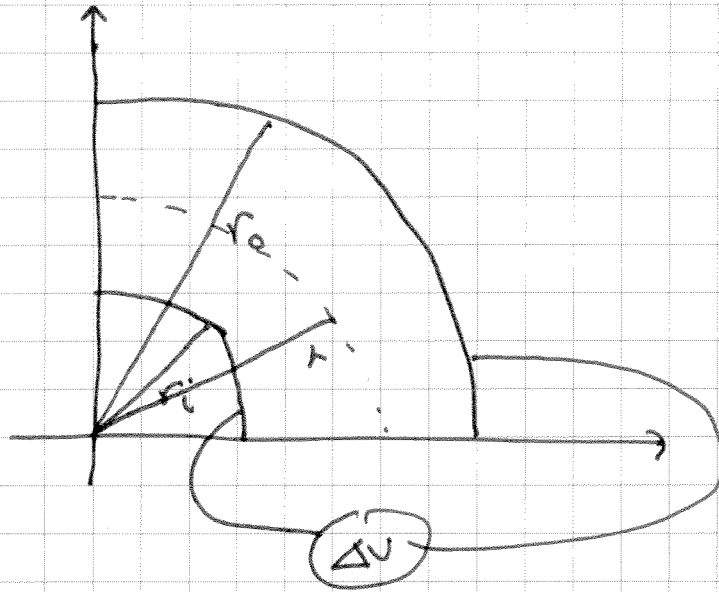
$$\rho = \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \vec{E}$$

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

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

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

Thickness a
into page.



The total current through any cross-section must be constant ~~or~~ charge progressively accumulates.

The area of a cross section is

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

Let I be the total current provided by the supply

$$I = J_i A(r_i) = J_o A(r_o)$$

The current density is then

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

The field is then by Ohm's Law

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E} &= \frac{\vec{J}}{\sigma} = \frac{I}{\sigma A(s)} \hat{s} \\ &= \frac{2I}{\sigma \pi a} \hat{s} \end{aligned}$$

Potential Difference

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V &= - \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_{r_i}^{r_o} \frac{2I}{\sigma \pi a} ds \\ &= - \frac{2I}{\sigma \pi a} \ln \left(\frac{r_o}{r_i} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Resistance

$$R = \frac{\Delta V}{I} = \frac{2}{\sigma \pi a} \ln \left(\frac{r_o}{r_i} \right)$$

Power Dissipated in Wedge

$$\text{Power} = P = \int_V \frac{dP}{dV} d\tau$$

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

~~$$d\tau = (r ds) d\phi$$~~

$$d\tau = a(ds)(s d\phi)$$

$$= a \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi \int_{r_i}^{r_o} s ds \left(\frac{I^2}{\sigma A^2} \right)$$

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

$$P = a \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi \int_{r_i}^{r_o} ds s \left(\frac{I^2}{\sigma \left(\frac{\pi}{2} s a \right)^2} \right)$$

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

$$= \frac{2I^2}{\pi \sigma a} \ln \left(\frac{r_o}{r_i} \right) = I^2 R$$