

Electrodynamics

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- Current

- Ohm's "Law"¹

- * Holds when there is some current density such that $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$, with σ as conductivity
 - * The unit of conductivity is $[\frac{A}{V \cdot m}]$
 - * The resistivity is the inverse of the conductivity, $\rho = \sigma^{-1}$, with units $[\Omega \cdot m]$ ²

- The average velocity of a particle accelerated over an interval due to an electric field is:

$$v_{avg} = \sqrt{\frac{q \vec{E} d}{2m}}$$

- The current density can be defined as

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

- An electron's drift velocity may be defined as:

$$v_d = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q \vec{E} d}{mv}$$

- * As long as $v_d \ll v$

- Given a wire of length L and potential V_o , we can calculate:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{V_o}{L}$$
$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{\vec{E} L}{\vec{J} A} = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

¹Note: this is not a fundamental law

²Note: Ohms are equal to $\frac{V}{A}$