

Chapter # 26: "Current & Resistance"

scalar quantity current $\Rightarrow i = \frac{dq}{dt}$

① charge is conserved so if current splits at junction then original current is:
 $i_0 = i_1 + i_2$

② current arrows shows only direction (or sense of) of flow along a conductor (not direction in space)

\hookrightarrow i.e. bending or reorienting the wires in space does not change the validity of above equations.

\hookrightarrow current arrow show where +ve charges are moving.

③ $1A = 1 \text{ ampere}$

$$1A = \frac{1C}{1s}$$

④ current density (J) \rightarrow flow of charge through some cross-section of area of conductor at point
 derivation/mathematically,

$$i = \int J dA$$

$$i = J A$$

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

⑤ Drift Velocity (v_d):

$$i = \frac{q}{t} \quad (q = n A L e)$$

$$i = \frac{n A L e}{t} \quad (t = \frac{L}{v_d})$$

$$i = n e A v_d$$

$$v_d = \frac{i}{n e A} = \frac{J}{n e} \quad (\because J = \frac{i}{A})$$

n unit = m^{-3}
 n = no. of free charge carriers per unit volume

⑥ Relation b/w J & v_d

$$v_d = \frac{J}{n e}$$

⑦ Resistance: \rightarrow depends upon temperature & Length & Area of conductor
 & resistivity (material)

$$V = i R$$

$$R = \frac{V}{i}$$

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

ρ = resistivity

⑧ Resistivity: $\vec{E} = \rho \vec{J}$ \rightarrow vector form of ohm's law

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{V}{L} \\ J &= \frac{i}{A} \end{aligned}$$

• Conductivity (σ) reciprocal of resistivity,
i.e.

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

• Ohm's Law \Rightarrow $V = IR$
