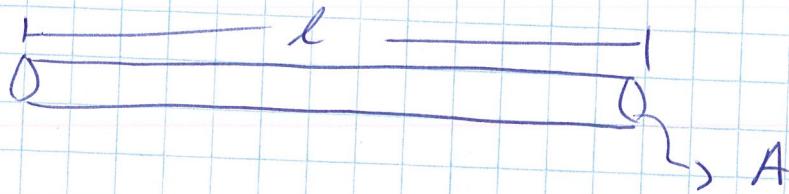


PHYS 450 PS #1 Solutions .

a)



$$E = \rho j \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore E = \frac{V}{l} \Rightarrow V = El$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Volts/m

$j \Rightarrow$  Current / area

$$j = \frac{I}{A} = I = jA$$

$\rho \Rightarrow \frac{\Omega}{m}$  and  $R$  should be  $\propto l\rho$  and  $\propto \frac{l}{A}$

$$\rho = \frac{RA}{l} \Rightarrow R = \cancel{\rho l} \frac{\rho l}{A}$$

Sub into #1 :

$$\frac{V}{l} = \frac{RA}{l} \frac{I}{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = IR$$

b)  $\vec{j} \rightarrow$  current density: current

= charge per unit area  
per unit time.

charge density:  $n =$  charge per volume.

assume charges move at average velocity  $\bar{v}$ .

$\therefore \vec{j} \& \bar{v}$  will be parallel (either same or opposite direction).

In time  $dt$ , charges will move a distance  $\bar{v}dt$

For wire of cross-sectional area  $A$ , the # of charges moving through surface  $A$  in time  $dt$  is:

$n \bar{v} dt A$   $\Rightarrow$  total charge though surface is  $q n \bar{v} dt A$ .

$\therefore$  current density (charge through  $A$  per unit time)

$$\vec{j} = q n \bar{v}$$

for electrons:

$$\vec{j} = -e n \bar{v} \rightarrow m \cdot s^{-1}$$

$\downarrow$        $\downarrow$        $\downarrow$   
 $C$        $m^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A \cdot m^{-2} \\
 & = C \cdot m^{-2} \cdot s^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

LS

$$C \cdot m^{-2} \cdot s^{-1}$$

RS

$$C \cdot m^{-3} \cdot m \cdot s^{-1} = C \cdot m^{-2} \cdot s^{-1}$$

c) electron density:  $n \left( \frac{\# e^-}{m^3} \right)$

$$\text{Volume per } e^- = \frac{1}{n}$$

For copper:  $n = 8.47 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{1}{n} = 1.18 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^3 \\ &= 11.8 \text{ \AA}^3 \end{aligned}$$

From Table 1.2:  $\rho = 1.56 \mu\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$  @ 273K

$$\Sigma = \frac{m}{\rho n e^2}$$

$m \rightarrow \text{mass of } e^- = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ .

$e \rightarrow \text{charge of } e^- = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

$$\Sigma = \frac{(9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})}{(1.56 \times 10^{-11} \Omega \cdot \text{m})(8.47 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}^{-3})(1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2}$$

$$\Sigma = 2.686 \times 10^{-14} \text{ s}$$

mean free path:  $\ell = \sqrt{v_{\text{avg}} \Sigma}$

What is  $v_{\text{avg}}$ ? Use classical equipartition  
(pg. 9 in A&M)

4.

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{avg}}^2 = \frac{3}{2} k_B T \quad T = 273 \text{ K.}$$

$k_B \Rightarrow$  Boltzmann constant  
 $= 1.381 \times 10^{-23} \frac{\text{m}^2 \text{kg}}{\text{s}^2 \text{K.}}$

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \sqrt{\frac{3 k_B T}{m}} \approx 1.11 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s at } 273 \text{ K.}$$

$$l = \sqrt{\frac{3 k_B T}{m}} \propto$$

$$l \approx 2.99 \text{ nm} \approx 30 \text{ \AA}$$

Copper atomic spacing  $\approx 3.6 \text{ \AA}$   $\rightarrow$  any reasonable est.  $\approx \text{ \AA}$  is fine.

$$l \approx 10 \times \text{ion spacing.}$$

2. Derive:  $\frac{d\bar{p}}{dt} = \bar{f}(t) - \frac{\bar{p}}{\tau}$

momentum per  $\bar{e}$  is @ time  $t$  is  $\bar{p}(t)$

Consider small time step  $dt$ , what  $\rightarrow \bar{p}(t+dt)$

Note avg time between collisions is  $\tau$ .

$\therefore$  probability of collision between  $t$  and  $t+dt$ .  
is  $\frac{dt}{\tau}$

$\therefore$  prob. of no coll. is  $1 - \frac{dt}{\tau}$

Between collisions  $\bar{e}$  gains momentum from external force  $f(t)$ :

$$\bar{f}(t)dt + O(dt)^2$$

$\therefore$  for  $\bar{e}$ 's that do not collide in time  $dt$ .  
momentum is:

no collision  $\bar{p}(t+dt) = \left(1 - \frac{dt}{\tau}\right) [\bar{p}(t) + \bar{f}(t)dt + O(dt)^2]$

For  $\bar{e}$ 's that do collide  $\rightarrow$  they will gain some fraction of  $\bar{f}(t)dt$

Prob of collision  $\rightarrow \frac{dt}{\tau}$ : momentum gain is order:

$$dt f(t) dt \rightarrow O(dt)^2$$

$\therefore \bar{p}(t+dt)$  contribution from collided  $e^-$ 's  
is  $O(dt)^2$  (eqn. unchanged).

$$\therefore \bar{p}(t+dt) = \left(1 - \frac{dt}{\tau}\right) \left[ \bar{p}(t) + \bar{f}(t)dt + O(dt)^2 \right].$$

$$= \bar{p}(t) - \frac{dt}{\tau} \bar{p}(t) + \bar{f}(t)dt + O(dt)^2$$

$$\therefore \underbrace{\bar{p}(t+dt) - \bar{p}(t)}_{d\bar{p}(t)} = \bar{f}(t)dt - \frac{dt}{\tau} \bar{p}(t) + O(dt)^2$$

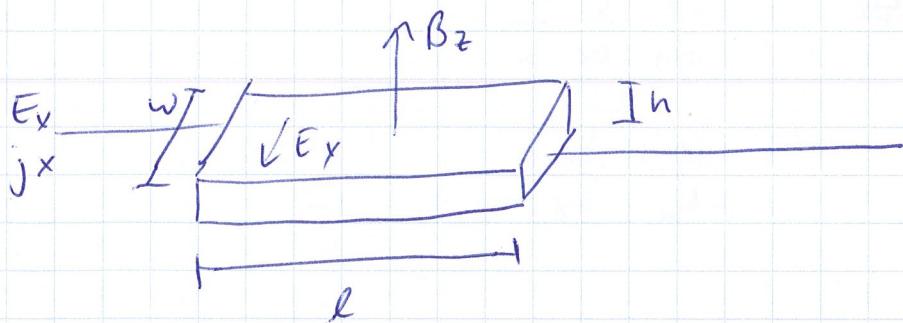
Lump all  $dt^2$  terms together

$\Rightarrow$  take  $\frac{d}{dt}$

$$\boxed{\therefore \frac{d\bar{p}(t)}{dt} = \bar{f}(t) - \frac{\bar{p}(t)}{\tau}}$$

3. Hall effect.

$$R_H = \frac{E_y}{j_x B_z} = \frac{1}{nq}$$



need  $E_y$ ,  $j_x$ ,  $B_z$ .

We control  $B_z \Rightarrow$  know it.

Measure  $E_y (\text{V.m}^{-1}) = \frac{V_y}{w} \rightarrow$  Voltage across plate in y-dir.

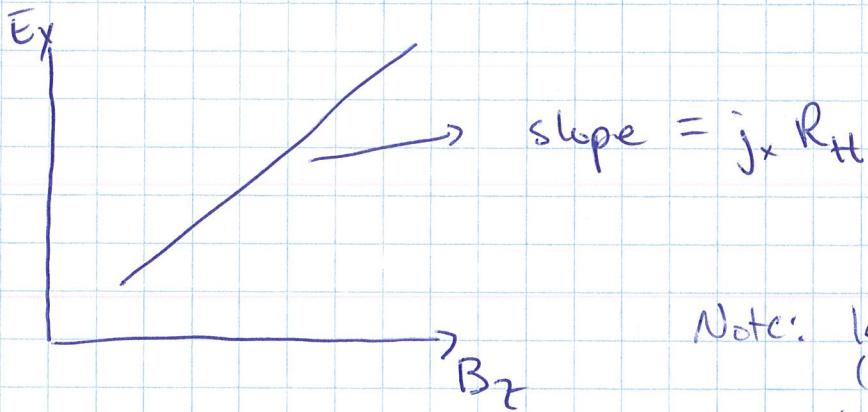
measure  $V_y$   $\bar{w}$  voltmeter  
 $w$   $\bar{w}$  ruler

Measure  $j_x (\text{A.m}^{-2}) = \frac{I_x}{\text{Area}} = \frac{I_x}{hw}$

measure  $I_x$   $\bar{w}$  ammeter  
 $h, w$   $\bar{w}$  ruler.

$\Rightarrow$  rewr.w:  $E_y = j_x R_H B_z$

$\therefore$  vary  $B_z$  & measure  $E_y$  as described.



$$R_H = \frac{\text{slope}}{j_x}$$

Note: length measurements  
(area)  
are not actually req'd  
since they cancel in slope.  
Only need thickness of slab, h.

$$B_x = \frac{h}{R_H} \frac{V_y}{I_x}$$

if  $R_H > 0$  charge carriers are (+)  $\Rightarrow$  "holes"

$R_H < 0$  charge carriers are (-)  $\Rightarrow$  " $e^-$ "

$$R_H = \frac{1}{nq}$$

$\rightarrow$  can calculate  $n$  = carrier density

$\rightarrow$  can infer # of charge carriers / atom.

4. Derive  $-\nabla^2 \bar{E} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon(\omega) \bar{E}$

where  $\epsilon(\omega) = 1 + \frac{i\tau(\omega)}{\omega \epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \text{SI units}$

Maxwell's Eqn's.

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad \bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{E} &= 0 \\ (2) \quad \bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{B} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{E} = -\frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{B} = \mu_0 \left( \bar{j} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial t} \right) \quad (4)$$

Vector Identity:  $\bar{\nabla} \times (\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{A}) = -\nabla^2 \bar{A} + \underbrace{\nabla(\nabla \cdot \bar{A})}_{\nabla \cdot \bar{E} = 0} \quad (1)$

Apply to (3):

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\nabla} \times (\bar{\nabla} \times \bar{E}) &= -\nabla^2 \bar{E} = -\left( \bar{\nabla} \times \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\nabla} \times \bar{B} \end{aligned}$$

Sub in (4):

$$-\nabla^2 \bar{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \mu_0 \left( \bar{j} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial t} \right) \right)$$

Assume solutions of form  $\bar{E} = E_0 e^{-i\omega t}$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \bar{E}}{\partial t} = -i\omega \bar{E}$$

$$\text{Note : } \bar{J} = \sigma \bar{E}$$

$$\therefore -\nabla^2 \bar{E} = +i\omega\mu_0\sigma(\omega) \bar{E}(\omega) + \omega^2\mu_0\epsilon_0 \bar{E}(\omega)$$

Note  $\sigma(\omega)$  &  $\bar{E}(\omega)$  are functions of  $\omega$ .  
to do Formally you could have used FT to  
explicitly construct freq. dep. functions

$$\text{speed of light : } c = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mu_0\epsilon_0}}$$

$$\text{can write } \mu_0 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 c^2}$$

$$\therefore -\nabla^2 \bar{E} = -\frac{i\omega\sigma(\omega)\bar{E}(\omega)}{\epsilon_0 c^2} - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \bar{E}(\omega)$$

$$-\nabla^2 \bar{E} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \left( 1 + \frac{i\sigma(\omega)}{\omega\epsilon_0} \right) \bar{E}(\omega)$$

$$\text{has the form: } -\nabla^2 \bar{E} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon(\omega) \bar{E}$$

$$\text{where } \epsilon(\omega) = 1 + \frac{i\sigma(\omega)}{\omega\epsilon_0}$$

## Joule Heating:

a) Kinetic energy:  $E_K = \frac{p^2}{2m}$

$$*\xrightarrow[t]{\quad}\*$$

in static  $\vec{E}$  field: constant  $\vec{F}$  &  $\vec{a}$

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = -e\vec{E} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{a} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

time between collisions is  $t$ .

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = -e\vec{E}$$

$$\vec{p} = \int_0^t -e\vec{E} dt = -eEt$$

$$\therefore E_K = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{(eEt)^2}{2m}$$

b) Prob. of collision in range  $t \rightarrow t + dt$   
 is  $\frac{dt}{\tau} e^{-t/\tau}$

$$\langle E \rangle = \sum_i p_i E_i$$

↓                      ↘  
 avg. energy          energy lost / collision  
 lost per              ↓  
 collision

$$\Rightarrow \langle E \rangle = \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{\tau} e^{-t/\tau} \frac{(eEt)^2}{2m}$$

↓                      ↓  
 Prob. of              Energy lost per  
 collision              collision (part a)

$$\therefore \langle E \rangle = \frac{(eE)^2}{2m\tau} \int_0^\infty t^2 e^{-t/\tau} dt$$

↓  
 =  $2\tau^3$

$$\therefore \langle E \rangle = \frac{(eE\tau)^2}{m}$$

Energy loss per volume per second

$\langle E \rangle =$  energy loss per  $\bar{e}$  per collision:

collisions occur (on avg.) every time  $\Sigma$ .

$\bar{e}$  gas density is  $n \Rightarrow \frac{\# \bar{e}'s}{\text{Volume}}$

∴  $\langle \dot{E}_v \rangle \Rightarrow$  energy loss per volume per second.

$$\langle \dot{E}_v \rangle = \langle E \rangle \cdot \frac{n}{\Sigma}$$

$$= \frac{n e^2 E^2 \Sigma}{m}$$

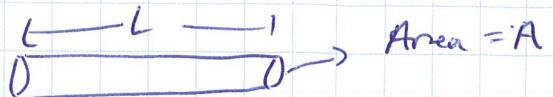
Recall  $\sigma = \frac{n e^2 \Sigma}{m}$

$$\therefore \langle \dot{E}_v \rangle = \sigma E^2$$

Power loss =  $\langle \dot{E}_v \rangle \cdot V$  volume of wire.

$$P = \sigma V E^2$$

$$V = L A$$



$E, I.$

Recall:  $j = \sigma E$

$$\text{Current} = A \cdot j = I$$

$$\text{resistance} = \frac{L}{\sigma A} = R$$

$$\therefore P = \frac{L}{AR} \cdot LA \cdot \left(\frac{j}{\tau}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{K}{AR^2} \cdot K \tau \cdot \left(\frac{I}{K}\right)^2 \left(\frac{AR^2}{K}\right)$$

$$P = I^2 R$$

$$6. \quad f(\varepsilon) \approx e^{-(\varepsilon - \mu)/k_B T}$$

Note:  $\frac{1}{n} = \frac{4\pi}{3} r_s^3 \Rightarrow r_s = \left(\frac{3}{4\pi n}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  need  $n$ .

$$n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

where  $g(\varepsilon) = \frac{m}{h^2 \pi^2} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{h^2}} \sqrt{\varepsilon}$

$$n = \frac{m}{h^2 \pi^2} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{h^2}} \int_{-\mu}^{\infty} \sqrt{\varepsilon} e^{-(\varepsilon - \mu)/k_B T} d\varepsilon.$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2} m^{3/2}}{\pi^2 h^3} e^{\mu/k_B T} \underbrace{\int_{-\mu}^{\infty} \sqrt{\varepsilon} e^{-\varepsilon/k_B T} d\varepsilon}_{\text{Gamma Function}}$$

Gamma Function

$$\begin{aligned} &= (k_B T)^{3/2} \Gamma(3/2) \\ &= \frac{(k_B T)^{3/2} \sqrt{\pi}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore n = \left(\frac{m k_B T}{\pi}\right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} h^3} e^{\mu/k_B T}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_s &= \left( \frac{3}{4\pi n} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= \left[ \frac{3 \sqrt{2} h^3}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{m k_B T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\mu/k_B T} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{T}^{\frac{1}{6}} 3^{\frac{1}{3}} e^{-\mu/3k_B T} \sqrt{\frac{h^2}{2m k_B T}}
 \end{aligned}$$

b)  $r_s \gg \left( \frac{h^2}{2m k_B T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Note : de Broglie wavelength:  $\lambda = \frac{2\pi h}{p} = \frac{2\pi h}{\sqrt{2m E_{kin}}}$

For ideal gas:  $E_{kin} = \frac{3}{2} k_B T$ .

$\uparrow$   
kinetic energy of particles.

$$\therefore \lambda \propto \left( \frac{h^2}{2m k_B T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$\therefore r_s \gg \lambda$  de Broglie wavelength

i.e. the average spacing between  $\bar{e}$  must be much greater than their de Broglie wavelength.

$$c) \quad a_0 = 5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m.}$$

$$\hbar = 1.05 \times 10^{-34} \text{ m}^2 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$$

$$M = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg.}$$

want:  $\frac{r_s}{a_0} \gg \left( \frac{10^5 \text{ K}}{T} \right)^{1/2}$

$$\Rightarrow r_s \gg a_0 (10^5 \text{ K})^{1/2} \frac{1}{T^{1/2}}$$

$$r_s \gg \left( \frac{\hbar^2}{2m k_B T} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{\hbar^2}{2m k_B T} \right)^{1/2} = 2.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m K}^{-1/2}$$

$$a_0 (10^5 \text{ K})^{1/2} = (5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m})(3.16 \times 10^2 \text{ K}^{-1/2})$$

$$= 1.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m K}^{-1/2}$$

Same up to order of magnitude.

$$d) \text{ Note: } T_F = \frac{\epsilon_F}{k_B} \quad \epsilon_F = \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m}$$

$$k_F = (3\pi^2 n)^{1/3}$$

constant:  $\frac{m^3}{4\pi^3 \hbar^3}$

$$\therefore T_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m k_B} (3\pi^2 n)^{2/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hbar^3 = \left[ \frac{2m k_B T_F}{(3\pi^2 n)^{2/3}} \right]^{3/2} = \frac{(2m k_B T_F)^{3/2}}{3\pi^2 n}$$

$$\rightarrow = \frac{3\pi^2 m^3 n}{4\pi^3 (2m k_B T_F)^{3/2}}$$

$$\text{Rearrange: } = \left( \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \right) n \left( \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T_F} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$\text{Note: } f_B(0) = n \left( \frac{m}{2\pi k_B T} \right)^{3/2}$$

Boltzmann dist.  
at  $T=0$  (eq. 2.1).

$$\therefore f_B(0)/f(0) = \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{\pi}} \right) \left( \frac{T_F}{T} \right)^{3/2}$$