

What is a metal?

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A material that conducts electricity

What is an electric current?

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Flow of charges

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They are loosely bound
to their atoms

If the atoms in a metal have a larger valence, will this metal have a larger number of conduction electrons?

Question #1

- (C) Yes
- (D) No

What factors affect conductivity?

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$$\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}$$

Classical Model of Conduction

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$$\mathbf{a} = -\frac{e}{m}\mathcal{E}$$

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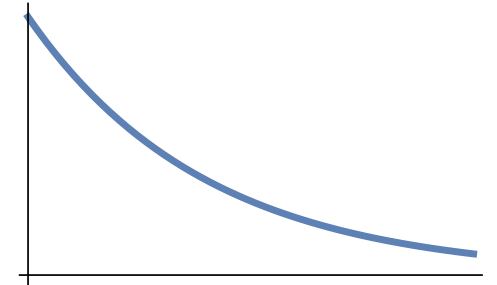
$$\langle \mathbf{r} \rangle = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}\langle t^2 \rangle$$

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$$\mathbf{v}_d = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}\langle t^2 \rangle}{\tau}$$

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$$P(t) = \frac{1}{\tau}e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \longrightarrow$$

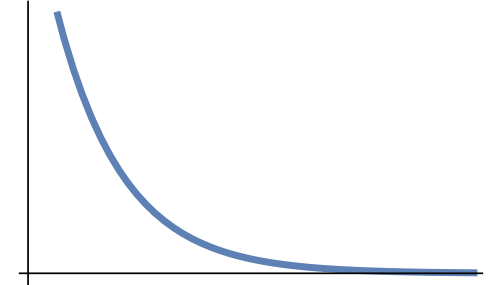


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$$\langle t^2 \rangle = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^2}{\tau} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} dt = 2\tau^2$$

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$$\mathbf{v}_d = \frac{-e\tau}{m}\mathcal{E}$$



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$$\Delta q = -en v_d \Delta t$$

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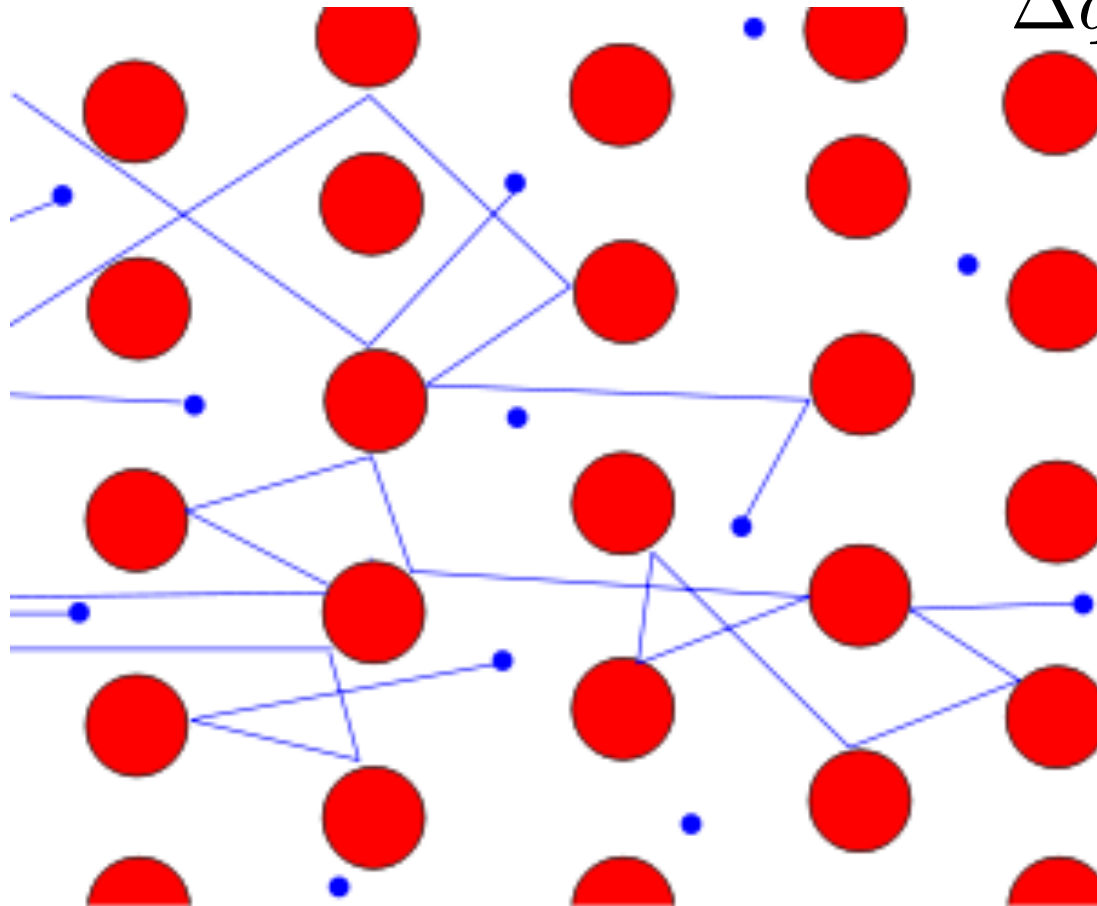
$$I \equiv \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta t}$$

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$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{\mathbf{I}}{A} = -ne\mathbf{v}_d = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}\mathcal{E}$$

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$$\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}$$



If a wire is thicker, will its conductivity be larger?

Question #2

(D) Yes

(E) No

If a wire is thicker, will its resistance be larger or smaller?

- (A) Smaller
- (B) Larger

Question #3

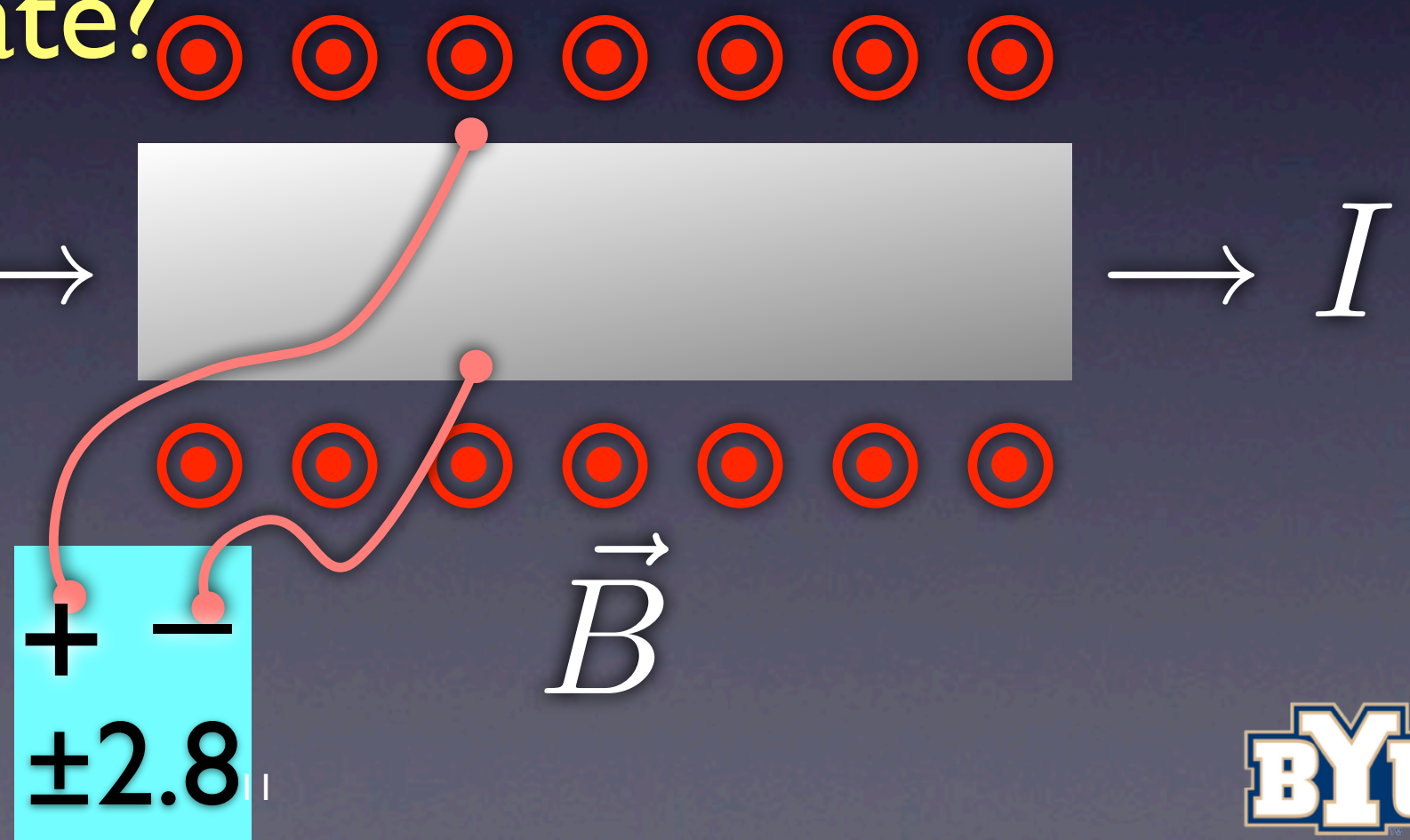
Consider a current flowing through a conductor to the right. (Electrons are flowing to the left.) We place this current in a magnetic field pointing out of the screen. In which direction is the force of the magnetic field on the moving electrons?

(A) Down $I \rightarrow$  $\rightarrow I$

(B) Up

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- (A) $-$
(B) $+$



Consider a current flowing through a conductor to the right. Suppose the carriers have positive charge. We place this current in a magnetic field pointing out of the screen. In which direction is the force of the magnetic field on the moving carriers?

(B) Up

(C) Down



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