

MSF1: Currents and Metals

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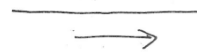
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Representing Change in Charge

Current and Current Density

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad \text{C/s} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{1D} \\ \text{current flow} \end{array}$$



For 3 D,

$$\vec{J} = \text{current density} \quad \text{C/m}^2/\text{s}$$

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Currents in 3D

For 3D,

\vec{J} = current density C/m²/s

$$I = \int_S \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{\hat{n}}$$

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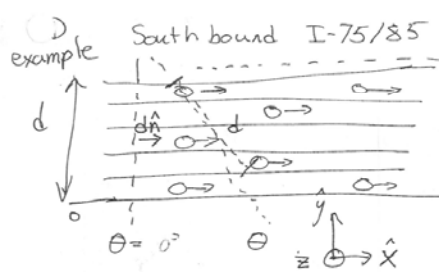
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Analogy to Understand Flux



$$\vec{J} = J_0 \hat{x} \text{ for } x \leq d$$

$$\vec{J} \cdot d\vec{\hat{n}} = J_0 \cos \theta$$

$$I = J_0 \cos \theta d$$



$$\vec{J} \cdot \hat{n} = \|\vec{J}\| \cos \theta$$

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Continuity of Charge in Magnetostatics

$$\oint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\hat{n} = 0 \quad \text{no charge storage}$$

$$= \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad \text{change in charge}$$

$$Q = \int_{\text{vol}} \rho_v(\vec{r}) dV$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \int_{\text{vol}} \frac{\partial \rho_v(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} dV$$

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Continuity Equation

Integral Form

$$\oint_S \vec{J} \cdot d\hat{n} = \int_{\text{vol}} \frac{\partial \rho_v(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} dV$$

Differential form:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = \frac{\partial \rho_v(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t}$$

"Steady State
DC"

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

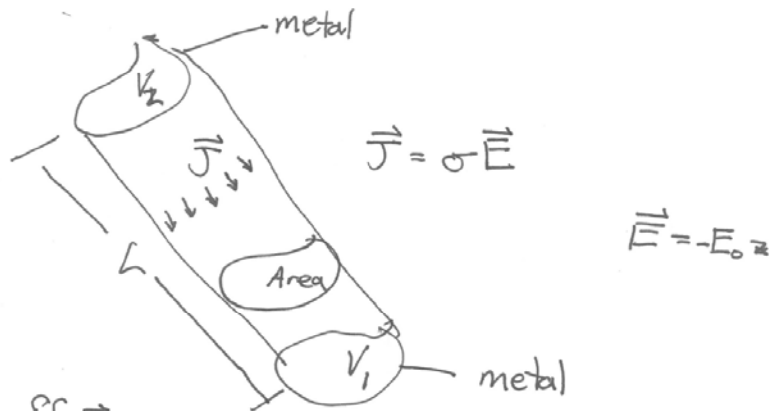
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Charge cannot be created, destroyed,
or teleported.

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Example: Derivation of Ohm's Law



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Current in Resistive Prism

Diagram illustrating the current in a resistive prism. The prism has a cross-sectional area A . The current density \vec{J} is shown as arrows pointing along the length of the prism. The relationship $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$ is used to derive the current I .

$$\iint_A \vec{J} \cdot d\hat{n} = \iint_A \vec{E} \sigma \cdot d\hat{n}$$

$$\frac{I}{L} = \sigma A E_0$$

now:

$$\int_0^L I dz = - \int_0^L \sigma A E_0 dz$$

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Final Result is Ohm's Law

$$LI = \sigma A \underbrace{-\int_0^L E_0 dz}_{V_2 - V_1}$$

$$V = I \underbrace{\frac{L}{\sigma A}}_{R_1} \quad \text{Ohm's Law}$$

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