

Another way to find resistance

The _____ varies _____ with _____ and _____ with _____ (or cross-sectional _____) a wire

- Short, thick wire → _____ resistance
- Long, skinny wire → _____ resistance

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

- $\rho =$ _____ (Unit: Ωm)
- Table 20.1 lists resistivities of some materials
 - Metals → _____ resistivity ($1 \times 10^{-8} \Omega\text{m}$)
 - Insulators → _____ resistivity ($1 \times 10^{15} \Omega\text{m}$)
 - Semi-conductors → _____ resistivity

Why are long wires thick?

Wire thicknesses are measured in gauges. 20-gauge wire is thinner than 16-gauge wire. If 20-gauge wire has $A = 5.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2$ and 16-gauge wire has $A = 13 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2$, find the resistance per meter of each if they are copper.

Table 20.1 Resistivities ρ of Various materials at 20°C

Material	Resistivity ρ ($\Omega \cdot \text{m}$)
Conductors	
Silver	1.59×10^{-8}
Copper	1.72×10^{-8}
Gold	2.44×10^{-8}
Aluminum	2.65×10^{-8}
Tungsten	5.6×10^{-8}
Iron	9.71×10^{-8}
Platinum	10.6×10^{-8}
Steel	20×10^{-8}
Lead	22×10^{-8}
Manganin (Cu, Mn, Ni alloy)	44×10^{-8}
Constantan (Cu, Ni alloy)	49×10^{-8}
Mercury	96×10^{-8}
Nichrome (Ni, Fe, Cr alloy)	100×10^{-8}
Semiconductors^[1]	
Carbon (pure)	3.5×10^5
Carbon	$(3.5 - 60) \times 10^5$
Germanium (pure)	600×10^{-3}
Germanium	$(1 - 600) \times 10^{-3}$
Silicon (pure)	2300
Silicon	0.1–2300
Insulators	
Amber	5×10^{14}
Glass	$10^9 - 10^{14}$
Lucite	$> 10^{13}$
Mica	$10^{11} - 10^{15}$
Quartz (fused)	75×10^{16}
Rubber (hard)	$10^{13} - 10^{16}$
Sulfur	10^{15}
Teflon	$> 10^{13}$
Wood	$10^8 - 10^{11}$

Table 20.2 Temperature Coefficients of Resistivity α

Material	Coefficient α ($1/^\circ\text{C}$) ^[2]
Conductors	
Silver	3.8×10^{-3}
Copper	3.9×10^{-3}
Gold	3.4×10^{-3}
Aluminum	3.9×10^{-3}
Tungsten	4.5×10^{-3}
Iron	5.0×10^{-3}
Platinum	3.93×10^{-3}
Lead	3.9×10^{-3}
Manganin (Cu, Mn, Ni alloy)	0.000×10^{-3}
Constantan (Cu, Ni alloy)	0.002×10^{-3}
Mercury	0.89×10^{-3}
Nichrome (Ni, Fe, Cr alloy)	0.4×10^{-3}
Semiconductors	
Carbon (pure)	-0.5×10^{-3}
Germanium (pure)	-50×10^{-3}
Silicon (pure)	-70×10^{-3}

Resistivity and Temperature

$$\rho = \rho_0(1 + \alpha\Delta T)$$

- ρ = resistivity at temperature T
- ρ_0 = resistivity at temperature T_0
- α = temperature coefficient of resistivity (Unit: $1/^\circ\text{C}$ (or $1/\text{K}$))

Metals

- Resistivity _____ with temperature
- α is _____

Semiconductors

- Resistivity _____ with temperature
- α is _____

Resistance and Temperature

$$R = R_0(1 + \alpha\Delta T)$$

- R = resistance at temperature T
- R_0 = resistance at temperature T_0
- α = temperature coefficient of resistivity (Unit: $1/^\circ\text{C}$ (or $1/\text{K}$))

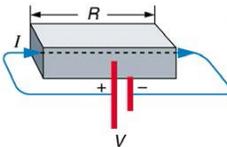
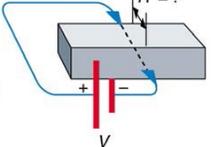
A heating element is a wire with cross-sectional area of $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2$ and is 1.3 m long. The material has resistivity of $4 \times 10^{-5} \Omega\text{m}$ at 200°C and a temperature coefficient of $3 \times 10^{-2} 1/^\circ\text{C}$. Find the resistance of the element at 350°C .

Superconductors

- Materials whose _____ = _____
- _____ become superconductors at _____ temperatures
 - Some materials using _____ work at much _____ temperatures
- No current _____
- Used in
 - Transmission of _____, _____, _____, Powerful, small electric motors, Faster _____ chips

Homework

- In which of the three semiconducting materials listed in Table 20.1 do impurities supply free charges? (Hint: Examine the range of resistivity for each and determine whether the pure semiconductor has the higher or lower conductivity.)
- Does the resistance of an object depend on the path current takes through it? Consider, for example, a rectangular bar—is its resistance the same along its length as across its width? (See Figure.)



- If aluminum and copper wires of the same length have the same resistance, which has the larger diameter? Why?
- What is the resistance of a 20.0-m-long piece of 12-gauge copper wire having a 2.053-mm diameter? (OpenStax 20.24) **0.104 Ω**
- The diameter of 0-gauge copper wire is 8.252 mm. Find the resistance of a 1.00-km length of such wire used for power transmission. (OpenStax 20.25) **0.322 Ω**
- If the 0.100-mm diameter tungsten filament in a light bulb is to have a resistance of 0.200 Ω at 20.0 °C, how long should it be? (OpenStax 20.26) **2.81 × 10⁻² m**
- What current flows through a 2.54-cm-diameter rod of pure silicon that is 20.0 cm long, when 1.00 × 10³ V is applied to it? (Such a rod may be used to make nuclear particle detectors, for example.) (OpenStax 20.28) **1.10 × 10⁻³ A**
- (a) To what temperature must you raise a copper wire, originally at 20.0 °C, to double its resistance, neglecting any changes in dimensions? (b) Does this happen in household wiring under ordinary circumstances? (OpenStax 20.29) **276 °C**
- A resistor made of Nichrome wire is used in an application where its resistance cannot change more than 1.00% from its value at 20.0 °C. Over what temperature range can it be used? (OpenStax 20.30) **-5°C to 45 °C**
- Of what material is a resistor made if its resistance is 40.0% greater at 100 °C than at 20.0 °C? (OpenStax 20.31) **5.00 × 10⁻³ /°C**
- (a) Of what material is a wire made, if it is 25.0 m long with a 0.100 mm diameter and has a resistance of 77.7 Ω at 20.0 °C? (b) What is its resistance at 150 °C? (OpenStax 20.33) **1.1 × 10² Ω**
- (a) Digital medical thermometers determine temperature by measuring the resistance of a semiconductor device called a thermistor (which has α = -0.0600 /°C) when it is at the same temperature as the patient. What is a patient's temperature if the thermistor's resistance at that temperature is 82.0% of its value at 37.0 °C (normal body temperature)? (OpenStax 20.37a) **40.0 °C**