# Homework for Chapter 26 

(Due 10/20/22)

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## Question 2

Figure 26-16 shows cross sections through three wires of identical length and material; the sides are given in millimeters. Rank the wires according to their resistance (measured end to end along each wire's length), greatest first.


## Question 8

The following table gives the lengths of three copper rods, their diameters, and the potential differences between their ends. Rank the rods according to (a) the magnitude of the electric field within them, (b) the current density within them, and (c) the drift speed of electrons through them, greatest first.

| Rod | Length | Diameter | Potential Difference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $L$ | $3 d$ | $V$ |
| 2 | $2 L$ | $d$ | $2 V$ |
| 3 | $3 L$ | $2 d$ | $2 V$ |

## Question 10

Three wires, of the same diameter, are connected in turn between two points maintained at a constant potential difference. Their resistivities and lengths are $\rho$ and $L$ (wire $A$ ), $1.2 \rho$ and $1.2 L$ (wire $B$ ), and $0.9 \rho$ and $L$ (wire $C$ ). Rank the wires according to the rate at which energy is transferred to thermal energy, greatest first.

## Problem 2

An isolated conducting sphere has a 10 cm radius. One wire carries a current of 1.0000020 A into it. Another wire carries a current of 1.0000000 A out of it. How long would it take for the sphere to increase in potential by 1000 V ?

## Problem 11

What is the current in a wire of radius $R=3.40 \mathrm{~mm}$ if the magnitude of the current density is given by (a) $J_{a}=J_{0} r / R$ and (b) $J_{b}=J_{0}(1-r / R)$, in which $r$ is the radial distance and $J_{0}=5.50 \times$ $10^{4} \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ ? (c) Which function maximizes the current density near the wire's surface?

## Problem 13

How long does it take electrons to get from a car battery to the starting motor? Assume the current is 300 A and the electrons travel through a copper wire with cross-sectional area $0.21 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ and length 0.85 m . The number of charge carriers per unit volume is $8.49 \times 10^{28} \mathrm{~m}^{-3}$.

## Problem 18

A wire 4.00 m long and 6.00 mm in diameter has a resistance of $15.0 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$. A potential difference of 23.0 V is applied between the ends. (a) What is the current in the wire? (b) What is the magnitude of the current density? (c) Calculate the resistivity of the wire material. (d) Using Table 26-1, identify the material.


## Problem 33

A block in the shape of a rectangular solid has a cross-sectional area of $3.50 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ across its width, a front-to-rear length of 15.8 cm , and a resistance of $935 \Omega$. The block's material contains $5.33 \times 10^{22}$ conduction electrons $/ \mathrm{m}^{3}$. A potential difference of 35.8 V is maintained between its front and rear faces. (a) What is the current in the block? (b) If the current density is uniform, what is its magnitude? What are (c) the drift velocity of the conduction electrons and (d) the magnitude of the electric field in the block?

## Problem 41

A 120 V potential difference is applied to a space heater whose resistance is $14 \Omega$ when hot. (a) At what rate is electrical energy transferred to thermal energy? (b) What is the cost for 5.0 h at US $\$ 0.05 / \mathrm{kW} \cdot \mathrm{h}$ ?

## Problem 46

A copper wire of cross-sectional area $2.00 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ and length 4.00 m has a current of 2.00 A uniformly distributed across that area. (a) What is the magnitude of the electric field along the wire? (b) How much electrical energy is transferred to thermal energy in 30 min ?

## Problem 56

A potential difference of 1.20 V will be applied to a 33.0 m length of 18 -gauge copper wire (diameter $=0.0400 \mathrm{in}$.). Calculate (a) the current, (b) the magnitude of the current density, (c) the magnitude of the electric field within the wire, and (d) the rate at which thermal energy will appear in the wire.

## Problem 71

(a) At what temperature would the resistance of a copper conductor be double its resistance at $20.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ? (Use $20.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ as the reference point in Eq. $26-17$; compare your answer with Fig. 26-10.) (b) Does this same "doubling temperature" hold for all copper conductors, regardless of shape or size?
 Resistivity can depend on temperature.

