

Chapter-3: Current Electricity

1. Relation among charge (q) to flow, current (I) and time t

$$I = \frac{q}{t} = \frac{ne}{t}$$

For positive q, current is in forward direction and for negative q, it is in backward direction.

2. Relation between very small charge dq to flow for small time dt

$$I = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

3. Current density (J) is the current (I) distributed uniformly over the cross section area (A)

$$J = \frac{I}{A}$$

Or

$$I = \vec{J} \cdot \vec{A}$$

4. Ohm's law

$$I \propto V \text{ or } V \propto I \Rightarrow V = RI$$

$$R \propto l, R \propto \frac{1}{A} \text{ So, } R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$$

5. Effect of temperature on resistance:

If R_1 be the resistance at temperature t_1 and R_2 be the resistance at temperature t_2 , then

$$R_2 = R_1(1 + \alpha \Delta t)$$

Where α is the temperature coefficient of resistance and $\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$.

If the temperature is not sufficiently large, as in practical cases, then the equation is

$$R_t = R_0(1 + \alpha t) \text{ or } \alpha = \frac{R_t - R_0}{R_0 t} = \frac{\text{Change in resistance}}{\text{original resistance} \times \text{rise in temperature}}$$

6. Temperature dependence of resistivity

Resistivity of a metal conductor is given by

$$\rho_T = \rho_0 [1 + \alpha(T - T_0)]$$

7. Conductance (G) and conductivity (σ):

Conductance (G) is given by reciprocal of resistance and will be written as

$$G = \frac{1}{R}$$

And conductivity (σ) is given by reciprocal of resistivity and will be written as

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

8. Drift velocity and relaxation time

Drift velocity

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

Drift Speed

$$|\vec{v}_d| = v_d = \frac{eE}{m}\tau$$

9. Relation between average drift velocity, relaxation time and current

$$I = neAv_d$$

$$R = \frac{ml}{ne^2A\tau} = \text{constant}$$

10. Relation between resistivity (ρ), number density (n) and relaxation time (τ)

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

11. Mobility is the magnitude of drift velocity per unit electric field applied

$$\mu = \frac{q\tau}{m}$$

a) Mobility due to charge carrier electrons in a conductor is given by

$$\mu_e = e \frac{\tau_e}{m_e}$$

b) Mobility due to charge carrier holes in a conductor is given by

$$\mu_h = e \frac{\tau_h}{m_h}$$

12. Equivalent Resistance in series

$$R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 - - - -$$

For two resistors R_1 and R_2 connected in series and the combination is connected with a battery of potential difference across it,
Then

$$V_1 = V \left(\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$$

And,

$$V_2 = V - V_1$$

Or

$$V_2 = V \left(\frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_1} \right)$$

In series, n resistors, each capacity R

$$R_{eqvt} = nR$$

13. Equivalent Resistance in Parallel

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \dots$$

For two resistors R_1 and R_2 connected in parallel and the combination is connected with a battery of potential difference V across it, Then

$$I_1 = I \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$$

And,

$$I_2 = I - I_1$$

Or

$$I_2 = I \left(\frac{R_1}{R_2 + R_1} \right)$$

In parallel, n resistors each capacity R

$$\frac{1}{R_{eqvt}} = \frac{n}{R} \Rightarrow R_{eqvt} = \frac{R}{n}$$

14. Power Supplied by a Battery

When the current enters the positive plate of a battery, Then

$$P = +EI$$

15. Power Delivered / Consumed by a Battery

When current enters the negative plate of a battery, Then

$$P = -EI$$

16. Electrical Power (P) and Heat generated across a resistor

Electrical power (P) dissipated or generated across a resistor is given by

$$P = VI = I^2R = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

Heat generated across a resistor is given by

$$H = VIt = I^2Rt = \frac{V^2}{R}t$$

17. Power of two bulbs

Series Connection

$$P = \frac{P_1 P_2}{P_1 + P_2}$$

Parallel Connection

$$P = P_1 + P_2$$

18. EMF (E) of cell and internal resistance (r)

$$E = \frac{W}{q}$$

Discharging Equation of a cell

In Closed Circuit

When a load resistance R is connected across the cell,
Then

$$V < E$$

And,

$$V = E - Ir$$

For $V = IR$;

$$I = \frac{E}{r + R}$$

For $I = \frac{V}{R}$

$$V = \frac{E}{r + R}$$

If a cell is shorted, then

$$V = 0$$

And,

$$I = \frac{E}{r}$$

In Open Circuit

$$I = 0$$

Then

$$V = E$$

This shows that

$$V \leq E$$

Charging Equation of a cell

In Closed Circuit

When battery is discharged (it draws the current)

$$V = E + Ir$$

If resistance R is connected in series with a battery which supplies the current and charges the cell then

$$I = \frac{V' - E}{r + R}$$

19. Combination of cells

a) Series Connection:

Equivalent emf (same polarity)

$$E_{eq} = E_1 + E_2 + E_3 + \dots$$

Equivalent Internal Resistance

$$r_{eq} = r_1 + r_2 + r_3 + \dots$$

If external resistance R is connected in a closed loop,

$$I = \frac{E_1 + E_2 + E_3 + \dots}{(r_1 + r_2 + r_3 + \dots) + R}$$

So, it can be said that two cells connected in series,

$$Net\ EMF = E_1 + E_2$$

$$I = \frac{Net\ EMF}{Net\ Resistance}$$

(i). N cells of same emf (E) and same internal resistance (r) are connected in series, then

$$I = \frac{nE}{nr + R}$$

(ii). In series connection, there are n cells of each emf E. If polarity of m cells is reversed, then equivalent emf

$$E_{eq} = (n - 2m)E$$

Whereas, total resistance is

$$R_{eq} = R + nr$$

$$I = \frac{(n - 2m)E}{nr + R}$$

b) Parallel Combination

- If n cells of emf $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots$ (polarity of each same) with internal resistance $r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots$ are connected in parallel (with no external resistance R across the combination), then

$$\frac{E_{eq}}{r_{eq}} = \frac{E_1}{r_1} + \frac{E_2}{r_2} + \frac{E_3}{r_3} + \dots$$

- Equivalent internal resistance

$$\frac{1}{r_{eq}} = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_3} + \dots$$

- If n cells each emf E (polarity of each same), internal resistance r , are connected in parallel, then
Equivalent emf

$$E_{eq} = E$$

Equivalent resistance

$$E_{eq} = nr$$

- If an external resistance R is connected across the parallel combination of n cells with each emf E and internal resistance r , then Current

$$I = \frac{E}{R + \frac{r}{n}}$$

- If two cells or three cells with integral multiple of E connected in parallel and no internal resistance given, then take the average of all as,

$$E_{eq} = \text{Average value of all emfs}$$

20. Maximum Power Transfer Theorem

Current I will be maximum when

$$\sqrt{mR} = \sqrt{nr}$$

Or,

$$R = \frac{nr}{m}$$

Hence, power transferred to the load is maximum when load resistance = total internal resistance

21. Kirchhoff's Law:

Junction Rule:

The algebraic sum of current at any junction is equal to zero.

$$\sum_{\text{junction}} I = 0$$

That is, net current entering the junction = net current leaving the junction

So,

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_3 + I_4 + I_5$$

Kirchhoff's Loop Rule

The net voltage in a closed loop is equal to zero.

$$\sum_{\text{closed loop}} V = 0 \text{ or } \sum E_{\text{net}} = \sum IR$$

22. Wheatstone bridge:

Balancing of Wheatstone Bridge.

. That is $I_g = 0$

$$\frac{P}{Q} = \frac{R}{S}$$