

$$\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}, \text{ so } \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{F} / m$$

$$\mathbf{a} = e \mathbf{E} / m_e,$$

where \mathbf{E} is the electric field and m_e is the effective mass of the electron

$$\mathbf{v}_d = \mathbf{a} \tau = e \mathbf{E} \tau / m_e$$

where τ is the average time between collisions

$$\mathbf{I} = \Delta Q / \Delta t = n e A \mathbf{v}_d = n e A e \mathbf{E} \tau / m_e = (n e^2 A \tau / m_e) \mathbf{E}$$

For a uniform wire, the electric field is the electric potential divided by the length,

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{V} / L$$

$$\mathbf{I} = (n e^2 A \tau / m_e) \mathbf{V} / L, \text{ or rearranging}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \{m_e / (n e^2 \tau)\} \{L / A\} \mathbf{I}$$

$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{I}$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{R} = \{m_e / (n e^2 \tau)\} \{L / A\}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \rho L / A$$

where \mathbf{R} is the resistance in ohms and ρ is the resistivity in ohm meters.

Note: 1 ohm = 1 volt / ampere

How do you expect \mathbf{R} to change with temperature ?

- 1) increase
- 2) stay the same
- 3) decrease