

## Chapter 3 Steady Electric Current

- 3.1 Steady-State Condition
- 3.2 Resistance and the Ohm's Law
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#### Resistance Resistivity and Conductivity

Consider that a potential difference is applied on the same shapes and sizes but different materials( wood and copper). The currents will be very different.

▲ The reason same shapes and sizes, different resistance

Resistance is defined as

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

$$\checkmark \text{ Unit: } 1\Omega = 1V/I$$



#### Ohm's Law

\* The current passing through a conductor is proportional to the potential difference.





Differential Form Ohm's Law

 $\Delta V = E\Delta l \qquad \Delta R = \rho \frac{\Delta l}{\Delta S}$  $\Delta I = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta R} = \frac{E\Delta l}{\rho \frac{\Delta l}{\Delta S}} = \frac{E\Delta S}{\rho}$  $j = \frac{\Delta I}{\Delta S} = \frac{1}{\rho}E = \sigma E$ 

ρ: resistivity. σ:conductivity  $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$ 

Electric fields cause charges to move

It reflects the proportionality between E and J in each point







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#### Resistance

# What is the Resistance as in the figure shown ?



Last time ... Electric current I:  $I = \frac{dq}{dt}$ Electric current density j  $j = \frac{\mathrm{d}I}{\mathrm{d}S_{\perp}}$ Continuity equation:  $\oint_{(S)} \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{S} = -\frac{dq}{dt}$ 











#### Ohm's Law in a Microscopic View





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#### The Combinations of Resistors

Resistors in series



