

TN CLASS 12

CURRENT ELECTRICITY

FORMULAE SHEET

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Formula	Explanation of the terms involved	SI Units
CURRENT $I = \frac{Q}{t}$	I = letter to denote current Q=charge t=Time Note that in this chapter , lowercase “t” refers time and uppercase “T” refers temperature.	ampere (A)
AVERAGE CURRENT $I_{avg} = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$	$\Delta Q = \text{change in current} \quad (q_2 - q_1)$ $\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$ $I_{avg} = \frac{Q_2 - Q_1}{t_2 - t_1}$	Ampere (A)
INSTANTANEOUS CURRENT $I = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = \frac{dQ}{dt}$	$\Delta Q = \text{change in current} \quad (q_2 - q_1)$ $\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$ (Differentiate the average current to get instantaneous current)	Ampere(A)
MOBILITY $\mu = \frac{e\tau}{m}$	μ =mobility m=mass e=fundamental unit charge (recall from unit 1) τ = mean free time(The average time between two successive collisions)	$\text{m}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
DRIFT VELOCITY $\vec{v}_d = -\frac{e\tau}{m}\vec{E}$ $\vec{v}_d = -\mu\vec{E}$	V_d =drift velocity μ =mobility $\mu = \frac{e\tau}{m}$ e=fundamental unit charge (recall from unit 1) τ = mean free time(The average time between two successive collisions)	ms^{-1}
CURRENT DENSITY (J) $J = \frac{I}{A}$	J= Current density I = current A= area	$\frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}^2}$ (or) A m^{-2}
MICROSCOPIC MODEL OF CURRENT $\vec{J} = \sigma\vec{E}$	J= Current density= CURRENT/AREA E=Electric field $\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}$ is called conductivity.	$\frac{\text{A}}{\text{m}^2}$ (or) A m^{-2}

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CONDUCTIVITY $\sigma = \frac{ne^2\tau}{m}$	σ =conductivity (reciprocal of resistivity)	$\text{Ohm}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}$ Or mho/m
RESISTIVITY $\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{m}{ne^2\tau}$	ρ =resistivity (reciprocal of conductivity)	Ohm metre
OHM'S LAW $V=IR$	V=Voltage I=current R=resistance	V=volt I=ampere R=ohm
RESISTORS IN SERIES $R_s = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$	R_s = effective resistance $R_1, R_2, R_3, \dots, R_n$ =individual resistances connected	OHM
RESISTORS IN PARALLEL $\frac{1}{R_p} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$	R_s = effective resistance $R_1, R_2, R_3, \dots, R_n$ =individual resistances connected	OHM
TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF RESISTIVITY $\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \alpha \Delta T$	$\frac{\text{Change in resistance}}{\text{Original resistance}} = \alpha$ (change. In temperature) α = temperature coefficient of resistivity	Unit of α = Per degree Celsius or per degree Kelvin
ELECTRICAL POWER $P = \frac{dU}{dt} = \frac{(v \cdot dQ)}{dt} = v \frac{dQ}{dt}$	P=power U=potential energy= v x q (recall from unit 1) Q=charge t=time	joule/sec or Watt
INTERNAL RESISTANCE $r = \left[\frac{\epsilon - V}{V} \right] R$	r =internal resistance ϵ =emf (electromotive force) V=potential R=resistance	ohm

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joule's law of heating
 $H=I^2Rt$

H=Heat
I=current
R=resistance
t=time

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