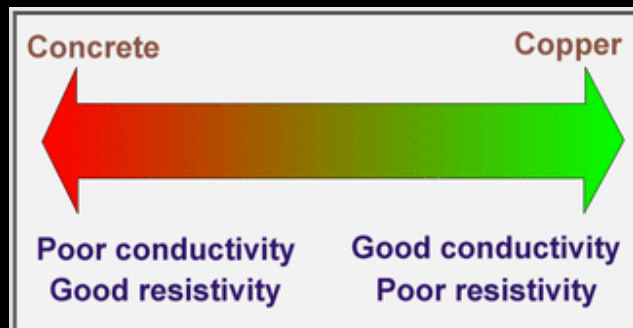
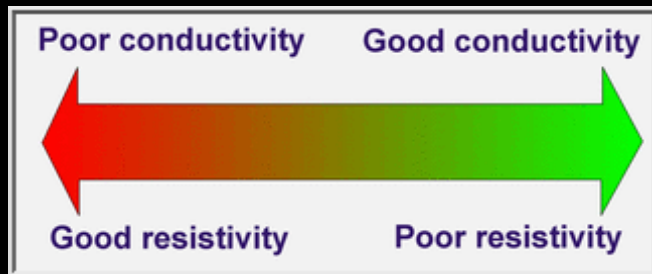


Resistivity, what is it?

Resistivity is the opposite of conductivity, it's a measure of how effectively a material slows down the flow of electricity.

Insulators have a high resistivity rating. Materials such as metals and other conductors have a low resistivity rating.



Electricians use special tools with insulated handles made of materials with a high resistivity rating-like rubber.

- ▶ A conductor's **Resistance** is defined as the ratio of the **Applied Voltage** to the **Current** produced.

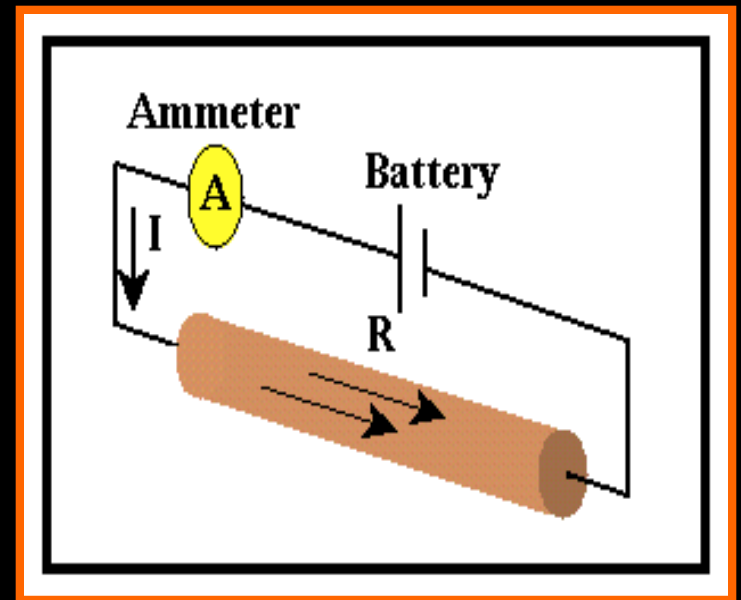
$$R = V/I$$

- ▶ **Scalar**

- ▶ **Units: Ohm** $[\Omega] = [V/A]$

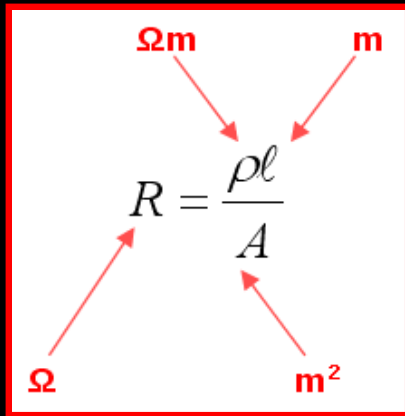
- ▶ Resistance can be calculated for any object.
 - ▶ Good conductor - low resistance
 - ▶ Poor conductor -high resistance
- ▶ All circuit elements have some resistance.

The resistance of connecting wire leads is considered negligible.

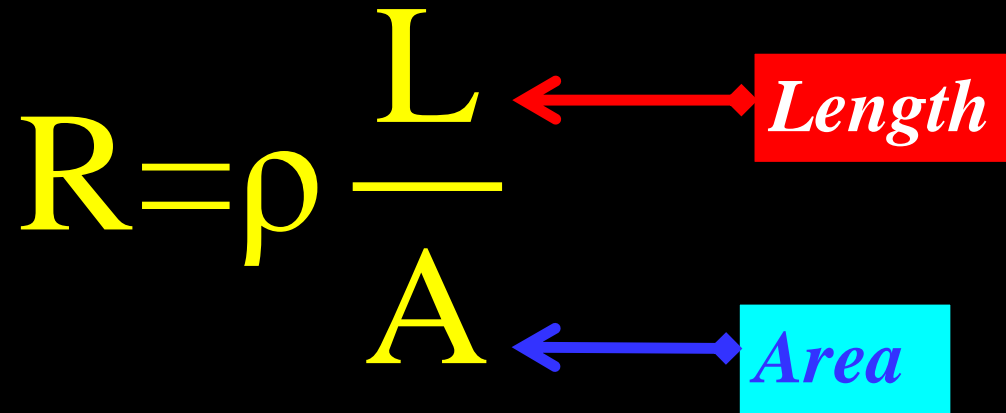


Resistance

➤ *The geometry of the resistor matters*



A diagram showing the formula $R = \frac{\rho l}{A}$ enclosed in a red border. Red arrows point from unit labels to the variables: Ω points to R , $\Omega \cdot m$ points to ρ , m points to l , and m^2 points to A .

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$


A diagram showing the formula $R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$ with R and ρ in yellow. A red arrow points from the word "Length" in a red box to the variable L . A blue arrow points from the word "Area" in a blue box to the variable A .

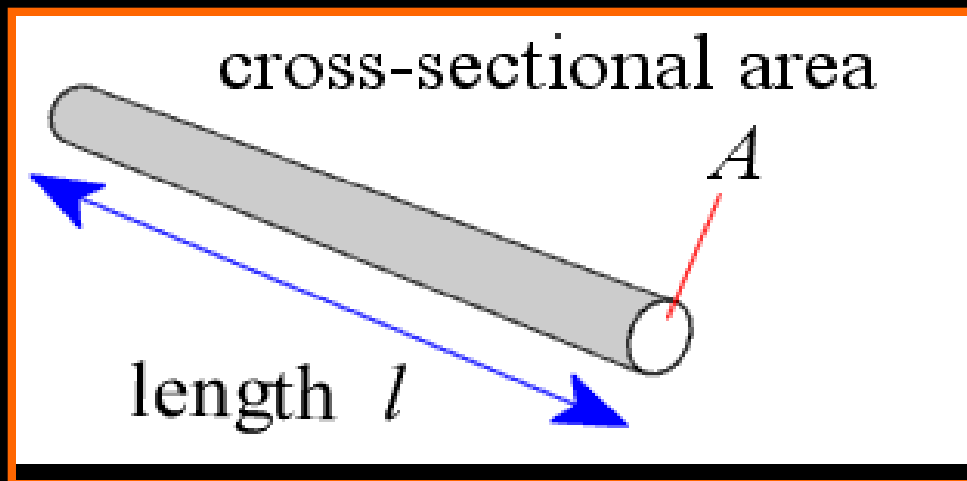
Resistivity: (units $\Omega \cdot m$)

- *Increase the **Length**, flow of electrons impeded*
- *Increase the cross-sectional **Area**, flow enhanced*

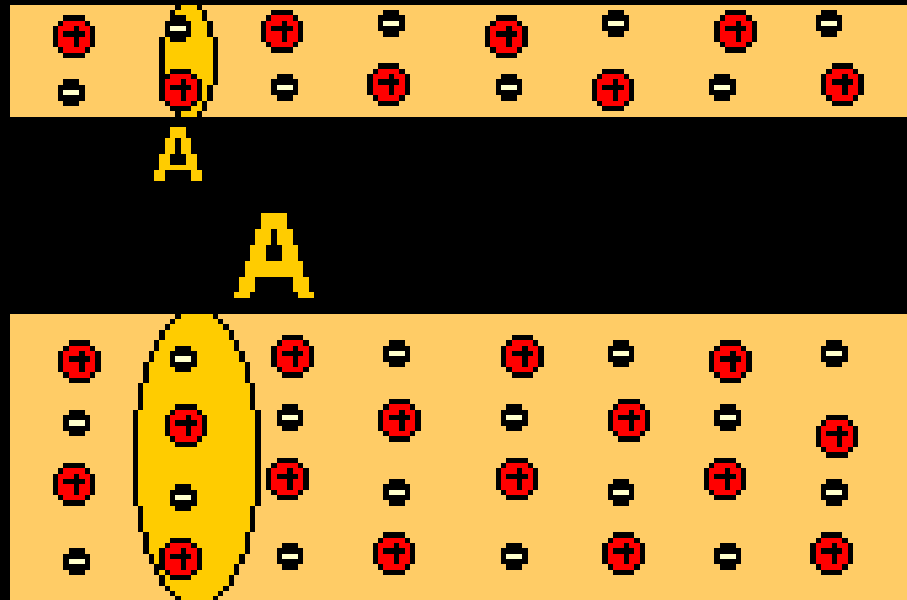
For a wire of length l and cross-sectional area A the resistance R :

- *Is proportional to l*
- *And inversely proportional to A*
- *The constant ρ (rho)*
- *Is known as the **resistivity**.*

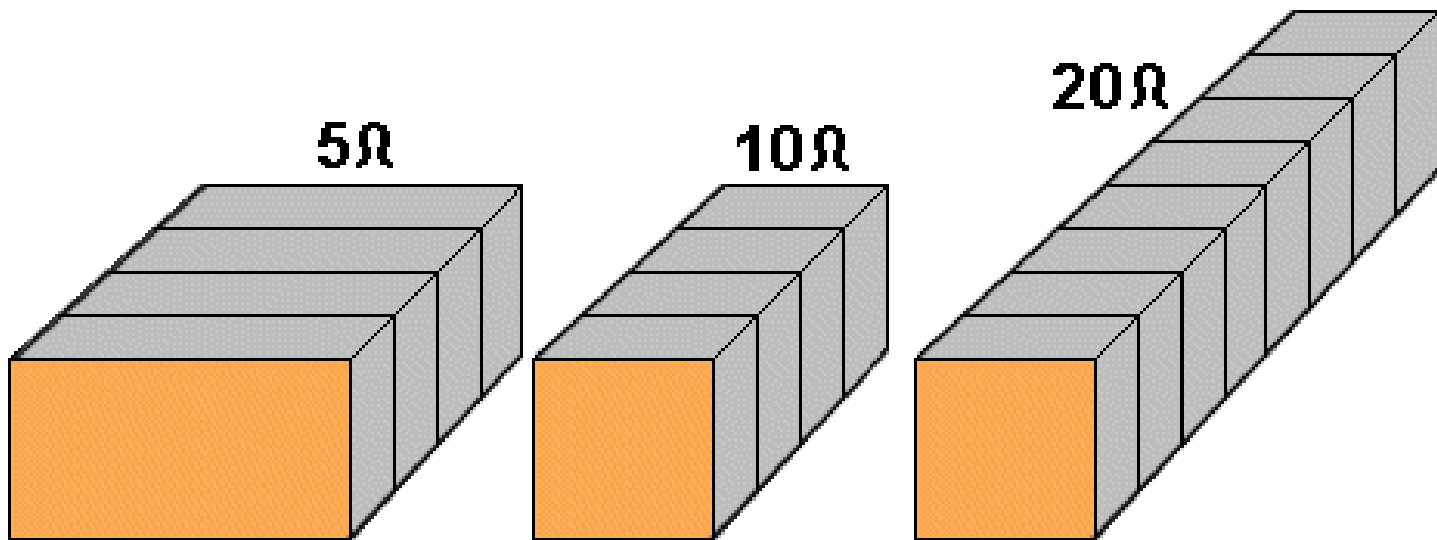
$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$$



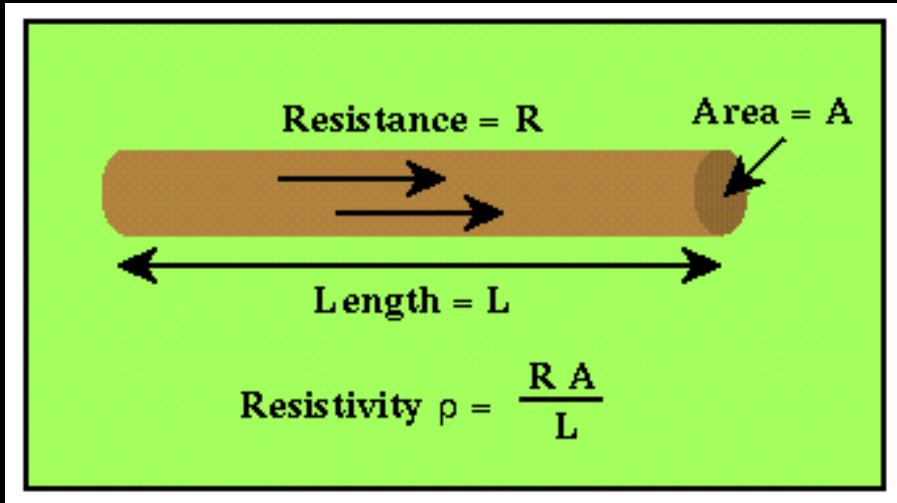
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Increasing the cross-sectional area increases the number of available electrons.

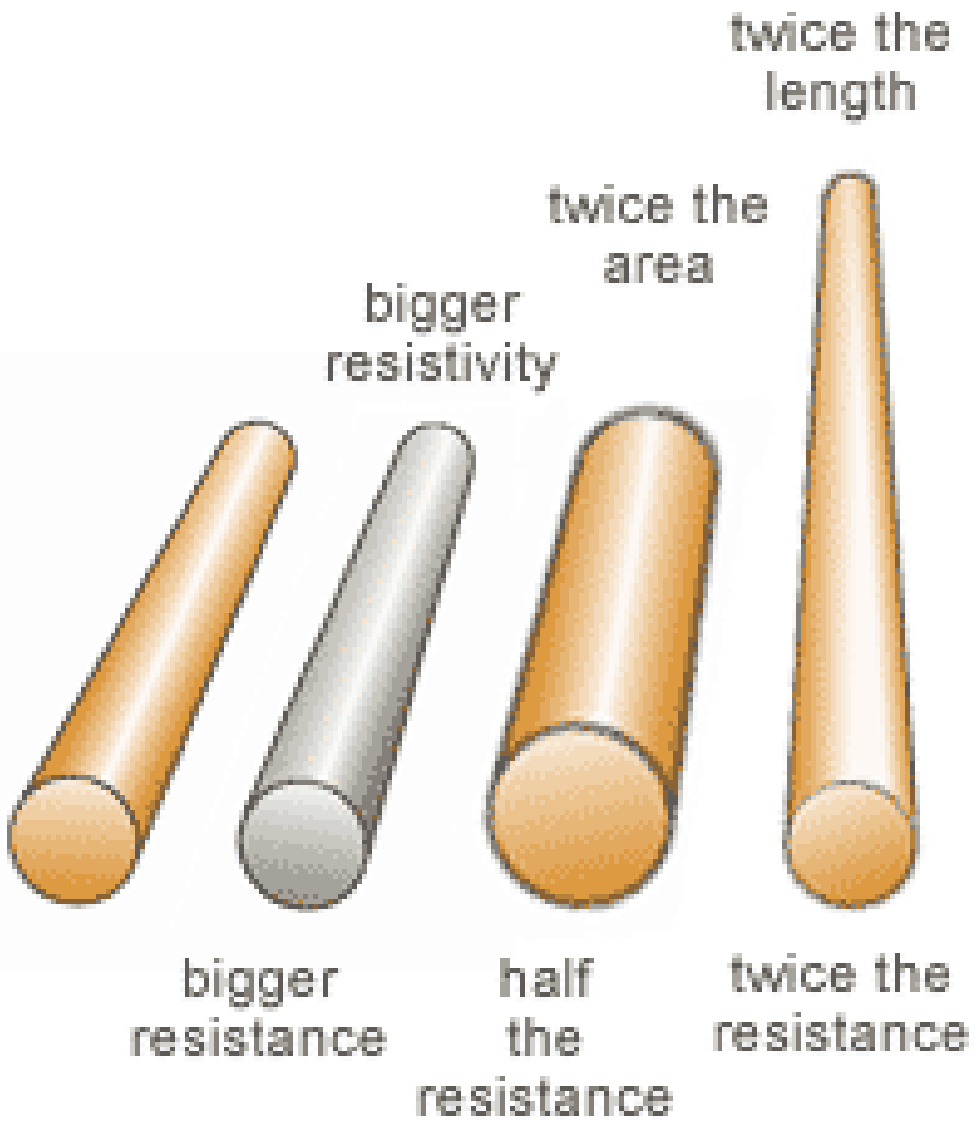


Resistivity



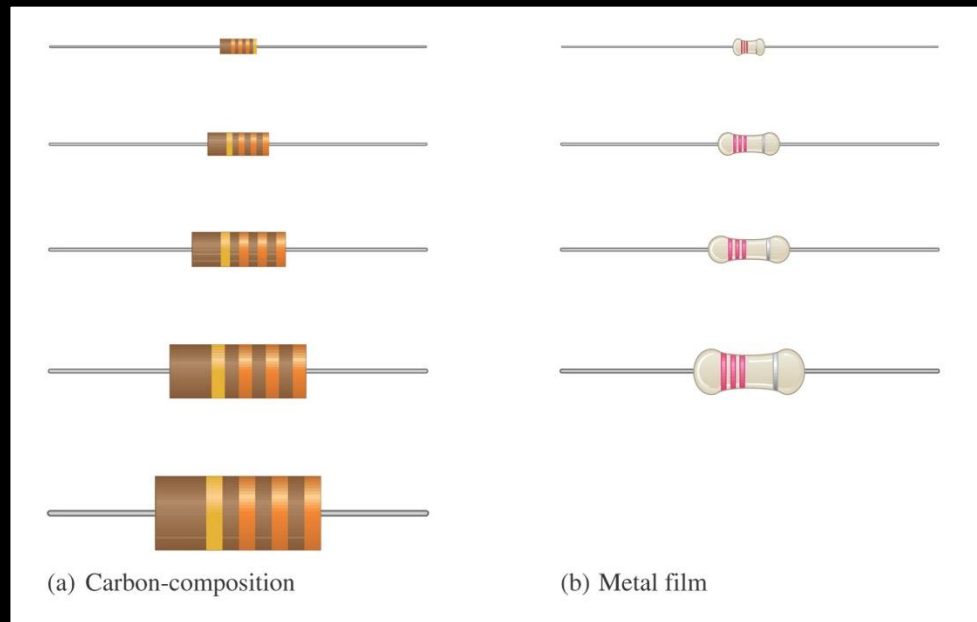
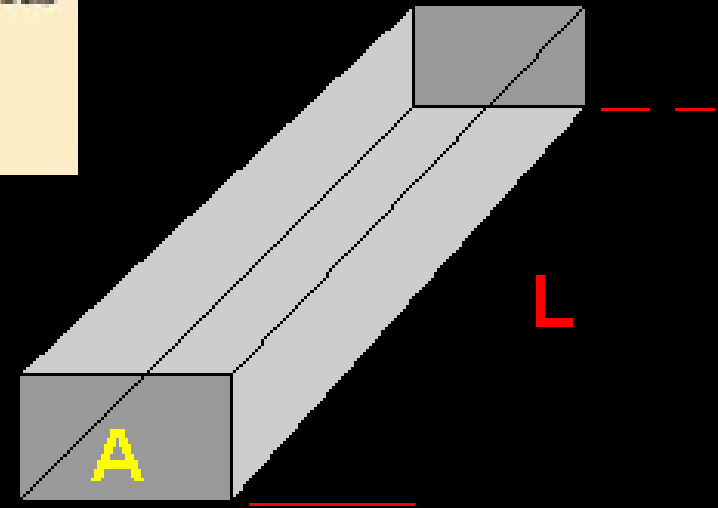
$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$$

Resistivity has units of Ohm·metres ($\Omega \cdot m$)



Resistivities and Temperature Coefficients of Resistivity for Various Materials (at 20°C)

Material	Resistivity ($\Omega \cdot \text{m}$)
Silver	1.59×10^{-8}
Copper	1.7×10^{-8}
Gold	2.44×10^{-8}
Aluminum	2.82×10^{-8}
Tungsten	5.6×10^{-8}
Iron	10.0×10^{-8}
Platinum	11×10^{-8}
Lead	22×10^{-8}
Nichrome*	150×10^{-8}
Carbon	3.5×10^5
Germanium	0.46
Silicon	640
Glass	$10^{10} - 10^{14}$
Hard rubber	$\approx 10^{13}$
Sulfur	10^{15}
Quartz (fused)	75×10^{16}

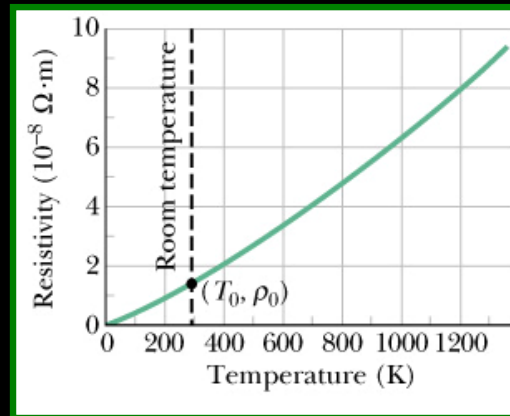
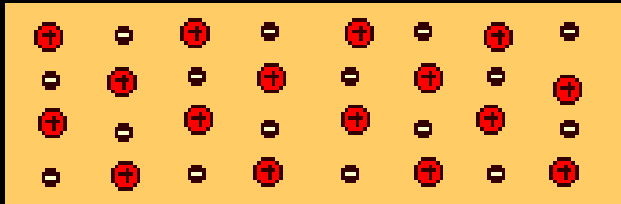


Resistivity and temperature.

The resistance and resistivity changes with temperature, therefore resistivity is quoted at a specific temperature

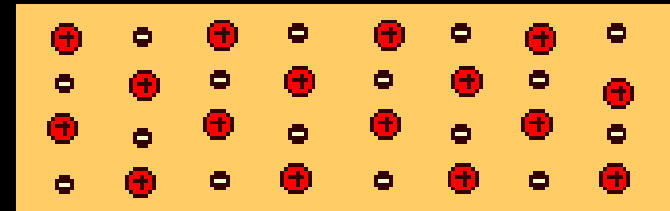
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Warm wire



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Cold wire



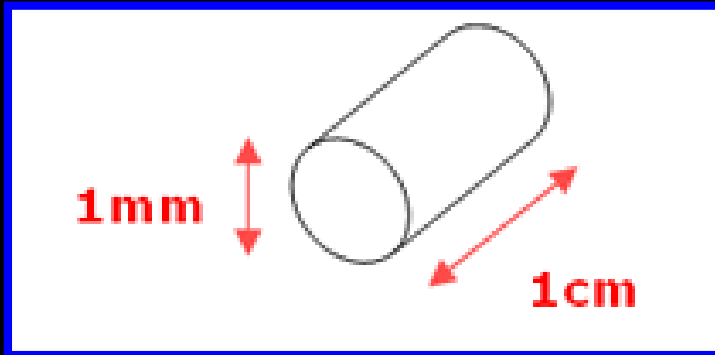
The resistance is proportional to the length l and inversely proportional to the cross-sectional area A , the material the conductor is made from, and the temperature.

Superconductivity

- ▶ Below a certain critical temperature, Resistance becomes ZERO, allowing current to exist without energy wasted.

Superconductivity, although predicted and discovered a century ago has only become useful recently due to the development of rare-earth conductive ceramics. Superconductive wires are used in the electromagnets of MRI machines.

Find the resistance of a piece of copper with a diameter of 1 mm and a length of 1 cm

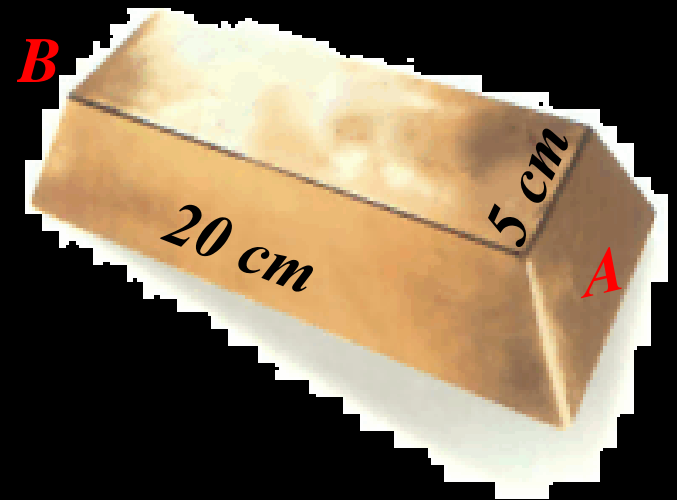


$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A} = \frac{(3 \times 10^{-8})(1 \times 10^{-2})}{(\pi \cdot (.5 \times 10^{-3})^2)} = \frac{12}{\pi} \times 10^{-4} \Omega$$

Bolbo the gold broker from Baghdad has just received a gold bullion bar for his birthday from his brother Bob. The face of the bar is 5 cm on both sides, and the length is 20 cm. The resistance between faces A and B is measured to be 0.8 micro-ohms. Bolbo the broker assumes that the bullion is gold if the measured resistance is within +/- 10% of the theoretical value. Is the material gold or is it bogus?

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \rho L / A \\ &= (2.4 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \cdot m)(.2m) / .05^2 m^2 \\ &= 1.92 \times 10^{-6} \Omega \end{aligned}$$

=1.92 uΩ don't try to cash it in!



OHM'S LAW

V = I X R

Summary

