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Quiz 4: Current and so forth

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P} &= I\Delta V = [\text{Watts}] & \rho &= \frac{m_e}{ne^2\tau} = \frac{RA}{l} = [\Omega \cdot \text{m}] \\ \Delta V &= IR = [\text{Volts}] & v_d &= \frac{-e\tau}{m_e} E = [\text{m/s}] \\ I &= \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = [\text{Amps}] & I &= nqAv_d = \frac{\Delta V}{R} \end{aligned}$$

- The resistance of a 150 W, 115 V light bulb is 88Ω when the light bulb is at its operating temperature. What current passes through the light bulb when in operation?
 - 1.3 A
 - 0.45 A
 - 2.7 A
 - 8.1 A
- How many electrons per second does the current above correspond to?
 - 4.7×10^{17} electrons/s
 - 8.2×10^{18} electrons/s
 - 3.1×10^{20} electrons/s
 - 5.6×10^{13} electrons/s
- When we power a light bulb, are we using up charges and converting them to light?
 - Yes, moving charges produce “friction” which heats up the filament and produces light
 - Yes, charges are emitted and observed as light
 - No, charge is conserved. It is simply converted to another form such as heat and light.
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- In semiconductors such as Si, the number of carriers is not fixed, it depends on *e.g.*, temperature. For a certain sample of Si, the number of carriers doubles but their drift velocity decreases by 10 times. By how much does the sample’s resistance change?
 - 2 times lower
 - 5 times lower
 - 5 times higher
 - 2 times higher
- An electric current of 1 mA flows through a conductor, which results in a 150 mV potential difference. The resistance of the conductor is:
 - 150 Ω
 - $6.7 \times 10^{-4} \Omega$
 - $1.5 \times 10^{-6} \Omega$
 - 6.7 Ω