

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Assignment #5
Current, Resistance, Ohm's Law
EMF, Circuits, Kirchhoff's Rules, RC Circuits

Reading *Purcell* Chapter 4.

Problem Set #5

Work on **all** problems. Not all problems receive equal points. Total points for this set is 100.

- **(20 points) [1]** Current Flow Between Cylindrical Plates.

The space in between two cylindrical copper plates of radius a and b ($b > a$) is filled with a material of conductivity σ . The length of the plates is L . The two plates are kept at constant potential V_a and V_b ($V_a > V_b$). Express all your answers in terms of V_a, V_b, a, b and L .

- Find the resistance of this configuration.
 - Find the current density \vec{J} in the space between the two cylinders.
 - Find the electric field \vec{E} in the space between the two cylinders.
- **(20 points) [2]** Snell's Law for Electric Currents.

An infinite medium has two regions I and II each with conductivity σ_1 and σ_2 separated by a plane interface. In region I a uniform current density \vec{J}_1 flows up to the interface at an angle θ_1 .

- Find the magnitude and angle of the current density \vec{J}_2 in region II.
 - Find the charge density σ on the interface.
- **(15 points) [3]** *Purcell* Problem 4.21 (p.165): Resistive Network.
 - **(15 points) [4]** *Purcell* Problem 4.25 (p.165): Discharging Capacitor.
 - **(15 points) [5]** *Purcell* Problem 4.32 (p.168): Infinite Resistor Chain..
 - **(15 points) [6]** *Purcell* Problem 4.33 (p.168): Kirchhoff's Law and Minimum Power Requirement.