

CHAPTER 1. (ELECTRICITY) (BASED ON NCERT PATTERN)

**Electric Current:-** The electric current is the rate of charge flow past a given point in an electric circuit

$I = Q/t$ , Where  $I$  = Current,  $Q$  = Net charge flow,  $t$  = time

- Unit: The unit of current is Ampere.

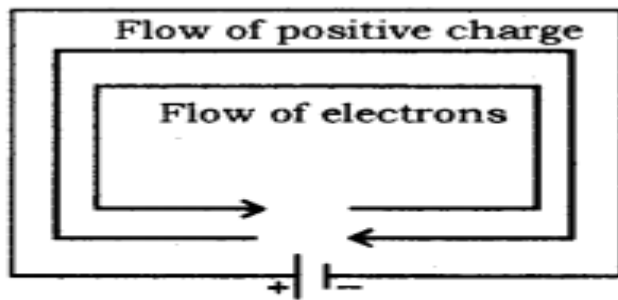
$Q$  = Coulomb(C)

$I$  = Ampere(A)

$t$  = Second(s)  $1 \text{ A} = 1\text{C}/1\text{s}$

By convention, electric current flows in the opposite direction to the movement of electrons.

Electric current is denoted by the letter 'I'. Electric current is expressed by the rate of flow of electric charges. Rate of flow means, the amount of charge flowing through a particular area in unit time.



Conventional flow of electric charge.

If a net electric charge ( $Q$ ) flows through a cross-section of a conductor in time  $t$ , then,

Electric current ( $I$ ) =  $\frac{\text{Net charge (Q)}}{\text{Time (t)}}$  or,  $I = \frac{Q}{t}$

Where  $I$  is electric current,  $Q$  is a net charge and  $t$  is a time in second.

**Electric potential:-** the amount of work needed to move a unit charge from a reference point to a specific point against an electric field.

➤ **Potential Difference:**

The potential difference between two separate points is defined as the work done to move a unit positive charge from one point to another.

$$V = W/Q$$

The unit of potential difference is Volt

$$1 \text{ Volt} = 1 \text{ Joule} / 1 \text{ Coulomb}$$

**Ohm's Law:** Under constant physical conditions (i.e., constant temperature, pressure etc.), the current flowing through a conductor is directly proportional to the potential difference across the conductor

Current  $\propto$  potential difference

$$V \propto I$$

$$V = I R \text{ where, } R = \text{Resistance}$$

• Unit  $R = \Omega(\text{Ohm})$

$$1\Omega = 1V / 1 A$$

**Factors on which resistance depends:**

- $R \propto l$ , when  $A$  and material constant
- $R \propto 1/A$ , when  $l$  and material constant

$$R \propto l / A,$$

$$R = \rho l / A, \text{ where } \rho = \text{resistivity}$$