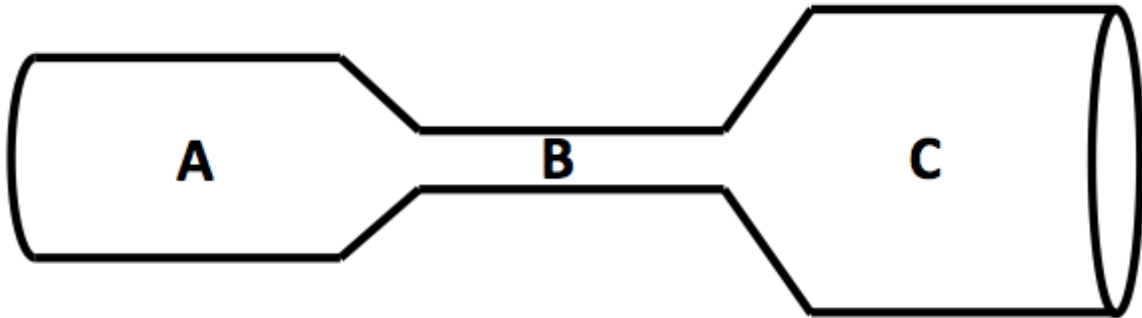


## Current Density and Charge Conservation

A. A copper cylinder is machined to have the following shape. The ends are connected to a battery so that a current flows through the copper.



For each of the following quantities, rank order their magnitudes in each of the three regions (e.g.,  $A = C > B$ , etc...).

**Total current:**

**Current density:**

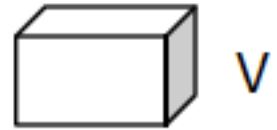
**Conductivity:**

**Electric field:**

**Resistance:**

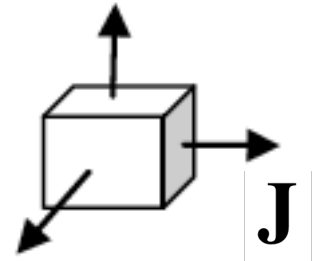
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**B.** A volume  $V$  contains a net charge  $Q_{encl}$ . What is the relationship between  $Q_{encl}$  and the charge density  $\rho$ ?



What is the relationship between the rate of change of  $Q_{encl}$  and the net current flowing *from the interior to the exterior* of the volume (the total charge *leaving* the volume per unit time)? (Watch your signs!)

Consider the *current density*  $\mathbf{J}$ , which is a function of position. What is the total charge leaving the volume per unit time, in terms of a flux integral of  $\mathbf{J}$ ?



Explain how these results can be combined to get an integral equation that guarantees *charge is conserved*.

**Challenge Question:** Use the divergence theorem to convert the integral form of this equation to its differential form. Be sure to check your answer with an instructor!