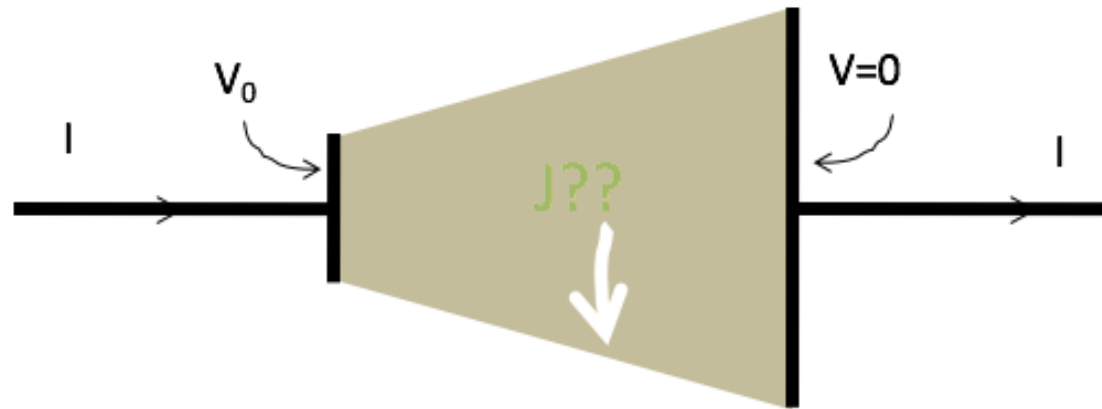


Inside this resistor setup, what can you conclude about the current density \mathbf{J} near the side walls (in steady state)?



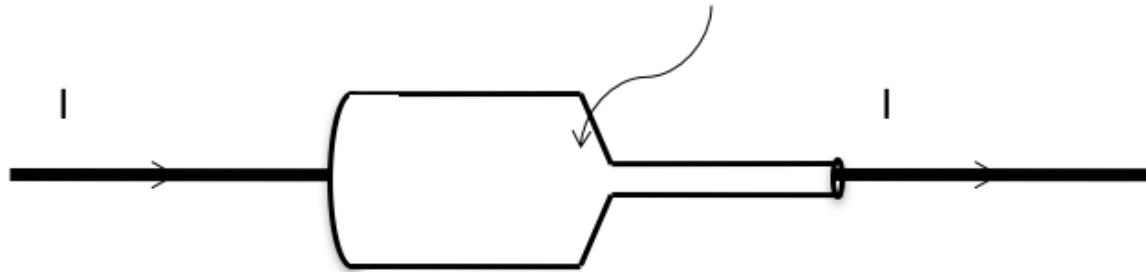
- A. Must be exactly parallel to the wall
- B. Must be exactly perpendicular to the wall
- C. Could have a mix of parallel and perp components
- D. No obvious way to decide!?

Activity: Consider two spheres (radii a and b with $b > a$) that are constructed so that the larger one surrounds the smaller one. Between them is a material with conductivity σ . A potential difference of V is maintained between them with the inner sphere at higher potential.

- What is the current I flowing between the spheres in terms of the known variables?
- How does your result relate to Ohm's Law?

Hint: Assume a uniform charge $+Q$ distributed over the inner sphere and use Gauss' Law to find \mathbf{E} .

Recall the machined copper from last class, with steady current flowing left to right through it

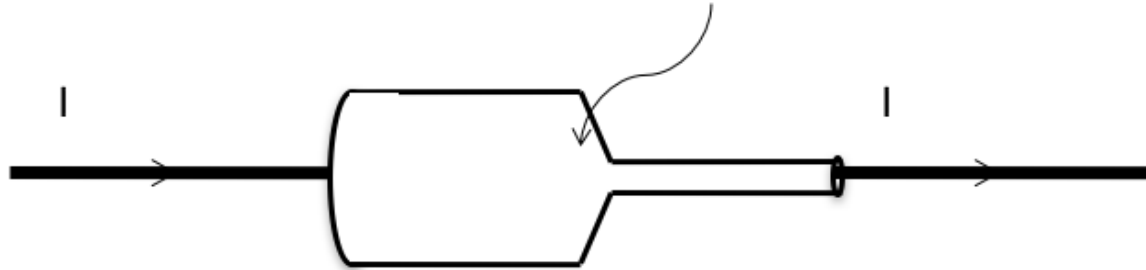


In the "necking down region" (somewhere in a small-ish region around the head of the arrow), do you think

A. $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$

B. $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} \neq 0$

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In steady state, do you expect there will be any surface charge accumulated anywhere on the walls of the conductor?

- A. Yes
- B. No