# Current examples

### Example 1

Wires 1 and 2 are made of the same material. Wire 2 has twice the radius and one-third the electric field strength of wire 1. Compare  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ . Compare  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ .

## Example 2

The current in a lightbulb is 0.85 A. The diameter of the filament is 0.25 mm. Find

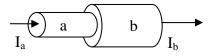
- a) the current density in the filament.
- b) the electron current in the filament.

### Example 3

In an ionic solution,  $5.0 \times 10^{15}$  positive ions with charge +2e pass to the right each second while  $6.0 \times 10^{15}$  negative ions with charge –e pass to the left. What is the current in the solution (give the magnitude and direction).

### Example 4

1) A wire consists of two segments, a and b, of different diameters. Compare  $I_a$  and  $I_b$ . Compare  $J_a$  and  $J_b$ .



- 2) The wire is made of aluminum. The diameter of segment a is 1.0 mm and the diameter of segment b is 2.0 mm. The current  $I_a$  is 10 A. Find for segments a and b
  - a. the current I
  - b. the current density J
  - c. the electric field E
  - d. the drift velocity v<sub>d</sub>
  - e. the mean time between collisions  $\tau$
  - f. the electron current i