

19. Since the mass and density of the material do not change, the volume remains the same. If L_0 is the original length, L is the new length, A_0 is the original cross-sectional area, and A is the new cross-sectional area, then $L_0 A_0 = LA$ and $A = L_0 A_0 / L = L_0 A_0 / 3L_0 = A_0 / 3$. The new resistance is

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A} = \frac{\rho 3L_0}{A_0/3} = 9 \frac{\rho L_0}{A_0} = 9R_0 ,$$

where R_0 is the original resistance. Thus, $R = 9(6.0 \, \Omega) = 54 \, \Omega$.