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Spin and charge currents and current rectification in Luttinger liquids¹ B. BRAUNECKER, D. E. FELDMAN, J. B. MARSTON, Brown University — Asymmetries in spin and charge transport properties are of great interest for spintronic and electronic applications. We show that externally-driven spin and charge currents in a Luttinger liquid model of a one-dimensional quantum wire are strongly modified by the presence of a localized magnetic or nonmagnetic scatterer. A diode effect appears at low voltages when this scatterer is spatially asymmetric, and a non-monotonous dependence of the current on the voltage is possible.²

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