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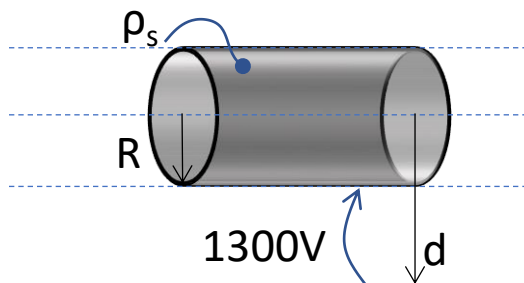
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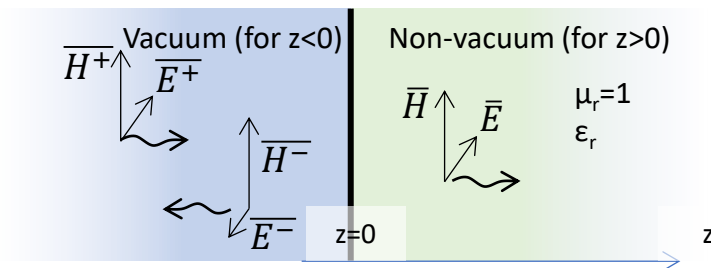
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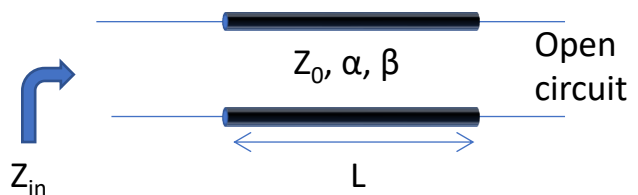
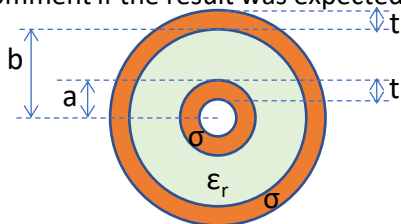
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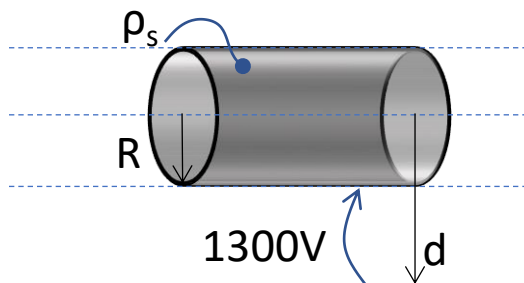
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Solution

Thanks to symmetry, the electrostatic field outside the cylinder depends only on the distance from the center r and the electric field has only radial component E_r , and so does the electric flux density $\mathbf{D} = D_r(r) \hat{r}$, in cylindrical coordinates.

Applying Gauss theorem on a cylindrical surface S of radius d , centered on the cylinder, larger than the cylinder ($r > R$) and of finite length h :

$$\oiint_S \bar{\mathbf{D}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{S}} = \iiint_V \rho_V dV$$

$$D_r(r) \int_0^h \int_0^{2\pi} r \, d\varphi \, dz = D_r(r) 2\pi r h = \rho_s 2\pi R h$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{D}}(d) = \rho_s \frac{R}{r} \hat{r}$$


The electric field is hence $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}/\epsilon$, but $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$ and ϵ_r is unknown.

The electrostatic potential variation moving from a point on the cylinder surface (R) to a point further away (d) is:

$$\Delta V_{R \rightarrow d} = - \int_R^d \bar{\mathbf{E}}_0 \cdot dr \hat{r} = -\rho_s \frac{R}{\epsilon} \int_R^d \frac{1}{r} dr = -\rho_s \frac{R}{\epsilon} \ln\left(\frac{d}{R}\right) = -1300 \text{V}$$

Hence epsilon can be found to be $\epsilon = 1.771 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{F/m} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$, from which $\epsilon_r = 2$.

At the center of the cylinder ($r=0$), Gauss theorem states that the electric flux density due to the charged cylinder is 0, since the enclosed charge is null. Hence the electric field is also null.

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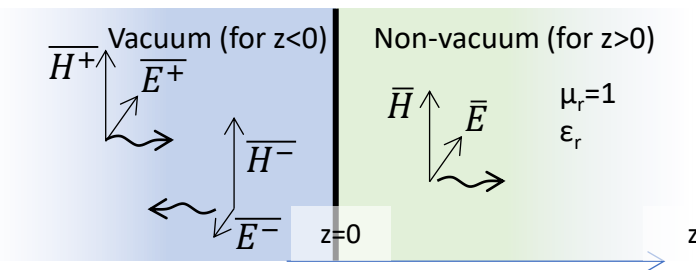
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Solution

The wave impedance for a single plane wave is merely the ratio of the electric and magnetic field phasors amplitude: $\bar{E}=10\text{V/m } \hat{i}_x$; $\bar{H}=0.053\text{A/m } \hat{i}_y$. Thus $\eta = 10\text{V/m}/(0.053\text{A/m})=188.7\Omega$.

In a lossless medium, the wave impedance is given by $\eta=\text{sqrt}(\mu/\epsilon)=37 \Omega \text{sqrt}(\mu_r/\epsilon_r)$ from which $\epsilon_r=4$.

The real power density carried by a plane wave and the propagation direction are given by the Poynting vector:

$$\bar{S} = 1/2 \text{Real}(\bar{E} \times \bar{H}^*) = 0.5 \cdot 10\text{V/m} \cdot 0.053\text{A/m} \hat{i}_x \times \hat{i}_y = 0.265\text{W/m}^2 \hat{i}_z$$

In normal incidence, the reflection coefficient relating the impinging and reflected electric fields at the discontinuity between the two media (medium 1 where the impinging and reflected waves exist, 2 where only the transmitted wave exists) is $\Gamma=(\eta_2-\eta_1)/(\eta_2+\eta_1)$.


The electric field transmitted is related to the impinging one by the transmission coefficient $T=1+\Gamma$ Since the medium in $z<0$ is air, the wave impedance is $\eta_1=377 \Omega$, whereas the impedance $\eta=188.7\Omega$ computed earlier is η_2 .

Then $\Gamma=-0.33$ and $T=0.67$.

Since the known electric field \bar{E} is the transmitted one (evaluated at the discontinuity), the impinging one at $z=0$ is merely:

$$\bar{E}^+ = \frac{\bar{E}}{T} = 14.9 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{m}} \hat{i}_x \text{ and the magnetic field is, following } \eta_1 = E_x^+ / H_y^+, \bar{H}^+ = 40 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{m}} \hat{i}_y$$

whereas the reflected one in $z=0$ is $\bar{E}^- = \Gamma \bar{E}^+ = -4.9 \text{V/m } \hat{i}_x$ and $-\eta_1 = E_x^- / H_y^-$: $\bar{H}^- = 13 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{m}} \hat{i}_y$

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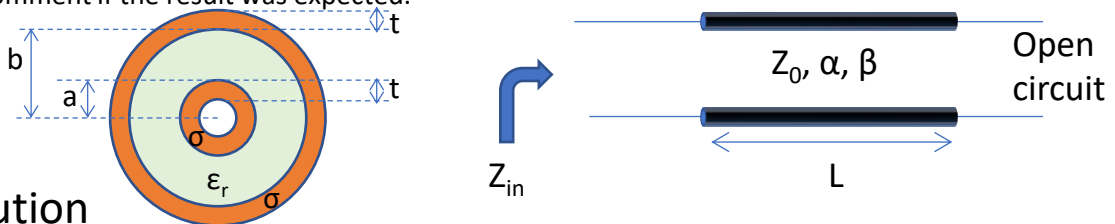
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Solution

In the quasistatic approximation for a TEM line, L and C per unit length are related:

$LC = \epsilon \mu \rightarrow C = \epsilon \mu / L$ where $L=277\text{nH/m}$ and thus $C=110.4\text{pF/m}$.

Using the low-loss approximation ($R \ll \omega L$, $G \ll \omega C$): $Z_0 = \sqrt{L/C} = 50\Omega$

Ohmic loss in the conductors can be modeled by considering that current will flow only through an annulus of depth δ (skin depth) $= \sqrt{2/(\omega \mu \sigma)} = 1.3\mu\text{m}$. This is much smaller than the 0.5mm conductor thickness and thus the skin depth is responsible for limiting the current flow.

The surface resistance is thus $R_s = 1/(\delta \sigma) = 0.077 \Omega/\square$ and the resistance of each conductor is:

$R_a = 1/(\sigma \delta 2 \pi a) = R_s/\text{perimeter}_a = 12.2\Omega/\text{m}$; $R_b = 1/(\sigma \delta 2 \pi b) = R_s/\text{perimeter}_b = 3.06\Omega/\text{m}$

The total resistance per unit length of the transmission line is hence $R = R_a + R_b = 15.3\Omega/\text{m}$.

Dielectric losses can be modeled by observing that the actual capacitance will depend on dielectric loss by means of the imaginary part: $G = \omega C \tan \delta$ where $\tan \delta = 10^{-3}$ and thus $G = 0.015\text{S/m}$.

The attenuation constant and phase constant thus are:

$$\alpha = G \cdot Z_0 / 2 + R / 2 Z_0 = 0.25\text{Np/m} + 0.153\text{Np/m} = 0.403\text{Np/m} = 3.5\text{dB/m}$$

$$\beta = \omega \sqrt{LC} = 521.189\text{rad/m} \rightarrow \lambda = 2 \pi / \beta = 12\text{mm} \rightarrow \text{The line is } L = 20\lambda = 24\text{cm}$$

Z_{in} depends on the refl. coeff. at the input of the line (Γ_{in}). This depends on the refl. coeff. at the load (Γ_L).

Since the load is an open circuit, $Z_L = \text{infinity}$ and thus $\Gamma_L = (Z_L - Z_0)/(Z_L + Z_0) = +1$ is the ratio between the backward and the forward voltage waves at the load section.

The same ratio can be evaluated at the input of the line:

$$\Gamma_{in} = \Gamma_L e^{-2\gamma L} = 1 \cdot e^{-2\beta L} e^{-2\alpha L} = e^{-2\alpha L} = 0.824$$

From which the input impedance at the input of the line is obtained $Z_{in} = Z_0(1 + \Gamma_{in})/(1 - \Gamma_{in}) = 518 \Omega$.

Comment: a lossless line with length multiple of λ merely presents the same load impedance at its input. If such line is left open it would thus present infinite input impedance. Due to the non-zero attenuation constant α , this behavior is limited: only a very-high input impedance is in fact observed at the input. If the line were much longer, the attenuation would further act and the input impedance would tend toward Z_0 .