

If a cross-section of the coaxial line is drawn to scale with conducting paint on a sheet of space paper, 69Ω is measured directly on an ohmmeter connected between the inner and outer conductors.

When this resistance-measurement method is applied to open types of line such as a two-wire line, the sheet of resistance material should extend out to a distance that is large compared with the line cross-section if accurate results are to be obtained.

Although graphical, analog-computer, and digital-computer methods can be applied to two-conductor lines of any shape, some configurations yield to a simple calculation. Thus, for the coaxial line of Fig. 12-13 we have from (6-10-8) for L and (4-12-2) for C that its characteristic impedance

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \ln \frac{b}{a} = 0.367 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \log \frac{b}{a} \quad (\Omega) \quad (21)$$

If there is no ferromagnetic material present, $\mu = \mu_0$ and (21) reduces to

$$Z_0 = \frac{138}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \log \frac{b}{a} \quad (\Omega) \quad \text{Coaxial line impedance} \quad (22)$$

where ϵ_r = relative permittivity of medium filling line, dimensionless

a = outside radius of inner conductor

b = inside radius of outer conductor, same units as a

For an air-filled line $\epsilon_r = 1$, and (22) becomes

$$Z_0 = 138 \log \frac{b}{a} \quad (\Omega) \quad (23)$$

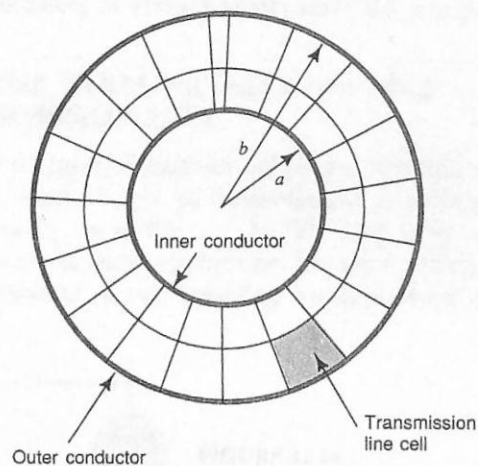


FIGURE 12-13
 Coaxial transmission line with 18.3 transmission-line cells in parallel and 2 in series.