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**Goal:** The radius of the core and the inner radius of the outer conductor of a very long coaxial transmission line are  $r_i$  and  $r_o$ , respectively. The space between the conductors is filled with two coaxial layers of dielectrics. The dielectric constants of the dielectrics are  $\epsilon_{r1}$  for  $r_i < r < b$  and  $\epsilon_{r2}$  for  $b < r < r_o$ . Determine its capacitance per unit length.

**Steps:**

1. Using Gauss's Law, determine an expression for the electric fields in both dielectrics.

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}_1 &= \mathbf{a}_r \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_o\epsilon_{r1}r}, \quad \text{for } r_i < r < b \\ \mathbf{E}_2 &= \mathbf{a}_r \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_o\epsilon_{r2}r}, \quad \text{for } b < r < r_o\end{aligned}$$

2. Determine an expression of the voltage between the two conductors.

*Solution:* We integrate along the electric fields, yielding

$$V = - \int_{r_o}^{r_i} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{\rho_l}{2\pi\epsilon_o} \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_{r1}} \ln \frac{b}{r_i} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{r2}} \ln \frac{r_o}{b} \right)$$

3. Determine an expression for the capacitance per unit length.

*Solution:*

$$C' = \frac{\rho_l}{V} = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_o}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_{r1}} \ln(b/r_i) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{r2}} \ln(r_o/b)} \text{ (F/m)}$$

*Answer:*

$$C' = \frac{2\pi\epsilon_o}{\frac{1}{\epsilon_{r1}} \ln(b/r_i) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_{r2}} \ln(r_o/b)} \text{ (F/m)}$$