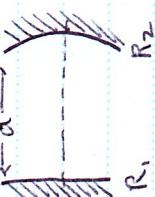


Q.1 The following questions refer to the optical cavity shown in Fig. 6.5 with  $d = (\frac{3}{4})R_2$ ,  $R_1^2 = 0.97$  and  $R_2^2 = 0.99$ .



a) Find an expression for the resonant frequencies of the TEM<sub>0,0</sub> modes of the cavity.

$$\nu_{m,p,q} = \frac{c}{2\pi d} \left\{ q + \left( \frac{1+m+p}{\pi} \right) \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{(d/R_2)^{1/2}}{(1-d/R_2)^{1/2}} \right] \right\}$$

$$m=0 \quad p=0 \quad d = \frac{3}{4} R_2$$

$$\nu_{0,0,q} = \frac{c}{2\pi d} \left\{ q + \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \right) \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{(\frac{3}{4})^{1/2}}{(1-\frac{3}{4})^{1/2}} \right] \right\}$$

$$\nu_{0,0,q} = \frac{c}{2\pi d} \left\{ q + \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \right) \tan^{-1} \sqrt{3} \right\}$$

b) If the radius of curvature is 2.0 m and the wavelength region of interest 5000 Å, compute:

- (i) Free spectral range in MHz and in Å units

$$R_2 = \frac{4}{3}d \Rightarrow d = \frac{3}{4}R_2 = \frac{3}{2}m = 1.5m$$

$$F.S.R. = \nu_{n+1} - \nu_n = \frac{C}{2nd} = \frac{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}}{2(1.5m)} = 10^8 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{C}{nd} \quad d\lambda = \frac{C}{n} \quad d\nu = (\frac{C}{\lambda^2}) / (d\lambda)$$

$$|d\lambda| = \frac{\lambda^2 d\nu}{c} = \frac{(5000 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ m})^2 / 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}}{c} = 8.3 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ m}$$

$$|d\lambda| = 8.3 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ m}$$

(ii) Cavity Q reflectance  $R_1 = |R_1|^2 = 0.99$   $R_2 = |R_2|^2 = 0.97$  (not curvilinear)

$$Q = \frac{2\pi n d}{\lambda_0} \frac{(R_1 R_2)^4}{(1 - \sqrt{R_1 R_2})} = \frac{2\pi (\frac{1.5}{m})}{5000 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}} \frac{(0.99 \cdot 0.97)^4}{[1 - (0.99 \cdot 0.97)^{1/2}]} =$$

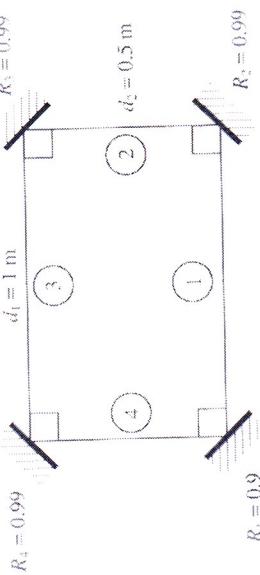
$$Q = 930607069.741143$$

(3) Photon lifetime in seconds

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_0 &= \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda_0} \\ \tau_p &= \frac{Q/\lambda_0}{\omega_0} = \frac{Q\lambda_0}{2\pi c} = \frac{2\pi n d}{\lambda_0} \frac{(R_1 R_2)^4}{(1 - \sqrt{R_1 R_2})} \frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi c} \\ \tau_p &= \frac{nd(R_1 R_2)^4}{c(1 - \sqrt{R_1 R_2})} = \frac{1.5}{3 \cdot 10^8} \frac{(0.99 \cdot 0.97)^4}{[1 - (0.99 \cdot 0.97)^{1/2}]} = 2.47 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

(4) Finesse

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{(R_1 R_2)^4}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} = \frac{0.99 \cdot 0.97}{155 \cdot 10^1} = 246852 \\ F &= 155,101 \end{aligned}$$



6.2 If the optical paths 1-4 are lossless, what is the photon lifetime in this cavity?

$$S = R_1 R_2 R_3 R_4 = (0.99)^3 (0.9) = 0.873269 = \text{Survival of photon in one round trip}$$

$$\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}} = \frac{2d_1}{c} = \frac{(1+0.5+1.5)m}{3 \cdot 10^8 m/s} = \frac{3.5m}{3 \cdot 10^8 s} = 10^{-8} s$$

$$\bar{\tau}_p = \frac{\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}}}{(1-S)} = \frac{10^{-8}}{(1-0.873269)} = 7.89 \cdot 10^{-8} s = 78.9 \text{ ns}$$

6.3 What is the cavity Q ( $\lambda_0 = 5000 \text{ Å}$ )

$$Q = \omega_0 \bar{\tau}_p = \left( \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda_0} \right) \bar{\tau}_p = \frac{2\pi (3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}) (7.89 \cdot 10^{-8})}{5000 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}}$$

$$Q = 297445992.4 = 2.97 \cdot 10^9$$

6.4 a) Suppose that path 1 has a transmission coefficient of 0.85 rather than 1 as in Problem 6.2. What is the new photon lifetime?

$$S' = R_1 T_1 R_2 R_3 R_4 = (0.99)(0.85)(0.99)(0.99) = 0.7142$$

$$\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}} = 10^{-8} s$$

$$\bar{\tau}_p = \frac{\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}}}{(1-S')} = \frac{10^{-8}}{(1-0.7142)} = 3.88 \cdot 10^{-8} s = 38.8 \text{ ns}$$

b) Suppose Path 1 has a transmission coefficient power gain of 1.1. What is the new photon lifetime?

$$S = R_1 G R_2 R_3 R_4 = (0.99)^2 (0.9) (1.1) = 0.960596$$

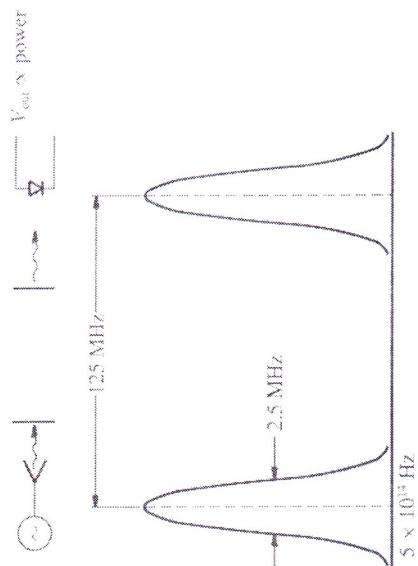
$$\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}} = 10^{-8} s$$

$$\bar{\tau}_p = \frac{\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}}}{(1-S)} = \frac{10^{-8}}{(1-0.960596)} = 25.4 \cdot 10^{-8} s = 254 \text{ ns}$$

c) If we blindly plug into the formulas  $G$  becomes negative for  $G$  sufficiently large. What is the meaning of this absurdity?

means infinite output with zero line-width.

Problems 6.5 through 6.10 refer to the optical cavity in the accompanying diagram. It is excited by a variable-frequency source, and the detected intensity is as shown.



6.8 What is the Q?

$$Q = \frac{\nu_0}{\Delta\nu_{1/2}} = \frac{5 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ Hz}}{2.5 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Hz}} = 2 \cdot 10^8$$

6.9 What is the photon lifetime?

$$\tau_p = \frac{1}{\Delta\nu_{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\Delta\nu_{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\pi(2.5 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Hz})} = 6.37 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ s}$$

6.10 Suppose that the cavity is filled with an active medium with a single-pass gain of G. How large should G be to obtain oscillation?

6.5 What is the nominal wavelength of the source?

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{c}{\nu_0} = \frac{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}}{5 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ Hz}} = 6 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 0.6 \mu\text{m}$$

6.6 How long is the cavity?

$$FSR = \frac{c}{2d} = \Delta\nu \Rightarrow d = \frac{c}{2\Delta\nu} = \frac{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}}{2(125 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Hz})} = 1.2 \text{ m}$$

6.7 What is the Finesse?

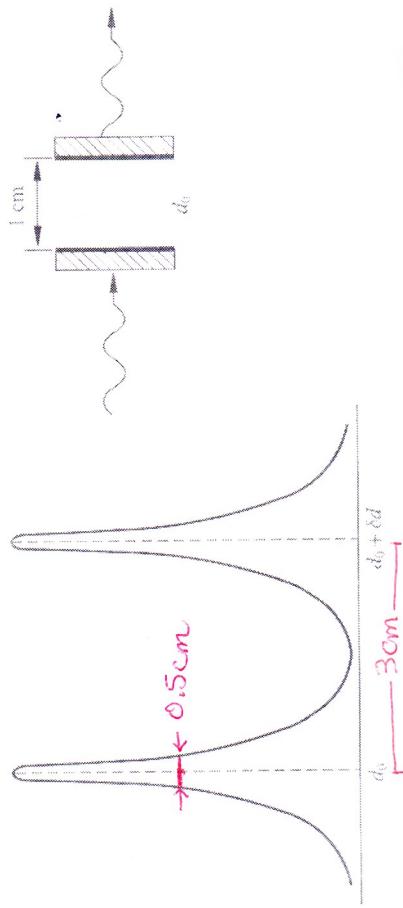
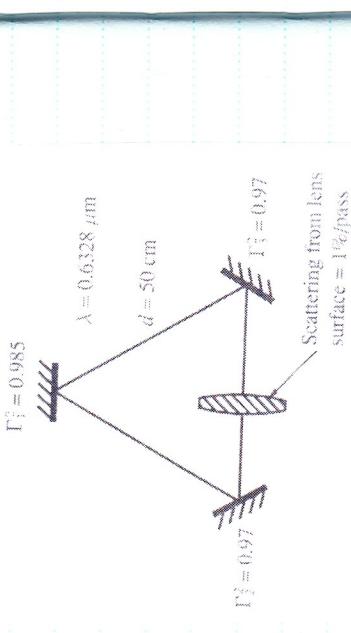
$$F = \frac{FSR}{\Delta\nu_{1/2}} = \frac{125 \text{ MHz}}{2.5 \text{ MHz}} = 50$$

$$G > \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1 R_2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2d}{c\tau_p}}} = 1.069$$

The condition for oscillation is that  $\tau_p$  is a negative value.

$$1 - G^2 R_1 R_2 < 0$$

Drawn to scale on the graph below is the relative power transmission through a Fabry-Pérot cavity when the distance  $d$  is increased slightly. The source is a He-Ne laser at  $\lambda_0 = 6328 \text{ Å}$ .



6.11 a) What is the photon lifetime?

$$S = T_{\text{lens}} \Gamma_3 \Gamma_1 \Gamma_2^2 = \frac{(1.0)}{(0.97)(0.97)(0.985)(0.97)} = 0.936$$

$$d = 2.56 \text{ cm} = 1.5 \text{ m} \Rightarrow T_{\text{RF}} = \frac{d}{c} = \frac{1.5 \text{ m}}{3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} = 5.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}$$

$$\tau_p = \frac{T_{\text{RF}}}{(1-S)} = \frac{5.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}}{(1-0.936)} = 78.6 \text{ fs}$$

b) What is the cavity Q?

$$Q = \omega_0 T_p = \frac{2\pi c T_p}{\lambda_0} = \frac{2\pi (3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ Hz})(78.66 \cdot 10^{-15})}{6328 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}} = 2.34 \cdot 10^8$$

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\Delta \nu_{\text{RF}}} = \frac{6328 \text{ Hz}}{5.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}} = 11.9$$

6.12 a) What is the distance  $\delta d$ ?

$$\lambda_m = 2dn_f \cos \theta + \frac{\theta \lambda}{\pi}$$

$$\cos \theta = 1$$

$$[(m+1)-m] \lambda_0 = (d+\delta d) 2\pi f - d(2\pi f)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta d = \lambda_0 / 2\pi f = \frac{3164 \text{ Å}}{2\pi \cdot 10^8 \text{ Hz}} = 3164 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

b) What is the finesse of the cavity?

$$\text{Finesse} = FSR = \frac{\lambda_{1/2}}{\Delta \nu_{1/2}} = \frac{3164 \text{ Å}}{5 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}}$$

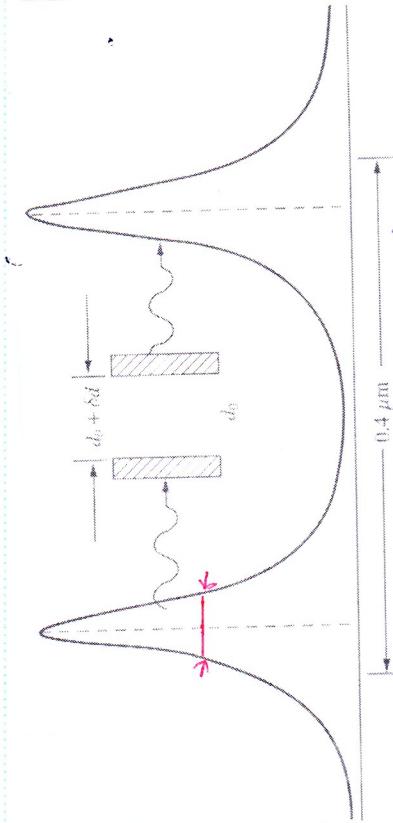
$$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda} \quad \Delta \nu_{1/2} = \frac{c \Delta \lambda / \lambda^2}{(\lambda \cdot 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m}^{-1})(5 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ m}) / (328 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m})^2}$$

$$\Delta \nu_{1/2} = 3.97 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ Hz}$$

$$F = \frac{FSR}{FWHM} = \frac{\Delta \nu}{\Delta \nu_{1/2}} = \frac{\Delta \lambda}{\Delta \lambda_{1/2}} = \frac{3164 \text{ Å}}{5.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}} = 5.97$$

c) What is the cavity Q?

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\Delta \nu_{\text{RF}}} = \frac{6328 \text{ Hz}}{5.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}} = 11.9 \rightarrow$$



a) What is the wavelength of the source?

$$2N\pi = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda_c} nd$$

$$2(N+1)\pi = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda_c} n(d + \delta d)$$

$$\delta d \sim \text{area } 0.25 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\lambda_c = (2/n)(\delta d) = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$$

b) What is the finesse?

$$\text{FSR} = \frac{c}{\lambda_c nd} = \frac{(3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{2(3 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ m})} = 7.5 \cdot 10^9 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\text{FWHM} \sim \frac{1}{5.5} \text{ FSR} \Rightarrow F \sim 5.5$$

b) What is the finesse of the cavity?

$$\Delta\nu_{1/2} \sim \frac{1}{c} \text{ FSR} = \text{FWHM}$$

$$F = \frac{\text{FSR}}{\text{FWHM}} \approx \frac{c}{\frac{1}{c} \text{ FSR}} \approx c$$

c) What is the cavity Q?

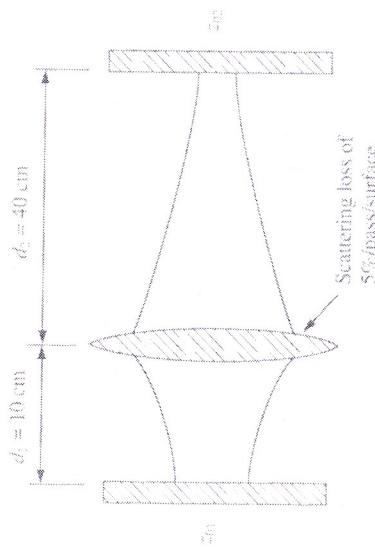
$$\frac{Q}{2N\pi} = \frac{2\pi}{(4\pi/\lambda_c) nd \cos \theta_r} \Rightarrow N = \frac{\pi}{\lambda_c} d = 31606$$

$$Q = \frac{\lambda_c}{\Delta\nu_{1/2}} = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta\nu_{1/2}} = N\pi\sqrt{F} = \frac{31606\pi}{2}\sqrt{16}$$

$$= 121607$$

(a) Find an expression for the difference in the resonant frequencies of the  $\text{TEM}_{0,0,q}$  and the  $\text{TEM}_{m,n,q}$  modes of the cavity shown below. You may assume that the cavity is stable and the parameters  $z_{01}$  and  $z_{02}$  are known. Express your answer in terms of  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$ ,  $z_{01}$ , and  $z_{02}$  (do not evaluate).

(b) What is the photon lifetime and  $Q$  of the passive cavity if  $z_{01} = 500 \text{ nm}$  and  $R_1 = R_2 = 0.876$ ? (A numerical answer is required.)



b)  $\tau_p, Q$  given  $R_1 = R_2 = 0.876$   $T = 1.05$

$$\lambda_0 = 500 \text{ nm}$$

$$\tau_{\text{RT}} = \frac{\sum d}{c} = \frac{2(10\text{cm} + 40\text{cm})}{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}} = 3.33 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ s}$$

$$S = R_1 \tau \tau T R_2 = \frac{(1.05)^4}{(95)^2} (0.876)^2 = 0.93275$$

two passes, two surfaces scattering loss!

$$\tau_p = \frac{\tau_{\text{RT}}}{(1-S)} = 49.5 \text{ ns}$$

$$\Delta \nu_{\text{R2}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau_p} = 3.214 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Hz} \quad 1.47 \cdot 10^7 \text{ Hz}$$

6.1(e) Expressions for  $\text{TEM}_{0,0,q}$  and  $\text{TEM}_{m,n,q}$ .

using 3.5.1  $\phi(d) - \phi(c) = kd - (1+m+p)\tan^{-1}(d/z_0)$

$$kd_1 - (1+m+p)\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d_1}{z_0}\right) + kd_2 - (1+m+p)\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d_2}{z_0}\right) = g\pi$$

$$k(d_1 + d_2) = \pi \left\{ q + \frac{(1+m+p)}{\pi} [\tan^{-1} \frac{d_1}{z_0} + \tan^{-1} \frac{d_2}{z_0}] \right\}$$

$$K = \frac{2\pi\nu n}{c} \quad n = \text{index of refraction in cavity}$$

$$\nu_{m,p,q} = \frac{cn}{(d_1+d_2)} \left\{ q + \frac{(1+m+p)}{\pi} [\tan^{-1} \frac{d_1}{z_0} + \tan^{-1} \frac{d_2}{z_0}] \right\}$$

$$\nu_{0,0,q} = \frac{cn}{(d_1+d_2)} \left\{ q + \frac{1}{\pi} [\tan^{-1} \frac{d_1}{z_0} + \tan^{-1} \frac{d_2}{z_0}] \right\}$$

$$Q = \frac{\nu_0}{\Delta \nu_{\text{R2}}} = 1.87 \cdot 10^3 \quad 4.09 \cdot 10^7$$

$$\nu_0 = \frac{c}{\lambda_0} = 6 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

6.17 Make a careful sketch of the peaks (and valleys) of the transmission through a Fabry-Pérot cavity as a function of frequency around  $\lambda_0 = 6000\text{nm}$  with a finesse of 10 and FSR =  $20\text{GHz}$

$$\text{a) FWHM} = \frac{\text{FSR}}{F} = \frac{20\text{GHz}}{10} = 2\text{GHz}$$

$$\nu = \frac{c}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \Delta\nu_{12} = \left(\frac{c}{\lambda_0^2}\right) \Delta\lambda_{12}$$

$$\Delta\lambda_{12} = \lambda_0^2 \Delta\nu_{12} \left(\frac{c}{\lambda_0^2}\right)^2 = (6000\text{nm})^2 (2\text{GHz}) \left(\frac{1}{3.10^{18}\text{nm}}\right)$$

$$\Delta\lambda_{12} = 0.024\text{ nm}$$

$$\Delta k_{12} = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta\lambda_{12}} = 2.42 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\text{b) What is the cavity Q?}$$

$$Q = \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta\lambda_{12}} = \frac{6000\text{Hz}}{0.024\text{nm}} = 250,000$$

c) What is the photon lifetime?

$$\tau_p = Q = \frac{Q\lambda_0}{\omega_0} = \frac{(250,000)(6000 \cdot 10^{-9})}{2\pi c} = 7.9 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ s}$$

d) What is the FSR in GHz, Å, and cm<sup>-1</sup>?

$$\text{FSR} = 20\text{GHz}$$

$$\text{FSR} = F \cdot \text{FWHM} = 10 \Delta\lambda_{12} = 0.24\text{Å}$$

$$\text{FSR} = F \cdot \text{FWHM} = 10 \Delta\omega = 2.6 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

transmission  $\Theta = k d$        $d = \frac{C}{2\text{FSR}} = \frac{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m}^{-1}}{2(20 \cdot 10^9 \text{s})} = 0.0015\text{m}$   
 $\Theta = \left(\frac{2\pi r^2}{c}\right)d$        $k = \frac{\omega}{c} = \frac{2\pi\nu}{c}$   
 $\Theta = \frac{2\pi\nu}{c} \left(\frac{c}{2\text{FSR}}\right) = \frac{\pi r^2}{\text{FSR}}$

$$F = \frac{4R}{(1-R)^2} \Rightarrow (1 - 2R + R^2)F = 4R$$

$$FR^2 - 6R(F_2 + 4)R + F = 0$$

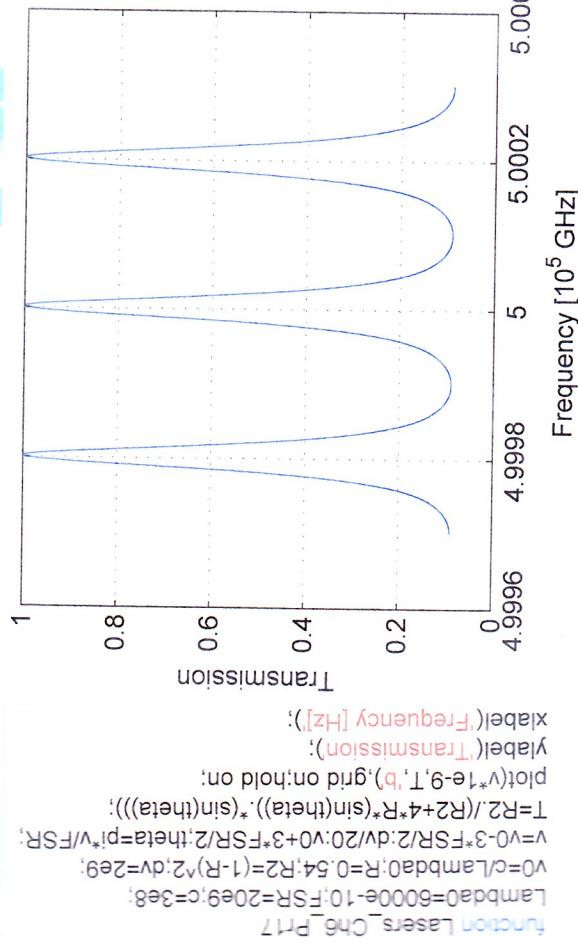
$$R^2 - \left(\frac{F_2 + 4}{F}\right)R + 1 = 0$$

$$F = 10$$

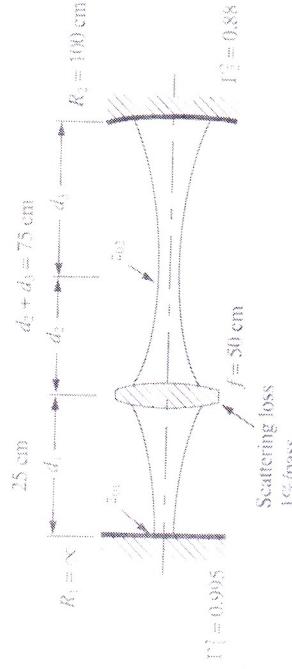
$$R = \frac{(RF_2 + 4) \pm \sqrt{(RF_2 + 4)^2 - 4}}{2}$$

$$R = 1.2 \pm .46 = .54$$

$$T(\Theta) = \frac{(1-R)^2}{(1-R)^2 + 4R\sin^2\theta}$$



- 6.18. Consider the following laser cavity and assume that the parameters  $z_{01}$  and  $z_{02}$  are known. Assume also that the cavity is stable.



c) Derive a formula for the resonant frequency of the  $TEM_{m,pq}$  mode.

use 3.5.1  $\phi(d) - \phi(0) = kd - (1+m+p) \tan^{-1}(d/z_0) = q\pi$   
and  $k = 2\pi v n/c$   $n = \text{index of refraction}$

$$kd_1 - (1+m+p) \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d_1}{z_{01}}\right) + kd_2 - (1+m+p) \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d_2}{z_{02}}\right) \\ + kd_3 - (1+m+p) \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d_3}{z_{03}}\right) = q\pi$$

$$k(d_1 + d_2 + d_3) = q\pi + (1+m+p) \left\{ \tan^{-1}\frac{d_1}{z_{01}} + \tan^{-1}\frac{d_2}{z_{02}} + \tan^{-1}\frac{d_3}{z_{03}} \right\}$$

$$kR = \pi(d_1 + d_2 + d_3)^{-1} \left\{ q + \frac{(1+m+p)}{\pi} \left[ \tan^{-1}\frac{d_1}{z_{01}} + \tan^{-1}\frac{d_2}{z_{02}} + \tan^{-1}\frac{d_3}{z_{03}} \right] \right\}$$

$$\frac{2\pi L}{c} = \pi(d_1 + d_2 + d_3)^{-1} \left\{ q + \frac{(1+m+p)}{\pi} \left[ \tan^{-1}\frac{d_1}{z_{01}} + \tan^{-1}\frac{d_2}{z_{02}} + \tan^{-1}\frac{d_3}{z_{03}} \right] \right\}$$

$$\nu_{\text{res}} = \frac{c}{2(d_1 + d_2 + d_3)} \left\{ q + \frac{(1+m+p)}{\pi} \left[ \tan^{-1}\frac{d_1}{z_{01}} + \tan^{-1}\frac{d_2}{z_{02}} + \tan^{-1}\frac{d_3}{z_{03}} \right] \right\}$$

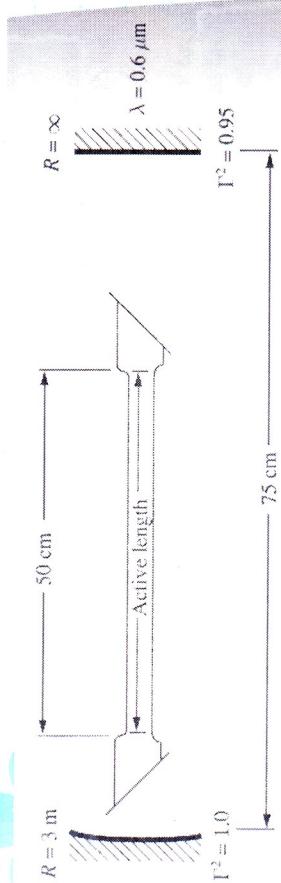
b) What is the photon lifetime?

$$\tau_{\text{RT}} = \frac{2 \sum d_i}{c} = \frac{2(100\text{cm})}{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{cm s}^{-1}} = 6.7 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{s}$$

$$S = (\tau_{\text{loss}})^2 \tau_1^2 \tau_2^2 = (99)^2 (0.95)(0.88) = 0.858$$

$$\tau_p = \frac{\tau_{\text{RT}}}{(1-S)} = 4.7 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{s} = 47 \text{ns}$$

6.19



a) Is this cavity stable?

$$g_1 = 1 - \frac{d}{R_1} = 1 - \frac{75\text{cm}}{300\text{cm}} = 0.75 \quad \text{Eq. 2.5.4}$$

$$g_2 = 1 - \frac{d}{R_2} = 1 \quad g_1 g_2 = 0.75$$

Stability condition:  $0 \leq g_1 g_2 \leq 1$  : Stable

b) What would be the frequency difference between the  $\text{TEM}_{0,0,9}$  mode and the  $\text{TEM}_{1,0,9}$  mode?

$$\omega_{m,0,9} = \frac{c}{2d} \left\{ q + \frac{(1+m+p)}{\pi} \cos^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{d}{R}\right)^{1/2} \right\}$$

$$\frac{c}{2d} = \frac{3 \cdot 10^{10} \text{cm s}^{-1}}{\lambda (75\text{cm})} = 2 \cdot 10^8 \text{Hz}$$

$$\cos^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} = \cos^{-1}\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\omega_{m,0,9} = 2 \cdot 10^8 \text{Hz} \left\{ q + \frac{(1+m+p)}{\pi} \right\}$$

$$\omega_{m,0,9} = 2 \cdot 10^8 \text{Hz} \left\{ q + \frac{(1+m+p)}{\pi} \right\} = 3.33 \cdot 10^7 \text{Hz} = 33.3 \text{MHz}$$

$$\Delta\omega = 33.3 \text{MHz}$$

- c) What should be the bore size of the laser tube so that less than 0.1% of the  $\text{TEM}_{0,0,9}$  mode intercepts the tube wall?

$$T = 1 - e^{-2a^2/w_s^2} = 0.999$$

$$-2a^2/w_s^2 = \ln(0.001)$$

$$a = 1.858 w_s$$

$$\frac{\pi w_s^2}{\lambda} = \frac{dR}{(1-d/R)^{1/2}} \Rightarrow w_s = \sqrt{\frac{dR}{\pi(1-d/R)^{1/2}}} \alpha$$

$$w_s = \sqrt{\frac{(15 \cdot 10^{-2})(3)^{1/2}(6 \cdot 10^{-6})}{\pi(1 - 75/300)^{1/2}}} = 5.75 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{m}$$

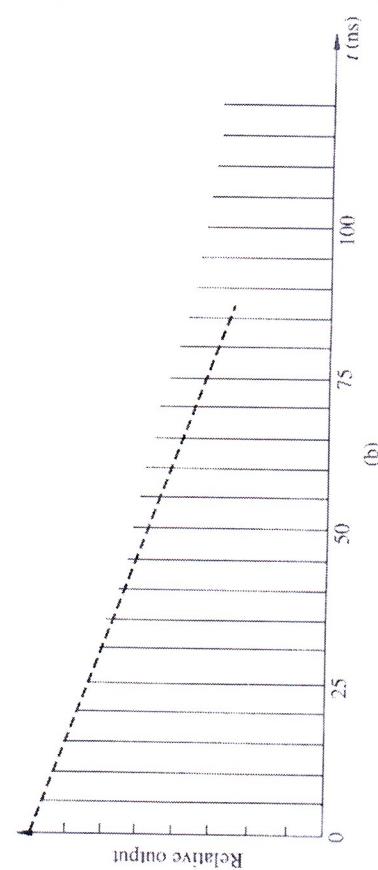
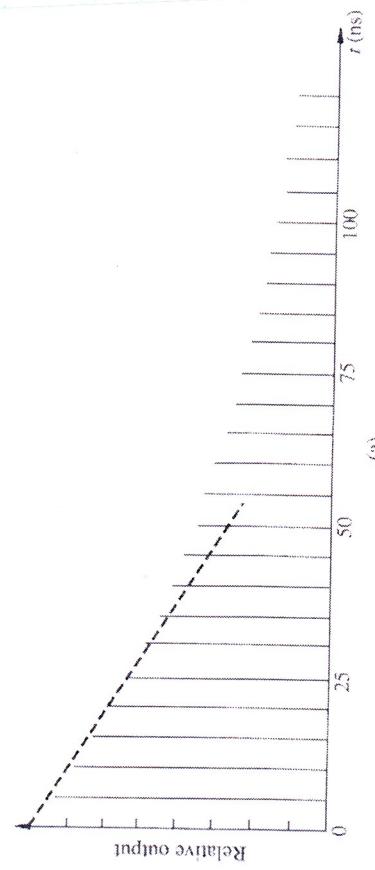
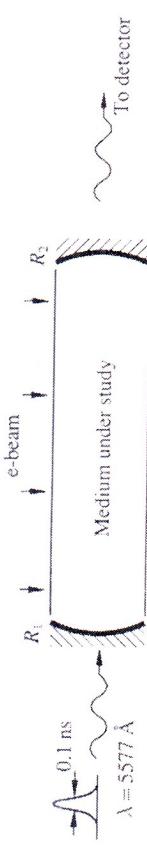
$$\alpha = (1.858)(5.75 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{m}) = 1.07 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{m}$$

$$\text{diameter} = 2a = 2 \cdot 1.07 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{m} = 2.14 \text{mm}$$

- d) What is the minimum gain coefficient of the laser tube to sustain oscillation?  
Oscillator Condition:  $R_1 R_2 \exp{j\gamma S} - 2 \lg \left\{ \frac{1}{\gamma} \right\} = 1$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2d} \ln\left(\frac{1}{R_1 R_2}\right) = \frac{1}{2d} \ln\left(\frac{1}{175 \cdot 10^{-4}}\right) = \frac{1}{2(50\text{cm})} \ln\left(\frac{1}{175}\right) = 5.129 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{cm}^{-1}$$

e.20 A laser cavity was excited by a 0.1ns pulse from an external source at  $\lambda = 5577\text{ \AA}$ . When the medium was not pumped, the detected transmission was as shown in the part (a) of the diagram. When the medium was irradiated by an intense electron beam, part (b) of the diagram resulted.



a) How long is the cavity?

$$2d = c\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}} \quad \bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}} = 5\text{ ns}$$

$$d = \frac{c\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}}}{2} = \frac{(3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s})(5 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ s})}{2} = 0.75 \text{ m} = 75 \text{ cm}$$

b) What is the photon lifetime?

From plot - relative units  $\Gamma_{\text{max}} = 8$

$$\text{at } \bar{\tau}_p = \frac{8}{\pi} \approx 2.94$$

$$\therefore \bar{\tau}_p \sim 75 \text{ ns}$$

c) What is the cavity Q?

$$Q = \omega_0 \bar{\tau}_p = \frac{2\pi c \bar{\tau}_p}{\lambda_c} = \frac{2\pi (3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s})(75 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ s})}{(5577 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m})}$$

$$Q = 2.5349 \cdot 10^8$$

d) What is the single pass gain under e-beam excitation?

$$\bar{\gamma}_p = \frac{\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}}}{1-S}$$

$$S = R_1 R_2 \Rightarrow S = \frac{\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}}^2}{R_1 R_2}$$

$$R_1 R_2 = 1 - \frac{\bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}}}{\bar{\tau}_p} = 1 - \frac{5\text{ ns}}{75\text{ ns}} = 0.933$$

$$\bar{\gamma}^2 R_1 R_2 = 1 - \bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}} \bar{\tau}_p \Rightarrow \bar{\gamma} = \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \bar{\tau}_{\text{RT}}/\bar{\tau}_p)}{R_1 R_2}}$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{5\text{ ns}}{120\text{ ns}}}{0.933}} \sim 1.014$$

e) What is the cold cavity finesse?  $\Delta \omega_L = \frac{1}{\delta} \Rightarrow \Delta \omega_L = \frac{1}{1.014} = \frac{1}{2\pi\bar{\tau}_p}$

$$F = \frac{2\pi}{1 - R_1 R_2} = \frac{2\pi}{1 - 0.933} \approx 94$$

(Q.21 a) Is the cavity stable?

$$\frac{g_1}{g_2} = 1 - \frac{d/R_1}{1 - \sqrt{5}/1} = .25$$

$$\frac{g_2}{g_1} = 1 - \frac{d/R_2}{1 - \sqrt{5}/\infty} = 1$$

$$0 \leq g_1 g_2 = .25 \leq 1 \therefore \text{stable}$$

b) What is the spot size of the beam at flat mirror?

$$w_c = \left[ \frac{\lambda}{\pi} (d R_2)^{1/2} \left( 1 - \frac{d}{R_2} \right)^{1/2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (5.2.2)$$