## Experiment no. 5

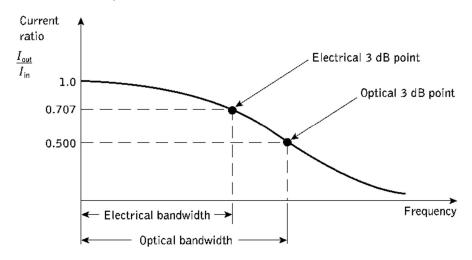
Aim: To study relationship between optical and electrical bandwidth

**Lab Outcome**: Plot frequency response of optical sources and receivers and find relationship between optical and electrical bandwidth.

Software: Scilab

## Theory:

a) **Concept of optical and electrical bandwidth:** The modulation bandwidth in optical communications may be defined in either electrical or optical terms.



The electrical 3 dB points occur when the ratio of electric powers is 1/2. Hence it follows that this must occur when:

$$\left(\frac{I_{OUT}}{I_{IN}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} = > \left(\frac{I_{OUT}}{I_{IN}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Optical 3dB point occurs when the ratio of the powers is  $\frac{1}{2}$  and since optical power is directly proportional to current, we can say that optical 3dB point occurs when current ratio is  $\frac{1}{2}$ :

$$\left(\frac{I_{OUT}}{I_{IN}}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Optical power at particular frequency 'w' can be calculated as:

$$\frac{P_{\rm e}(\omega)}{P_{\rm dc}} = \frac{1}{[1 + (\omega \tau_{\rm i})^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

where  $T_i$  s the injected carrier lifetime in the recombination region.

## **Problem statement:**

Write a program to plot ratio of output power to the input power vs frequency for different carrier recombination life time.

The minority carrier recombination lifetime for an LED is 5 ns. When a constant d.c. drive current is applied to the device the optical output power is  $300\mu W$ .

- 1. Determine the optical output power when the device is modulated with an rms drive current at frequencies of
  - (a) 20 MHz; (b) 100 MHz (c) 200MHz
- 2. Further, determine the 3 dB optical and electrical bandwidth for the device.
- 3. Also evaluate all the above parameters at 2 ns

| Average carrier                 | Output power (uW) |               |               | Ontical DW       | Electrical BW |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| recombination life time $(T_i)$ | at<br>20MHz       | at 100<br>MHz | at 200<br>MHz | Optical BW (MHz) | (MHz)         |
| 5ns                             |                   |               |               |                  |               |
| 2ns                             |                   |               |               |                  |               |

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