

Chapter Two *Basic fiber theory*

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Waveguide field equation

In **cylindrical coordinate** system, the relationship between transverse and longitudinal coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^2 H_\phi &= -i \left(\omega \varepsilon \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} + \beta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \phi} \right) \\ \chi^2 E_r &= -i \left(\omega \mu \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial \phi} + \beta \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial r} \right) \\ \chi^2 E_\phi &= -i \left(-\omega \mu \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} + \beta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial \phi} \right) \\ \chi^2 H_r &= -i \left(-\omega \varepsilon \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial \phi} + \beta \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} \right) \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} E_r &= f_1(E_z, H_z) \\ E_\phi &= f_2(E_z, H_z) \\ H_r &= f_3(E_z, H_z) \\ H_\phi &= f_4(E_z, H_z) \end{aligned}$$

Waveguide field equation

According to above formulas, it concludes that the transverse components can be obtained if the longitudinal components E_z, H_z are given.

Scalar waveguide field equation: $\nabla_t^2 \psi + \chi^2 \psi = 0$ $\psi_{r,\phi} = f \begin{bmatrix} E_z(r, \phi) \\ H_z(r, \phi) \end{bmatrix}$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi(r, \phi)}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi(r, \phi)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(r, \phi)}{\partial \phi^2} + (\omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 - \beta^2) \psi = 0$$

Assuming $g(\phi) = e^{i l \phi}$ **Amplitude at angular direction is periodic**

Variables separation: $\psi(r, \phi) = F(r)g(\phi)$

We obtain $r^2 \left[\frac{1}{F} \frac{d^2 F}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{1}{F} \frac{dF}{dr} + (\omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 - \beta^2) \right] + \frac{1}{g} \frac{d^2 g}{d\phi^2} = 0$

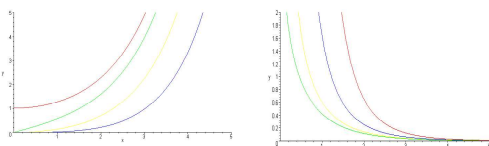
$F(r)$ **satisfy** $\frac{d^2 F}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dF}{dr} + \left[(\omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 - \beta^2) - \frac{l^2}{r^2} \right] F = 0$ **Field equation**

Waveguide field equation

(2) when $\omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 - \beta^2 < 0$ **cladding**

$$F(r) = C_0 I_l \left[\sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0} r \right] + D_0 K_l \left[\sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0} r \right]$$

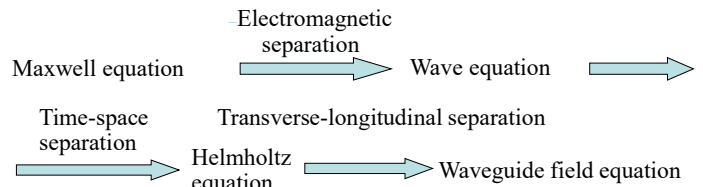
first kind Hankel function **second kind Hankel function**



Properties:

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} I_l \left[\sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0} r \right] \rightarrow +\infty \\ \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} K_l \rightarrow 0 \end{cases} \quad \rightarrow \quad F(r) = C_0 I_l \left[\sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0} r \right] + D_0 K_l \left[\sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0} r \right]$$

Waveguide field equation



$$\nabla_t^2 \psi(r, \phi) + \chi^2 \psi(r, \phi) = 0$$

ψ can represent each component $(E_r, E_\phi, E_z; H_r, H_\phi, H_z)$

$$\psi(r, \phi, z) = \psi(r, \phi) e^{-i \beta z}$$

Waveguide field equation

Transverse propagation constant (U, W)

—Transverse propagation constant : $\chi_1 = \sqrt{n_1^2 k_0^2 - \beta^2}$ **—(core)**

$\chi_2 = \sqrt{n_2^2 k_0^2 - \beta^2}$ **—(cladding)**

—Transverse constant:

$$U = a \chi_1 = \sqrt{n_1^2 k_0^2 - \beta^2} \cdot a$$

$$W = -i a \chi_2 = \sqrt{\beta^2 - n_2^2 k_0^2} \cdot a$$

—Satisfy:

$$V^2 = U^2 + W^2$$

Waveguide field equation

Eigen solution of the guided modes

$$\frac{d^2 F}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{dF}{dr} + \left[(\omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 - \beta^2) - \frac{l^2}{r^2} \right] F = 0$$

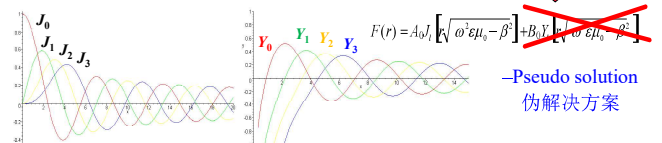
The solution of the above field equation is **Bessel function**

(1) when $\omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 - \beta^2 > 0$ **core**

$$F(r) = A_0 J_l \left[\sqrt{\omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 - \beta^2} r \right] + B_0 Y_l \left[\sqrt{\omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 - \beta^2} r \right]$$

$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} J_l \left[\sqrt{\omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 - \beta^2} r \right] \rightarrow 1 \text{ or } 0$
 $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} Y_l \left[\sqrt{\omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 - \beta^2} r \right] \rightarrow -\infty$

first kind Bessel function **second kind Bessel function**



Waveguide field equation

Guided modes condition: $n_2 k_0 < \beta < n_1 k_0$ **For step-index fibers:**

$$F(r) = \begin{cases} A_0 J_l \left[\frac{(k_0^2 n_1^2 - \beta^2)^{1/2}}{a} r \right] = A_0 J_l \left(\frac{U}{a} r \right) & (0 \leq r \leq a) \\ D_0 K_l \left[\frac{(\beta^2 - k_0^2 n_2^2)^{1/2}}{a} r \right] = D_0 K_l \left(\frac{W}{a} r \right) & (r > a) \end{cases}$$

$$\psi(r, \phi) = F(r)g(\phi)$$

The longitudinal components of the electric and magnetic fields in the core and cladding

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_z \\ H_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} J_l \left(\frac{U}{a} r \right) e^{i l \phi} & (0 \leq r \leq a) \quad \text{Core} \\ \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} K_l \left(\frac{W}{a} r \right) e^{i l \phi} & (r > a) \quad \text{Cladding} \end{cases}$$

Waveguide field equation [比较重要]

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_z \\ H_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} J_l \left(\frac{U}{a} r \right) e^{i\phi} & (0 \leq r \leq a) \\ \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} K_l \left(\frac{W}{a} r \right) e^{i\phi} & (r > a) \end{cases}$$

TE mode: $E_z=0, A=0$
 TM mode: $H_z=0, B=0$
 EH mode: $H_z \propto iE_z$
 HE mode: $H_z \propto -iE_z$

—The **larger** the W is, the **faster** the mode in cladding **attenuates**

The determination of the **eigen solution**:

- Eigenvalue**: β and l are determined by the **continuity requirement** at the fiber surface 由光纤表面的连续性要求决定
- Longitudinal components**: A, B, C, D are the uncertain constants determined by **boundary conditions** 由边界条件确定
- Transverse components**: they can be derived from longitudinal components

Waveguide field equation

$$\left(\frac{J'_l}{UJ_l} + \frac{K'_l}{WK_l} \right) \left(\frac{k_1^2 J'_l}{UJ_l} + \frac{k_2^2 K'_l}{WK_l} \right) = l^2 \beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right)^2$$

It is called as **characteristic** equation or **dispersion** equation. It is actually a **transcendental** equation about β .
 There are many different β_{lm} ($l=0,1,2,3\dots$ $m=1,2,3\dots$) values, each β_{lm} **corresponds** to a **guided mode**.

The property of Bessel function

Differential: 微分

$$J'_l(U) = (1/2) [J_{l-1}(U) - J_{l+1}(U)] \quad K'_l(W) = -\frac{1}{2} [K_{l-1}(W) + K_{l+1}(W)]$$

Recursion: 递归 $(l/U)J_l(U) = (1/2)[J_{l-1}(U) + J_{l+1}(U)]$

$$\frac{l}{W}K_l(W) = -\frac{1}{2}[K_{l-1}(W) - K_{l+1}(W)]$$

Approximation: 近似

$$\lim_{U \rightarrow \infty} J_l(U) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi U}} \cos\left(U - \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{l\pi}{2}\right) \quad \lim_{W \rightarrow \infty} K_l(W) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{W}} e^{-W}$$

$$\lim_{U \rightarrow 0} J_l(U) = \frac{1}{l!} \left(\frac{U}{2} \right)^l \quad \lim_{W \rightarrow 0} K_l(W) = \begin{cases} (l-1)! 2^{l-1} W^{-l} & (l \geq 1) \\ \ln\left(\frac{2}{W}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1.123}{W}\right) & (l=0) \end{cases}$$

The property of Bessel function

(3) The eigenvalue equation of the EH or HE modes

$$\ell^2 \beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} \right) \left(\frac{k_1^2 J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{k_2^2 K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} \right)$$

$$\text{set } \frac{J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} = \bar{J}_l, \quad \frac{K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} = \bar{K}_l$$

$$\text{we obtain } \bar{J}_l = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{k_2^2}{k_1^2} \right) \bar{K}_l \pm \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{k_2^2}{k_1^2} \right)^2 \bar{K}_l^2 - \ell^2 \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{k_2^2}{k_1^2} \frac{1}{W^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right)}$$

set “+” as EH mode and “−” as HE mode

The eigenvalue equation of EH mode: \bar{J}_l

The eigenvalue equation of HE mode: \bar{J}_l

$$\frac{J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} = \ell \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{k_1^2 J'_l(U)}{k_2^2 UJ_l(U)} + \frac{K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} = -\ell \left(\frac{k_1^2}{k_2^2} \frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right)$$

Waveguide field equation

Eigenvalue equation (to determine A, B, C, D, β and l)

- 线性方程组系数矩阵行列式等于0

Considering E_r, E_ϕ, H_z, H_ϕ are continuous at $r=a$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \frac{A}{C} = \frac{B}{D} = \frac{K_l(W)}{J_l(U)} \quad & E_r = f_1(E_z, H_z) \\ & E_\phi = f_2(E_z, H_z) \\ \textcircled{2} \quad \begin{cases} i\beta l \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right) A - \omega \mu \left[\frac{1}{U} \frac{J'_l(U)}{J_l(U)} + \frac{1}{W} \frac{K'_l(W)}{K_l(W)} \right] B = 0 & H_r = f_3(E_z, H_z) \\ \omega \left[\frac{\epsilon_1}{U} \frac{J'_l(U)}{J_l(U)} + \frac{\epsilon_2}{W} \frac{K'_l(W)}{K_l(W)} \right] A + i\beta l \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right) B = 0 & H_\phi = f_4(E_z, H_z) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

If they have the solutions, A and B are not all equal to zero, thus the characteristic determinant of the above equation 2 should equal to zero.

$$\ell^2 \beta^2 \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right)^2 = \left[\frac{J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} \right] \cdot \left[\frac{k_1^2 J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{k_2^2 K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} \right]$$

where $k_1 = n_1 k_0$ $k_2 = n_2 k_0$

If n_1, n_2, a, λ are given, there are many β_m for a fixed l

Modes analysis [比较重要]

(1) Types of guided modes

TE mode (only H_z exists, $E_z=0$) $\longrightarrow l=0 \longrightarrow$ orthogonal linear polarized mode
 TM mode (only E_z exists, $H_z=0$) \longrightarrow 正交线性偏振光

EH mode (electric field dominates 占主导, H_z is phase-leading 相位超前)

HE mode (magnetic field dominates, E_z is phase-leading) $\longrightarrow l \neq 0$
 elliptical polarized light 椭圆偏振光

Define a parameter q which can reflect the mode type

$$q = \frac{\omega \mu_0}{i\beta} \cdot \frac{H_z}{E_z} = \frac{\omega \mu_0}{i\beta} \cdot \frac{B}{A}$$

q represents the relationship of **phase** and **amplitude** between E_z and H_z

TE mode: $A=0 \longrightarrow q=\infty$

TM mode: $B=0 \longrightarrow q=0$

EH mode: $H_z \propto iE_z \longrightarrow q=1$

HE mode: $H_z \propto -iE_z \longrightarrow q=-1$

The property of Bessel function

(1) For TE mode: $E_z=0, \ell=0, H_z \neq 0$

To make the equation have the solutions not all equaling to zero

$$\frac{J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} = 0$$

The eigenvalue equation of the TE mode: $\frac{J'_0(U)}{UJ_0(U)} + \frac{K'_0(W)}{WK_0(W)} = 0$

(2) For TM mode: $H_z=0, \ell=0, E_z \neq 0$

To make the equation have the solutions not all equaling to zero

$$\frac{k_1^2 J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{k_2^2 K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} = 0$$

The eigenvalue equation of the TM mode: $\frac{k_1^2 J'_0(U)}{UJ_0(U)} + \frac{k_2^2 K'_0(W)}{WK_0(W)} = 0$

The property of Bessel function

- The mode eigen value β can be determined by U or W

The expression of the electromagnetic field component in the **cladding**:

$$E_z = CK_l \left(\frac{W}{a} r \right) e^{i\ell\phi}$$

K_l is an **attenuated** exponent function

When $W \rightarrow \infty$, the electromagnetic wave **attenuates** very quickly in the **cladding** thus is well restricted in the core — Far from cut-off

When $W \rightarrow 0$, the electromagnetic wave **attenuates** very slowly in the **cladding** thus escapes from the cladding — Near from cut-off

The property of Bessel function

2. The conditions of guided modes cut-off and far from cut-off

$W \rightarrow 0$ cladding mode dose not attenuate, 导模截止cut-off

$W \rightarrow \infty$ 包层模衰减很快cladding mode attenuates severely
远离截止far from cut-off

① TE mode (TE_{0m}) ($l=0, q=\infty$) $\frac{J'_0(U)}{UJ_0(U)} + \frac{K'_0(W)}{WK_0(W)} = 0$

$J'_0 = (1/2)(J_{-1} - J_1) = -J_1$
 $K'_0 = (-1/2)(K_{-1} + K_1) = -K_1$ $\Rightarrow \frac{J_1(U)}{UJ_0(U)} + \frac{K_1(W)}{WK_0(W)} = 0$

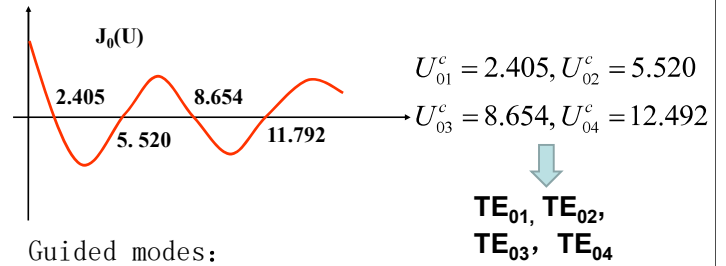
Far from cut-off condition:

$W \rightarrow \infty, \frac{K_1(W)}{WK_0(W)} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{J_1(U)}{UJ_0(U)} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow J_1(U) = 0, U_{0m}^\infty$
($U_{0m}^\infty \neq 0$)

cut-off condition:

$W \rightarrow 0, \frac{K_1(W)}{WK_0(W)} \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \frac{J_1(U)}{UJ_0(U)} \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow J_0(U) = 0, U_{0m}^c$

The property of Bessel function



The property of Bessel function

② TM mode TM_{0m} ($l=0$)

Eigen equation $\frac{n_1^2 J_1(U)}{n_2^2 U J_0(U)} + \frac{K_1(W)}{W K_0(W)} = 0$

Far from cut-off and cut-off conditions are same as that of TE mode

TE、TM modes appear and disappear in pairs

$TM_{01}(V > V_c = 2.405); TM_{02}(V > V_c = 5.52) \dots$

Degenerate state

- TE_{0m} and TM_{0m} modes have the same eigenvalue near and far from cut-off, i.e., two modes are at the degenerate state;
- They have different eigenvalue between cut-off and far from cut-off, this phenomenon is called as degenerate states split 简并态分离

The property of Bessel function

③ HE_{lm} mode $l=1, q=-1$

Eigenvalue equation

$\frac{n_1^2}{n_2^2} \cdot \frac{J'_1(U)}{UJ_1(U)} + \frac{K'_1(W)}{WK_1(W)} = -\left(\frac{n_1^2}{n_2^2} \cdot \frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2}\right)$

According to Bessel function property

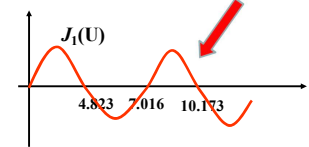
$\frac{n_1^2}{n_2^2} \cdot \frac{J_0(U)}{UJ_1(U)} - \frac{K_0(W)}{WK_1(W)} = 0$

Near cut-off condition:

$W \rightarrow 0, \frac{K_1(W)}{WK_0(W)} \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \frac{n_1^2}{n_2^2} \cdot \frac{J_0(U)}{UJ_1(U)} = \infty \Rightarrow J_1(U_{lm}^c) = 0$

Far from cut-off condition:

$J_0(U_{lm}^\infty) = 0$



The property of Bessel function

③ HE_{lm} mode $l>1, q=-1$

Eigenvalue equation

$\frac{n_1^2}{n_2^2} \cdot \frac{J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} = -\left(\frac{n_1^2}{n_2^2} \cdot \frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2}\right)$

According to Bessel function property:

$\frac{n_1^2 J_{l-1}(U)}{n_2^2 U J_l(U)} - \frac{K_{l-1}(W)}{W K_l(W)} = 0$

Near cut-off:

$W \rightarrow 0, \frac{K_{l-1}(W)}{W K_l(W)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2(l-1)} \Rightarrow \frac{J_{l-1}(U)}{U J_l(U)} = \frac{n_2^2}{n_1^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2(l-1)} \Rightarrow$

$\frac{2(l-1)J_{l-1}}{U J_l} = \frac{n_2^2}{n_1^2} \Rightarrow \frac{J_{l-2} + J_l}{J_l} = \frac{n_2^2}{n_1^2} \Rightarrow \frac{J_{l-2}}{J_l} = \frac{n_2^2}{n_1^2} - 1 \approx 0 \Rightarrow$

$J_{l-2}(U_{lm}^c) = 0$

$(U_{lm}^c \neq 0)$

The property of Bessel function

Far from cut-off condition:

$W \rightarrow \infty, \frac{K_{l-1}(W)}{W K_l(W)} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{n_1^2}{n_2^2} \cdot \frac{J_{l-1}(U)}{U J_l(U)} = 0 \Rightarrow J_{l-1}(U_{lm}^\infty) = 0$
($U_{lm}^\infty \neq 0$)

Note that: $U_{lm}^\infty = 0$ is also not the eigenvalue, so

when $U \rightarrow 0, \frac{J_{l-1}}{U J_l} \rightarrow \frac{2l}{U^2} \rightarrow \infty$ instead of zero

Considering the above two cases, for HE_{lm} mode ($l>0, q=-1$)

Near cut-off: $J_{l-2}(U_{lm}^c) = 0$ (when $l>1, U_{lm}^c \neq 0$)

Far from cut-off: $J_{l-1}(U_{lm}^\infty) = 0$ ($U_{lm}^\infty \neq 0$)

The property of Bessel function

④ EH_{lm} mode

Eigenvalue equation $\frac{J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} = l\left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2}\right)$

According to Bessel function property: $\frac{J_{l+1}(U)}{UJ_l(U)} = \frac{K_{l+1}(W)}{WK_l(W)}$

Similarly we can obtain

Near cut-off: $J_l(U_{lm}^c) = 0$ ($U_{lm}^c \neq 0$)

Far from cut-off: $J_{l+1}(U_{lm}^\infty) = 0$ ($U_{lm}^\infty \neq 0$)

For some EH_{lm} modes, the cut-off conditions are

mode	EH ₁₁	EH ₁₂	EH ₁₃	EH ₂₁	EH ₂₂	EH ₂₃
V_c	3.832	7.016	10.173	5.136	8.417	11.620

The property of Bessel function

Mode	Eigen equation	Cut-off condition	Far from cut-off condition
TE_{0m}	$\frac{J_1(U)}{UJ_0(U)} + \frac{K_1(W)}{WK_0(W)} = 0$	$J_0(U_{0m}^c) = 0$	$J_1(U_{0m}^\infty) = 0 (U_{0m}^\infty \neq 0)$
TM_{0m}	$\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \cdot \frac{J_1(U)}{UJ_0(U)} + \frac{K_1(W)}{WK_0(W)} = 0$	$J_0(U_{0m}^c) = 0$	$J_1(U_{0m}^\infty) = 0 (U_{0m}^\infty \neq 0)$
HE_{1m}	$\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \cdot \frac{J_0(U)}{UJ_1(U)} - \frac{K_0(W)}{WK_1(W)} = 0$	$J_1(U_{1m}^\infty) = 0 (U_{1m}^\infty = 0)$	$J_0(U_{1m}^\infty) = 0$
$HE_{lm} (l \geq 2)$	$\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \cdot \frac{J_{l-1}(U)}{UJ_l(U)} - \frac{K_{l-1}(W)}{WK_l(W)} = 0$	$J_{l-2}(U_{lm}^\infty) = 0 (U_{lm}^\infty \neq 0)$	$J_{l-1}(U_{lm}^\infty) = 0 (U_{lm}^\infty \neq 0)$
$EH_{lm} (l > 0)$	$\frac{J_{l+1}(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{K_{l+1}(W)}{WK_l(W)} = 0$	$J_l(U_{lm}^\infty) = 0 (U_{lm}^\infty \neq 0)$	$J_{l+1}(U_{lm}^\infty) = 0 (U_{lm}^\infty \neq 0)$

The property of Bessel function

The eigenvalues of low-order modes at cut off and far from cut-off

$U_{\ell m}$ ℓ	m	1		2		3		4		Modes cut-off and far from cut-off	
		U_{0m}^C	U_{0m}^∞	U_{1m}^C	U_{1m}^∞	U_{2m}^C	U_{2m}^∞	U_{3m}^C	U_{3m}^∞		
0		2.405	3.823	5.520	7.016	8.654	10.173	11.792	13.324	TE _{0m} TM _{0m}	$J_0=0$ $J_1=0$
1		0	2.405	3.823	5.520	7.016	8.654	10.173	11.792	HE _{1m}	$J_1=0$ $J_0=0$
1		3.823	5.136	7.016	8.417	10.173	11.620	13.324	14.796	EH _{1m}	$J_1=0$ $J_2=0$
2		2.405	3.823	5.520	7.016	8.654	10.173	11.792	13.324	HE _{2m}	$J_2=0$ $J_1=0$
2		5.136	6.380	8.417	9.761	11.620	13.015	14.796	16.223	EH _{2m}	$J_2=0$ $J_3=0$
3		3.823	5.136	7.016	8.417	10.173	11.620	13.324	14.796	HE _{3m}	$J_3=0$ $J_1=0$
3		6.380	7.588	9.761	11.065	13.015	14.700	16.223	17.616	EH _{3m}	$J_3=0$ $J_4=0$
4		5.136	6.380	8.417	9.761	11.620	13.015	14.796	16.223	HE _{4m}	$J_4=0$ $J_2=0$

(3) Dispersion curve and single mode condition

Dispersion curve

In a fiber with the given structure parameters, the modes distribution is fixed.

Based on the eigenvalue equation, the propagation constant of each guided mode β (or normalized propagation constant b) as a function of the fiber normalized frequency V can be obtained by numerical calculation.

(3) Dispersion curve and single mode condition

The analysis of dispersion curve

- Each curve corresponds to a guided mode.
- The number of the cross points for the line parallel to vertical axis with the dispersion curve represents the number of the guided modes allowed in the fiber.
- Larger V leads to more modes
- When $V < 2.405$, only HE₁₁ mode is allowed in fiber, other modes are cut-off, thus the fiber operates at the single mode propagation state.

(LP modes) Lineally polarized modes and weakly guiding fiber

Longitudinal component \rightarrow Transverse component

$$\frac{E_z}{E_t} \sim \frac{H_z}{H_t} \sim \sqrt{\Delta} \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta = \frac{n_1^2 - n_2^2}{2n_1^2} \quad \text{Relative refractive index difference}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \in [0.1\%, 1.0\%]}{\sqrt{\Delta} \in [1/30, 1/10]} \rightarrow |E_z| \ll |E_t|, |H_z| \ll |H_t|$$

The transmission field in fiber is almost transverse. Thus the transverse component can better reveal the field characteristics.

However, the complex expression of transverse components leads to a difficult analysis

Solve the electromagnetic field distribution

- How to solve the electromagnetic field distribution of a given mode?

Taking TM_{0m} mode as an example:

$$\frac{J'_0(U)}{UJ_0(U)} + \frac{K'_0(W)}{WK_0(W)} = 0 \quad (l=0, q=0)$$

$$U^2 + W^2 = V^2$$

$\rightarrow U$ and W can be obtained

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{A}{C} = \frac{B}{D} = \frac{K_1(W)}{J_1(U)}$$

$\rightarrow A, B, C, D$ can be obtained

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \begin{cases} i\beta l \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right) A - \omega \mu \left[\frac{1}{U} \cdot \frac{J'_1(U)}{J_1(U)} + \frac{1}{W} \cdot \frac{K'_1(W)}{K_1(W)} \right] B = 0 \\ \omega \left[\frac{\epsilon_1}{U} \cdot \frac{J'_1(U)}{J_1(U)} + \frac{\epsilon_2}{W} \cdot \frac{K'_1(W)}{K_1(W)} \right] A + i\beta l \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right) B = 0 \end{cases}$$

According to

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_z \\ H_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} J_0\left(\frac{U}{a}r\right) e^{i\phi} & (0 \leq r \leq a) \\ \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} K_0\left(\frac{W}{a}r\right) e^{i\phi} & (r > a) \end{cases}$$

E_z and H_z can be obtained

Then the other components such as E_r, E_ϕ, H_r, H_ϕ can be expressed.

(3) Dispersion curve and single mode condition

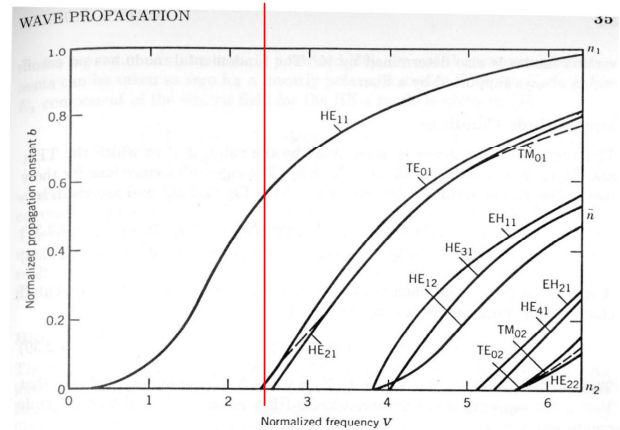


Figure 2.5 Normalized propagation constant b as a function of normalized frequency V for a few low-order fiber modes. The right scale shows the mode index \bar{n} . (After Ref. [31]. ©1981 Academic Press. Reprinted with permission.)

(3) Dispersion curve and single mode condition

★ The condition of single mode operation 单模工作条件

- The condition of single mode operation $V = \frac{2\pi a \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}}{\lambda_0} < 2.405$
- The size of single mode fiber $a_c = 1.202 \lambda_0 / \left(\pi \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} \right)$
- The cut-off wavelength of single mode fiber $\lambda_c = \pi \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} / 1.202$
- The cut-off frequency of single mode fiber $f_c = 1.202 c / \left(\pi \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} \right)$
- Only when $\lambda > \lambda_c$ or $f < f_c$, the fiber operates at the single mode propagation state. The transmission mode is HE₁₁ mode, named as **fundamental mode**

weakly guiding fiber

What is weakly guiding approximation?

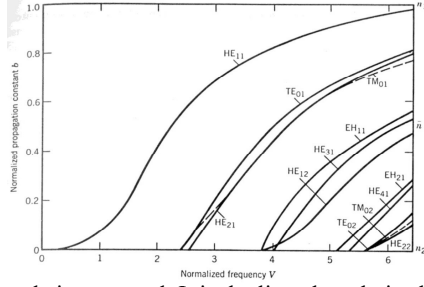
$$\nabla \epsilon \approx 0, n_1 = n_2$$

The refractive indexes of core (n_1) and cladding (n_2) are very similar.

Therefore, the analysis of optical fiber is significantly simplified, this kind of fiber is called as the **weakly guiding fiber**.

weakly guiding fiber

- Under the weakly guiding approximation, we can find $HE_{l+1,m}$ and $EH_{l-1,m}$ modes have the similar dispersion curves thus are degenerate.
- Therefore we can offset one transverse component by linear superposition of the above two modes, hence significantly simplify field expression.



A type of new mode is proposed. It is the linearly polarized (LP_{lm}) mode which has only four field components

weakly guiding fiber

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{UJ_l(U)}{J_{l+1}(U)} + \frac{WK_l(W)}{K_{l+1}(W)} = 0 & (EH)_{lm} \text{ mode} \\ \frac{UJ_l(U)}{J_{l-1}(U)} - \frac{WK_l(W)}{K_{l-1}(W)} = 0 & (HE)_{lm} \text{ mode} \end{cases}$$

Substitute $l-1, m$ into the eigen equation of EH_{lm} , while substitute $l+1, m$ into the eigen equation of HE_{lm} . Consequently, the two equations become same indicating $EH_{l-1, m}$ and $HE_{l+1, m}$ modes are degenerate

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Mathematical proof that $EH_{l-1,m}$ and $HE_{l+1,m}$ modes are degenerate

According to the eigen equation when $n_1 = n_2$:

$$\left[\frac{1}{U} \frac{J'_l(U)}{J_l(U)} + \frac{1}{W} \frac{K'_l(W)}{K_l(W)} \right]^2 = l^2 \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right)^2$$

The eigen equations of EH and HE modes can be obtained:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} + \frac{K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} = l \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right) \rightarrow (EH)_{lm} \\ \frac{J'_l(U)}{UJ_l(U)} - \frac{K'_l(W)}{WK_l(W)} = -l \left(\frac{1}{U^2} + \frac{1}{W^2} \right) \rightarrow (HE)_{lm} \end{cases}$$

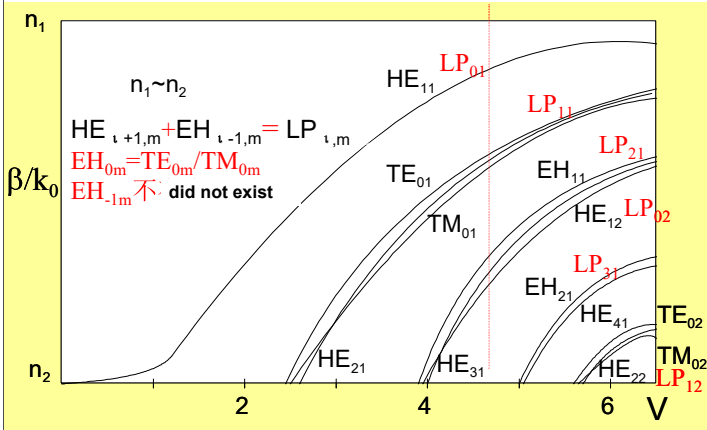
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Scalar mode = superposition of vector modes

标量模式 = 矢量模式的叠加

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} [LP_{lm}] &= \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} [EH_{l-1,m}] + \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} [HE_{l+1,m}], l > 1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} [LP_{lm}] &= \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} [TE_{0m}] + \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} [TM_{0m}] + \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} [HE_{2m}], l = 1 \\ \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} [LP_{0m}] &= \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix} [HE_{1m}], l = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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The eigen solutions of LP mode are demonstrated below indicating the simply field expressions

The eigen solutions along y polarization direction

$$\begin{aligned} E_y &= A \begin{cases} \left[\frac{J_l(Ur/a)}{J_l(U)} \right] \cos l\varphi & (0 \leq r \leq a) \\ \left[\frac{K_l(Wr/a)}{K_l(W)} \right] \cos l\varphi & (r > a) \end{cases} \\ H_x &= -(An/Z_0) \begin{cases} \left[\frac{J_l(Ur/a)}{J_l(U)} \right] \cos l\varphi & (0 \leq r \leq a) \\ \left[\frac{K_l(Wr/a)}{K_l(W)} \right] \cos l\varphi & (r > a) \end{cases} \\ E_x &= 0 \\ H_y &\approx 0 \end{aligned}$$

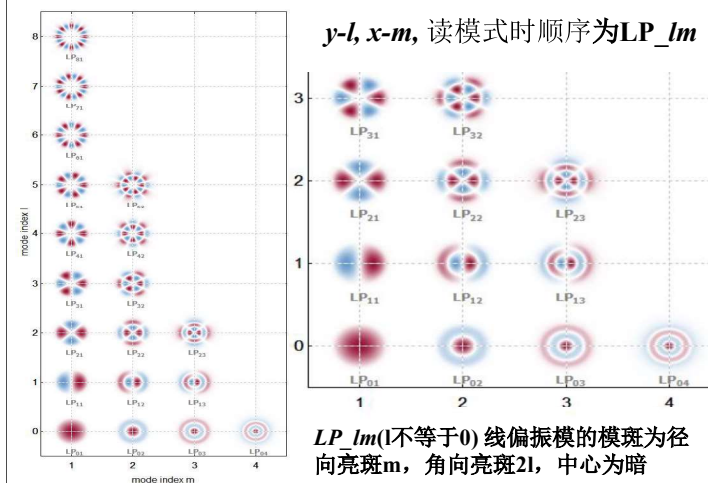
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The eigen solutions along x polarization direction

$$\begin{aligned} E_x &= A \begin{cases} \left[\frac{J_l(Ur/a)}{J_l(U)} \right] \cos l\varphi & (0 \leq r \leq a) \\ \left[\frac{K_l(Wr/a)}{K_l(W)} \right] \cos l\varphi & (r > a) \end{cases} \\ H_y &= -(An/Z_0) \begin{cases} \left[\frac{J_l(Ur/a)}{J_l(U)} \right] \cos l\varphi & (0 \leq r \leq a) \\ \left[\frac{K_l(Wr/a)}{K_l(W)} \right] \cos l\varphi & (r > a) \end{cases} \\ E_y &= 0 \\ H_x &\approx 0 \\ \text{and } \cos l\varphi &\Rightarrow \sin l\varphi \end{aligned}$$

weakly guiding fiber

LP mode	Accurate modes 精确模式
LP_{01}	HE_{11}
LP_{11}	$HE_{21}, TE_{01}, TM_{01}$
LP_{02}	HE_{12}
LP_{21}	HE_{31}, EH_{11}
LP_{31}	HE_{41}, EH_{21}
LP_{12}	$HE_{22}, TE_{02}, TM_{02}$
LP_{41}	HE_{51}, EH_{31}
LP_{03}	HE_{13}
LP_{22}	HE_{32}, EH_{12}
LP_{51}	HE_{61}, EH_{41}
LP_{32}	HE_{42}, EH_{22}
LP_{13}	$HE_{23}, TE_{03}, TM_{03}$
LP_{61}	HE_{71}, EH_{51}



For the P th mode group, how many LP modes there are?

$$\begin{cases} P = 6 & (l, m) = (0, 3), (2, 2), (4, 1) \text{ three types} \\ P = 7 & (l, m) = (1, 3), (3, 2), (5, 1) \text{ three types} \\ P = 8 & (l, m) = (0, 4), (2, 3), (4, 2), (6, 1) \text{ four types} \end{cases}$$

Taking $P = 6$ as an example,

$$(l, m) = (0, 3), (2, 2), (4, 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{LP}_{03} \Rightarrow \text{HE}_{13} \\ \text{LP}_{22} \Rightarrow \text{HE}_{32}, \text{EH}_{12} \\ \text{LP}_{41} \Rightarrow \text{HE}_{52}, \text{EH}_{31} \end{cases}$$

Based on the approximation of Bessel function

$$U_{lm}^{\infty} \approx (l + 2m - 1/2)\pi/2$$

Same $l+2m$ values lead to a same propagation constant β_{lm} indicating these LP modes are degenerate.

Set $P = l + 2m$, the same P leads to a same propagation constant β_P

Therefore, we defining the LP modes with the same P as a “mode group”

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