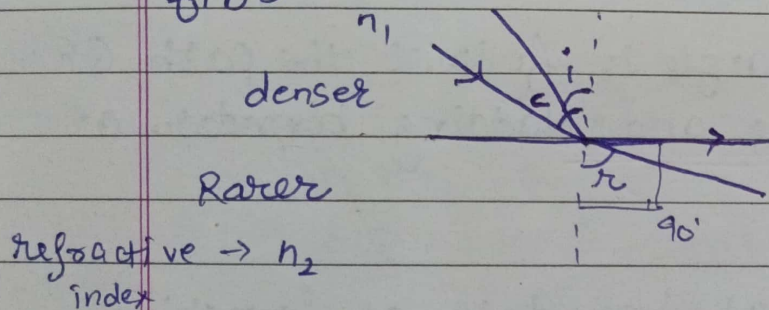


## Ch-2 Optical fiber

- Optical fiber: flexible, transparent fiber made by glass or plastic. Very conduits as thin as human hair used for transportation of optical energy along the length of the fiber and the technology by which the optical energy is transported from one end to another end is specially designed medium is called optical fibre.



- ① denser to rarer
- ②  $i > C$

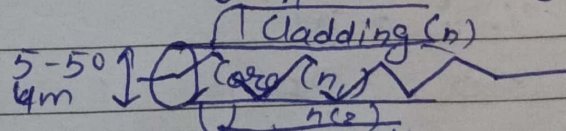
- Snell's rule:

$$\frac{\sin C}{\sin 90^\circ} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$C = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)$$

### # Basic Structure.

- Core - the inner most light guiding



125  $\mu\text{m}$

- Cladding - the region surrounding core

- Sheath/Buffer/Coating - the outside protector which protect cable from moisture, contamination and abrasion.

250  $\mu\text{m}$

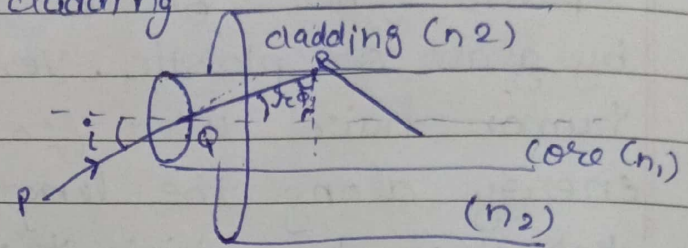


## # Acceptance angle and Numerical Aperture

Consider an optical fibre having core of <sup>refractive index</sup>  $n_1$  & cladding of index  $n_2$

$$n_1 > n_2 > n_0$$

Let a signal PQ enters into the core region at



an angle  $i$  from the launching medium ( $n_0$ ).

Light bends at an angle  $\pi$  follows the path QR and strikes the core and cladding boundary at angle  $\phi$ .

- Apply Snell's law at boundary of launching medium and core

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin \pi} = \frac{n_1}{n_0} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$\pi \rightarrow (90 - \phi)$  in eq (1)

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin (90 - \phi)} = \frac{n_1}{n_0}$$

$$\frac{\sin i}{\cos \phi} = \frac{n_1}{n_0}$$

$$\sin i = \frac{n_1}{n_0} \cos \phi \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

If we increase angle  $i$  from outside,  $\phi$  starts decreasing inside. When  $i$  becomes max value  $\phi$  become equal to  $C$ .



if  $\phi \downarrow$

when  $i = \text{max}$

$\phi = C \rightarrow \text{put in eq (2)}$

$$\sin i_{\text{max}} = \frac{n_1}{n_0} \cos C \quad \dots (3)$$

Snell's law

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin 90^\circ} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} \quad \text{at core-cladding}$$

$$\sin C = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\cos C = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 C}$$

$$\sin^2 C = 1 - \cos^2 C$$

$$\sin C = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 C}$$

$\rightarrow \text{put in } (*)$

$$\cos C \rightarrow \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$$

$$\sin i_{\text{max}} = \frac{n_1}{n_0} \frac{\sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}}{n_1}$$

$$\checkmark Q_a \quad i_{\text{max}} = \sin^{-1} (\sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}) \quad n_0 \rightarrow 1 \text{ for air}$$

Acceptance angle - the max. angle at which a signal is launched inside a cable so that it propagate inside the along the length of the fiber.

# Light gathering ability of a fiber is called Numerical Aperture.

$$\checkmark NA = \sin Q_a = \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$$

# Fractional Index difference

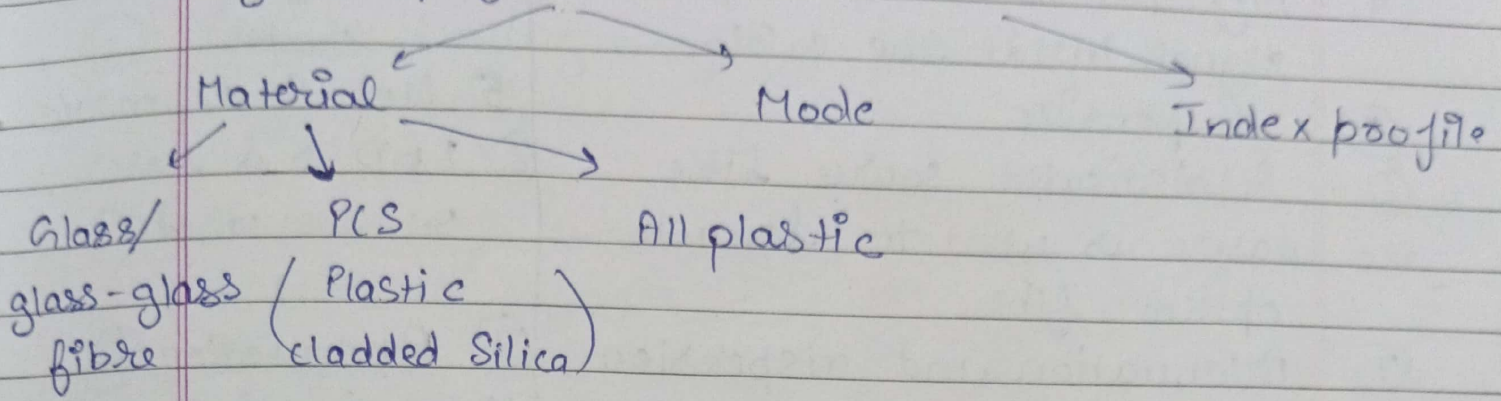
$$\checkmark \Delta = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1}$$

$$\checkmark NA = n_1 \sqrt{2 \Delta}$$

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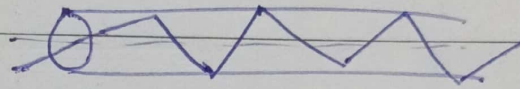


## # Types of fibre



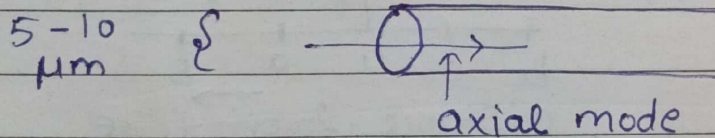
Carrier

Recombination and Generation :-

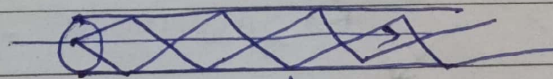


# Mode - the possible no of paths allowed for an optical signal inside the cable is known as mode

① SMF (single mode fibre)



② Multi mode fibre



SMF

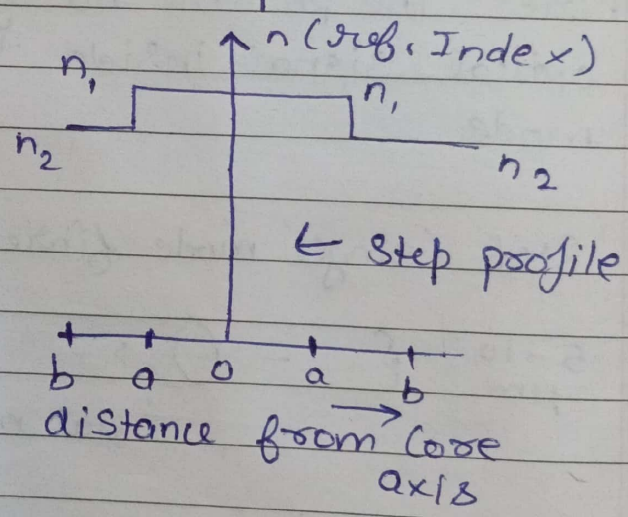
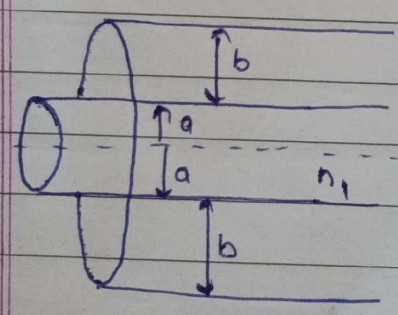
MMF

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| ① Support only one mode                               | ① Support large no. of paths / modes |
| ② Core diameter is very small 5 to 10 $\mu\text{m}$ . | ② 50 to 100 $\mu\text{m}$ .          |
| ③ NA is low<br>Numerical Aperture                     | ③ NA is high.                        |



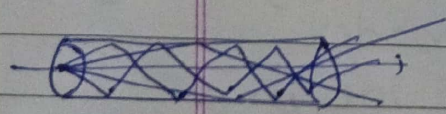
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>④ Difficult to launch optical signal inside the cable</li> <li>⑤ Expensive</li> <li>⑥ Sophisticated source like laser is used to launch optical fibre.</li> <li>⑦ Attenuation and dispersion loss are less</li> <li>⑧ No dispersion or less</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>④ Easy to launch cheaper</li> <li>⑤ Not so expensive</li> <li>⑥ LED's &amp; laser can be used</li> <li>⑦ Attenuation &amp; dispersion loss are high</li> <li>⑧ High dispersion</li> </ul> |
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### # Index profile

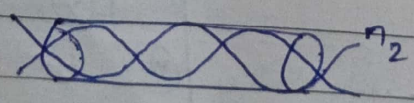


The graph b/w refractive index and distance from core axis

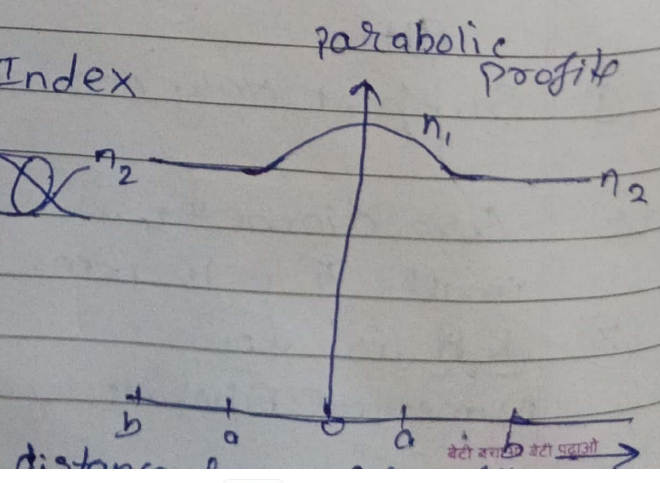
SI Step index      GRIN Graded Index      Single mode



different time comes out



comes out at same time





## SI

## GRIN

- ① Core is having uniform refractive index
- ② Both single and multimode signals
- ③ SI fibres will have sudden bending of light at core cladding surface

- Core is having variable refractive index max at the centre & starts reducing gradually
- ② Multimode signal
- ③ ~~Monomode~~ GRIN fibre are continuous bending of light resulting in periodic focusing of different rays.

## # Types of losses

Attenuation loss

Dispersion loss

## # V-number / Normalized frequency

$$V = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} \times NA$$

$$= \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} \times \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2} = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} \times n_1 \sqrt{2\Delta}$$

$$V < 2.405$$

SMF

$$V > 2.405$$

MMF

$$(\text{no. of modes}) N_m = \frac{V^2}{2} \quad (\text{Step Index})$$

$$N_m \approx \frac{V^2}{4} \quad (\text{GRIN})$$

Q A step index optical having core diameter 50 mm. If its numerical aperture is 0.146 of wavelength

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500 nm. Determine normalized frequency of the fibre as well as no. of modes.

$$d = 50 \text{ mm}$$

$$\lambda = 500 \text{ nm} \rightarrow 500 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$NA = 0.146$$

## # Types of losses in fibre

**Attenuation loss**  
(decrease in power, intensity, strength of an optical signal  
dB/km)

$$\alpha = \frac{10}{L} \log_{10} \frac{P_{in}}{P_{out}}$$

$\alpha \rightarrow$  attenuation coefficient

$L \rightarrow$  length of fibre (km)

Attenuation loss

**Dispersion loss**  
(distortion or change in the shape of signal due to time lag)

$\frac{n_s}{\text{km}}$   
nano second

Intrinsic (internal)

**Absorption**  
(due to impurities like OH<sup>-</sup> ions because of moisture)

**Rayleigh Scattering**  
(scattering of light due to local variations in density because of amorphous glass)

Extrinsic (external)

**Microbending**  
(small scale bending)

(occur during manufacture)

**Macrobending**  
(large scale bending)

(occur during installation)



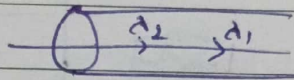
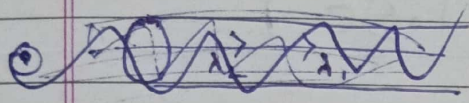
# Dispersion loss

Intermodal  
 (b/w different modes)

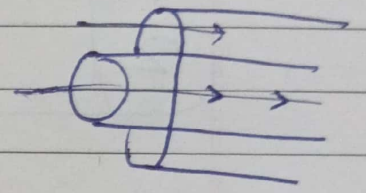
Intramodal  
 (within one mode)

material  
 dispersion

waveguide  
 dispersion



(glass fiber offers different refractive index to different wavelength)



## Hologram

