

Numerical Problems for practice in Unit 1

1. A silica optical fiber with a core refractive index of 1.50 and cladding refractive index of 1.47. Determine (a) Critical angle (b) Numerical Aperture and (c) Acceptance angle.
2. Let medium 1 be glass and medium 2 be water for an angle of incidence of 30° . Determine the angle of refraction.
3. A multimode graded index fiber has an acceptance angle in air 8° . Estimate the relative refractive index difference between the core axis and cladding when the refractive index at the core axis is 1.52.
4. A typical refractive index difference for an optical fiber designed for long distance transmission is 1%. Determine the Numerical Aperture when the core index is 1.46. Calculate the critical angle at the core-cladding interface with in the fiber.
5. A multimode step index fiber with a core diameter of $80\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ and a relative index difference of 1.5% is operating at a wavelength of $0.85\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. If the core refractive index is 1.48. Estimate (a) Normalized frequency (b) No.of. Guided modes.
6. A graded index fiber has a core with a parabolic refractive index profile, which has a diameter of $50\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. The fiber has a numerical aperture of 0.2. Estimate the total number of guided modes propagating in the fiber when it is operating at a wavelength of $1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$.
7. A step index fiber has a normalized frequency $V = 26.6$ at a 1300 nm wavelength. If the core radius is $25\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Find out Numerical Aperture.
8. Determine the cut off wavelength for a step index fiber to exhibit single-mode operation. When the core refractive index and radius are 1.46 and $4.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ with the relative refractive index difference being 0.25 %.
9. A typical refractive index difference for an optical fiber designed for long distance transmission is 1%. Determine Numerical Aperture. Core index is 1.46. Calculate critical angle at the core-cladding interface with in the fiber.
10. A low loss fiber has average loss of 3 dB/km at 900 nm . Compute the length over which – a) Power decreases by 50 % b) Power decreases by 75 %.

11. For a 30 km long fiber attenuation 0.8 dB/km at 1300 nm. If a 200 μW power is launched into the fiber, find the output power.
12. When mean optical power launched into an 8 km length of fiber is 12 μW , the mean optical power at the fiber output is 3 μW .
Determine
 - 1) Overall Signal attenuation in dB.
 - 2) The overall signal attenuation for a 10 km Optical link using the same fiber with splices at 1 km intervals, each giving an attenuation of 1 dB.
13. A continuous 12 km long optical fiber link has a loss of 1.5 dB/km.
 - i) What is the minimum optical power level that must be launched into the fiber to maintain as optical power level of 0.3 μW at the receiving end?
 - ii) What is the required input power if the fiber has a loss of 2.5 dB/km?
14. Optical power launched into fiber at transmitter end is 150 μW . The power at the end of 10 km length of the link working in first window is -38.2 dBm. Another system of same length working in second window is 47.5 μW . Same length system working in third window has 50 % of launched power. Calculate fiber attenuation for each case and mention wavelength of operation.
15. The input power to an optical fiber is 2 mW while the power measured at the output end is 2 μW . If the fiber attenuation is 0.5 dB/km, calculate the length of the fiber.
16. An LED operating at 850 nm has a spectral width of 45 nm. What is the pulse spreading in ns/km due to material dispersion?
17. What is the pulse spreading when a laser diode having a 2 nm spectral width is used? Find the material dispersion induced pulse spreading at 1550 nm for an LED with a 75 nm spectral width.
18. For a single mode fiber $n_2=1.48$ and $\Delta=0.2\%$ operating at $\lambda=1320$ nm, compute the waveguide dispersion if $V \cdot d^2(V_b)/d\gamma^2=0.26$.