

## FSR-Cavity Round Trip Time relationship

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The FSR of an optical resonator is the spacing of its axial modes in frequency

For an empty standing-wave resonator of length  $L$

$$\lambda_m = 2Lm \text{ for the } m^{\text{th}} \text{ mode}$$

$$\Delta\lambda = 2L$$

$$\therefore \Delta\nu = \frac{c}{\Delta\lambda} = \frac{c}{2L}$$

For a SWR filled with a medium of group index  $n_g$ ,  
standing wave resonator

$$\Delta\nu = \frac{c}{2Ln_g} = \frac{c_m}{2L} \text{ where } c_m \text{ is the group velocity in that medium}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\Delta\nu} = \frac{2L}{c_m} \text{ which is equal to cavity round-trip time!!}$$