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A LiNbO_3 based MZM was operated in a push-pull configuration and its transfer function is obtained as shown in figure. A DFB laser at 1550 nm, occupying a spectral width of 3 MHz and with output power of 4 dBm was used for the characterization.

- (a) From the transfer function, estimate the V_π of the modulator used.
- (b) The minimum power obtained using this modulator is -40 dBm and given that the insertion loss of the MZM is about 5 dB. Estimate the extinction ratio of the modulator.
- (c) If this modulator was to be used to generate a 10 Gbps OOK data, where should the modulator be biased?
- (d) If this modulator was to be used to generate a 12.5 Gbps BPSK data, after how many bit transmission would the accumulated phase be 30° ?

