

◦ Boltzmann equation:  $\frac{N_2}{N_1} = e^{-\frac{h\nu}{kT}}$

k - Boltzmann constant

T - Absolute temperature

$N_1$  - Population density of atoms in lower state

$N_2$  - Population density of atoms in higher state

◦ Distance between laser cavity mirrors

$$d = m \cdot \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

m - laser cavity mode  
(resonator cavity mode)

→ Numericals:

- ① A He-Ne laser is emitting a laser beam with an average power of 4.5 mW. Find the number of photons emitted per second by the laser. Wavelength of light is 6328 Å.

Sol:

$$P = \frac{n \cdot h\nu}{t}$$

$$4.5 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{n \times 6.628 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{6328 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$n = 1.43 \times 10^{16}$$

- ② A medium at thermal equilibrium at  $T = 300\text{ K}$  has two energy levels with a wavelength separation of  $1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ . Find the ratio of population density of lower and upper energy states.

Sol:

$$\lambda = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} \quad T = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = e^{-\frac{h\nu}{kT}} = e^{-\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}} = e^{-\frac{6.628 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{1 \times 10^{-6} \times 300 \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23}}} = 1.36 \times 10^{-21}$$

- ③ The ratio of population of two energy levels is  $1.059 \times 10^{-30}$ . Find the wavelength of light emitted by spontaneous emission at an ambient temperature of  $27^\circ\text{C}$ .

Sol:  $\frac{N_2}{N_1} = 1.059 \times 10^{-30}$   $T = 27^\circ\text{C} = 300\text{K}$   $\lambda = ?$

$$\frac{N_2}{N_1} = e^{-\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}}$$

Taking  $\ln$  on both sides.

$$\ln\left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right) = -\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}$$

$$\lambda = 696\text{nm}.$$

- ④ A ruby laser emits pulse of  $20\text{ns}$  duration with average power per pulse  $100\text{kW}$ . If no. of photons in each pulse is  $6.981 \times 10^{15}$ . Calculate wavelength.

Sol:  $t = 20 \times 10^{-9}\text{s}$   $P = 100 \times 10^3\text{W}$   $n = 6.981 \times 10^{15}$

$$P = \frac{nhc}{\lambda t}$$

$$\lambda = ?$$

$$100 \times 10^3 = \frac{6.981 \times 10^{15} \times 6.628 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8}{\lambda \times 20 \times 10^{-9}}$$

$$\lambda = 6.9405 \times 10^{-7} = 694\text{nm}$$

- ⑤ Find the number of modes of standing wave in the resonant cavity of  $1\text{m}$  length of a laser operating at a wavelength of  $632.8\text{nm}$ . Distance between parallel mirrors in the resonant cavity

$$L = m \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$m = \frac{2L}{\lambda} = \frac{2 \times 1}{632.8 \times 10^{-9}} = 3.16 \times 10^6$$