

1. Consider a Fabry-Perot (FP) etalon with  $R_1 = R_2 = R = 0.9$ . This etalon will be used for a filter operating around the wavelength of  $1.5\mu\text{m}$ . If the etalon has thickness of  $1.5\text{mm}$  and refractive index of  $1.46$ , find a) free spectral range  $\Delta f_{FSR}$ , b) Finesse, c)  $\Delta\lambda$ , d) the integer order  $m$  that is closest to the intended operation wavelength and e) use answer from d) to find the actual operation wavelength.
2. Consider a 16-channel WDM system where the interchannel spacing is  $100\text{GHz}$  and each channel has bandwidth of  $2\text{GHz}$ . We will consider FP filter that is made of glass with  $n=1.5$ . i) What is the minimum free spectral range to include all the channels? How thick should be the FP filter? ii) What is the required finesse? iii) What should be the power reflectivity of the partial mirrors?
3. a) Consider the Mach-Zehnder filter in Fig. 3.21 (page 142 of 3rd Ed. and page 136 of 2nd Ed. of the text book). Assume that a signal enters into input 2. Show that  $2\pi f_2 \Delta L n / c = (2m + 1)\pi$  and  $2\pi f_1 \Delta L n / c = 2m\pi$  for constructive interference at output ports using the fact that  $\pi/2$  phase shift incurs when signal goes across ports but no phase shift when signal passes straight through. Notice that  $f_1$  is the frequency at output port 1 and  $f_2$  is the frequency at output port 2. (read description on page 137)  
b) Consider the Mach-Zehnder filter in Fig. 3.21 being used as a demultiplexer for 2 WDM channels at a frequency separation of  $25\text{GHz}$ . Assuming that the refractive index of the filter is  $1.45$ , find the path difference.
4. Consider a single mode communication link using a  $\text{Al}_x\text{In}_{1-x}\text{As}$  LED as a transmitter and a single mode fiber with  $D_{intra} = 25\text{ps/km} - \text{nm}$  (a unusual combination). Assume that the formula  $0.36 + 2.012x + 0.698x^2$  gives the bandgap energy of  $\text{Al}_x\text{In}_{1-x}\text{As}$  and the bandgap energy is independent on temperature.  
a) Find the bandgap energy for  $\text{Al}_{0.4}\text{In}_{0.6}\text{As}$ .  
b) Find the wavelength of the LED at  $273\text{K}$  and  $323\text{K}$ .  
c) Find the linewidth of the LED at  $273\text{K}$  and  $323\text{K}$ .  
d) If the data rate is  $1\text{Gb/s}$ , what is the maximum transmission distance at  $273\text{K}$  and  $323\text{K}$ .

Extra-credit for undergraduate (regular for graduate)

5. We discussed the  $1 \times 8$  Mach-Zehnder filter in lecture has 3 stages and 7  $1 \times 2$  filters. Generalize this concept to design a  $1 \times 32$  Mach-Zehnder filter or demultiplexer. The distribution of frequencies follows the relationship  $f_i = f_o + i\Delta f$  where  $i = 1, \dots, 32$  is the channel number.  
a) How many stages and how many  $1 \times 2$  filters will be required?  
b) Draw a diagram show the distribution of channel frequencies at each stage.  
c) If  $\Delta f = 30\text{GHz}$  and the refractive index of each filter is  $1.5$ , find the path difference for each  $1 \times 2$  filter.

Extra-Credit

6. For the etalon in problem 1, plot its power transmissivity versus wavelength around the center wavelength region under the following conditions (note: make sure you show about 3-4 resonant peaks in plots and all plots use the same range. Please submit your program for these plots)  
a)  $R_1 = R_2 = 60\%$   
b)  $R_1 = R_2 = 99\%$   
c)  $R_1 = 98\%$ ,  $R_2 = 20\%$   
d)  $R_1 = 98\%$ ,  $R_2 = 60\%$   
e)  $R_1 = 50\%$ ,  $R_2 = 20\%$   
Preferably, you can put a) and b) in the same plot and c), d) & e) in another plot. The formula for power transmissivity is:  $(1 - R_1)(1 - R_2) / [(1 - h)^2 + 4h \sin^2(\phi/2)]$  where  $h = \sqrt{R_1 R_2}$  since there is no gain or loss in this problem and  $\phi = 2kd$ .