## Problem Set # 5

## 1. OPTICAL FIBER

A step index fiber has a core refractive index of 1.51 and a cladding refractive index of 1.49. The core diameter is  $16\mu$ m. A free-space wavelength of  $0.9\mu$ m is used to excite the fiber. (a) Can the EH<sub>22</sub> mode exist in this fiber? Explain your answer. (b) What is the numerical aperture of this fiber and what is the maximum acceptance angle in degrees?

## 2. LP-MODES

Given the following modes –  $EH_{51}$ ,  $TE_{04}$ ,  $TE_{05}$ ,  $HE_{17}$ ,  $TM_{07}$ ,  $EH_{37}$ ,  $TM_{04}$ ,  $HE_{71}$ , and  $HE_{27}$  – group the modes into degenerate sets and indicate the LP designation of each set. Also find the LP designation for any of the above modes that are not degenerate with others shown. Describe the intensity patterns for all LP modes that are found.

## 3. MATERIAL DISPERSION

The material dispersion can be excessed analytically via the Sellmeir formula as:

$$n^{2}(\lambda) = A + \frac{G_{1}\lambda^{2}}{\lambda^{2} - \lambda_{1}^{2}} + \frac{G_{2}\lambda^{2}}{\lambda^{2} - \lambda_{2}^{2}} + \frac{G_{3}\lambda^{2}}{\lambda^{2} - \lambda_{3}^{2}}$$

where A is a constant (usually 1) and  $G_i$ ,  $\lambda_i$  (i = 1, 2, 3) are the Sellmeir's coefficients. Show the following expressions for the first and second derivatives of  $n(\lambda)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dn}{d\lambda} &= -\frac{\lambda}{n} \left[ \frac{G_1 \lambda_1^2}{(\lambda^2 - \lambda_1^2)^2} + \frac{G_2 \lambda_2^2}{(\lambda^2 - \lambda_2^2)^2} + \frac{G_3 \lambda_3^2}{(\lambda^2 - \lambda_3^2)^2} \right], \\ \frac{d^2 n}{d\lambda^2} &= \left[ -\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\lambda}{n^2} \frac{dn}{d\lambda} \right] \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{G_i \lambda_i^2}{(\lambda^2 - \lambda_i^2)^2} + \frac{4\lambda^2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{G_i \lambda_i^2}{(\lambda^2 - \lambda_i^2)^3}, \\ \frac{d^2 n}{d\lambda^2} &= -\frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{dn}{d\lambda} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{dn}{d\lambda} + \frac{4\lambda^2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{G_i \lambda_i^2}{(\lambda^2 - \lambda_i^2)^3}, \\ \frac{d^2 n}{d\lambda^2} &= \frac{N_g}{n\lambda} \frac{dn}{d\lambda} + \frac{4\lambda^2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{G_i \lambda_i^2}{(\lambda^2 - \lambda_i^2)^3}, \\ \frac{d^2 n}{d\lambda^2} &= -\frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{dn}{d\lambda} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{G_i \lambda_i^2 (3\lambda^2 + \lambda_i^2)}{(\lambda^2 - \lambda_i^2)^3}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $N_g = n - \lambda (dn/d\lambda)$  is the group index of the material. For a SiO<sub>2</sub> GeO<sub>2</sub>-doped single-mode fiber core the Sellmeir's coefficients are  $G_1 = 0.7088876$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 0.0609053 \,\mu\text{m}$ ,  $G_2 = 0.4206803$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 0.1254514 \,\mu\text{m}$ ,  $G_3 = 0.8956551$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 9.896162 \,\mu\text{m}$ . Calculate using the above equations the refractive index  $n(\lambda)$ , the normalized group velocity  $v_g/c$ , and the GVD parameter  $D(\lambda)$  for the range of freespace wavelength between 1.2 to 1.65 microns.