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List of 36 Fiber Optic Communication Formulas

Fiber Optic Communication

Detectors and Receivers

1) 3 dB Bandwidth of Metal Photodetectors

$$f_x \text{DOV} = \text{DIV1} + \text{DIV2}$$

[Open Calculator](#)

$$\text{ex } 5 = 2 + 3$$

2) Detectivity of Photodetector

$$f_x \text{DOV} = \text{DIV1} + \text{DIV2}$$

[Open Calculator](#)

$$\text{ex } 5 = 2 + 3$$

3) Electron Rate in Detector

$$f_x R_p = \eta \cdot R_i$$

[Open Calculator](#)

$$\text{ex } 1.5 \text{m/s} = 0.3 \cdot 5 \text{m/s}$$



4) Incident Photon Rate 

fx $R_i = \frac{P_i}{[hP] \cdot F_i}$

Open Calculator 

ex $2E^{33}m/s = \frac{6W}{[hP] \cdot 4.5Hz}$

5) Junction Capacitance of Photodiode 

fx $DOV = DIV1 + DIV2$

Open Calculator 

ex $5 = 2 + 3$

6) Long Wavelength Cutoff Point 

fx $\lambda_c = [hP] \cdot \frac{[c]}{E_g}$

Open Calculator 

ex $1.1E^{-26}m = [hP] \cdot \frac{[c]}{18J}$

7) Longest Transit Time 

fx $DOV = DIV1 + DIV2$

Open Calculator 

ex $5 = 2 + 3$



8) Maximum 3dB Bandwidth of Metal Photodetector 

$$fx \quad DOV = DIV1 + DIV2$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 5 = 2 + 3$$

9) Maximum Photodiode 3 dB Bandwidth 

$$fx \quad B_m = \frac{v_d}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot w}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.282942 \text{Hz} = \frac{16 \text{m/s}}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 9 \text{m}}$$

10) Multiplication Factor 

$$fx \quad M = \frac{I_o}{I_c}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 2.173913 = \frac{10 \text{A}}{4.6 \text{A}}$$

11) Noise Equivalent Power 

$$fx \quad DOV = DIV1 + DIV2$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 5 = 2 + 3$$

12) Optical Gain of Phototransistor 

$$fx \quad G_O = \eta \cdot h_{FE}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.15 = 0.3 \cdot 0.5$$



13) Output Photo Current 

$$fx \quad I_p = \eta \cdot P_i \cdot \frac{[\text{Charge-e}]}{[hP] \cdot f}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 2.2E^{13}A = 0.3 \cdot 6W \cdot \frac{[\text{Charge-e}]}{[hP] \cdot 20\text{Hz}}$$

14) PhotoConductive Gain 

$$fx \quad DOV = DIV1 + DIV2$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 5 = 2 + 3$$

15) Quantum Efficiency of Photodetector 

$$fx \quad \eta = \frac{N_e}{N_p}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 1.666667 = \frac{5}{3}$$

16) Responsivity in relation to Photon Energy 

$$fx \quad R = \frac{\eta \cdot [\text{Charge-e}]}{[hP] \cdot f}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 3.6E^{12}A = \frac{0.3 \cdot [\text{Charge-e}]}{[hP] \cdot 20\text{Hz}}$$



17) Responsivity of Photodetector ↗

fx $R = \frac{I_p}{P_o}$

Open Calculator ↗

ex $1.666667A = \frac{70A}{42W}$

18) Responsivity with reference of Wavelength ↗

fx $R = \frac{\eta \cdot [\text{Charge-e}] \cdot \lambda}{[hP] \cdot [c]}$

Open Calculator ↗

ex $0.375048 = \frac{0.3 \cdot [\text{Charge-e}] \cdot 1.55\mu\text{m}}{[hP] \cdot [c]}$

19) Transit Time with respect to Minority Carrier Diffusion ↗

fx $t_{\text{dif}} = \frac{d^2}{2 \cdot D_c}$

Open Calculator ↗

ex $2.571429s = \frac{(6\text{m})^2}{2 \cdot 7\text{m}^2/\text{s}}$



Optical Fiber Parameters ↗

20) Diameter of Fiber ↗

$$fx \quad D = \frac{\lambda \cdot N_M}{\pi \cdot NA}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 25.90247 \mu m = \frac{1.55 \mu m \cdot 21}{\pi \cdot 0.4}$$

21) Fiber Attenuation Coefficient ↗

$$fx \quad \alpha_p = \frac{\alpha}{4.343}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 0.640111 = \frac{2.78 \text{dB}}{4.343}$$

22) Fiber Length ↗

$$fx \quad L = V_g \cdot T_d$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 1.25 \text{m} = 2.5 \times 10^8 \text{m/s} \cdot 5 \times 10^{-9} \text{s}$$

23) Gaussian Pulse ↗

$$fx \quad \sigma_g = \frac{\sigma_\lambda}{L \cdot D_{opt}}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 5.3 \times 10^{-18} \text{s/m} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-11} \text{s}}{1.25 \text{m} \cdot 3 \times 10^6 \text{s}^2/\text{m}}$$



24) Number of Modes 

fx $N_M = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot r_{core} \cdot NA}{\lambda}$

Open Calculator 

ex $21.07907 = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 13\mu m \cdot 0.4}{1.55\mu m}$

25) Number of Modes using Normalized Frequency 

fx $N_M = \frac{V^2}{2}$

Open Calculator 

ex $21 = \frac{(6.48\text{Hz})^2}{2}$

26) Optical Dispersion 

fx $D_{opt} = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot [c] \cdot \beta}{\lambda^2}$

Open Calculator 

ex $3E^{6\text{s}^2/\text{m}} = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot [c] \cdot 3.8E{-15}\text{rad/m}}{(1.55\mu\text{m})^2}$

27) Power Loss in Fiber 

fx $P_\alpha = P_{in} \cdot \exp(\alpha_p \cdot L)$

Open Calculator 

ex $12.24048\text{W} = 5.5\text{W} \cdot \exp(0.64 \cdot 1.25\text{m})$



Wave Propagation Parameters ↗

28) Graded Index Length of Fiber ↗

$$fx \quad n_{gr} = L \cdot \eta_{core}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 1.66875 = 1.25m \cdot 1.335$$

29) Group Delay ↗

$$fx \quad V_g = \frac{L}{T_d}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 2.5E^8 m/s = \frac{1.25m}{5e-9s}$$

30) Normalized Frequency ↗

$$fx \quad V = \sqrt{2 \cdot N_M}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 6.480741 Hz = \sqrt{2 \cdot 21}$$

31) Numerical Aperture ↗

$$fx \quad NA = \sqrt{\left(\eta_{core}^2\right) - \left(\eta_{clad}^2\right)}$$

[Open Calculator ↗](#)

$$ex \quad 0.402114 = \sqrt{\left((1.335)^2\right) - \left((1.273)^2\right)}$$



32) Optical Pulse Duration 

$$\text{fx } \sigma_\lambda = L \cdot D_{\text{opt}} \cdot \sigma_g$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 19.9875 \text{s} = 1.25 \text{m} \cdot 3e6 \text{s}^2/\text{m} \cdot 5.33e-6 \text{s}/\text{m}$$

33) Plane Wave Velocity 

$$\text{fx } V_{\text{plane}} = \frac{\omega}{\beta}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 1E^{17} \text{m/s} = \frac{390 \text{rad/s}}{3.8e-15 \text{rad/m}}$$

34) Ray Optics Critical Angle 

$$\text{fx } \theta = \sin\left(\frac{n_r}{n_i}\right)^{-1}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 64.34865^\circ = \sin\left(\frac{1.23}{1.12}\right)^{-1}$$

35) Refractive Index of Cladding 

$$\text{fx } n_{\text{clad}} = \sqrt{n_{\text{core}}^2 - NA^2}$$

Open Calculator 

$$\text{ex } 1.273666 = \sqrt{(1.335)^2 - (0.4)^2}$$



36) Refractive Index of Fiber Core ↗

fx $\eta_{\text{core}} = \sqrt{\text{NA}^2 + \eta_{\text{clad}}^2}$

Open Calculator ↗

ex $1.334365 = \sqrt{(0.4)^2 + (1.273)^2}$



Variables Used

- B_m Maximum 3db Bandwidth (Hertz)
- d Distance (Meter)
- D Diameter of Fiber (Micrometer)
- D_c Diffusion Coefficient (Square Meter Per Second)
- D_{opt} Optical Fiber Dispersion (Square Second per Meter)
- **DIV1** Dummy Input Variable1
- **DIV2** Dummy Input Variable2
- **DOV** Dummy Output Variable
- E_g Bandgap Energy (Joule)
- f Frequency of incident light (Hertz)
- F_i Frequency Of Light Wave (Hertz)
- G_O Optical Gain of Phototransistor
- h_{FE} Common Emitter Current Gain
- I_c Initial Photocurrent (Ampere)
- I_o Output Current (Ampere)
- I_p Photocurrent (Ampere)
- L Length of Fiber (Meter)
- M Multiplication Factor
- N_e Number of Electrons
- n_{gr} Grade Index Fiber
- N_M Number of Modes
- N_p Number of Incident Photons



- **NA** Numerical Aperture
- **P_i** Incident Optical Power (*Watt*)
- **P_{in}** Input Power (*Watt*)
- **P_o** Incident Power (*Watt*)
- **P_a** Power Loss Fiber (*Watt*)
- **R** Responsivity of Photodetector (*Ampere*)
- **R** Responsivity
- **r_{core}** Radius of Core (*Micrometer*)
- **R_i** Incident Photon Rate (*Meter per Second*)
- **R_p** Electron Rate (*Meter per Second*)
- **T_d** Group Delay (*Second*)
- **t_{dif}** Diffusion Time (*Second*)
- **V** Normalized Frequency (*Hertz*)
- **V_g** Group Velocity (*Meter per Second*)
- **V_{plane}** Plane Wave Velocity (*Meter per Second*)
- **w** Depletion Layer Width (*Meter*)
- **α** Attenuation Loss (*Decibel*)
- **α_p** Attenuation Coefficient
- **β** Propagation Constant (*Radian per Meter*)
- **η** Quantum Efficiency
- **n_{clad}** Refractive Index of Cladding
- **n_{core}** Refractive Index of Core
- **n_i** Refractive Index Incident Medium
- **n_r** Refractive Index Releasing Medium



- θ Critical Angle (Degree)
- λ Wavelength of Light (Micrometer)
- λ_c Wavelength Cutoff Point (Meter)
- σ_g Gaussian Pulse (Second per Meter)
- σ_λ Optical Pulse Duration (Second)
- u_d Carrier Velocity (Meter per Second)
- ω Angular Velocity (Radian per Second)



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288
Archimedes' constant
- **Constant:** **[Charge-e]**, 1.60217662E-19 Coulomb
Charge of electron
- **Constant:** **[c]**, 299792458.0 Meter/Second
Light speed in vacuum
- **Constant:** **[hP]**, 6.626070040E-34 Kilogram Meter² / Second
Planck constant
- **Function:** **exp**, exp(Number)
Exponential function
- **Function:** **sin**, sin(Angle)
Trigonometric sine function
- **Function:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)
Square root function
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m), Micrometer (μm)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Time** in Second (s)
Time Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Electric Current** in Ampere (A)
Electric Current Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Speed** in Meter per Second (m/s)
Speed Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Energy** in Joule (J)
Energy Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement:** **Power** in Watt (W)
Power Unit Conversion 



- **Measurement:** Angle in Degree ($^{\circ}$)

Angle Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** Noise in Decibel (dB)

Noise Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** Frequency in Hertz (Hz)

Frequency Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** Wavelength in Meter (m)

Wavelength Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** Angular Velocity in Radian per Second (rad/s)

Angular Velocity Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** Diffusivity in Square Meter Per Second (m²/s)

Diffusivity Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** Propagation Constant in Radian per Meter (rad/m)

Propagation Constant Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** Presement in Second per Meter (s/m)

Presement Unit Conversion 

- **Measurement:** Presity in Square Second per Meter (s²/m)

Presity Unit Conversion 



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