

Due: Wednesday, 10/06/2004

12. Consider sum-frequency generation by two plane waves ($\omega_{1,2}$) falling normally on a lossless nonlinear medium.

a). Explain why the coupled amplitude equations can be written in the form ($\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2$)

$$\frac{dA_3}{dz} = \frac{8\pi d \omega_3^2}{k_3 c^2} A_1 A_2 e^{i\Delta k z}, \quad \frac{dA_{1,2}}{dz} = \frac{8\pi d \omega_{1,2}^2}{k_{1,2} c^2} A_3 A_{2,1}^* e^{-i\Delta k z},$$

with one and the same effective nonlinear coefficient d . What is the physical origin of the symmetry responsible for this? (See Boyd's book.)

b). Using these equations, show that

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{I_1}{\omega_1} \right) = \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{I_2}{\omega_2} \right) = - \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{I_3}{\omega_3} \right) \quad (\text{Manley-Rowe relations}),$$

where I_i is the intensity at ω_i . What is the physical meaning of these relations?

13. Obtain characteristic values of conversion efficiency into the second harmonic for a focused visible input beam of a) a cw laser, $P=100$ mW; b) a pulsed laser, $Q=10$ mJ in a 10 ns pulse, in a nonlinear crystal with and without phase matching.

14. Based on data from literature on the values of refractive indices n_o , n_e of ADP ($\text{NH}_4\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4$) crystals, calculate the type I phase-matching angle for frequency doubling of Nd-YAG laser light ($\lambda=1.06 \mu$) at room temperature.

15. What is a characteristic value of the angle between the normal to the wavefront (phase velocity) and the Poynting vector (group velocity) for an extraordinary wave in a uniaxial crystal?