

Nonlinear Optics 2023 — Homework 5
 Due Monday, April 5, 2023
Gaussian beams with phase conjugated mirror

Reminder: equation of a Gaussian beam:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x, y, z) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{\sqrt{1 + z^2/\rho_0^2}} e^{-i\Theta} \times e^{-ik_\ell(r^2)/2R} \times e^{-(r^2)/w^2} \quad (1)$$

where the various parameters are:

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 &= x^2 + y^2 \\ R = R(z) &= z + \rho_0^2/z \\ w = w(z) &= w_0 \sqrt{1 + z^2/\rho_0^2} \\ \Theta = \Theta(z) &= \arctan(z/\rho_0) \\ \rho_0 &= \rho(z=0) = \frac{n\pi w_0^2}{\lambda} \\ \rho &= \frac{n\pi w^2}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

A flat, ideal phase conjugate mirror transforms Eq. (1) into:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x, y, z) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{\sqrt{1 + z^2/\rho_0^2}} e^{i\Theta} \times e^{ik_\ell(r^2)/2R} \times e^{-(r^2)/w^2} \quad (2)$$

In terms of complex q-parameter, Eq. (1) is:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x, y, z) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{\sqrt{1 + z^2/\rho_0^2}} e^{-i\Theta} \times e^{-ik_\ell(r^2)/2\tilde{q}} \quad (3)$$

1. Find the q-parameter transformation for a flat phase conjugated mirror

In terms of complex q-parameter, the complex conjugate of Eq. (1) is:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(x, y, z) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{\sqrt{1 + z^2/\rho_0^2}} e^{i\Theta} \times e^{ik_\ell(r^2)/2R} \times e^{-(r^2)/w^2}, \quad (4)$$

which is obtained by making $q_2 = -q_1^*$ in Eq. (3).

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{q}} = \frac{1}{R} - \frac{i}{\rho}$$

After phase conjugation:

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{q}} = -\frac{1}{R} - \frac{i}{\rho}$$

2. Write this transformation in terms of ABCD matrix

Without phase conjugation:

$$\frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{C + \frac{D}{q_1}}{A + \frac{B}{q_1}} \quad (5)$$

Hint: with phase conjugation the expression may involve complex conjugation.

$$\frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{C + \frac{D}{q_1^*}}{A + \frac{B}{q_1^*}} \quad (6)$$

The ABCD matrix of a flat phase conjugated mirror is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

It could also be:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

3. Stability condition of a simple cavity

Having determined the ABCD matrix for a phase conjugation mirror, apply this result to analyze the stability of a simple cavity with a curved (normal) mirror and a flat phase conjugated mirror.

Hint: make 2 round-trips.

Find the stability condition and the beam size.

The ABCD matrix of the cavity for one round-trip is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that it is independent of the cavity length L .

For 2 round-trips:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{2}{f} & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{f} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Stability: $\frac{A+D}{2} = 0$

Rayleigh parameter and beam size: $\frac{0}{0}$ - undetermined - can be anything.

4. Why the hint in the previous question?

Because of the complex conjugation, the q parameter does not repeat after 1 round-trip.

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{q}_2} = -\frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{q_1^*}$$

But after 2:

$$\frac{1}{\tilde{q}_3} = -\frac{1}{f} - \frac{1}{q_2^*} = -\frac{2}{f} - \frac{1}{q_1}$$

5. Non degenerate FWM: find the resonance condition for longitudinal modes

The process is:

$$\omega_p + \omega_p - \omega_1 - \omega_2 = 0. \quad (9)$$

The resonance condition is $kL = 2N\pi = K_1L + k_2L = \varphi_1 + \varphi_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1 &= \frac{\omega_1}{c}L \\ \varphi_2 &= \frac{\omega_2}{c}L = \frac{2\omega_p - \omega_1}{c}L \\ \varphi &= \varphi_1 + \varphi_2 = \frac{2\omega_p}{c}L = 2N\pi \end{aligned}$$

Only selected PUMP frequencies resonate with the cavity! ’