

Mode Propagation in a Nonuniform Cylindrical Medium (Correspondence)

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A simplified form of the coupling coefficient $C(\beta_p, \beta_q)$ resulting from a coupled mode theory analysis of wave propagation in a nonuniform medium is derived. It is found for most situations of interest that $C(\beta_p, \beta_q)$ is proportional to $1/(\beta_p - \beta_q)$ and the power transfer between two modes is proportional to $1/(\beta_p - \beta_q)^4$. β_p and β_q are the two different modal propagation constants. For a dielectric rod $C(\beta_p, \beta_q)$ is a simple line integral around the rod boundary. Approximate forms are presented for optical waveguides.

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