

Optical Waveguide Theory (B)



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- A Photonics / integrated optics; theory, motto; phenomena, introductory examples.
- B [Brush up on mathematical tools.](#)
- C Maxwell equations, different formulations, interfaces, energy and power flow.
- D Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
- E Normal modes of dielectric optical waveguides, mode interference.
- F Examples for dielectric optical waveguides.
- G Waveguide discontinuities & circuits, scattering matrices, reciprocal circuits.
- H Bent optical waveguides; whispering gallery resonances; circular microresonators.
- I Coupled mode theory, perturbation theory.
 - Hybrid analytical / numerical coupled mode theory.
- J A touch of photonic crystals; a touch of plasmonics.
 - Oblique semi-guided waves: 2-D integrated optics.
 - Summary, concluding remarks.

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... to a parametrized family of functions;

↔ extremization with respect to these parameters,

↔ approximations of stationary points of the functional.

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$$L \text{ stationary at } \mathbf{a}, \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{a}} L = 0. \quad \longleftrightarrow$$

Approximate solution
of DE / eigenproblem.

Upcoming

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- Maxwell equations, different formulations, interfaces, energy and power flow.
- Classes of simulation tasks: scattering problems, mode analysis, resonance problems.
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