

ACRHEM – Laser Primer

Assignment 2

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1. The centre of curvature of the wavefront in a TEM₀₀ laser mode is not at $z=0$. Plot a graph for the separation of CoC from $z=0$ as a function of z .
2. *Plotting the Gaussian :*
 - (a) Find the Full Width Half Maximum of the function –
$$M(x) = M_0 \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{p^2}\right)$$
 in terms of p .
 - (b) Plot a graph between M and x and indicate M_0 and p on the graph.
 - (c) On the same graph, draw the curves by changing p to $2p$ and $4p$.
3. *Define the parameters :*
 - (a) Spot size
 - (b) Beam waist
 - (c) Raleigh range
4. Plot the amplitude maximum of the intensity distribution as a function z . Indicate the Raleigh range on the graph.
5. Give three examples where Gaussian appears as a solution. Comment on the meaning of the FWHM in those examples.
6. For a plane wave that is propagating (Fig. P1.1) in the direction $\theta = 45^\circ$ $\phi = 45^\circ$ the light field observed at $p(2,3,4) \times 10^{-6}$ m is expressed as

$$E = E_0 e^{j67.32 - j2.44 \times 10^{15} t}$$

- (a) Find the wavelength of light in the medium.
- (b) Find the index of refraction of the medium.