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Photonics: Optical Electronics In Modern Communications (The Oxford Series In Electrical And Computer Engineering)



Synopsis

Due to its central role in modern communications technologies, photonics--or optical electronics--has evolved dynamically over the last ten years. Photonics by Amnon Yariv and Pochi Yeh is extensively revised and updated to keep pace with this unprecedented development. Now more tailored to optical communication, the sixth edition integrates material on generating and manipulating optical radiation and designing photonic components for the transmission of information. It also presents a broader theoretical underpinning and more explanations of mathematical derivations than the previous edition. The text describes the basic physics and principles of operation of major photonic components in optical communications and electronics. These components include optical resonators, various lasers, waveguides, optical fibers, gratings, and photonic crystals. Photonics, Sixth Edition, also covers the transmission, modulation, amplification, and detection of optical beams in optical networks, as well as nonlinear optical effects in fibers. It assumes a background in electromagnetic theory, Maxwell's equations, and electromagnetic wave propagation. Including numerous examples throughout, Photonics, Sixth Edition, is ideal for advanced undergraduate and graduate courses in photonics, optoelectronics, or optical communications. It is also a useful reference for practicing engineers and scientists.

New Material in the Sixth Edition

- Stokes Parameters and Poincaré Sphere: polarization states in birefringent optical networks, principal states of polarization
- Fermat's Principle: rays, beam propagation, and the Fresnel diffraction integral
- Matrix Formulation: wave propagation in multi-cavity etalons, multi-layer structures, mode coupling, and supermodes in mode-locked lasers
- Dispersion: chromatic dispersion and polarization mode dispersion (PMD) in fibers and their compensation
- Coupled Resonators Optical Waveguides (CROWs): matrix formulation, critical coupling and dispersion relation
- Nonlinear Optical Effects in Fibers: self-phase modulation, cross-phase modulation, stimulated Brillouin scattering (SBS), stimulated Raman scattering (SRS), optical four-wave mixing, and spectral reversal (phase conjugation)
- Electroabsorption: waveguide electro-optic Mach-Zehnder modulators
- Photonic Crystals: Bloch wave formulation, photonic bands, photonic bandgaps, periodic layered media, fiber Bragg gratings, and Bragg reflection waveguides
- Optical Amplifiers: SOA, EDFA, and Raman

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Customer Reviews

An excellent book on the optics side, with good theoretical derivations on many topics. However, I wish that the sections on semiconductor devices were more extensively updated in one of these new editions, especially since Yariv's group at CalTech were pioneers in the field of semiconductor lasers, and it would be well worth knowing what insights he can give on modern devices. For example, there is no discussion of strained quantum wells that I could find. The book has an excellent discussion of Bragg mirrors, and some discussion of their use in DFB lasers and VCSELs, but nothing about resonant cavity LEDs or resonant cavity photodiodes (or even just plain vanilla LEDs). The description of APDs is one of the few covered areas that is not rigorous. Of course, the book is a reasonable size, and so cannot contain everything, but I get the feeling that the semiconductor device areas were hardly touched from earlier editions. However, most of what Yariv and Yeh do cover, they do so in a detailed manner, so this is still a good book to have around.

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