

HW #2

6.2

$$\tau_p = \frac{\text{Round-trip time}}{\text{fraction lost}} = \frac{2(d_1 + d_2)/c}{1 - R_1 R_2 R_3 R_4} = 78.9 \text{ nsec}$$

6.3

$$\lambda_0 = 5000 \text{ \AA}; \therefore \nu_0 = 6 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} = 600 \text{ THz}; \Delta\nu_{1/2} = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau_p} = 2.02 \text{ MHz};$$

$$Q = \frac{\nu_0}{\Delta\nu_{1/2}} = 2.98 \times 10^8$$

6.4

(a) If path 1 had a power gain of G ; $\tau_p = \frac{2(d_1 + d_2)/c}{1 - GR_1 R_2 R_3 R_4} = 38.8 \text{ ns}$ if $G = 0.85$;

(b) If $G = 1.1$, $\tau_p = 253.8 \text{ ns}$; (c) If τ_p is positive, dN_p/dt is negative, and N_p decreases (passive cavity). If τ_p is negative, dN_p/dt is positive, and N_p increases. Something has to give: N_p cannot increase indefinitely.