

2.58 HW4 Solutions

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Prob 1.

(a) (b) According to Drude model, the real and imaginary parts of the dielectric function are:

$$\epsilon_r' = n^2 - k^2 = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 + \gamma^2}$$

$$\epsilon_r'' = 2nk = \frac{\gamma \omega_p^2}{\omega(\omega^2 + \gamma^2)}$$

We need to find ω_p and γ that minimize

$$\delta = \sum_i \left\{ \left[\epsilon_r'(\omega_i) - \epsilon_{rd}'(\omega_i) \right]^2 + \left[\epsilon_r''(\omega_i) - \epsilon_{rd}''(\omega_i) \right]^2 \right\}$$

where ϵ_{rd}' and ϵ_{rd}'' are the experimental data. This nonlinear least square fitting problem can be solved with MATLAB, for example, using "lsqnonlin". Curve fitting yields

$$\omega_p \approx 114.9 \times 10^{14} \text{ rad/s}$$

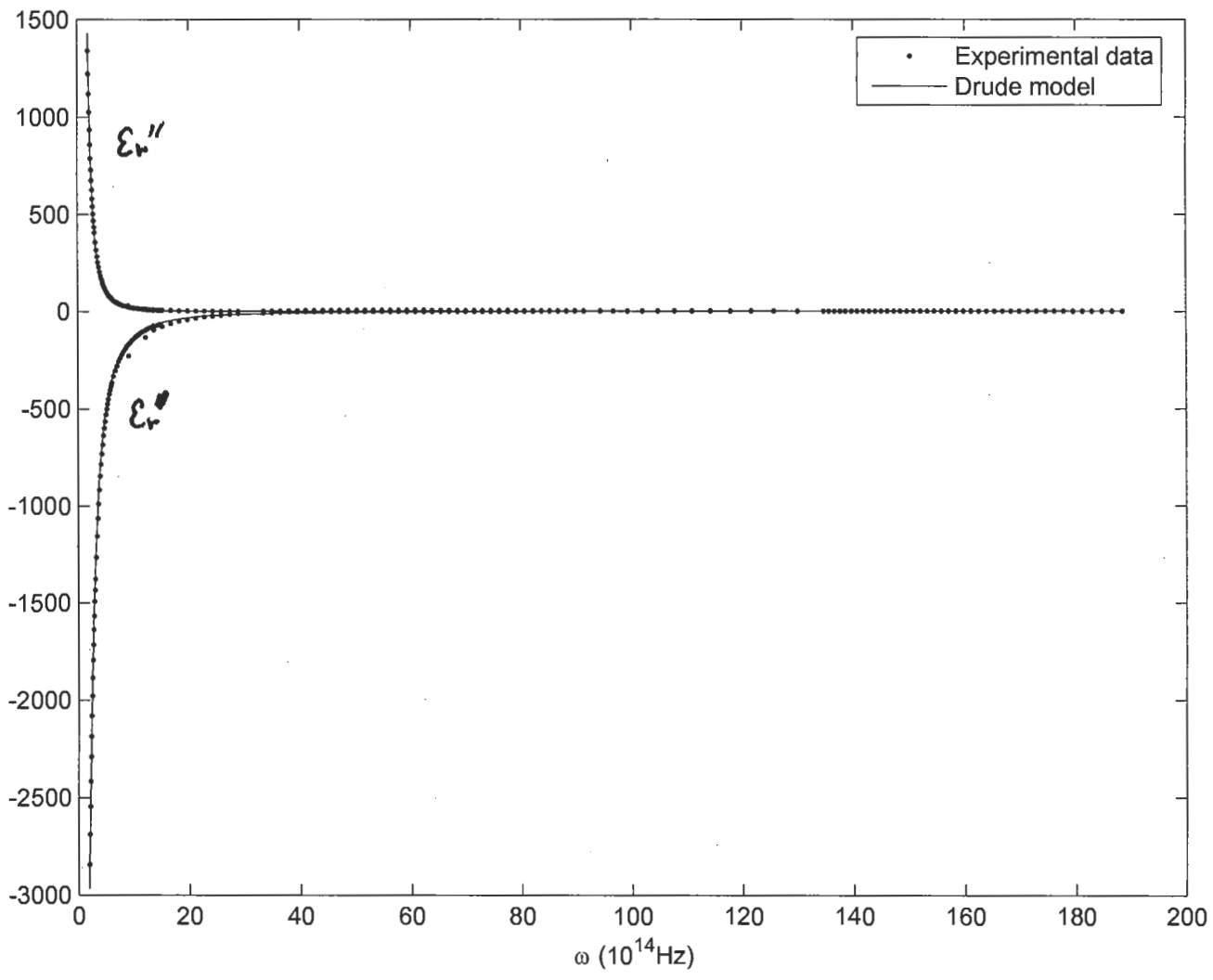
$$\gamma \approx 0.91 \times 10^{14} \text{ rad/s}$$

Note: you may obtain different values for ω_p and γ because of different minimization scheme. As long as ω_p and γ are in reasonable range, the fitting is acceptable. In addition, you could try "modified Drude model" which might give you better results.

$$(c) \quad \sigma_{dc} = \frac{\omega_p^2 \epsilon_0}{\gamma} = 12.8 \times 10^6 \text{ /m.ohm}$$

The value in literature is $45.2 \times 10^6 \text{ /m.ohm}$. The electric conductivity we obtain is in the right range.

(d) plots (next page)



Prob 2. (a) Since the gold nanoparticles are very dilute, multiscattering can be neglected. Let's assume that the optimal wavelength satisfies $x \ll 1$ so that the Rayleigh scattering model can be used.

$$Q_a \approx Q_e = 4 \operatorname{Im} \left(\frac{m^2 - 1}{m^2 + 1} \right) x = 4 \operatorname{Im} \left(\frac{m^2 - 1}{m^2 + 1} \right) \cdot \frac{\omega \cdot n_w}{c_0} r$$

where n_w is the refractive index of water.

The energy absorbed by a gold nanoparticle is given by

$$\dot{Q}_a = I_i \cdot Q_a \cdot A_c = \frac{4\pi r^3 \cdot I_i \cdot n_w \omega}{c_0} \operatorname{Im} \left(\frac{m^2 - 1}{m^2 + 1} \right)$$

where $m^2 = \epsilon / \epsilon_w$ (w - water)

$$\frac{m^2 - 1}{m^2 + 1} = \frac{\epsilon_r - \epsilon_w}{\epsilon_r + 2\epsilon_w} = \frac{(\epsilon_r' - \epsilon_w) + i\epsilon_r''}{(\epsilon_r' + 2\epsilon_w) + i\epsilon_r''}$$

$$= \frac{(\operatorname{Real}) + i[\epsilon_r''(\epsilon_r' + 2\epsilon_w) - \epsilon_r'(\epsilon_r' - \epsilon_w)]}{(\epsilon_r' + 2\epsilon_w)^2 + \epsilon_r''^2} = \frac{\operatorname{Real} + i \cdot 3\epsilon_r'' \cdot \epsilon_w}{(\epsilon_r' + 2\epsilon_w)^2 + \epsilon_r''^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{Q}_a = \frac{4\pi r^3 I_i n_w \omega}{c_0} \cdot \frac{3\epsilon_r'' \cdot \epsilon_w}{(\epsilon_r' + 2\epsilon_w)^2 + \epsilon_r''^2}$$

We assume the particle loses heat by conduction only:

$$\dot{Q}_c = 4\pi k r \cdot \Delta T$$

Energy balance gives

$$\Delta T = \frac{3r^2 I_i n_w \epsilon_r'' \epsilon_w}{k c_0 [(\epsilon_r' + 2\epsilon_w)^2 + \epsilon_r''^2]}$$

Recall that

$$\epsilon_r' = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 + \gamma^2}$$

$$\epsilon_r'' = \frac{\gamma \omega_p^2}{\omega(\omega^2 + \gamma^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta T = \frac{3r^2 I_i \eta_w \omega}{k C_0} \cdot \frac{\frac{\gamma \omega_p^2}{\omega(\omega^2 + \gamma^2)} \cdot \epsilon_w}{\left(1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 + \gamma^2} + 2\epsilon_w\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma \omega_p^2}{\omega(\omega^2 + \gamma^2)}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{3r^2 I_i \eta_w}{k C_0} \cdot \frac{\gamma \omega_p^2 \epsilon_w}{(1 + 2\epsilon_w)^2 (\omega^2 + \gamma^2) - 2\omega_p^2 (1 + 2\epsilon_w) + \frac{\omega_p^4}{\omega^2}}$$

(b)

Now we need to minimize the denominator:

$$f(\omega) = (\omega^2 + \gamma^2)(2\epsilon_w + 1)^2 - 2(2\epsilon_w + 1)\omega_p^2 + \frac{\omega_p^4}{\omega^2}$$

$$\frac{df}{d\omega} = 2\omega(2\epsilon_w + 1)^2 - \frac{2\omega_p^4}{\omega^3} = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{\omega_p}{\sqrt{2\epsilon_w + 1}}$$

$$\frac{d^2f}{d\omega^2} = 2(2\epsilon_w + 1)^2 + \frac{6\omega_p^4}{\omega^4} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{It is indeed a minimum of } f(\omega), \text{ i.e. maximum of } \Delta T.$$

$$\lambda_{\max} = \frac{2\pi C_0}{\omega_{\max}} = \frac{2\pi C_0 \sqrt{2\epsilon_w + 1}}{\omega_p} = \frac{2\pi \times 3 \times 10^8 \times \sqrt{2 \times 1.77 + 1}}{114.9 \times 10^{14}} = 0.350 \mu\text{m}$$

* λ_{\max} for gold nanoparticles in vacuum should be around 500 nm.

If we use the above formula and ω_p obtained from prob 1, $\lambda_{\max} = 0.35 \mu\text{m}$

We can use modified Drude model to improve the fitting. Nevertheless

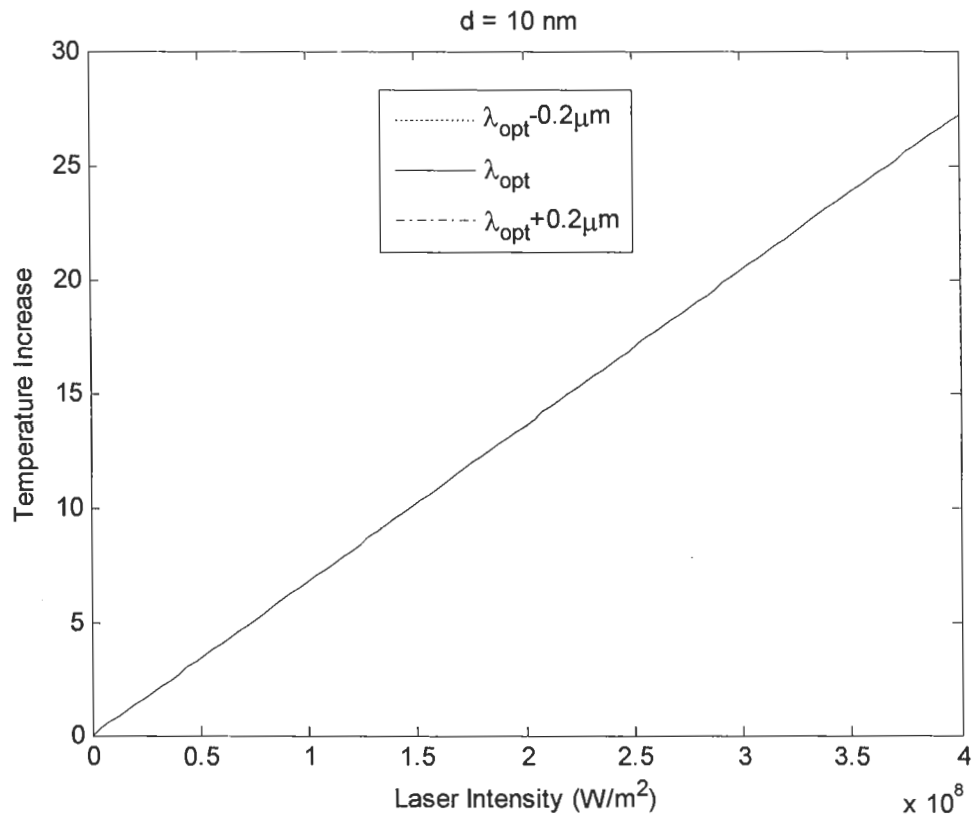
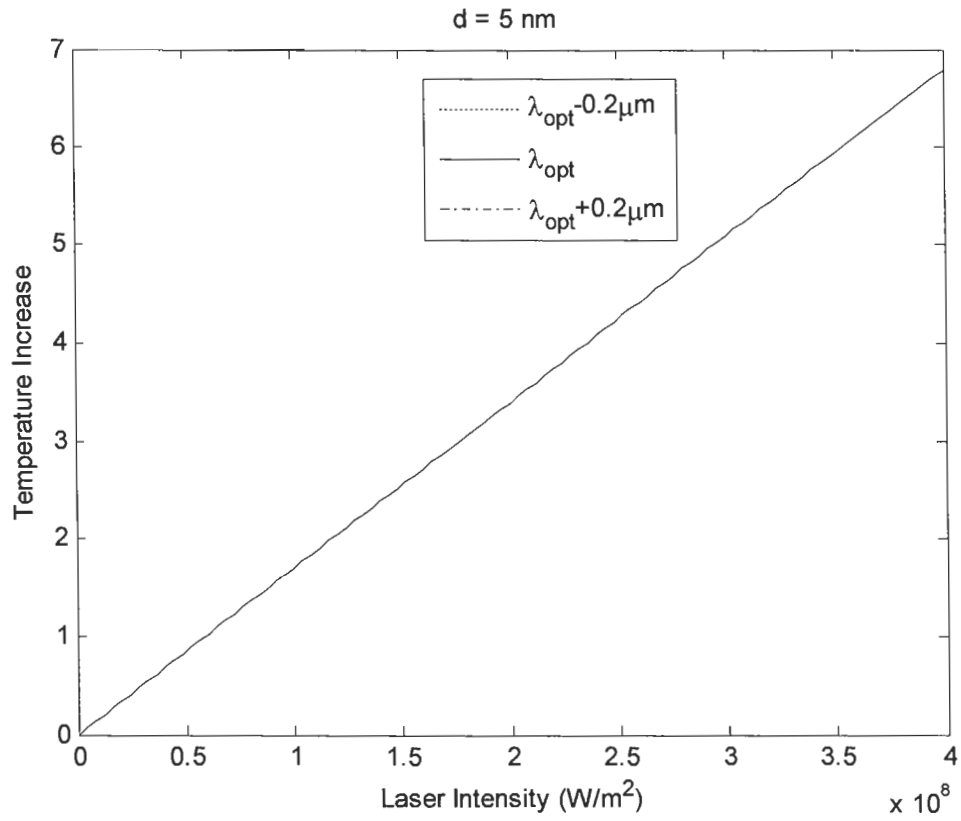
We will use the standard Drude model for the following calculations.

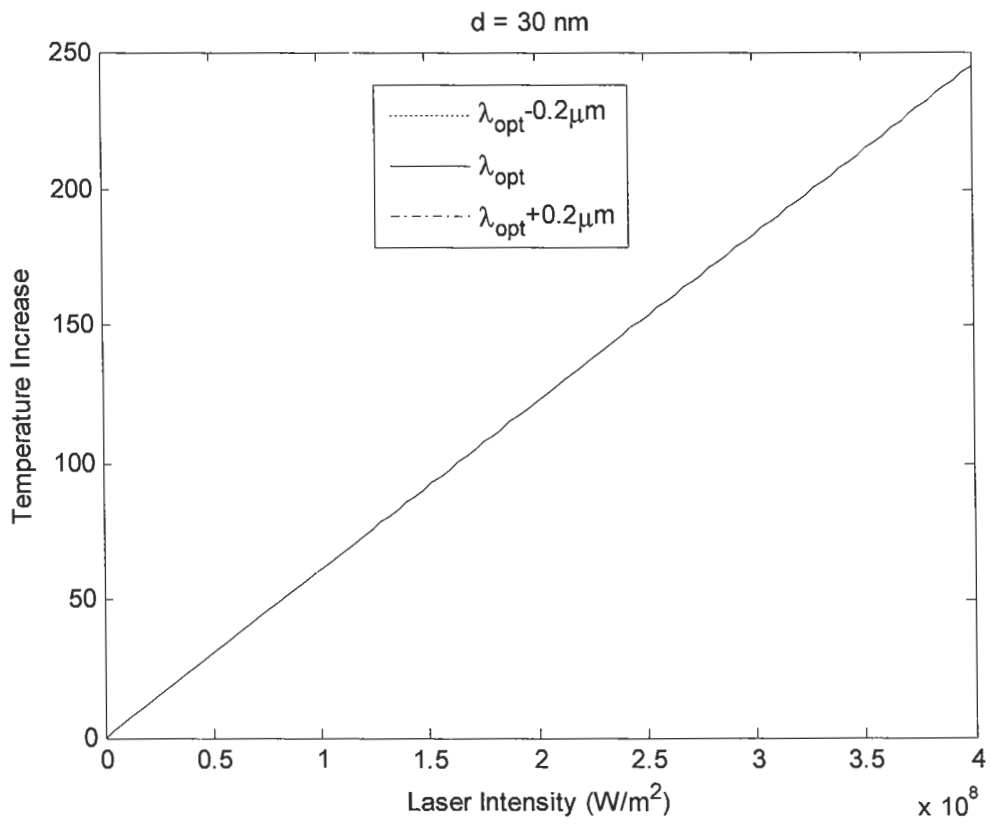
(c) Assume the laser intensity is uniform.

At the optimal wavelength

$$\epsilon_r' = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\frac{\omega_p^2}{2\epsilon_w + 1} + \gamma^2} = -3.54$$

$$\epsilon_r'' = \frac{\gamma \omega_p^2}{\frac{\omega_p}{\sqrt{2\epsilon_w + 1}} \left(\frac{\omega_p^2}{2\epsilon_w + 1} + \gamma^2 \right)} = 0.0766$$





At the optimal wavelength:

$$\Delta T = \frac{3r^2 I_i n_w \omega_p^2}{k c_0 \gamma} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_w}{(2\epsilon_w + 1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_i = \Delta T \cdot \frac{k c_0 \gamma}{3r^2 n_w \omega_p^2} \cdot \frac{(2\epsilon_w + 1)^2}{\epsilon_w} = 2.95 \times 10^8 \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$P_i = I_i \cdot \pi a^2 = 2.95 \times 10^8 \times \pi \times (2.5 \times 10^{-6})^2 = 5.8 \text{ mW}$$