

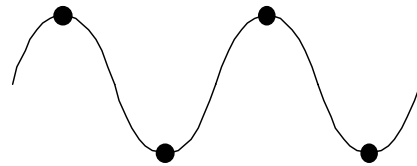
When then in this case;

Therefore this represents the situation

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$$y_n = A \exp[i(\omega t - kna)] = A \exp(i\omega t) \exp(-in\pi)$$

It's a standing wave with at the particle positions, and half-way between.

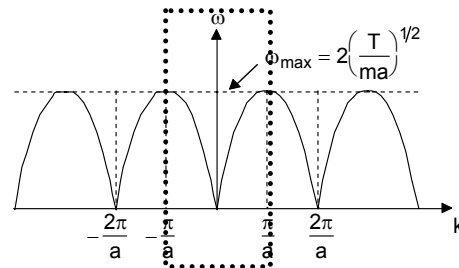


then

Since the group velocity is the velocity

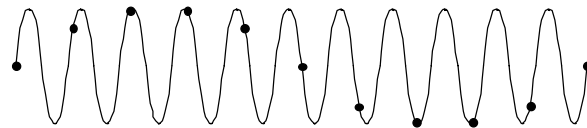
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- Remember this is the region of the dispersion curve in the range



- Values of k outside this region correspond to

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- Gives exactly same particle motions as (which is).

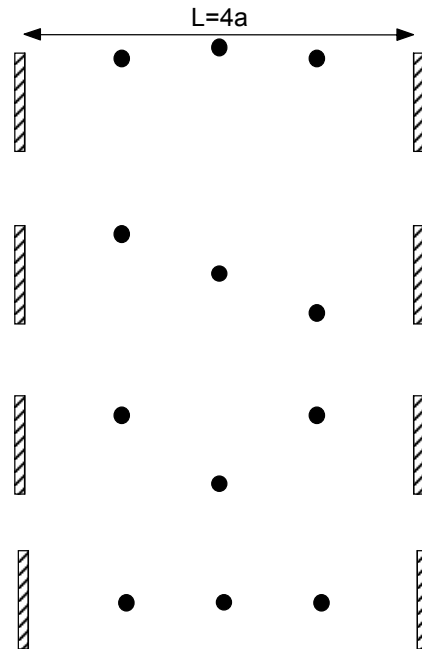
Example system.

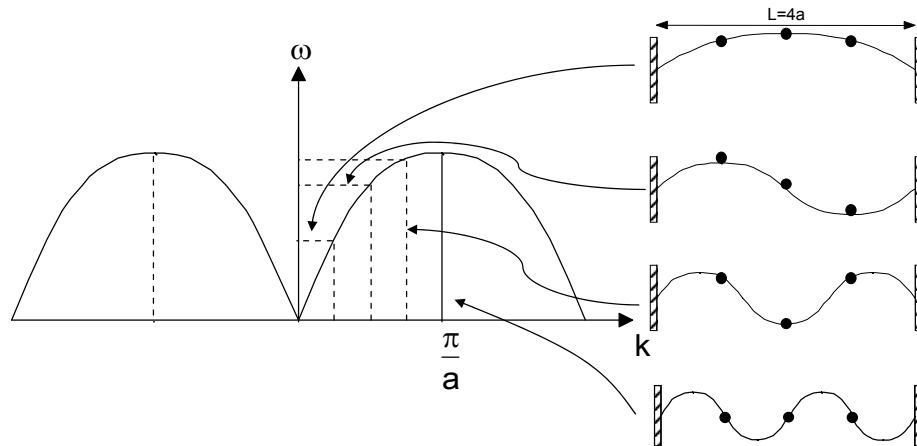
Suppose we have a string of length, fixed at both ends, with 3 particles positioned at along it.

We know that the normal modes of the string on its own are just standing waves with wavelengths $\lambda = \dots\dots\dots$ etc,

(i.e. etc) where in this case $L = 4a$.

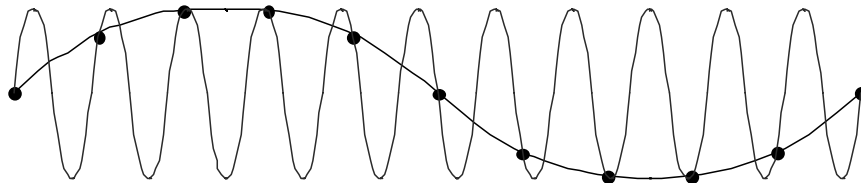
- For the periodic structure, only the modes within the first Brillouin zone, $-\pi/a < k \leq \pi/a$ need be considered:
- These have
- The next mode, $k = \pi/a$, is at the edge of the zone, but all the particles are positioned at





- The modes marked are the
– the actual modes are standing waves consisting of equal amplitude travelling waves, travelling in opposite directions.

- Values of k outside this region correspond to wavelengths less than $2a$, e.g. red curve:

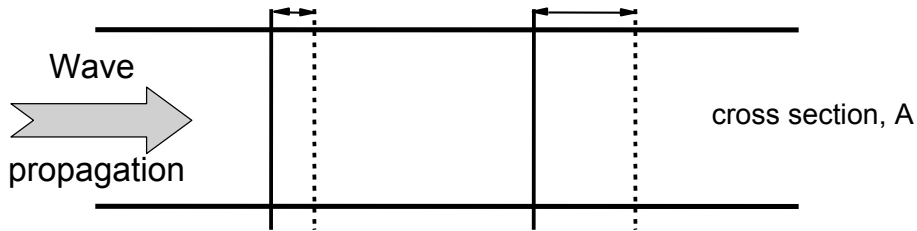


- Gives exactly same as black curve (which is within the first Brillouin zone).

..... waves in a bar; e.g. sound waves in a solid.

Diagram shows part of a solid bar:

– material in bar is displaced from equilibrium by wave



- At x_0 the displacement is ξ

- At $x_0 + dx$ the displacement is $\xi + d\xi$ where

Young's modulus of a material is:

- it's a measure of a material's resistance to being stretched
- the wave is stretching the material between x_0 and $x_0 + dx$ by an amount $d\xi$, so;

• Hence the force exerted on the element, by the bar to the left is:

minus because when element is stretched, force is from right to left

At the other side of the element, $x_0 + dx$ the force on the element is

(this time if the element is stretched the force is from left to right – positive)

- but F is different at the two ends of the element, and
- hence

The rate of change of force with distance is;

- so the force at $x_0 + dx$ is;

force at x_0

rate of change \times
distance from x_0

- Thus the net force on the element dx is;

$$F = EA \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2} dx$$

- The mass of the element (dx) is;

- So Newton's 2nd law for the element of the bar dx is;

$$\text{force} = \text{mass} \times \text{accel'n}$$

- this is the