

Supplement: Group velocity

- Say a wave-packet starts out at $x=0$ at $t=0$.
 - meaning each harmonic component has the same phase there.
- After time t
 - the harmonic component at ω_1 will have changed phase by $\omega_1 t$
 - the harmonic component at ω_2 will have changed phase by $\omega_2 t$
 - The phase difference between these components at $x=0$ will now be $(\omega_2 - \omega_1) t$
To find the point x where they're in phase, we need to find where the phase difference from moving downstream by x cancels that:
 - $(\omega_2 - \omega_1) t = (k_2 - k_1) x$ Or for small differences in ω, k : $t d\omega = x dk$

Result

$$v_g = x/t = d\omega/dk$$

$$\text{In this case } v_g = p/m$$