

Group velocity near a broad transition

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Solution: *The real part is,*

$$n_r = \text{Re } n = 1 - \frac{4\pi\rho\Gamma\Delta}{k_0^3(4\Delta^2 + \Gamma^2)} .$$

The group velocity is,

$$\begin{aligned} v_g &= \frac{1}{\frac{dk}{d\omega}\big|_{\omega=\bar{\omega}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{d}{d\omega} \frac{\omega n(k)}{c}\big|_{\omega=\bar{\omega}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{d}{d\omega} \left(\frac{\omega}{c} - \frac{\omega}{c} \frac{4\pi\rho\Gamma\Delta}{k_0^3(4\Delta^2 + \Gamma^2)} \right)\big|_{\omega=\bar{\omega}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{4\pi\rho\Gamma}{k_0^3} \frac{-4\omega_0(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + (2\omega - \omega_0)\Gamma^2}{[4(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \Gamma^2]^2}\big|_{\omega=\bar{\omega}}} . \end{aligned}$$

The profile of the group velocity shows two poles.

