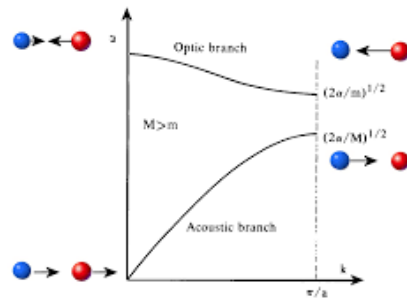


Class notes on:

Monoatomic and diatomic lattice vibration



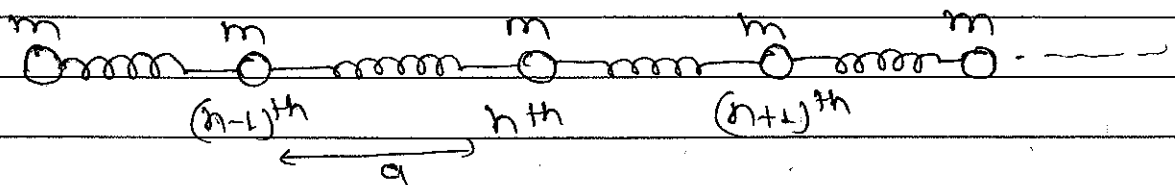
★ Lattice Vibration :-

Lattice may be regarded as a chain of atoms which are connected through elastic spring such that vibration of one atom is transferred to the another atom. These atoms vibrate in their normal mode.

Motion of atom under mechanical force give to Acoustical branch and motion of atoms under electromagnetic force give to optical branch.

(1) Vibration of 1-dimensional monoatomic lattice.

No. of atom per primitive unit cell = 1



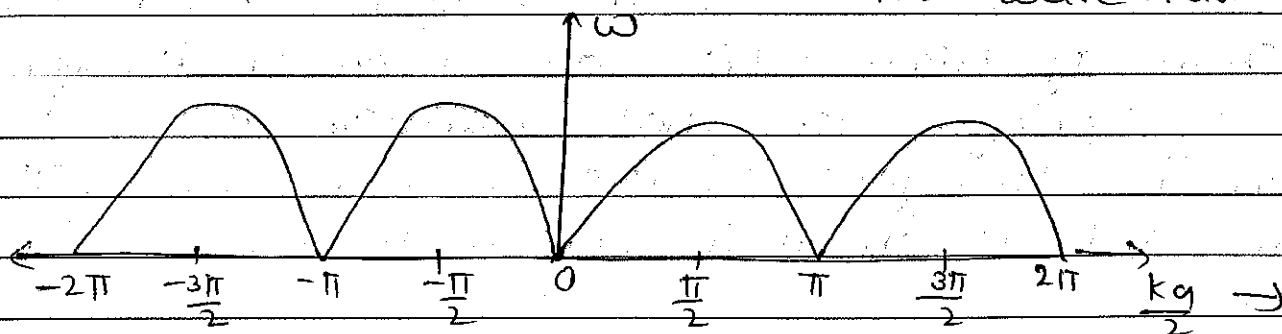
Energy quanta of lattice vibration is known as phonon. Phonon is a boson particle.

Let us consider the displacement of $(n-1)^{th}$, n^{th} , and $(n+1)^{th}$ atom are u_{n-1} , u_n , u_{n+1}

and these atoms vibrate harmonically and there is no thermal expansion of the crystal. Then frequency of vibration is given by

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{4c}{m} \frac{\sin ka}{2}}$$

c = Spring constant
 k = wave number



(i) If $k \rightarrow 0$ (a is large)

$$\frac{\sin ka}{2} \approx \frac{ka}{2}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{4c}{m} \frac{ka}{2}}$$

$$\text{Phase velocity } v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{a}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4c}{m}}$$

$$\text{Group velocity } v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{a}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4c}{m}}$$

$$\boxed{v_p = v_g} \quad (\text{non-dispersive medium})$$

So both phase velocity and group velocity are equal and independent of wave vector.

So medium behave like as a non-dispersive medium.

(ii) If k is large

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{4c}{m}} \frac{\sin ka}{2}$$

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1}{k} \sqrt{\frac{4c}{m}} \frac{\sin ka}{2}$$

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{a}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4c}{m}} \cos \frac{ka}{2}$$

$$v_p \neq v_g$$

The group velocity of any particle at Brillouin zone boundary is equal to zero. So first Brillouin zone is defined as-

$$v_g = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \frac{ka}{2} = 0$$

$$\frac{ka}{2} = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow k = \pm \frac{\pi}{a}$$

$$-\frac{\pi}{a} < k < \frac{\pi}{a}$$

and at short wavelength the phase velocity is not equal to group velocity. So medium is behave like as a dispersive medium.

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{4c}{m}} \frac{\sin ka}{2}$$

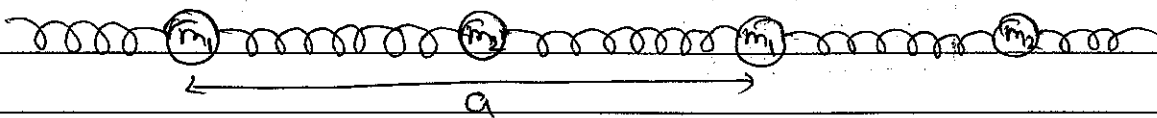
$$\left(\frac{\sin ka}{2} \right)_{\max} = 1$$

$$\omega_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{4c}{m}}$$

So a 1-D mono atomic lattice pass the wave which have frequency 0 to ω_{\max} . So it is also known as low pass filter.

★ One dimension diatomic lattice :-

No. of atom per unit cell is two.



$$\text{let } m_1 < m_2$$

frequency of vibration-

$$\omega^2 = c \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] \pm c \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right)^2 - \frac{4 \sin^2 ka/2}{m_1 m_2}}$$

(i) If we take (+) sign optical Branch.

(ii) If we take (-) sign Acoustical Branch.

(i) For optical branch :-

$$\omega_+^2 = c \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] + c \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right)^2 - \frac{4 \sin^2 ka/2}{m_1 m_2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } k \rightarrow 0 \quad ; \quad \sin^2 \frac{ka}{2} \approx 0$$

$$\omega_+^2 = 2C \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{2C(m_1+m_2)}{m_1 m_2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{At } k \rightarrow \pi/a \quad ; \quad \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$$

$$\omega_+^2 = C \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] + C \sqrt{\frac{1}{m_1^2} + \frac{1}{m_2^2} + \frac{2}{m_1 m_2} - \frac{4}{m_1 m_2}}$$

$$\omega_+^2 = C \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] + C \left[\frac{1}{m_1} - \frac{1}{m_2} \right] \quad (m_1 < m_2)$$

$$\omega_+^2 = \frac{2C}{m_1} \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega_+ = \sqrt{\frac{2C}{m_1}}}$$

* If $k=0$ then frequency become 0. then it is known as Acoustical branch.

and If $\omega \neq 0$ then it is known as optical branch.

(ii) For acoustical Branch :-

$$\omega_-^2 = C \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] - C \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right)^2 - \frac{4 \sin^2 \frac{ka}{2}}{m_1 m_2}}$$

$$(i) \text{ If } k \rightarrow 0 \quad ; \quad \sin \frac{ka}{2} \approx \frac{ka}{2}$$

$$\omega_-^2 = C \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] - C \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] \left[1 - \frac{k^2 a^2 m_1^2 m_2^2}{m_1 m_2 (m_1 + m_2)^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= c \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] - c \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] \left[1 - \frac{k^2 a^2 m_1 m_2}{2(m_1 + m_2)^2} \right]$$

$$\omega_-^2 = c \left(\frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1 m_2} \right) \frac{k^2 a^2 m_1 m_2}{2(m_1 + m_2)^2}$$

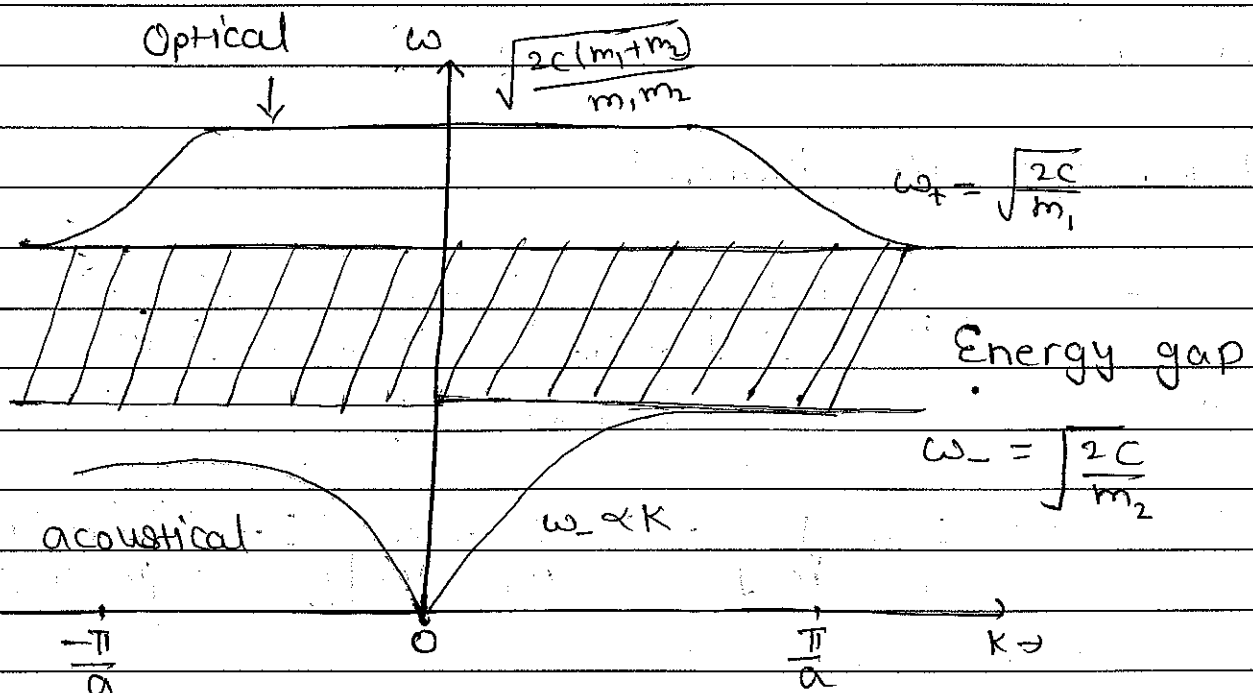
$$\omega_- = ka \sqrt{\frac{c}{2(m_1 + m_2)}}$$

$$\boxed{\omega_- \propto k} \quad (\text{non-dispersive})$$

$$\rightarrow \text{At } k \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{a}$$

$$\omega_-^2 = c \left[\frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right] - c \left[\frac{1}{m_1} - \frac{1}{m_2} \right]$$

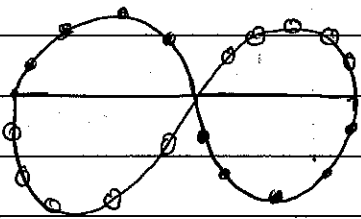
$$\omega_-^2 = \frac{2c}{m_2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega_- = \sqrt{\frac{2c}{m_2}}}$$



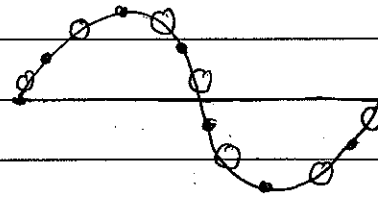
At zone boundary in case of acoustical branch the lighter atom will be at rest and in case of optical branch the heavier atom will be at rest.

The optical frequency and acoustical frequency are separated by a region which is known as forbidden energy gap. So it is also known as band stop filter. The frequency gap is proportional to m_2/m_1 .

* In the optical branch the centre of mass of two atoms remain fix but in the acoustical branch the centre of mass move with the atom.



Optical



Acoustical branch

* No. of Branches:-

No. of atoms per primitive unit cell = P

	Acoustical Branch	Optical Branch
1-D	1	$P-1$
2-D	2	$2P-2$
3-D	3	$3P-3$

Q. Find the no. of acoustical and optical branch for diamond.

Sol. $P = 2$ 3D structure

$$\text{Acoustical Branch} = 3$$

$$\text{Optical branch} = 3 \times 2 - 3 = \underline{3}$$

$$\text{total} = 3 + 3 = \underline{6}$$