

4. *Calculate the group and phase velocities for the wave packet corresponding to a relativistic particle.

$$v_p = \frac{E}{p}, \quad v_g = \frac{dE}{dp}$$

$$E = \sqrt{p^2 c^2 + (m_0 c^2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_p = \sqrt{c^2 + \left(\frac{m_0 c}{p}\right)^2} \cdot c = c \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{m_0 c}{p}\right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p^2 c^2 + (m_0 c^2)^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{p}} \times \cancel{p} c^2 = c \cdot \left[\frac{p c}{\sqrt{p^2 c^2 + (m_0 c^2)^2}} \right] = \frac{c}{\left[\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{m_0 c}{p}\right)^2} \right]}$$

Clearly: $\boxed{v_g \cdot v_p = c^2}$

For a photon $v_g = v_p = c$ (in vacuum)

For a photon in medium of refractive index μ

The ratio btwn c and v_p is defined to be μ

$$\frac{c}{v_p} = \mu \Rightarrow \frac{c}{(\omega/k)} = \mu \Rightarrow \frac{ck}{\omega} = \mu \quad \boxed{v_p = \frac{c}{\mu}}$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dk} = \boxed{\frac{c}{\mu} = v_g} \rightarrow \text{This is true if } \mu \text{ is same } \forall k \text{ i.e. } \frac{d\mu}{dk} = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{v_g \cdot v_p = (c/\mu)^2}$$