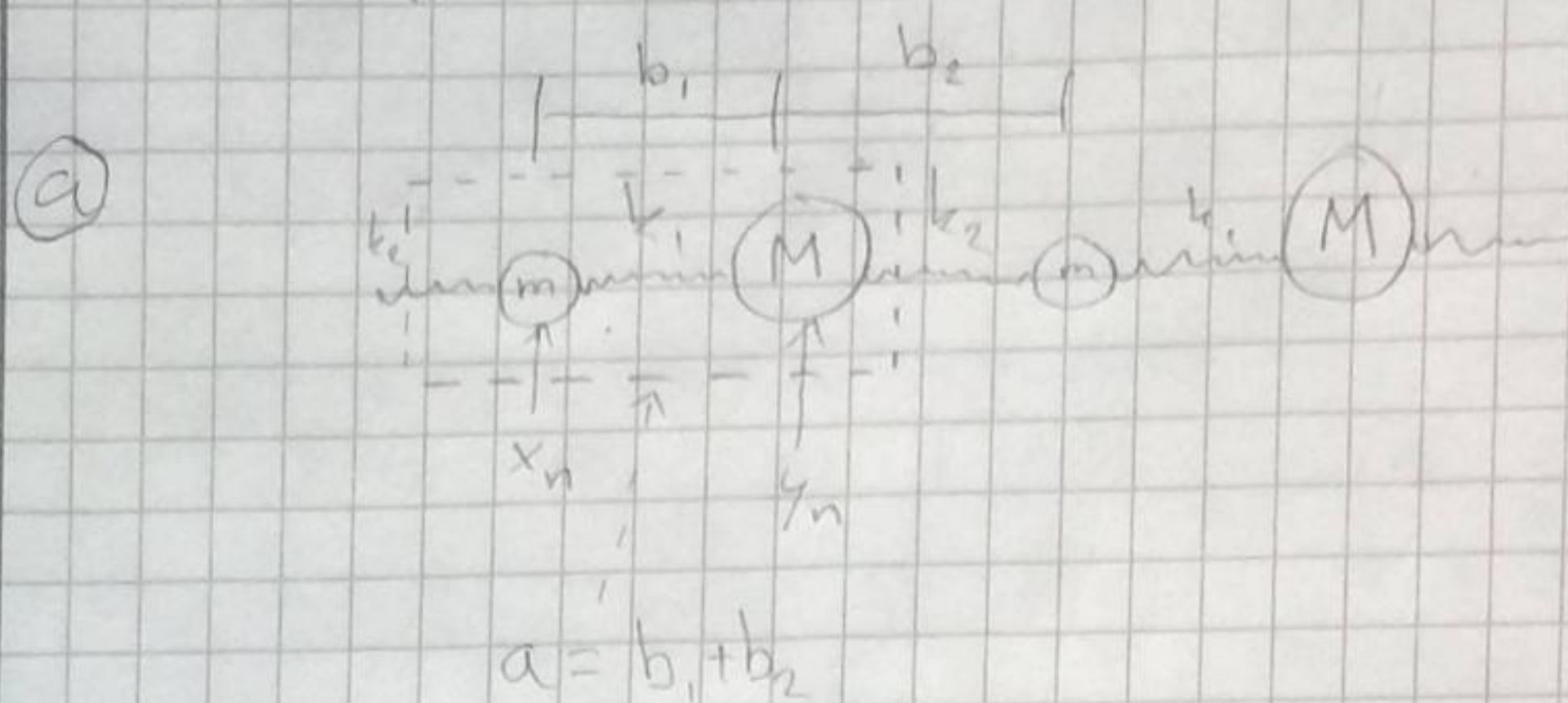


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(b) I know the potential energy of any single spring is $V = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$ where x is the distance from equilibrium. This gives:

$$V_n^x = \frac{1}{2} k_1 (y_n - x_n - b_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (x_n - y_{n-1} - b_2)^2$$

$$V_n^y = \frac{1}{2} k_1 (y_n - x_n - b_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (x_{n+1} - y_n - b_2)^2$$

The total is therefore:

$$V = \sum_n (V_n^x + V_n^y)$$

(c) The forces are found for m and M :

$$F_n^x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_n} = k_1 (y_n - x_n - b_1) - k_2 (x_n - y_{n-1} - b_2)$$

$$F_n^y = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y_n} = -k_1 (y_n - x_n - b_1) + k_2 (x_{n+1} - y_n - b_2)$$

As the terms in parentheses simply is the difference in offset from equilibrium, this simplifies to:

$$F_n^x = k_1 (\partial y_n - \partial x_n) - k_2 (\partial x_n - \partial y_{n-1}) \quad \bigg| \quad F_n^y = k_2 (\partial x_{n+1} - \partial y_n) - k_1 (\partial y_n - \partial x_n)$$

I now use Newton and look at:

$$F_n^x = m \ddot{x}_n \quad \text{and} \quad F_n^y = M \ddot{y}_n$$

I have the two ans $\frac{d^2 a}{dt^2} e^{i(\omega t - qna)}$:

$$x_n = A_x e^{i(\omega t - qna)} \quad \text{and} \quad y_n = A_y e^{i(\omega t - qna)}$$

where q is the wave-number.

I insert using $\phi \equiv i(\omega t - qna)$

$$\text{for } x: -m\omega^2 A_x e^\phi = k_2 A_y e^\phi - k_2 A_x e^\phi + k_1 A_y e^{\phi + iqa} - k_1 A_x e^\phi$$

$$\text{for } y: -M\omega^2 A_y e^\phi = k_1 A_x e^{\phi - iqa} - k_1 A_y e^\phi + k_2 A_x e^\phi - k_2 A_y e^\phi$$

Dividing through with e^ϕ , this equates the following matrix equation:

$$\omega^2 \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (k_1 + k_2)/m & -(k_1 e^{iqa} + k_2)/m \\ -(k_1 e^{iqa} + k_2)/M & (k_1 + k_2)/M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{pmatrix}$$

(d) Setting $q=0$, it is easy to see $\omega=0$ is a solution:

$$\omega^2 \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (k_1 + k_2)/m & -(k_1 + k_2)/m \\ -(k_1 + k_2)/M & (k_1 + k_2)/M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{pmatrix}$$

Here $\begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigen vector with eigenvalue 0 i.e. $\omega=0$

This shows us, that for both masses nothing happens, since they experience a wave with 0 frequency/infinite period

Finding the frequency, I try to solve the characteristic polynomial:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{(k_1+k_2)}{m} - \omega^2 & -(k_1+k_2)/m \\ -(k_1+k_2)/M & \frac{(k_1+k_2)}{M} - \omega^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$0 = \left[\frac{(k_1+k_2)}{m} - \omega^2 \right] \left[\frac{(k_1+k_2)}{M} - \omega^2 \right] - \frac{(k_1+k_2)^2}{mM}$$

$$= \frac{(k_1+k_2)^2}{mM} - \frac{(k_1+k_2)}{m} \omega^2 - \frac{(k_1+k_2)}{M} \omega^2 + \omega^4 - \frac{(k_1+k_2)^2}{mM}$$

$$= \omega^2 - \frac{(k_1+k_2)}{m} - \frac{(k_1+k_2)}{M} \Leftrightarrow \omega^2 = (k_1+k_2) \left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{M} \right)$$

Now using $m/M \rightarrow 0$ I get:

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{(k_1+k_2)}{m}} \quad \text{where we choose the positive}$$

This eigenvalue corresponds to the eigenvector

This is very much expected, as we are looking at the case of M being so big it basically is not moving, which can be seen in the amplitude A_y being 0.

⑧ Here I do the same as in the previous part, but using $q = \frac{\pi}{a}$

I am also using $k_1 = k_2 \equiv \frac{1}{2}k$ i.e. $k_1 + k_2 = k$

$$\begin{vmatrix} k/m - \omega^2 & -(\frac{1}{2}ke^{i\pi} + \frac{1}{2}k)/m \\ -(\frac{1}{2}ke^{i\pi} + \frac{1}{2}k)/m & k/m - \omega^2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} k/m - \omega^2 & 0 \\ 0 & k/m - \omega^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (k/m - \omega^2)(k/m - \omega^2)$$

As this is already factored, I see the two eigenvalues are $\omega^2 = k/m$ and $\omega^2 = k/m$

This means the splitting at the edge is

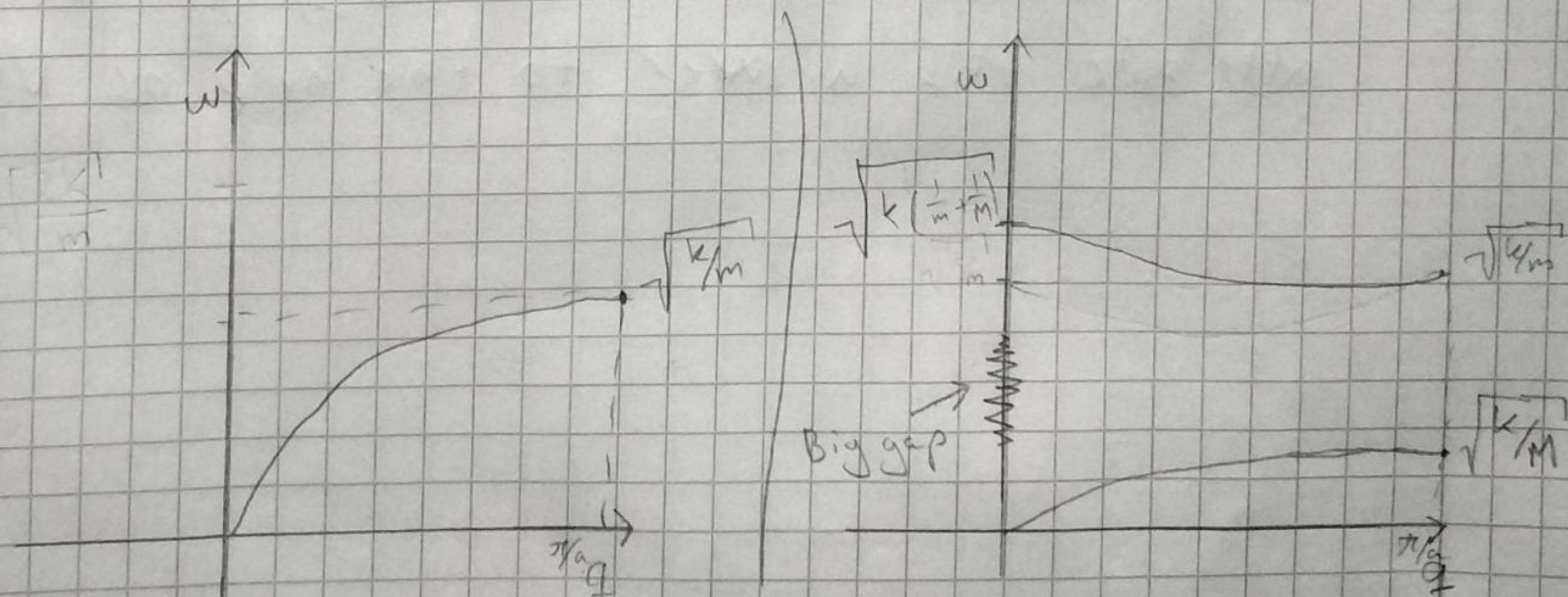
$$\Delta\omega = \sqrt{k} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \right) \text{ for } k_1 = k_2$$

⑨

$m = M$

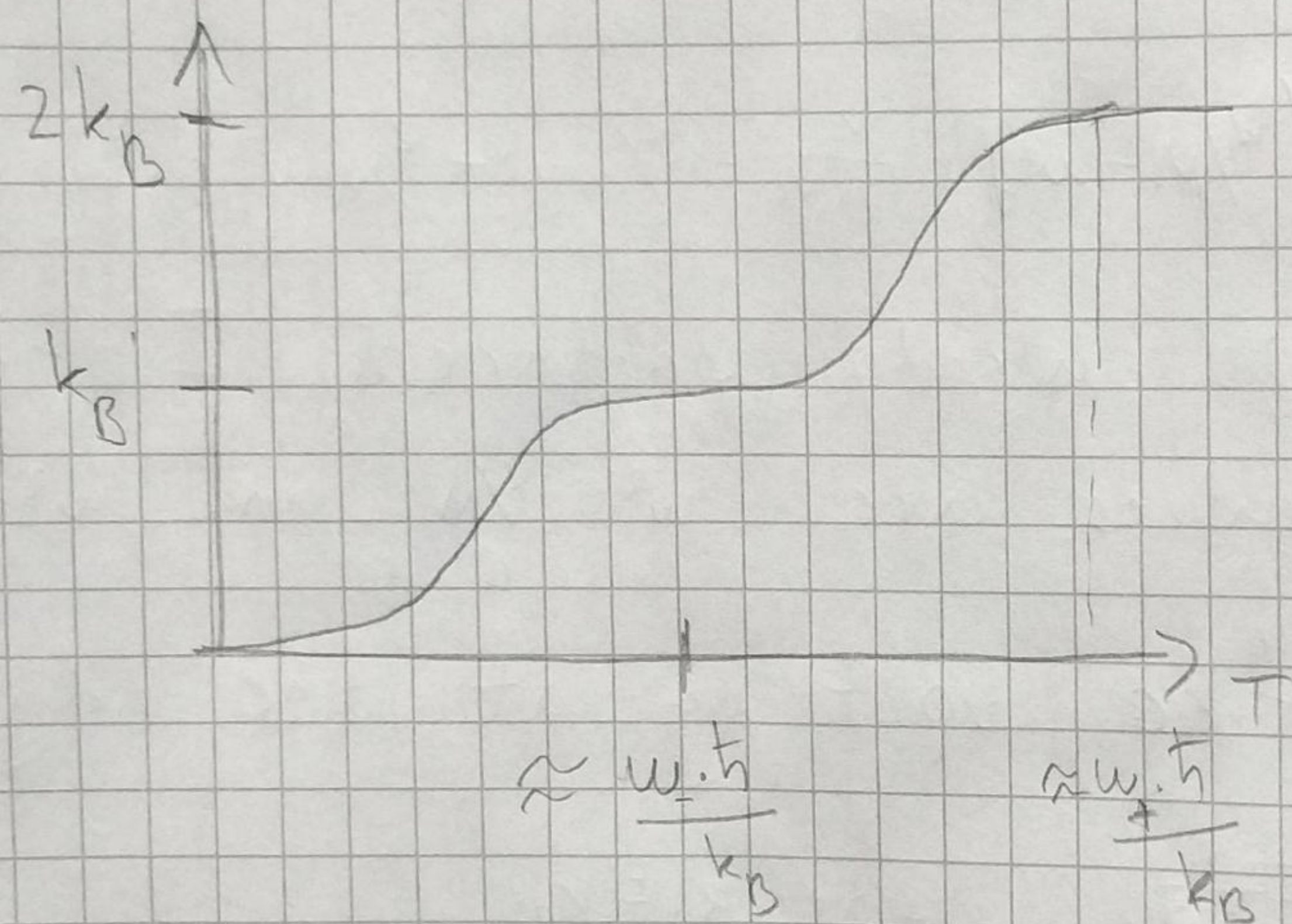
$k = k_1 + k_2$

$M \gg m$



As we for $m = M$ and $k_1 \neq k_2$ simply have the monotonic chain, there is no optical

To solve this, I will simply use the
 Equipartition theorem.
 When only the acoustic modes are
 active we have 2 degrees of freedom.
 When the optic gets going we have 4.
 This gives:



I was having a lot of trouble finding
 the x-axis without calculations, so I
 attribute this answer to the help of Ulrik!