

a) With a non-dispersive medium we get that for a given wavelength, the velocity doesn't change. So  $k$ ,  $\omega$  and  $v$  are all constant. ✓

$$b) \quad E(x, z, t) = E_0 e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)} + E_0 e^{i(k_z z - \omega t)}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_0 (e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)} + e^{i(k_z z - \omega t)})$$

Who said these were EM waves? :)

$$I = \frac{1}{c\mu_0} |E|^2 = \frac{1}{c\mu_0} (E_0 e^{i\omega t} (e^{ik_x x} + e^{ik_z z}))^2 = 0$$

The modulus squared is not the same as the simple square of the number.

$$(e^{ik_x x} + e^{ik_z z})^2 = 0$$

$$e^{ik_x x} + e^{ik_z z} = 0$$

$$\cos(kx) + i\sin(kx) = -\cos(kz) - i\sin(kz)$$

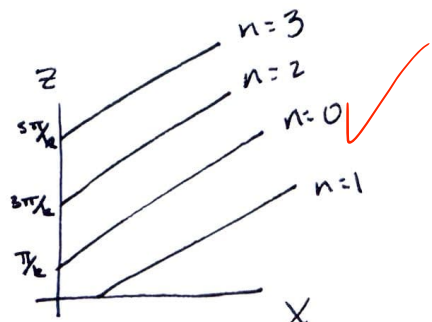
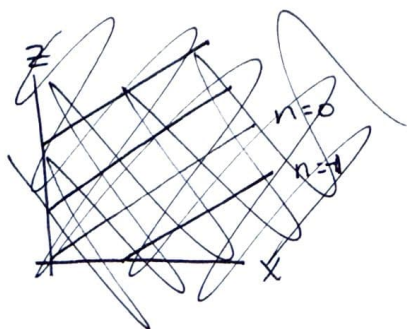
$$\cos(kx) = -\cos(kz)$$

$$i\sin(kx) = -i\sin(kz)$$

$$kz = kx + \pi (2n+1) \quad \text{odd int} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$z = x + \frac{\pi(2n+1)}{k}$$

Originally this is what I wrote down by just thinking of interference, so this meets the expectation.



c)

i) only the quantity of  $k$  would change, but the idea stays the same. ✓

ii) Unless the frequencies are specific multiples of  $v$  and  $2\pi$ , the intensity will also depend on  $t$ , as it can't be factored out like we did [since  $\omega$  is different for  $x$  and  $z$ ].