

Waves and Properties

Single Harmonic Oscillator -> Coupled Oscillators

Infinite number of Oscillators -> Continuum Limit -> Waves

Fourier decomposition of Waves -> Properties of Waves



Wave Equation and Solution, Dispersion, Group velocity and Phase velocity, Pulse propagation

Wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \xi(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \xi(x,t)}{\partial t^2}$$

General solution:

$$\xi = f_1(ct - x) + f_2(ct + x)$$

Different forms of solutions :

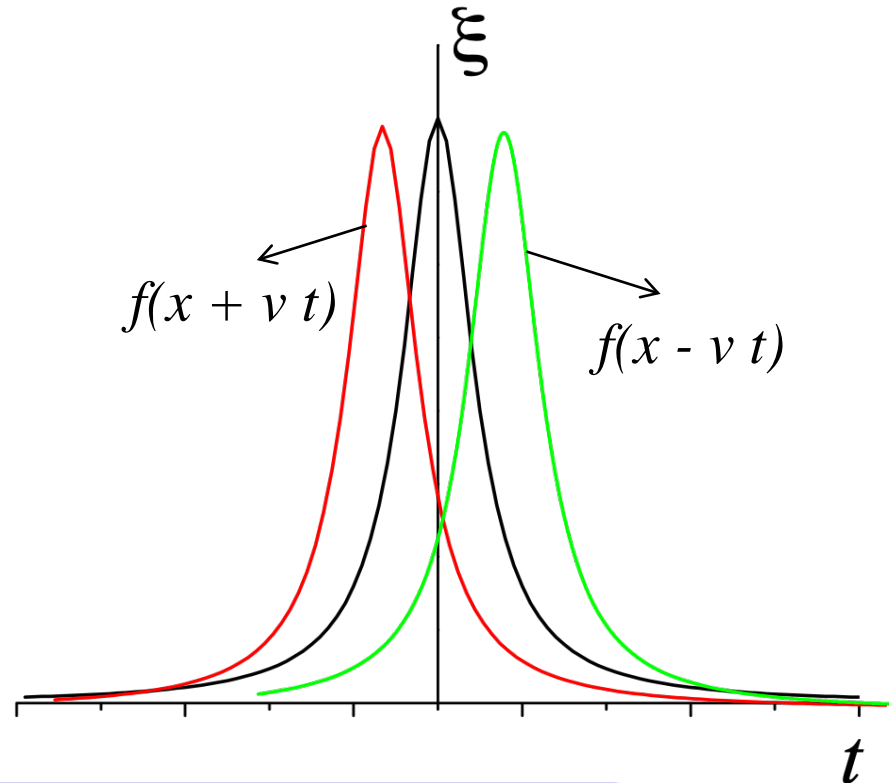
$$\xi = a \cos \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (ct - x)$$

$$\xi = a \cos 2\pi \left(\nu t - \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)$$

$$\xi = a \cos \omega \left(t - \frac{x}{c} \right)$$

$$\xi = a \cos(\omega t - kx)$$

$$\xi = a e^{i(\omega t - kx)}$$



Sinusoidal plane wave

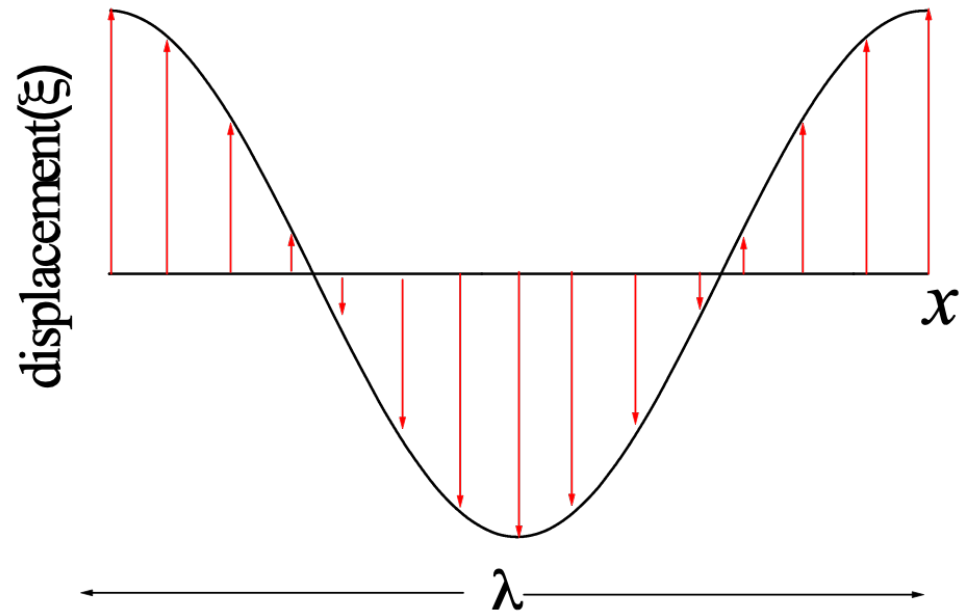
$$\xi = a \cos \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (ct - x)$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{c} = \frac{1}{\nu} = \tau$$

τ : period of oscillation

$$\frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} = \omega = 2\pi\nu$$

$c = \nu\lambda$ c : wave velocity



for $x = n\lambda$ pattern repeats

λ : Wavelength

$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$: wavenumber

Dispersion Relation

a link between spatial and temporal oscillations

For the wave equation



$$\frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2}$$

Plane wave solution



$$\xi = f \left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (ct - x) \right]$$

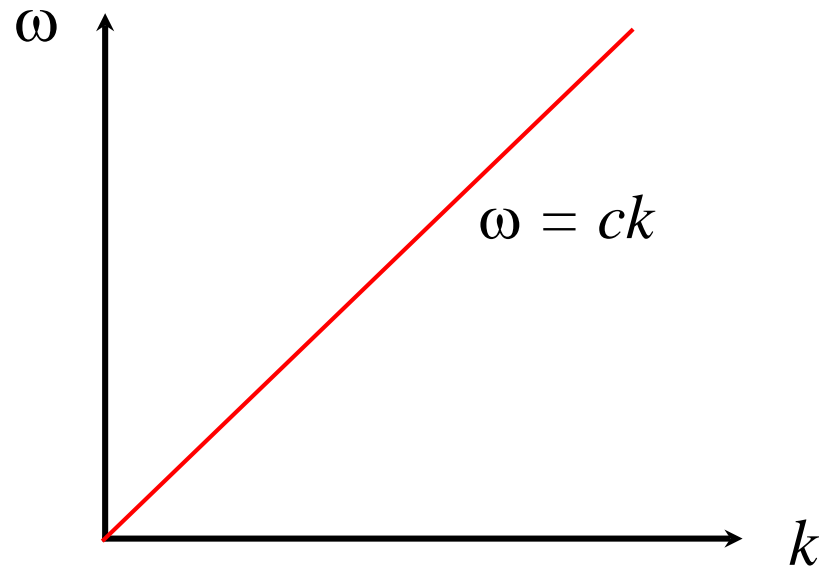
Oscillation frequency



$$\omega = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} = ck$$

For monochromatic wave in a non-dispersive medium

$$\omega = ck$$

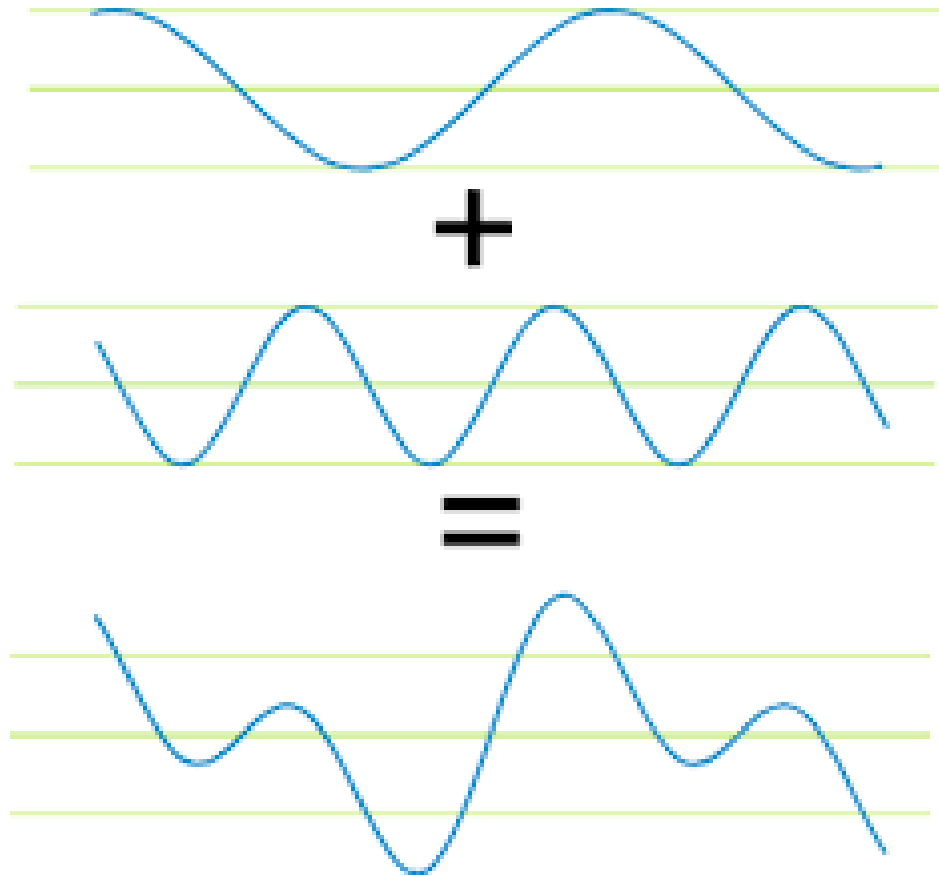


slope (c) : phase velocity of the wave

Fourier Decomposition of Waves

Fourier Series

Fourier Decomposition



Fourier Series:

$$0 < t < T$$

$$f(t) = A_0 +$$

$$A_1 \cos(\omega t) + A_2 \cos(2\omega t) + A_3 \cos(3\omega t) + \dots$$

$$B_1 \sin(\omega t) + B_2 \sin(2\omega t) + B_3 \sin(3\omega t) + \dots$$

$$f(t) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos(n\omega t) + B_n \sin(n\omega t)]$$

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(n\omega t) dt$$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(n\omega t) dt$$

Orthogonality conditions

If n and m are different, then

$$\cos n \quad \sin m \quad = 0$$

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$$\sin n \quad \sin m \quad = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& A_0 + \frac{A_1}{2}[e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}] + \frac{A_2}{2}[e^{i2\omega t} + e^{-i2\omega t}] \\
& + \frac{A_3}{2}[e^{i3\omega t} + e^{-i3\omega t}] \quad \dots\dots \\
& + \frac{B_1}{2i}[e^{i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t}] + \frac{B_2}{2i}[e^{i2\omega t} - e^{-i2\omega t}] \\
& + \frac{B_3}{2i}[e^{i3\omega t} - e^{-i3\omega t}] \quad \dots\dots \\
& = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} [C_n e^{in\omega t} + C_n^* e^{-in\omega t}]
\end{aligned}$$

$$C_n = (A_n - iB_n)/2$$

Dirichlet Conditions

» A periodic signal $x(t)$, has a Fourier series if it satisfies the following conditions:

1. $x(t)$ is **absolutely integrable** over any period, namely

$$\int_a^{a+T} |x(t)| dt < \infty,$$

2. $x(t)$ has only a **finite number of maxima and minima** over any period

3. $x(t)$ has only a **finite number of discontinuities** over any period

Fourier Transform

- » We have seen that periodic signals can be represented with the Fourier series
- » Can **aperiodic signals** be analyzed in terms of frequency components?
- » Yes, and the Fourier transform provides the tool for this analysis
- » The major difference w.r.t. the line spectra of periodic signals is that the **spectra of aperiodic signals** are defined for all real values of the frequency variable ω not just for a discrete set of values

Properties of the Fourier Transform

» *Linearity:* $x(t) \leftrightarrow X(\omega) \quad y(t) \leftrightarrow Y(\omega)$

$$\alpha x(t) + \beta y(t) \leftrightarrow \alpha X(\omega) + \beta Y(\omega)$$

» *Left or Right Shift in Time:* $x(t - t_0) \leftrightarrow X(\omega)e^{-j\omega t_0}$

» *Time Scaling:* $x(at) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a} X\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$

Properties of the Fourier Transform

» *Time Reversal:* $x(-t) \leftrightarrow X(-\omega)$

» *Multiplication by a Power of t :*

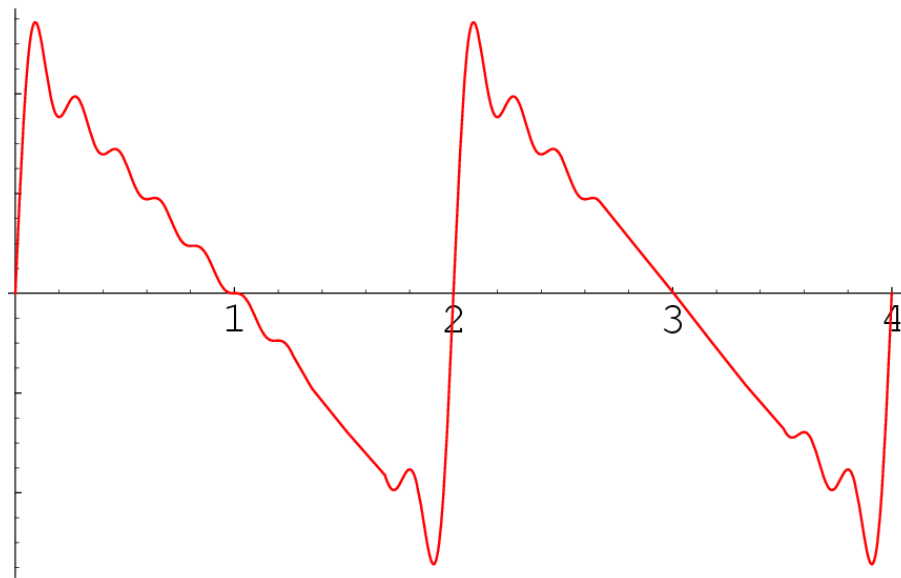
$$t^n x(t) \leftrightarrow (j)^n \frac{d^n}{d\omega^n} X(\omega)$$

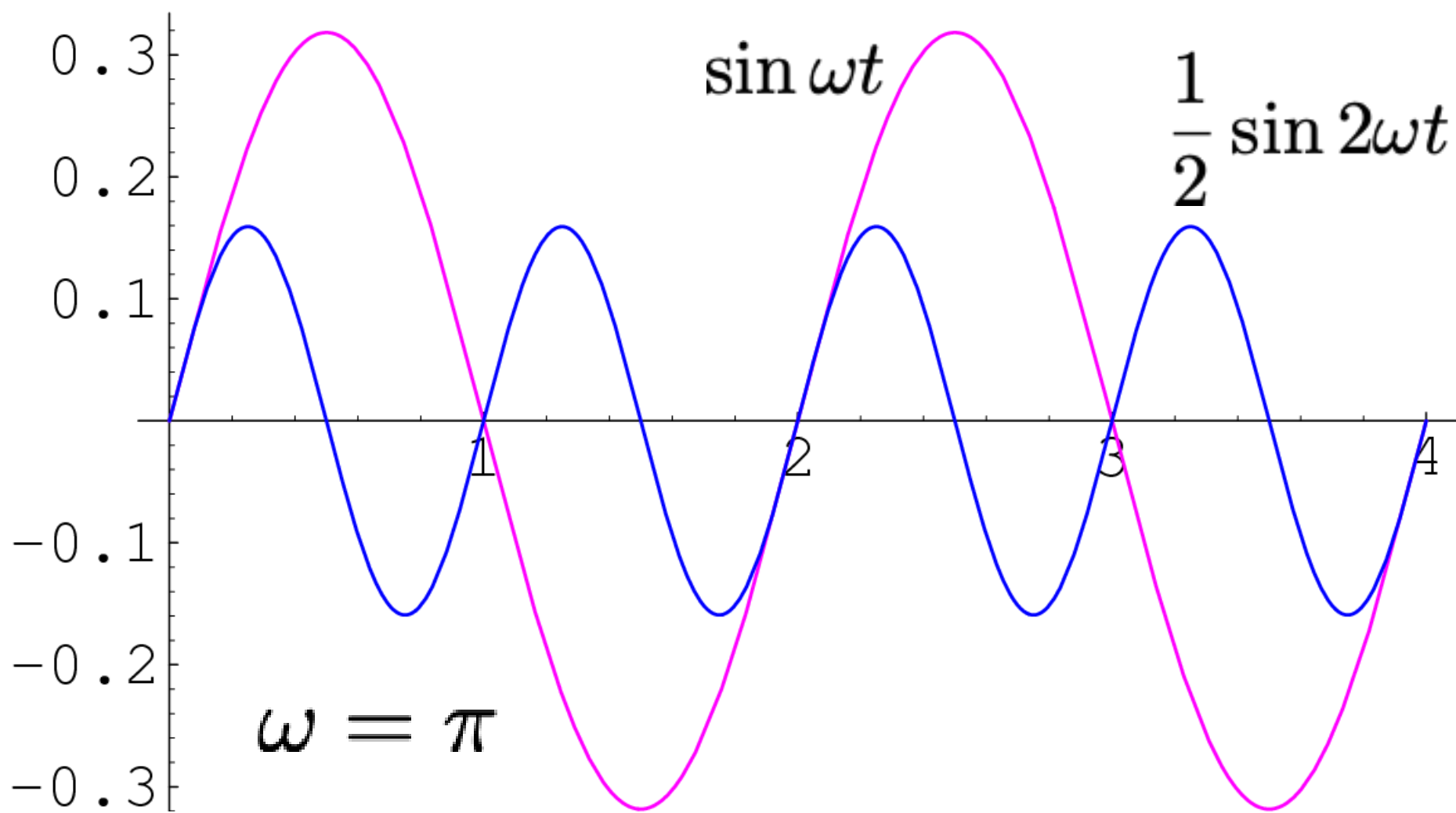
» *Multiplication by a Complex Exponential:*

$$x(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} \leftrightarrow X(\omega - \omega_0)$$

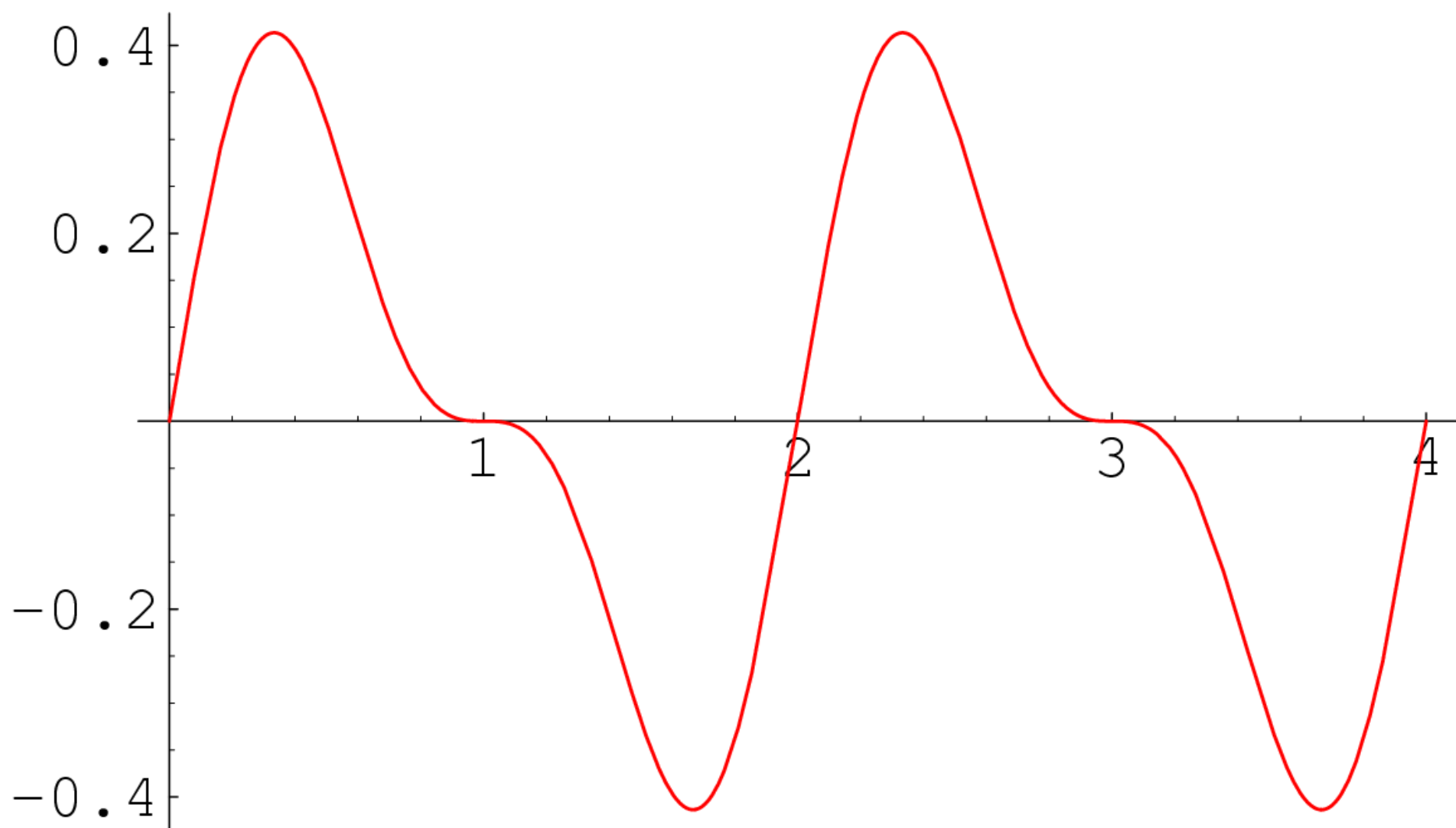
Examples

Fourier Series: Shaw-tooth Wave

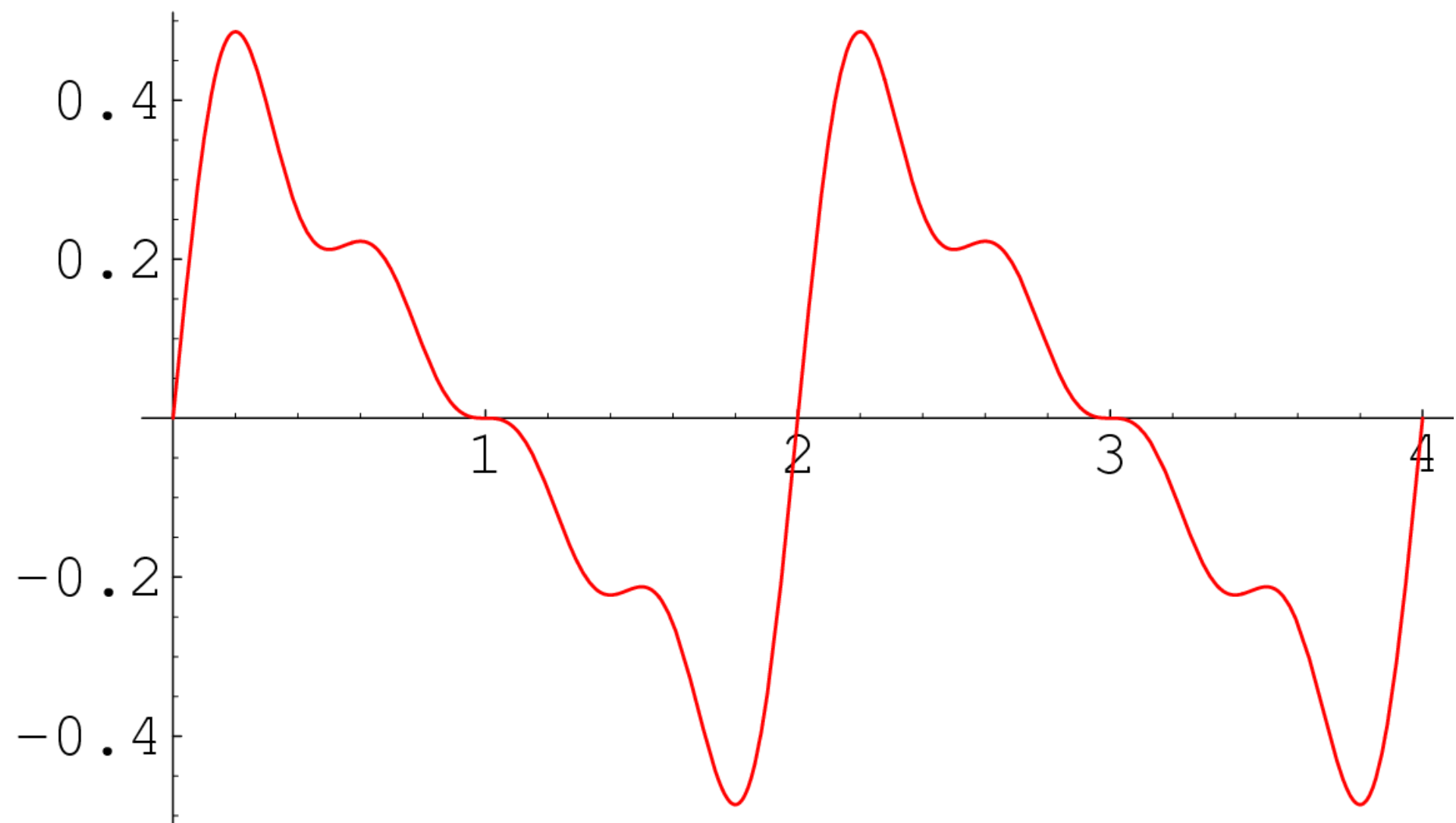




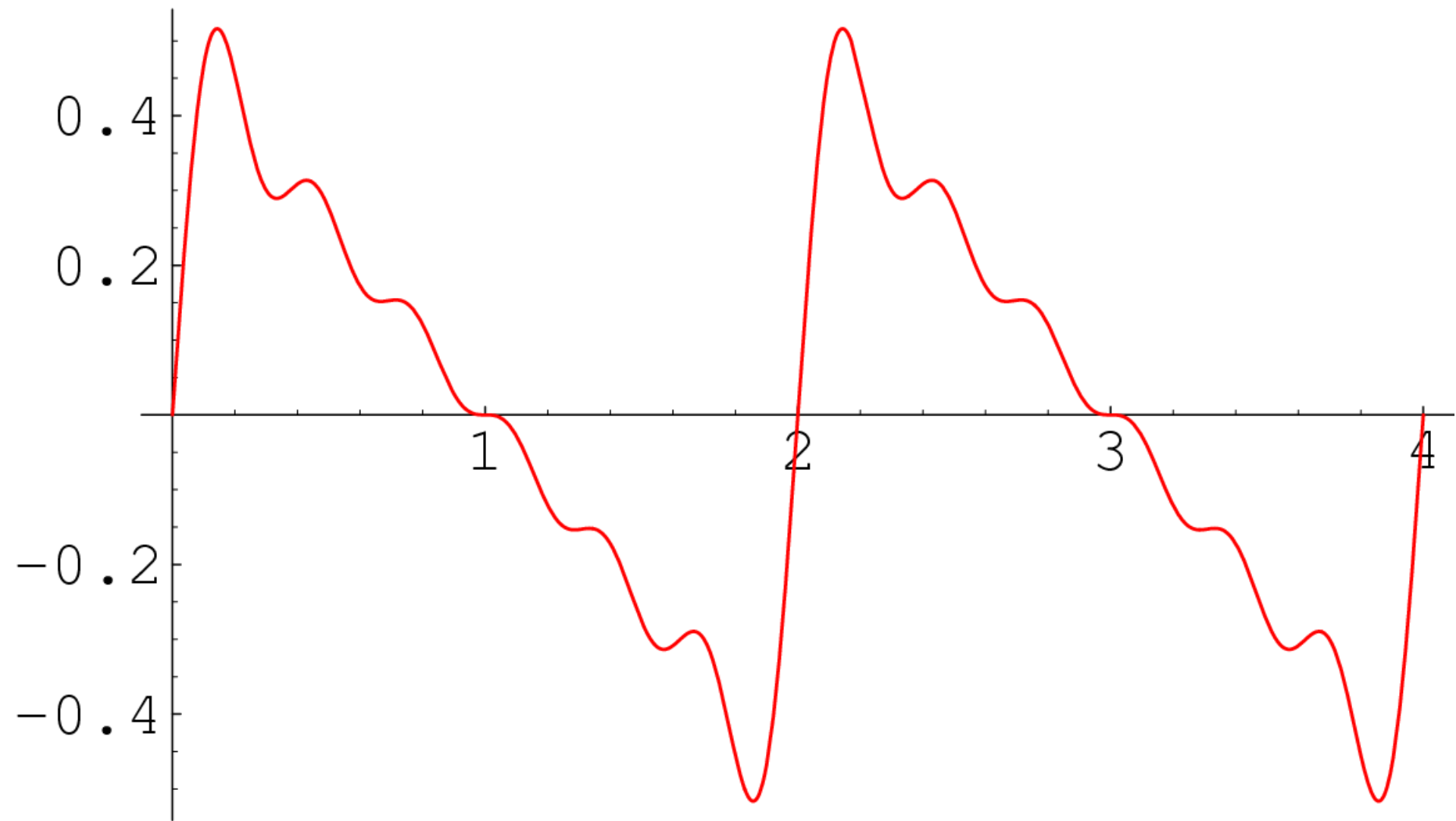
$$\sin \omega t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\omega t$$



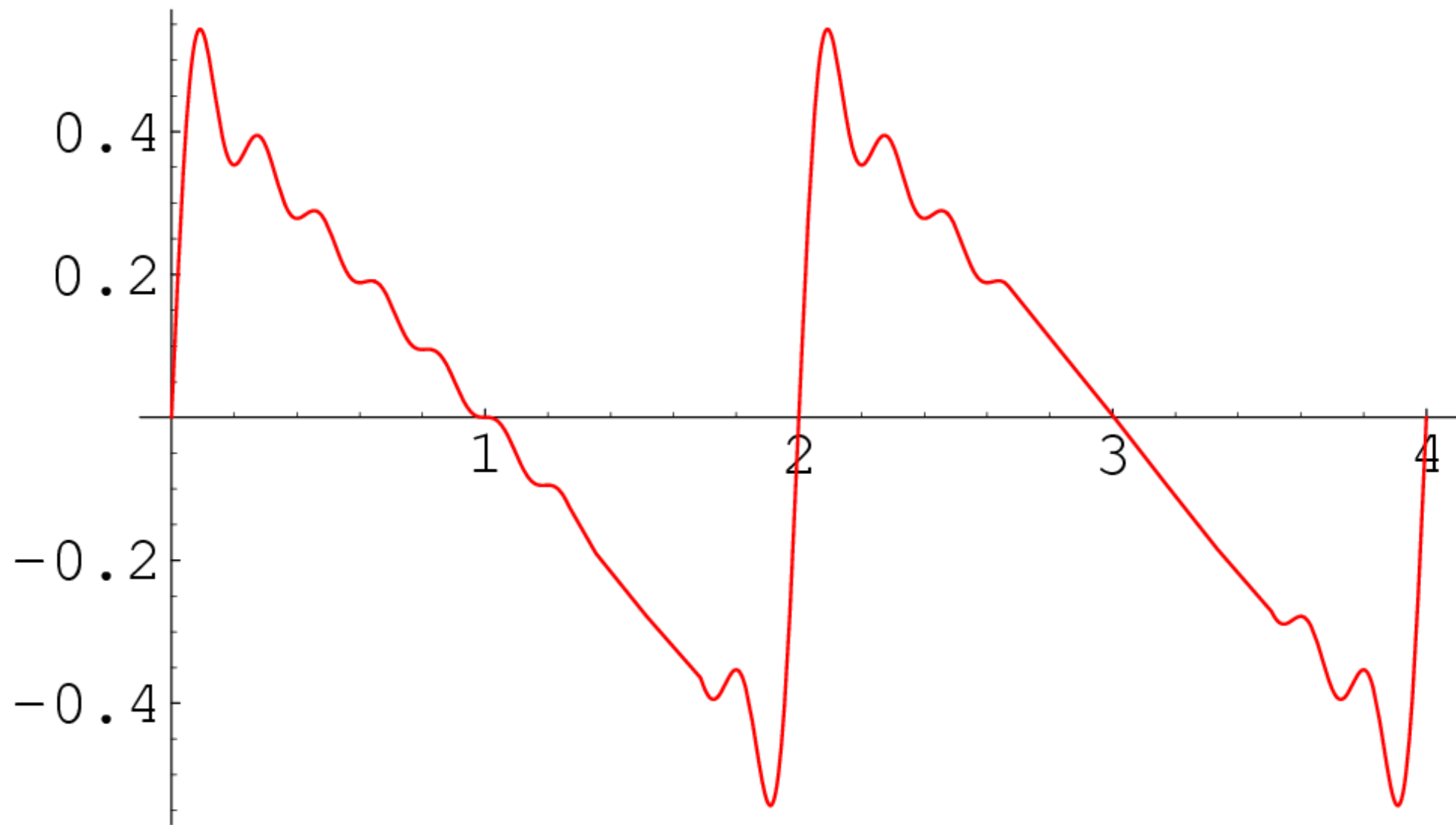
$$\sin \omega t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\omega t + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3\omega t + \frac{1}{4} \sin 4\omega t$$



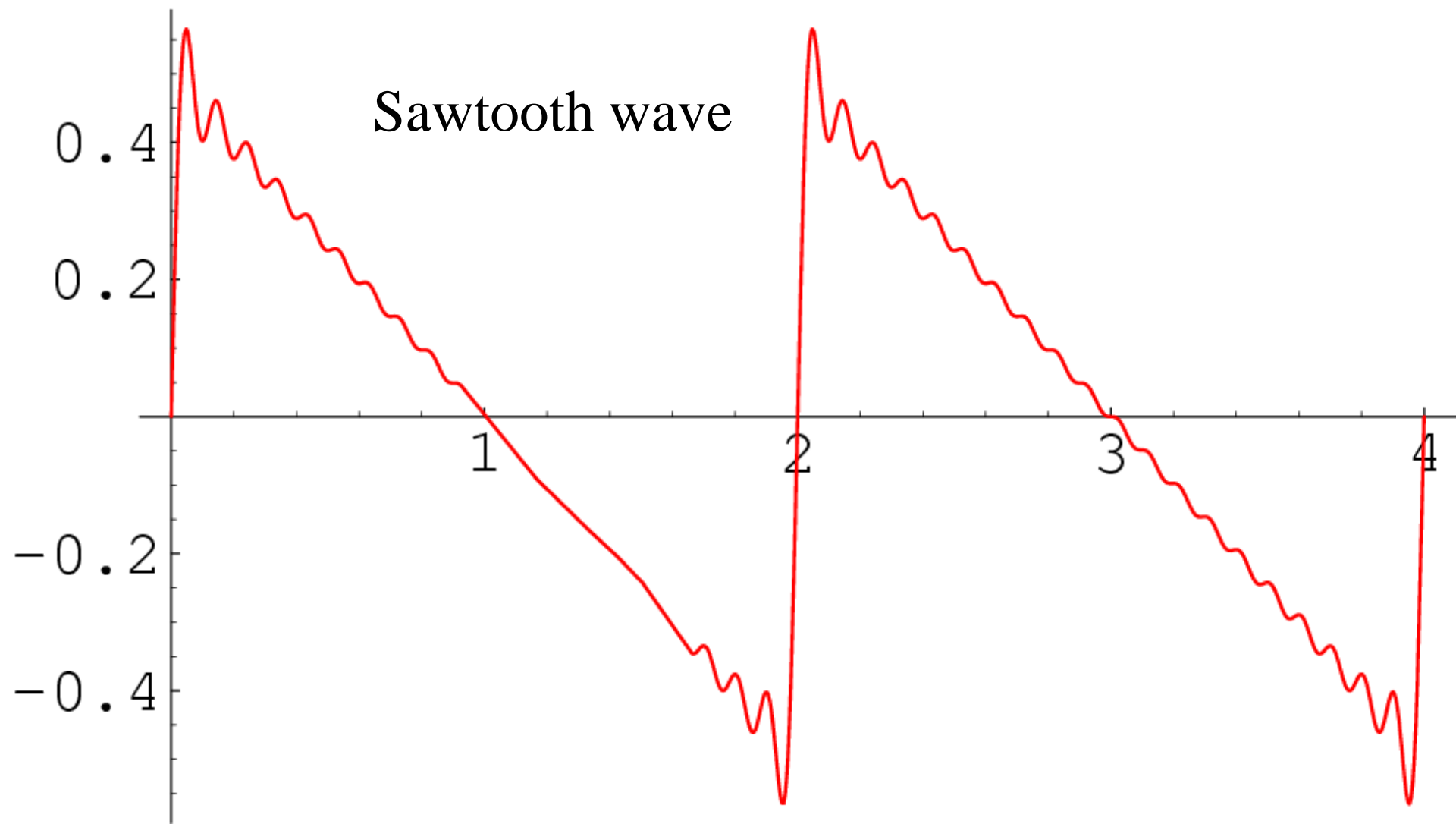
6 terms of the series



10 terms of the series

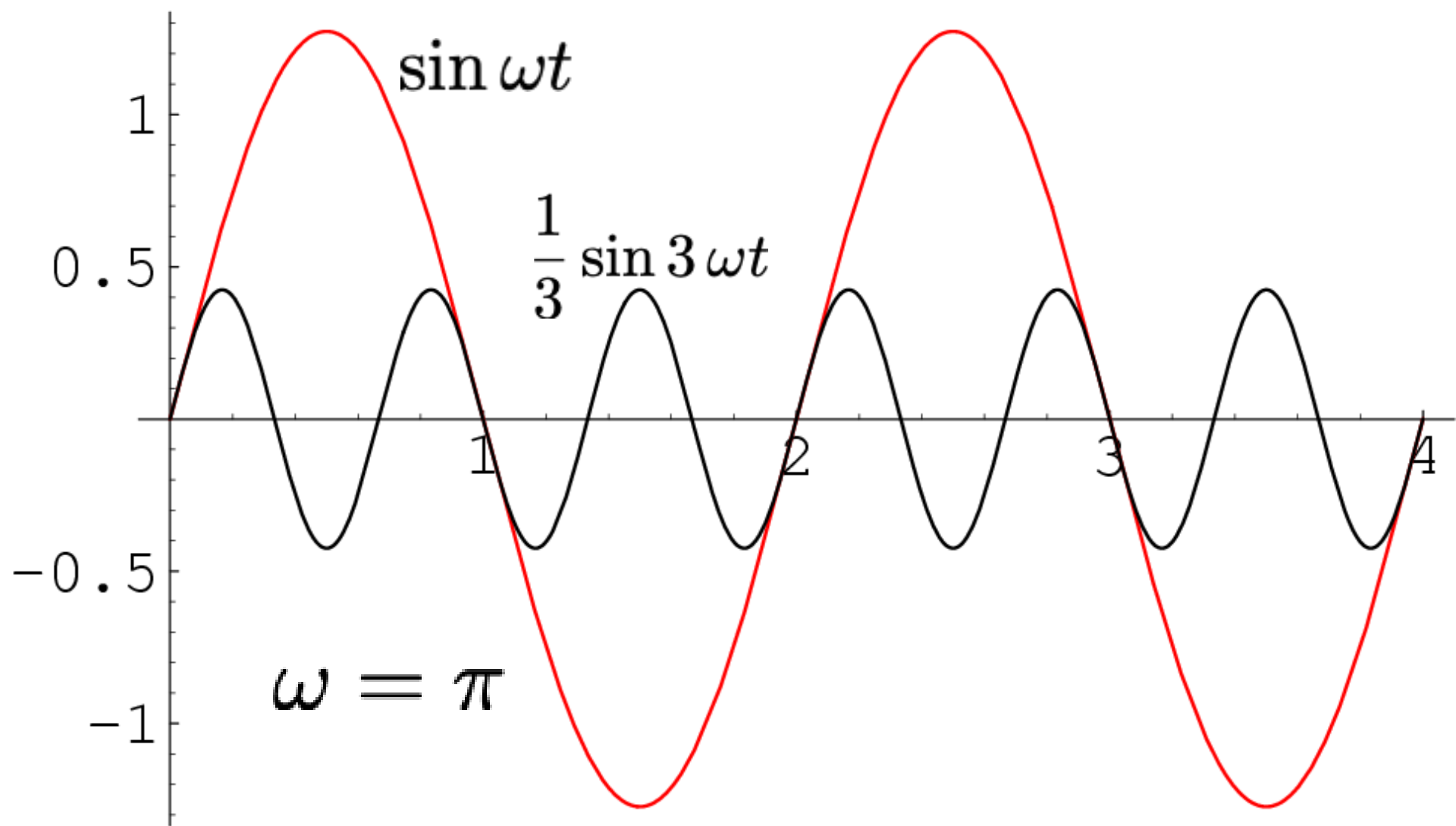


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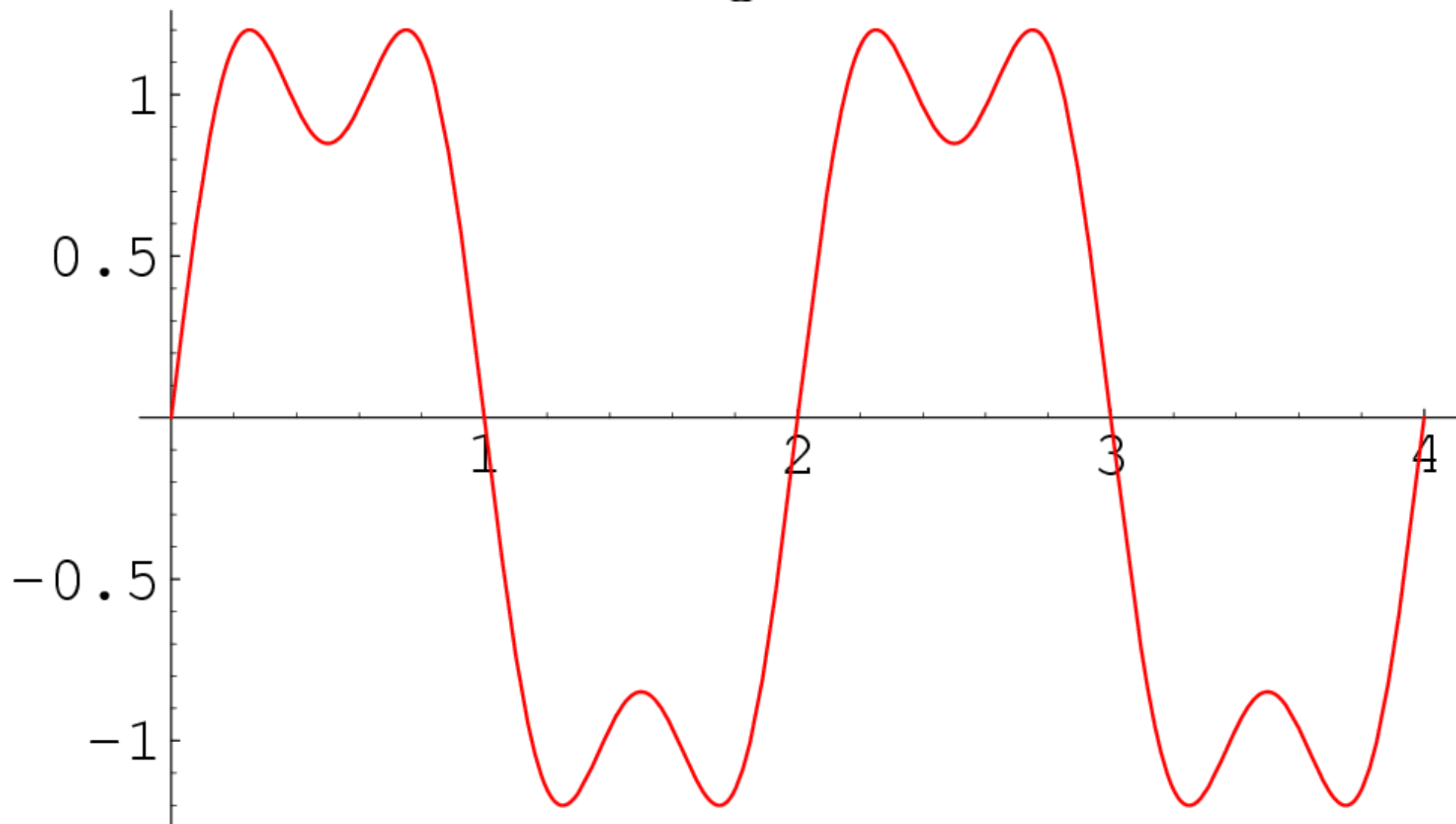


Fourier transform: Square Wave

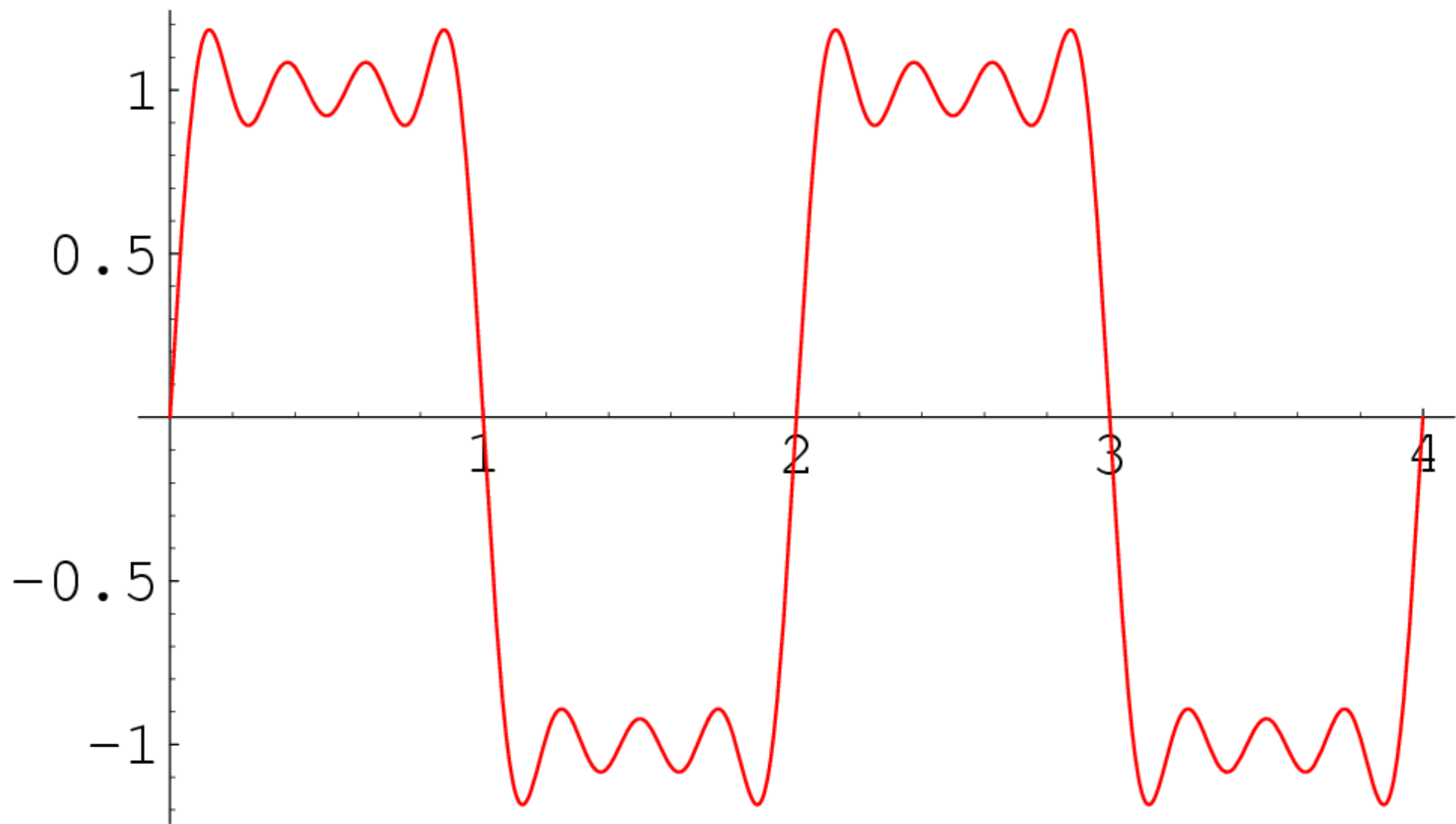




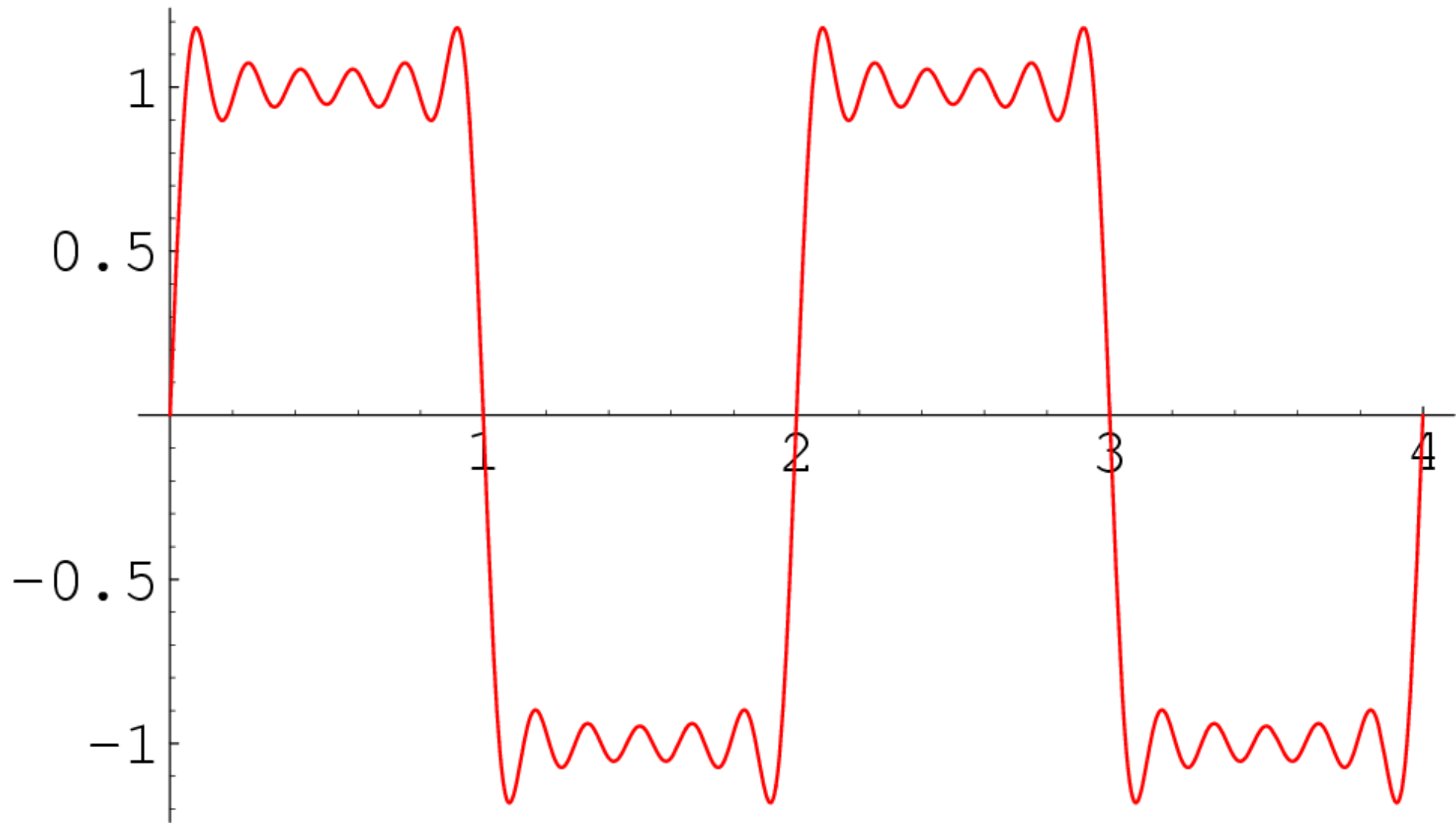
$$\sin \omega t + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3 \omega t$$



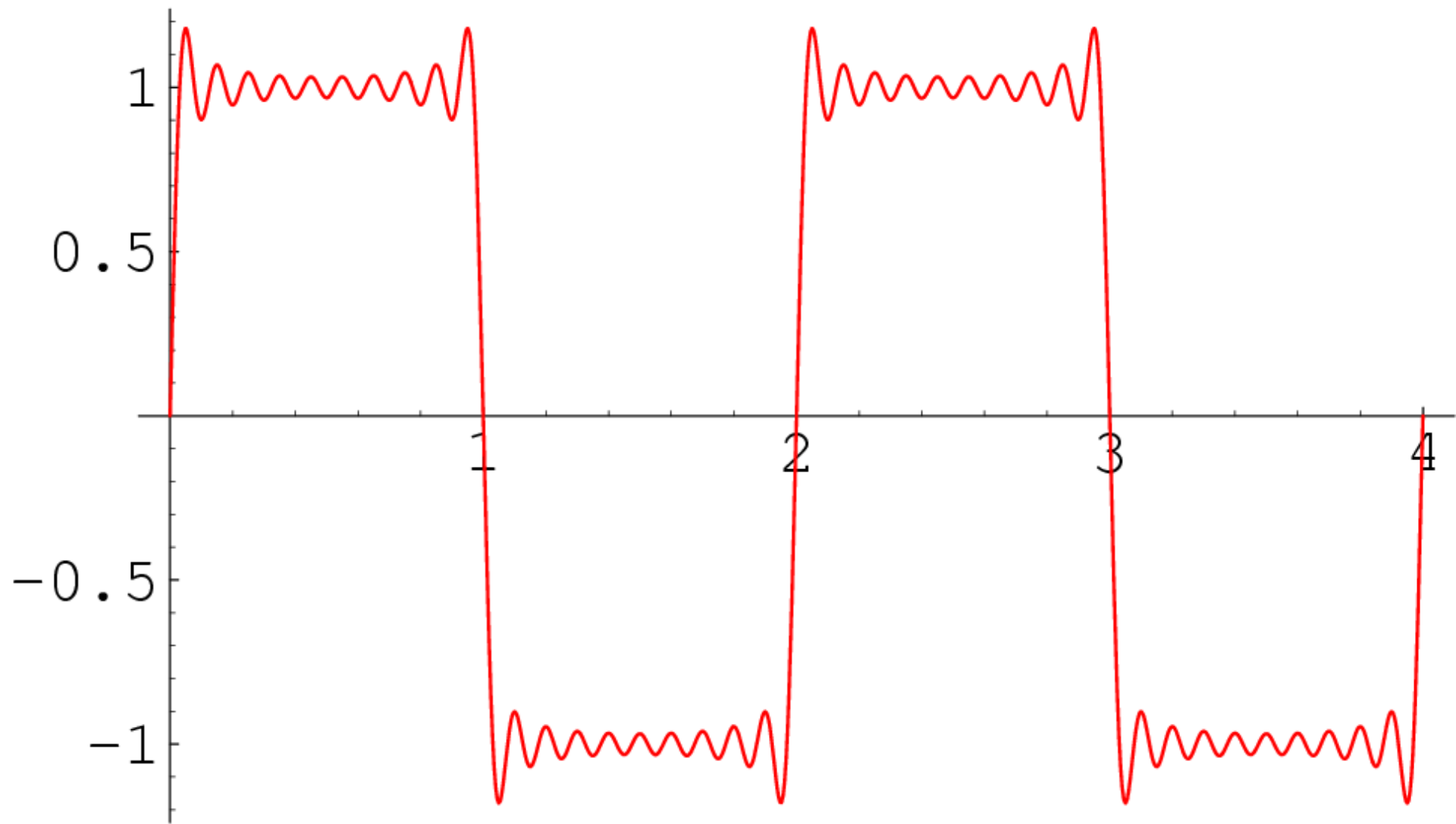
$$\sin \omega t + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3 \omega t + \frac{1}{5} \sin 5 \omega t + \frac{1}{7} \sin 7 \omega t$$



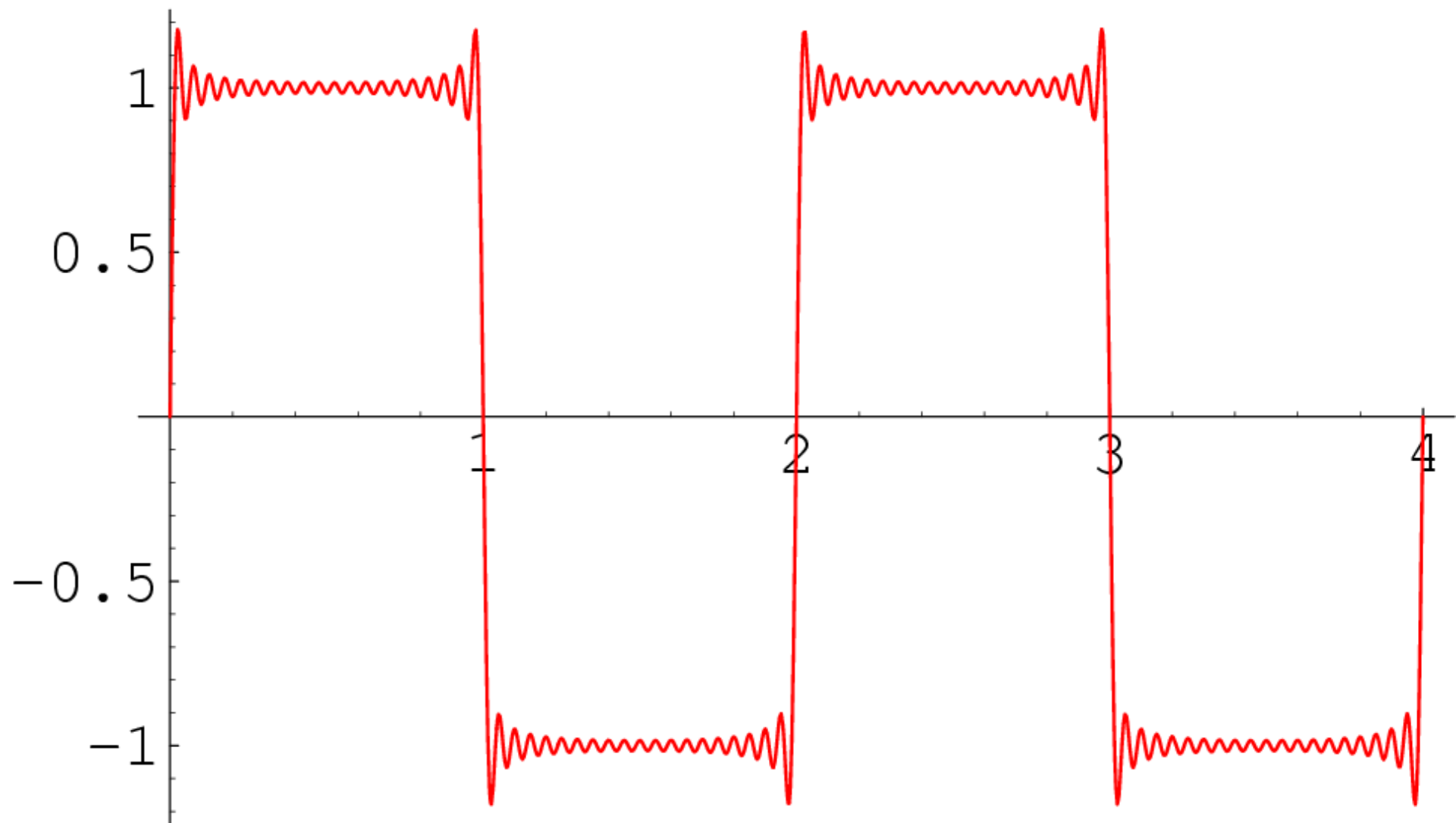
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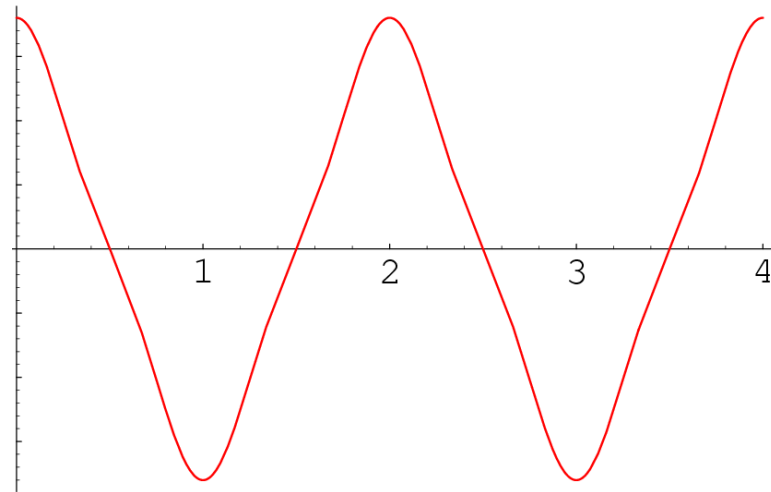
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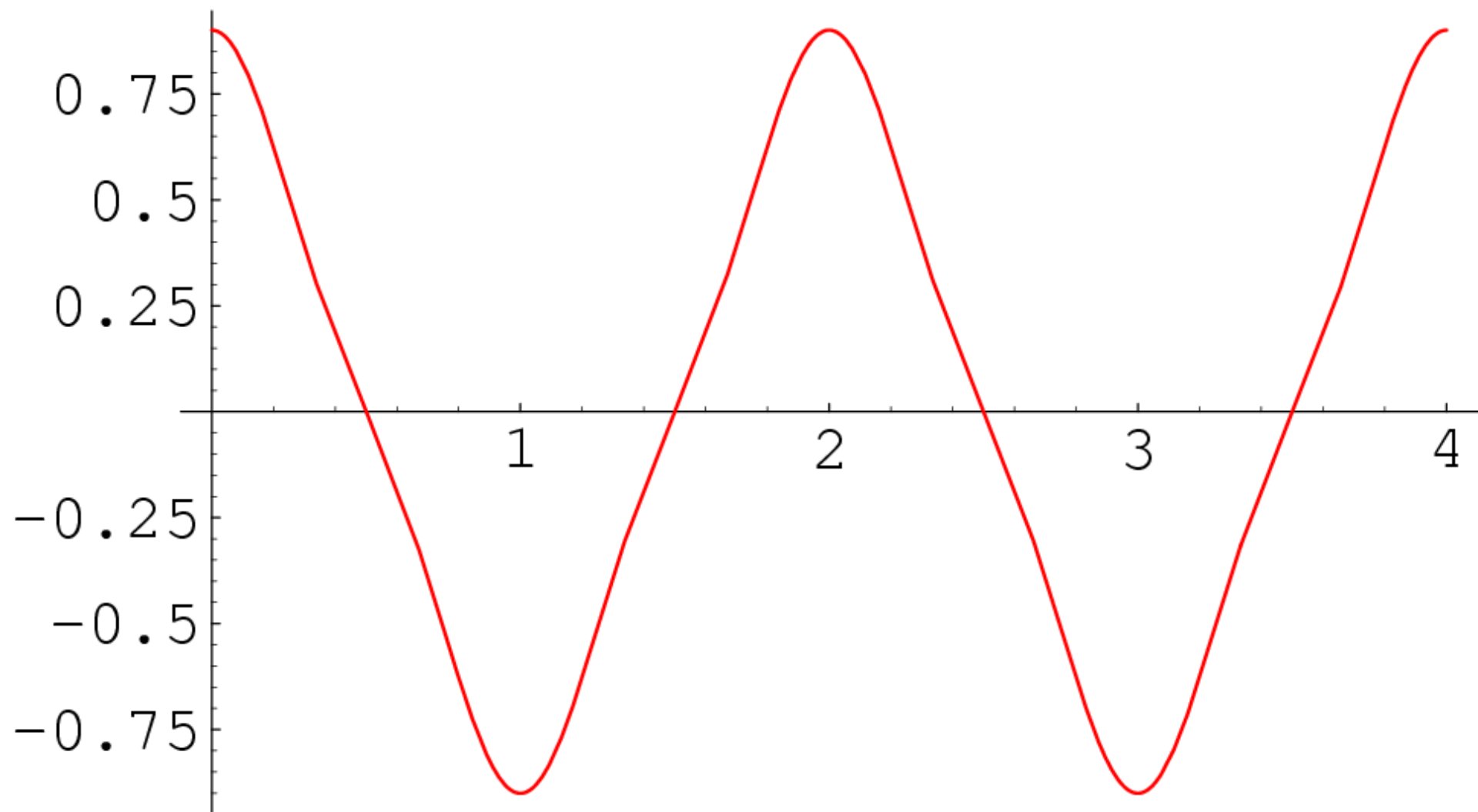


Fourier transform: Triangular Wave

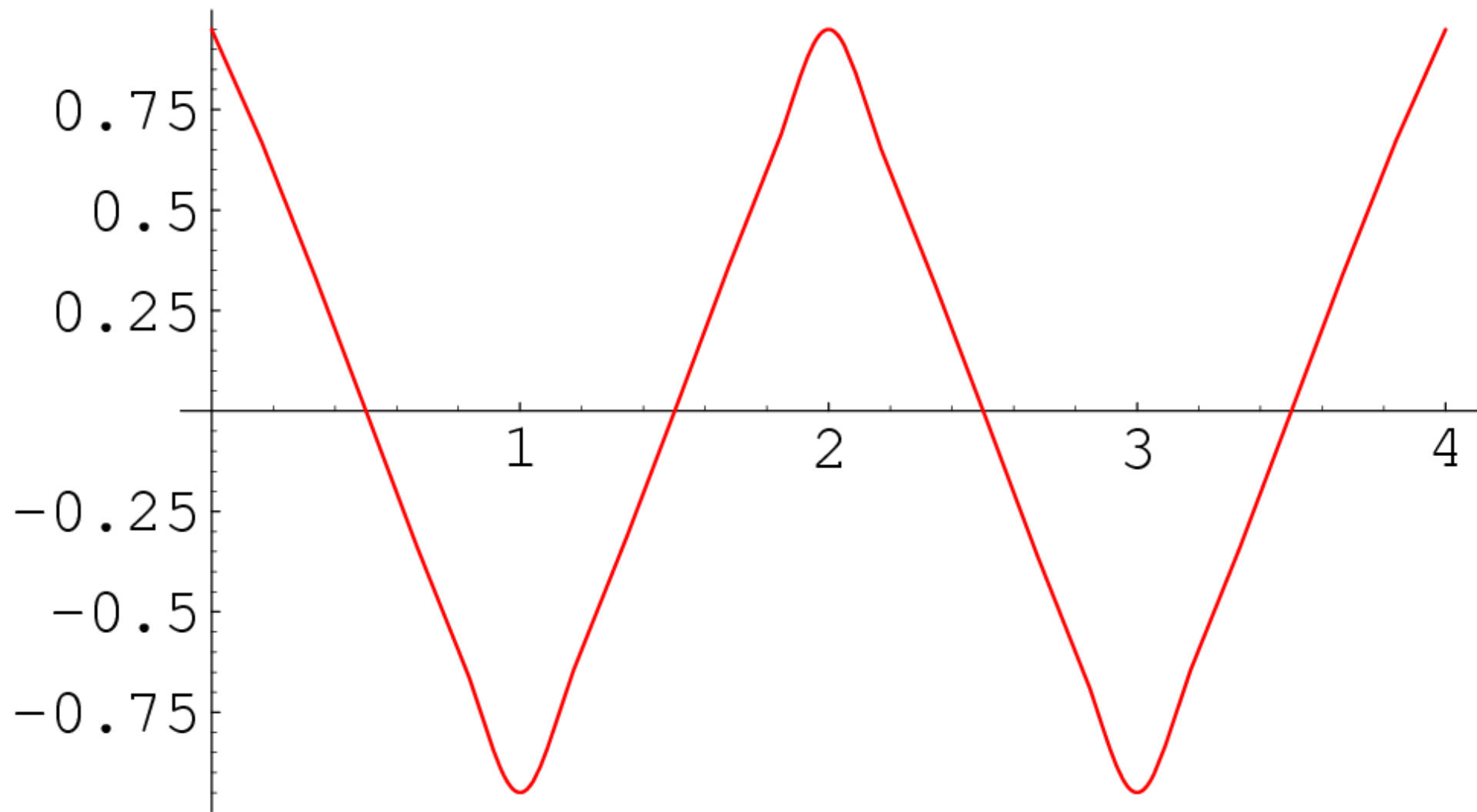


Triangular wave

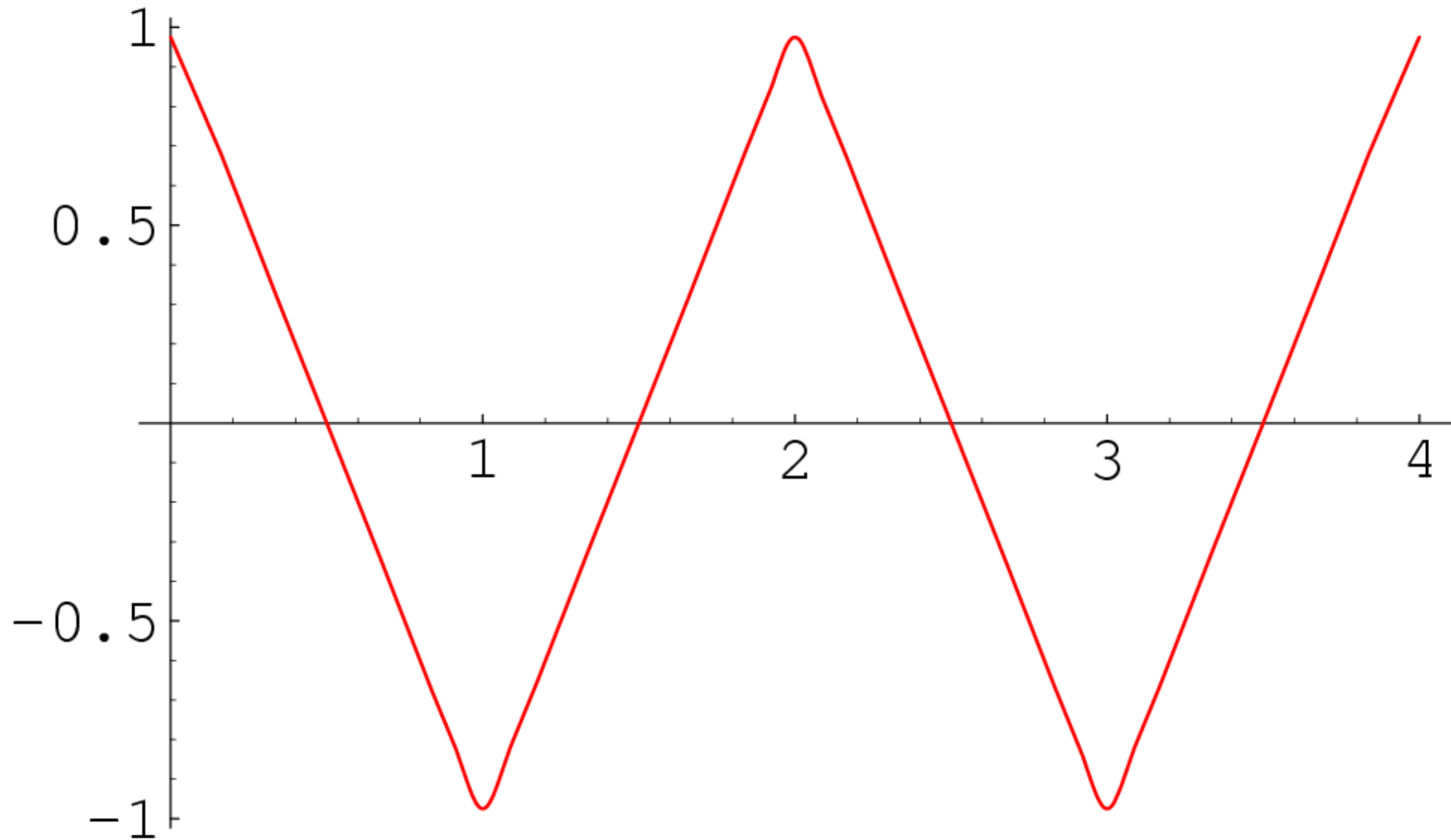
$$\cos \omega t + \frac{1}{9} \cos 3 \omega t$$



$$\cos \omega t + \frac{1}{9} \cos 3 \omega t + \frac{1}{25} \cos 5 \omega t + \frac{1}{49} \cos 7 \omega t$$

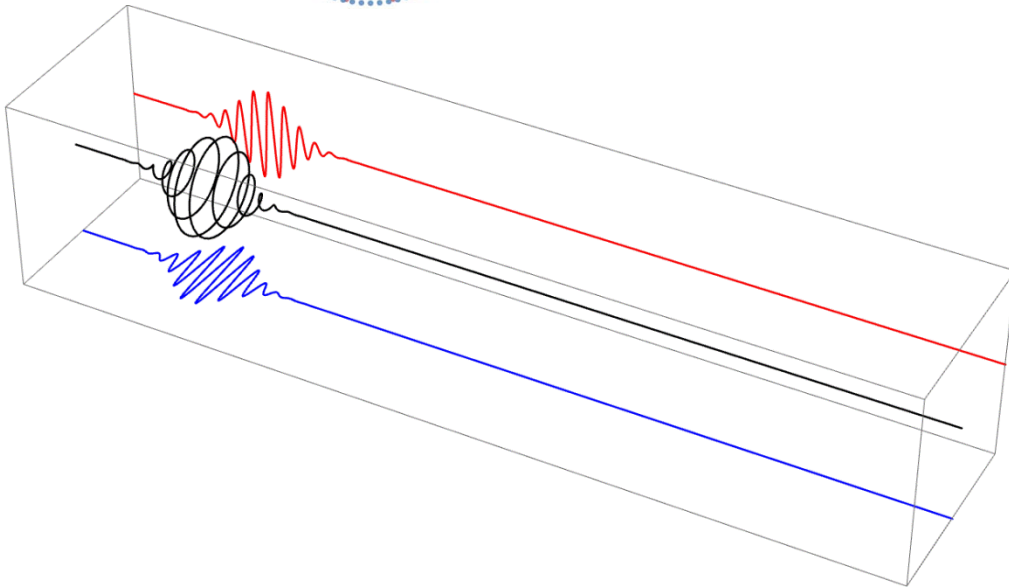
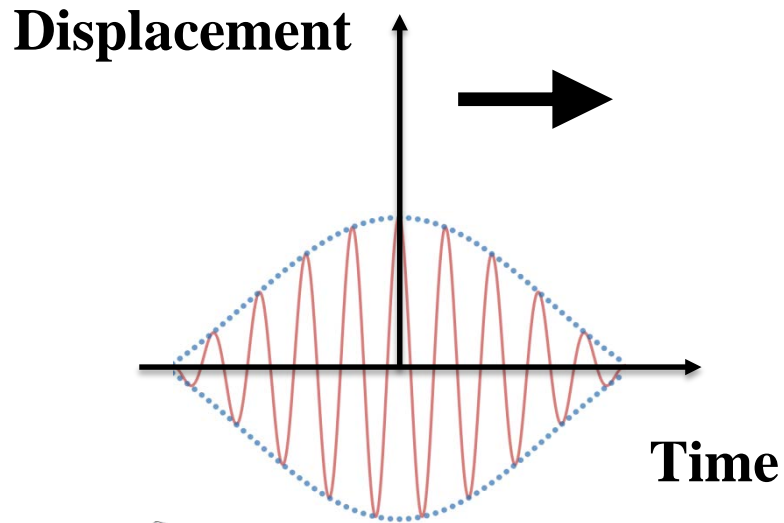


8 terms of the series

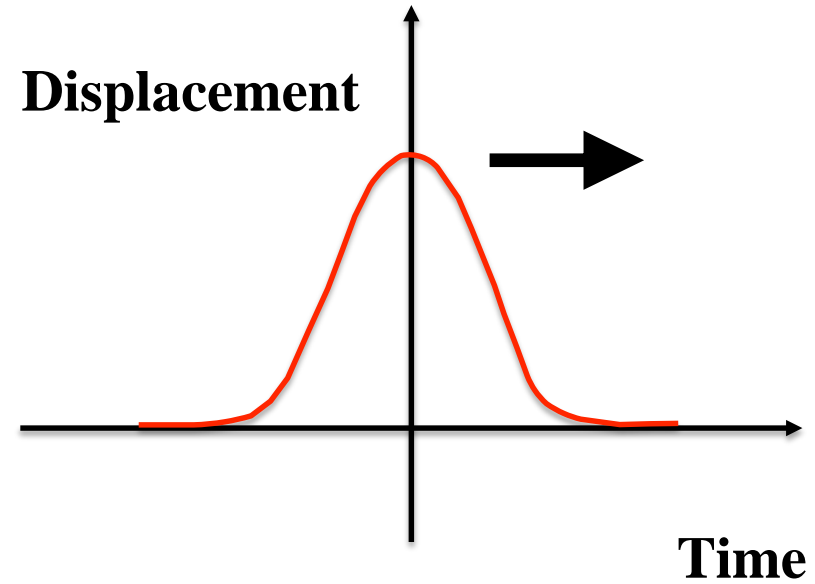


Wave packets and pulses

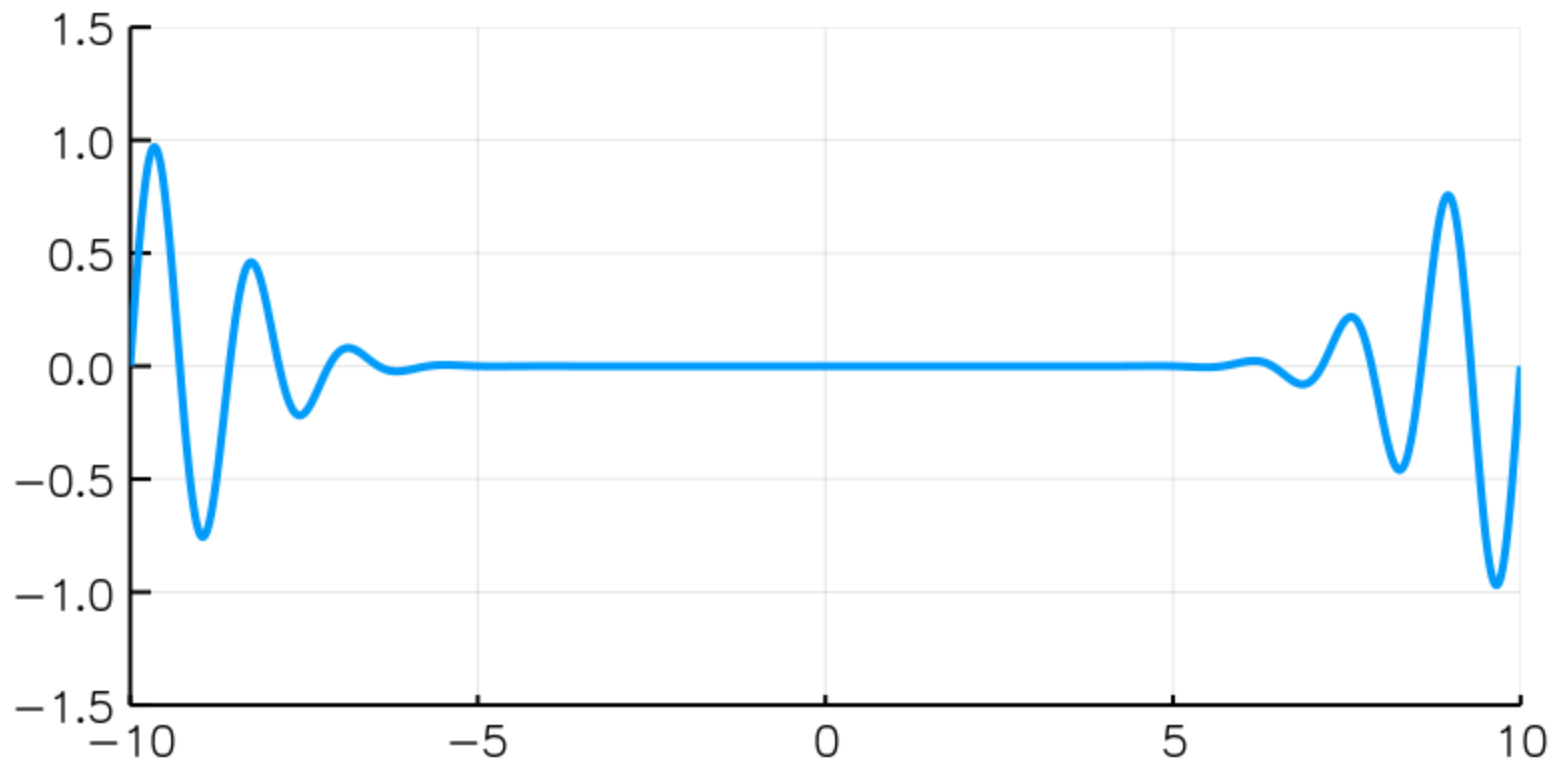
Wave packet



Pulses



Wave packet propagation



Let us synthesize a wave train by superposing a number of sinusoidal oscillations spanning a continuum window of frequencies

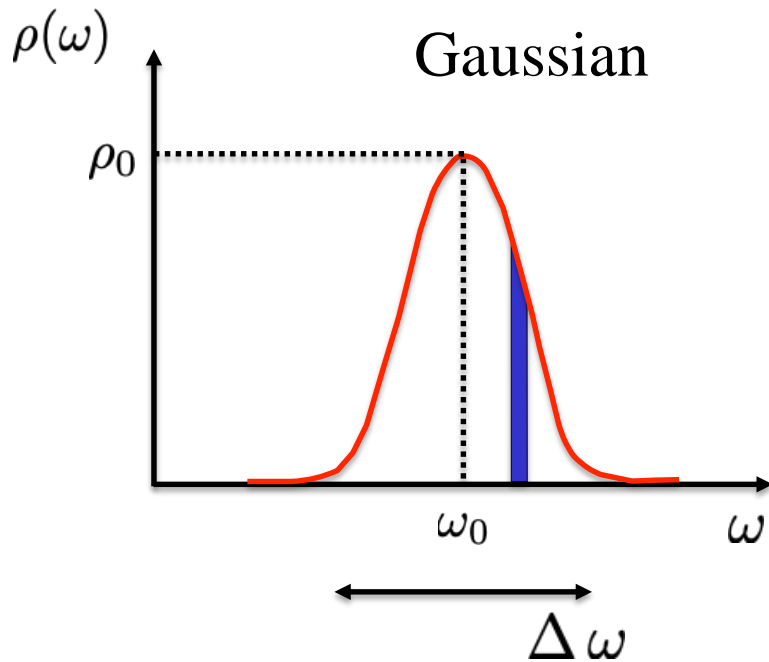
$$y(t) = \int \cos(\omega t) dA(\omega)$$

Spectral density :

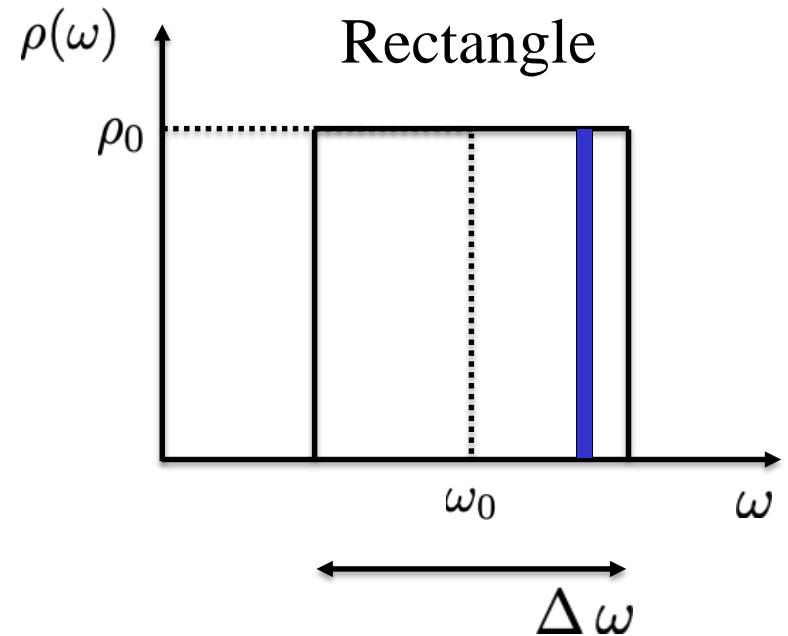
$$\rho(\omega) = \frac{dA(\omega)}{d\omega}$$

$$y(t) = \int \cos(\omega t) dA(\omega)$$

Spectral density $\rho(\omega) = \frac{dA(\omega)}{d\omega}$

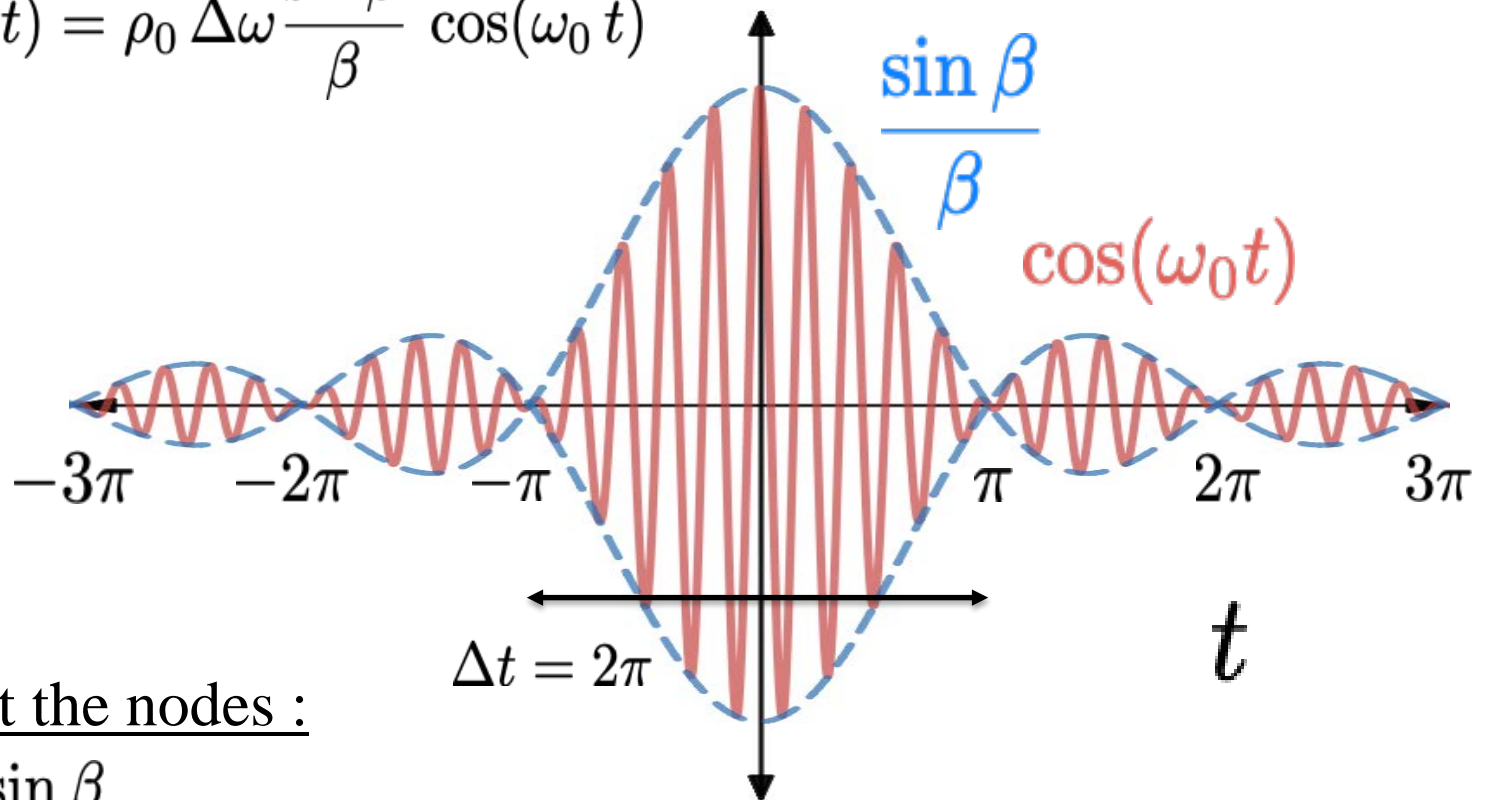


$$\beta = \frac{\Delta \omega t}{2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_{\omega_0 - \frac{\Delta \omega}{2}}^{\omega_0 + \frac{\Delta \omega}{2}} \rho_0 \cos(\omega t) d\omega \\ &= \rho_0 \Delta \omega \frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} \cos(\omega_0 t) \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = \rho_0 \Delta\omega \frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} \cos(\omega_0 t)$$



At the nodes :

$$\frac{\sin \beta}{\beta} = 0$$

$$\sin \beta = 0$$

$$\beta = n\pi$$

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta\omega t}{2}$$

Uncertainty product :

$$\Delta\omega \cdot \Delta t = \text{const.} \approx 4\pi$$

Coherence Time and Coherence Length

For non-dispersive waves $\omega = ck$

Signal emitted over a time interval Δt

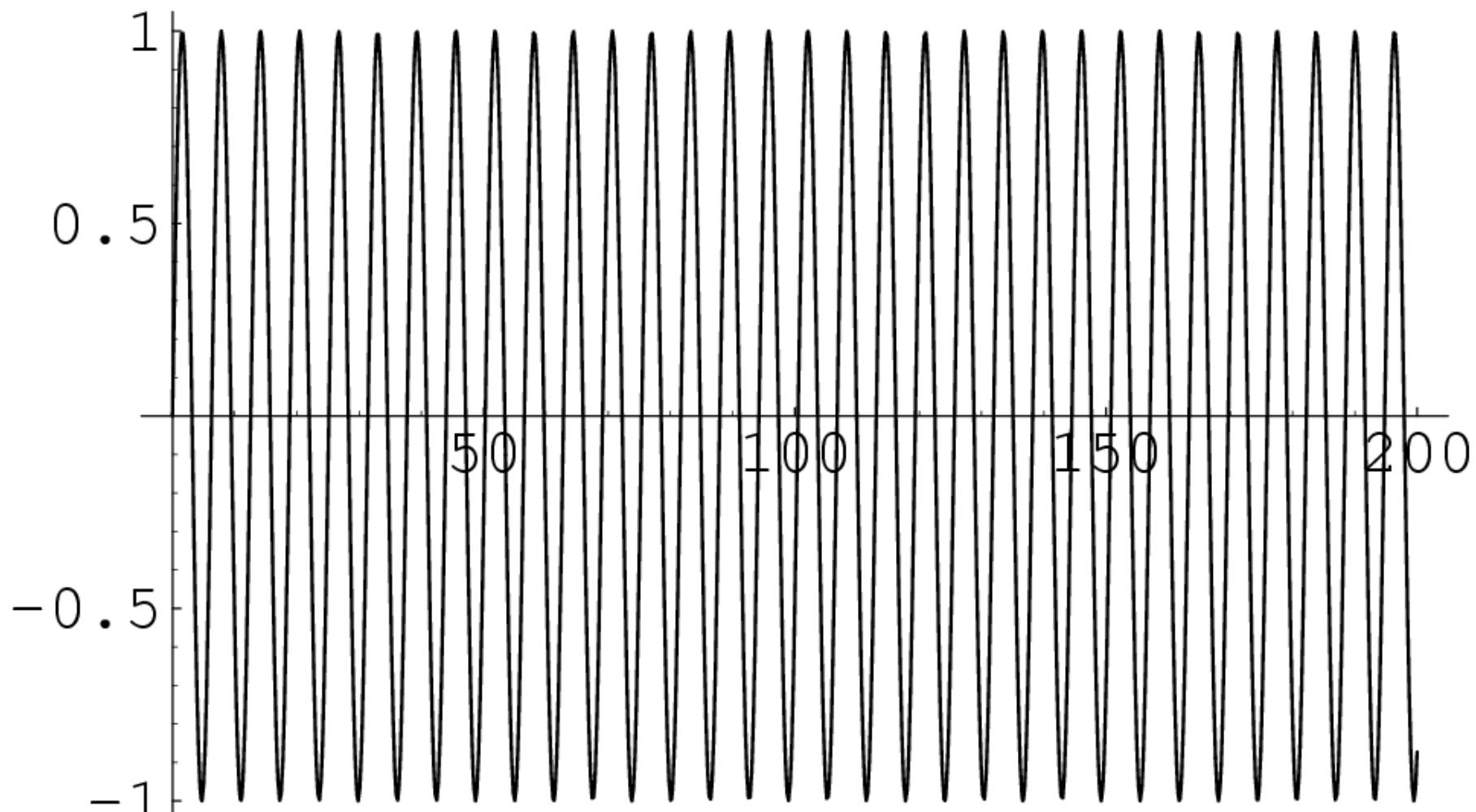
Travels a distance $\Delta x = c\Delta t$

Uncertainty product :

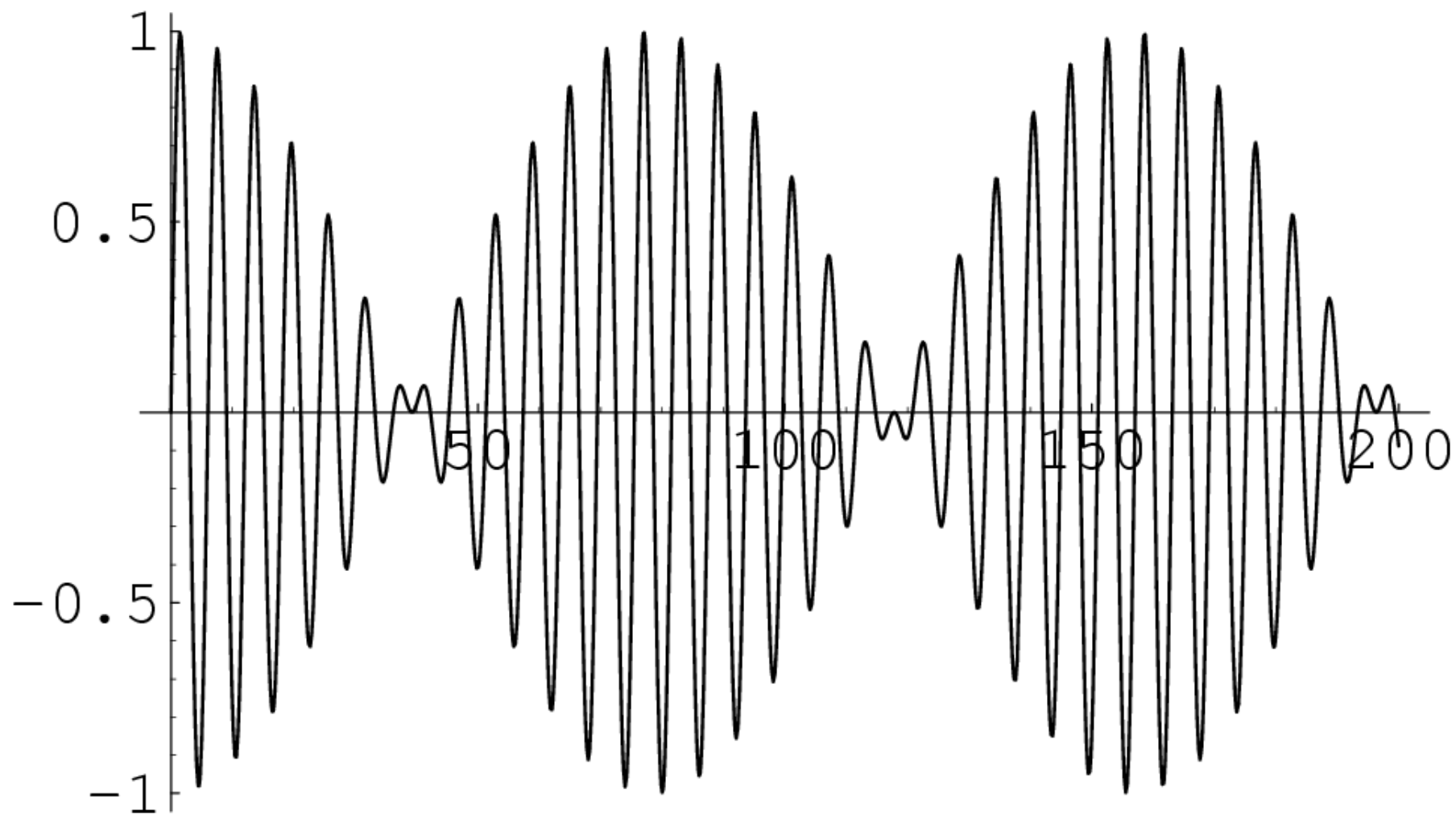
$$\Delta\omega \cdot \Delta t = c\Delta k \cdot \Delta t = \Delta k \cdot \Delta x \approx \pi$$

superposition of waves having same
amplitudes but different frequencies

$$y(t) = \sin t \quad 0 < t < 200$$

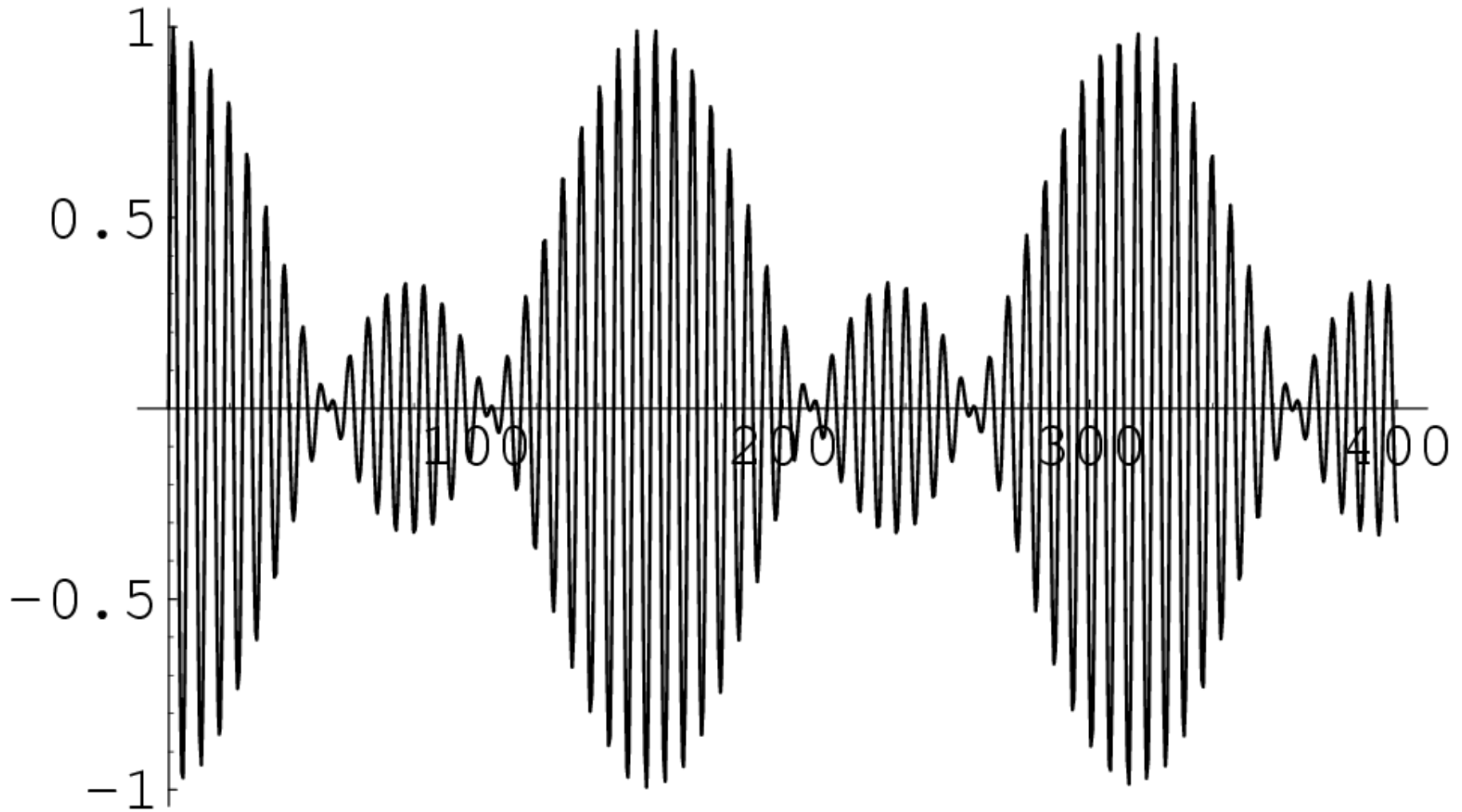


$$y(t) = [\sin t + \sin (1.08 t)]/2 \quad 0 < t < 200$$

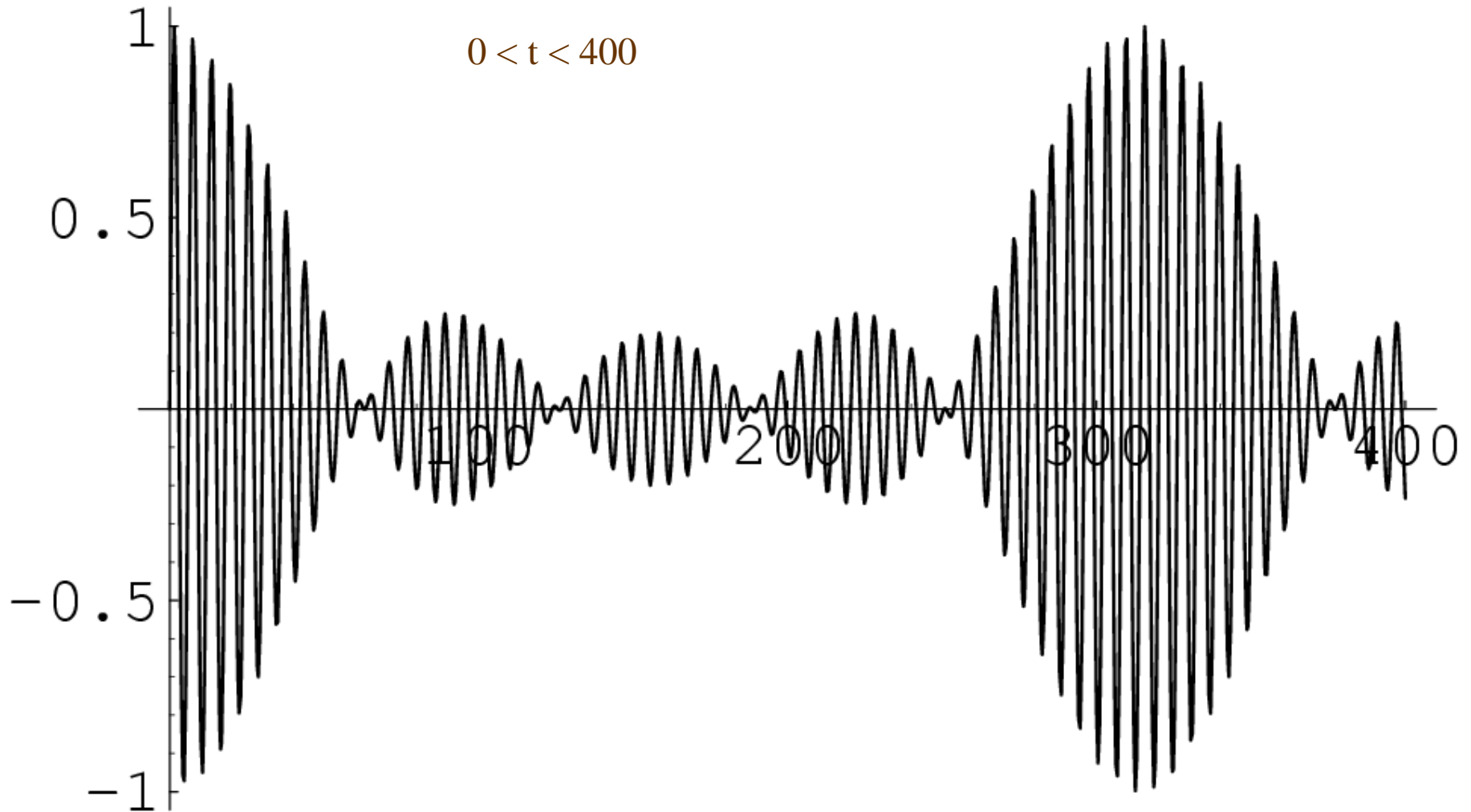


$$y(t) = [\sin t + \sin(1.04 t) + \sin(1.08 t)]/3$$

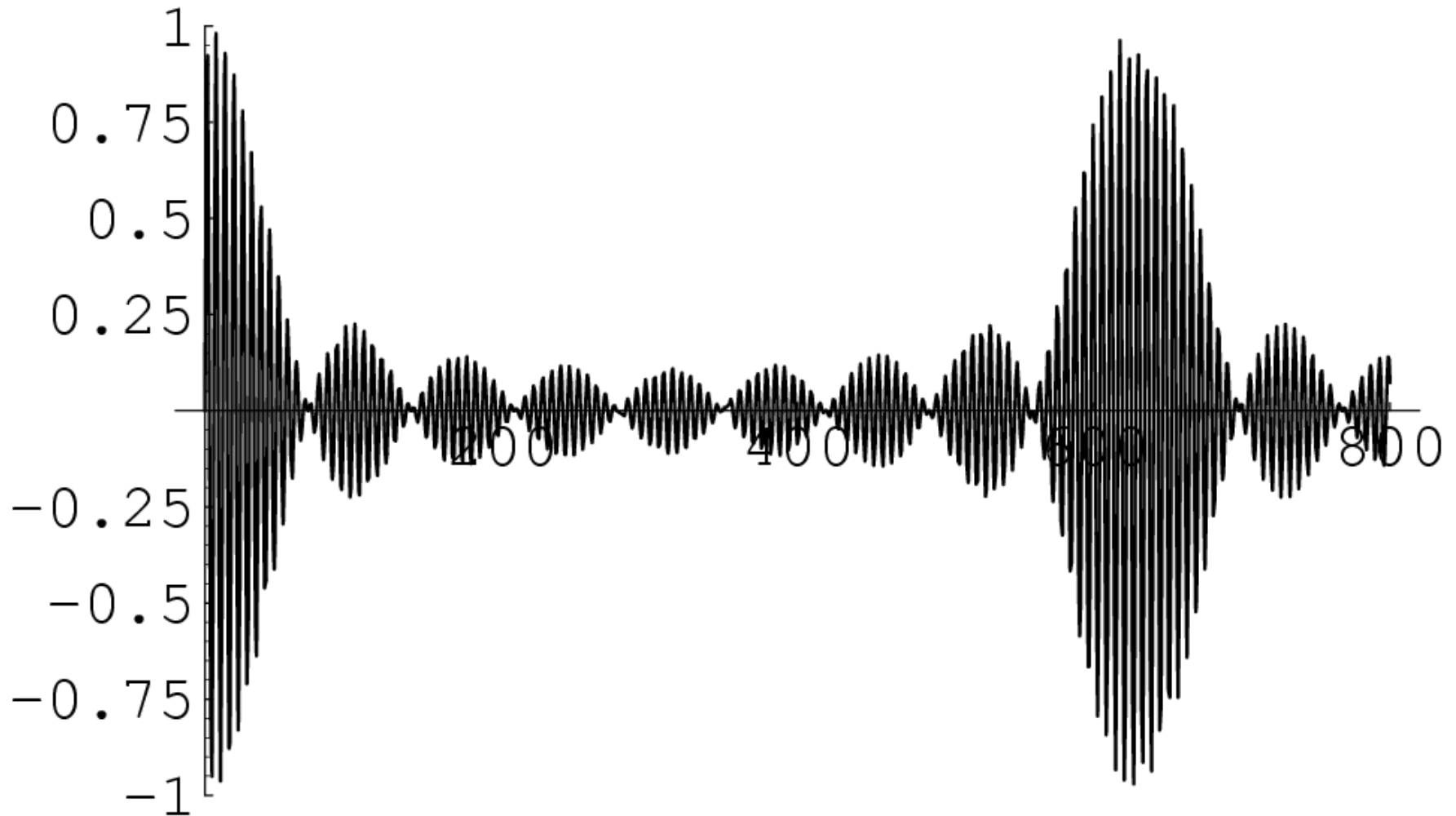
$$0 < t < 400$$



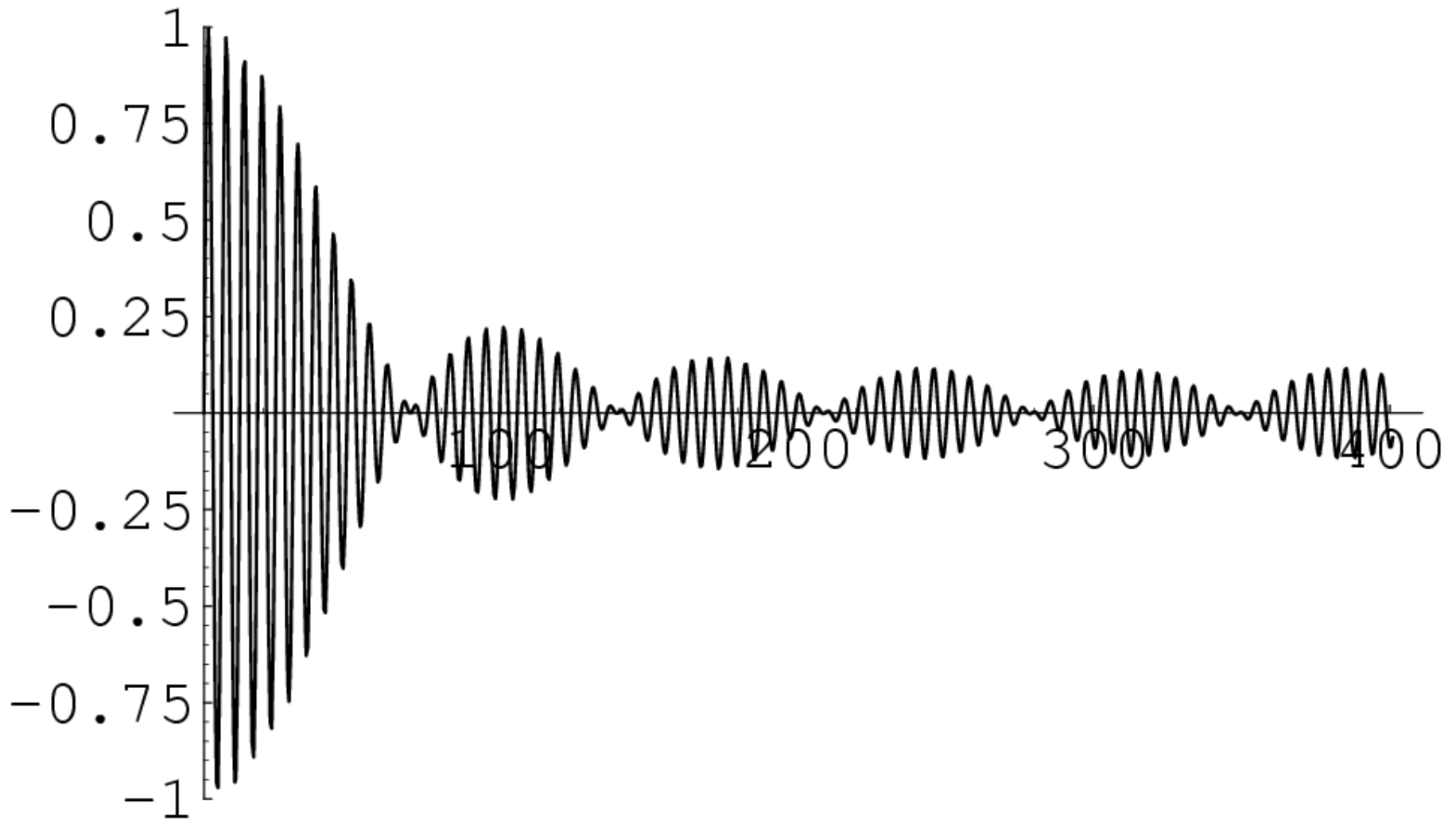
$$y(t) = [\sin t + \sin(1.02 t) + \sin(1.04 t) \\ + \sin(1.06 t) + \sin(1.08 t)]/5$$



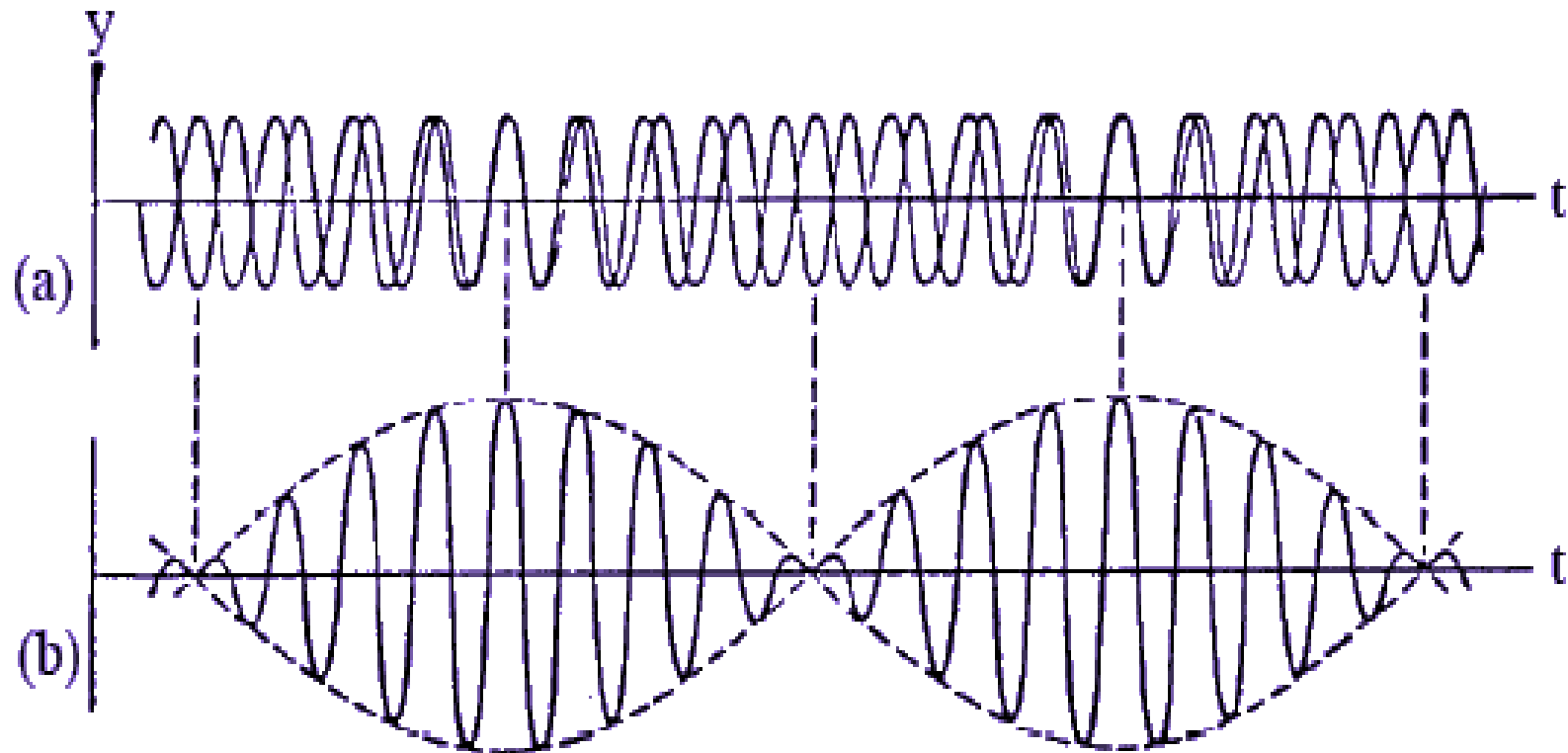
$$y(t) = [\sin t + \sin(1.01 t) + \sin(1.02 t) \\ + \sin(1.03 t) + \sin(1.04 t) + \sin(1.05 t) \\ + \sin(1.06 t) + \sin(1.07 t) \\ + \sin(1.08 t)]/9 \\ 0 < t < 800$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) = & [\sin t + \sin(1.01 t) + \sin(1.02 t) \\
 & + \sin(1.03 t) + \sin(1.04 t) + \sin(1.05 t) \\
 & + \sin(1.06 t) + \sin(1.07 t) \\
 & + \sin(1.08 t)]/9 \\
 & 0 < t < 400
 \end{aligned}$$



Why does it happen?



Waves

Phase velocity

Group velocity



Sinusoidal waves

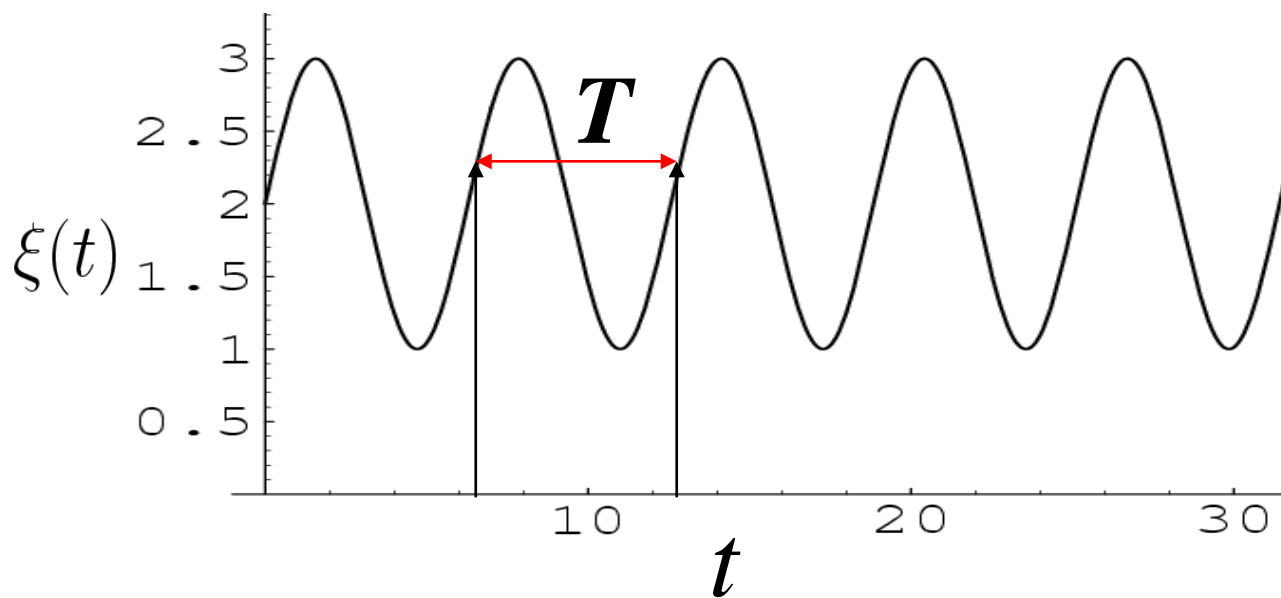
They are Progressive Waves

This is standing wave

$$\psi = -2i \exp(i\omega t) \sin kx$$

$$\omega T = 2\pi, \quad t = T$$

$$\xi(t) = \xi(t + T)$$

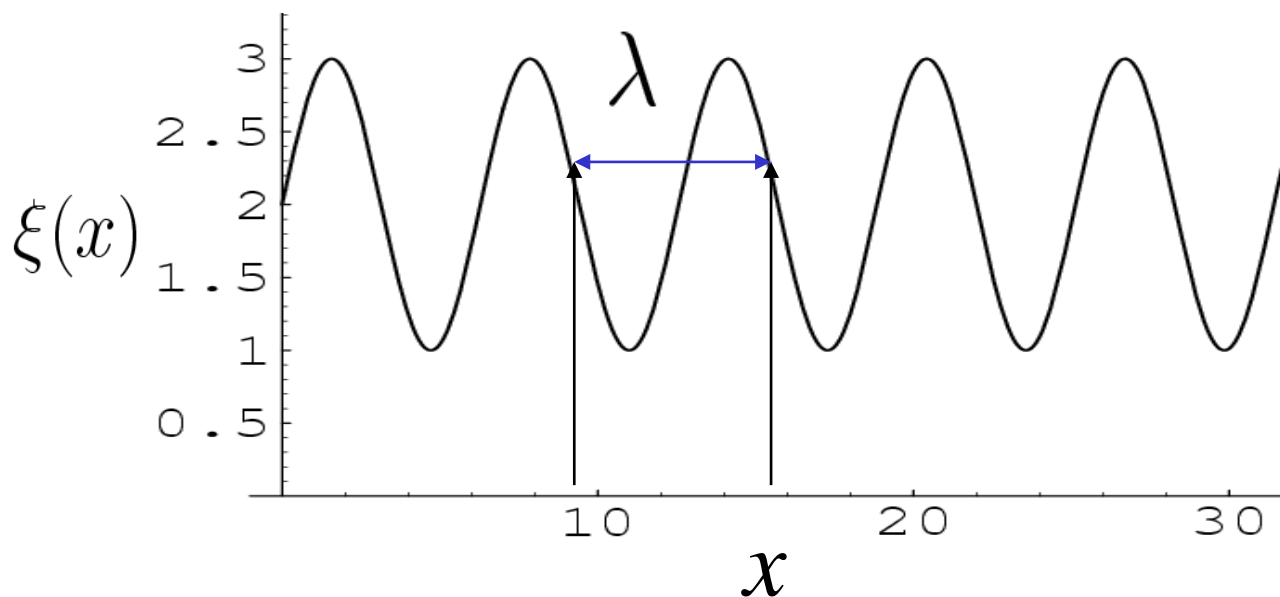


At, $t = t_0$

$$\xi(x) = D \exp(ikx), \quad D = A \exp(-i\omega t_0)$$

$$k\lambda = 2\pi, \quad x = \lambda$$

$$\xi(x) = \xi(x + \lambda)$$



$$\phi(x, t) = kx - \omega t$$

$$\phi = 0, \quad x = 0, \quad t = 0$$

New position of $\phi = 0$, at Δt

Phase velocity = the speed with which the
constant phase moves

$$\omega = \left| \frac{\partial \phi(x, t)}{\partial t} \right|$$
$$k = \left| \frac{\partial \phi(x, t)}{\partial x} \right|$$

Group velocity

$$\psi(x, t) = A \cos(k_1 x - \omega_1 t) + A \cos(k_2 x - \omega_2 t)$$

$$\psi(x, t) = 2A \cos(kx - \omega t) \cdot \cos(\Delta k x - \Delta \omega t)$$

Phase velocity $v_p = \frac{\omega}{k}$

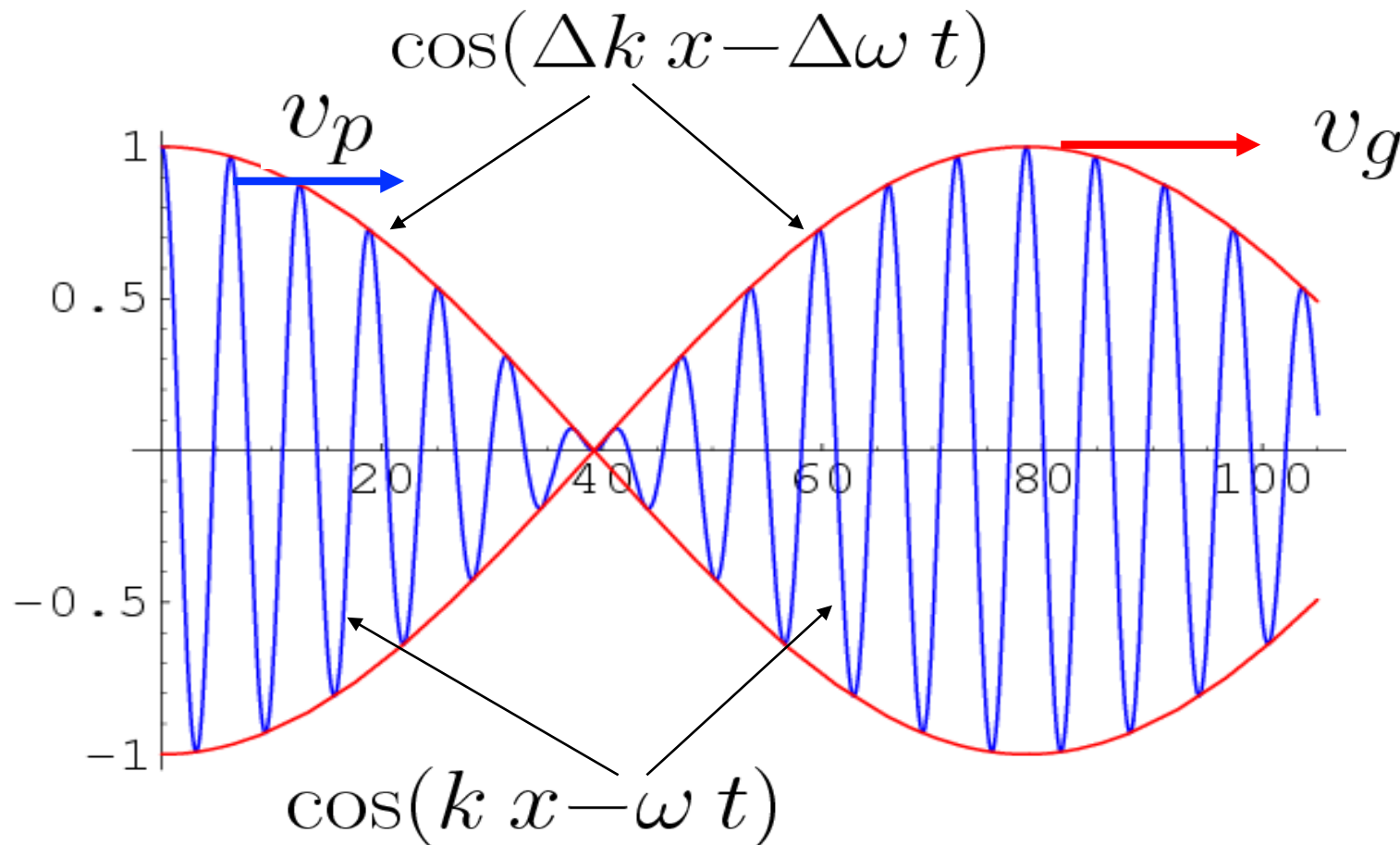
Group velocity $v_g = \frac{\Delta \omega}{\Delta k} \rightarrow \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k}$

$$\Delta k \rightarrow 0$$

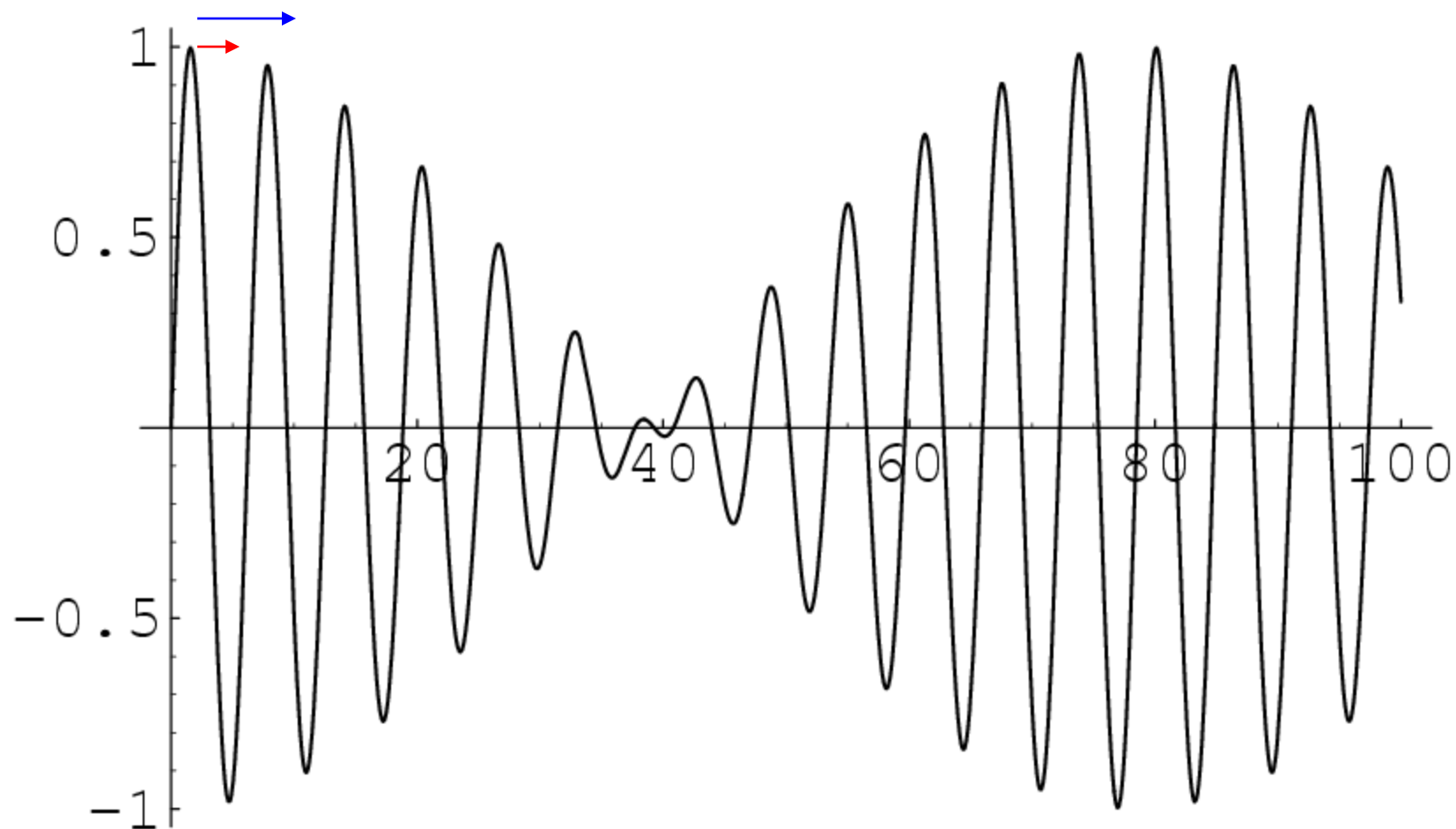
Wave packet consist of individual waves whose amplitude is modulated by an envelop

Speed of envelop=Group velocity ($\mathbf{v_g}$)

Speed of wavelets=Phase velocity ($\mathbf{v_p}$)

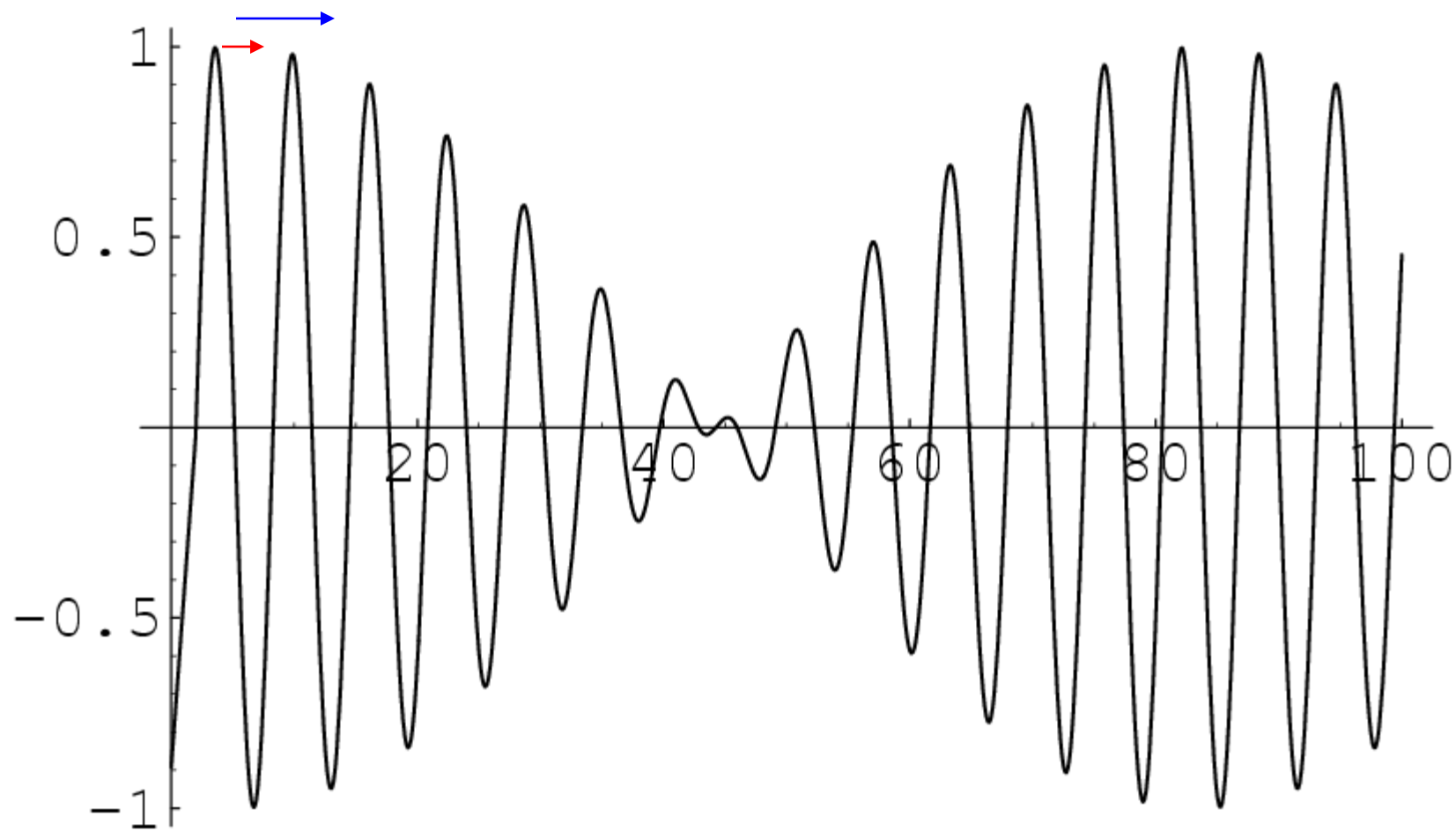


$$V_p < V_g$$



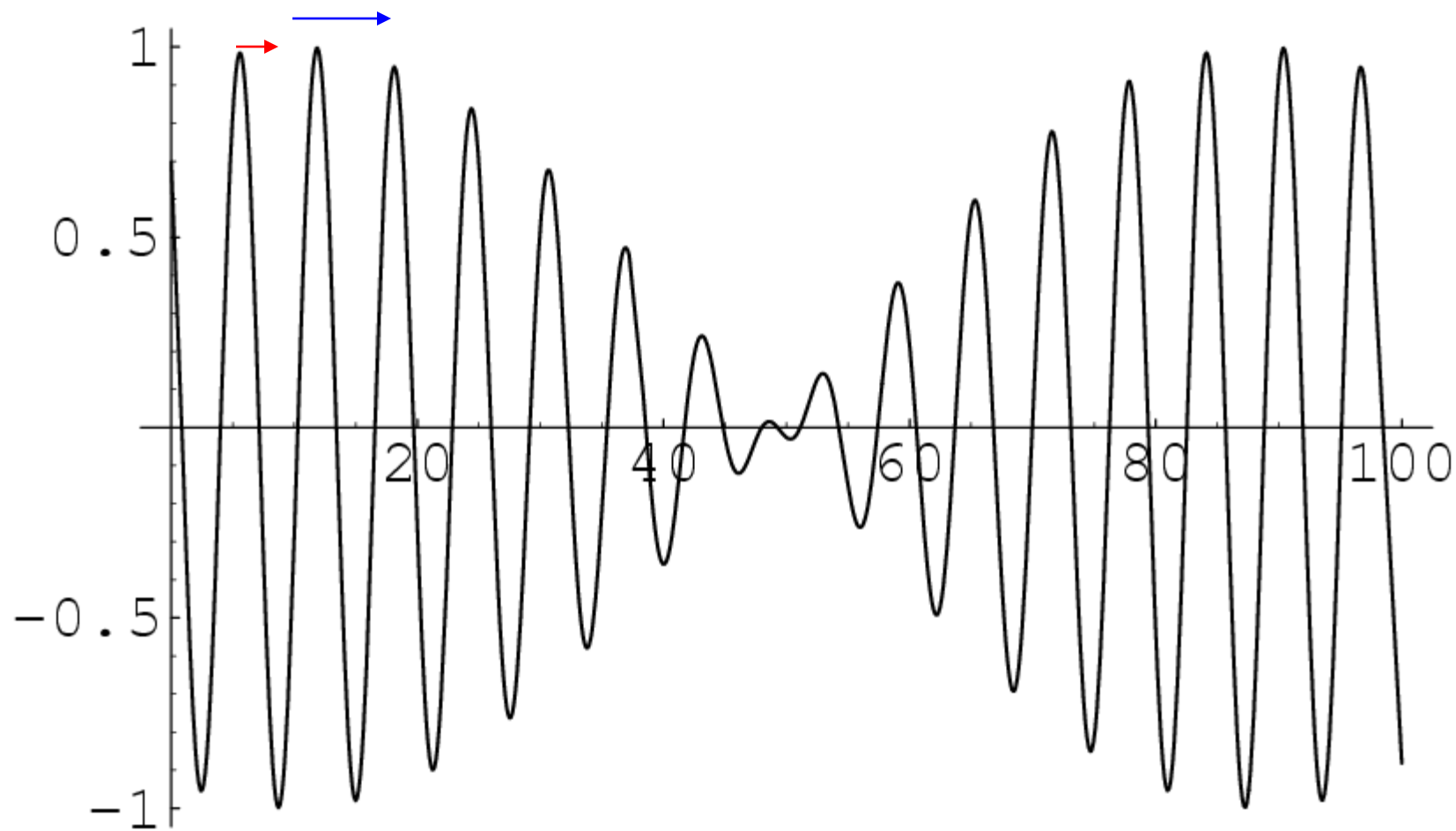
$$t = 0 \quad \sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

$$V_p < V_g$$



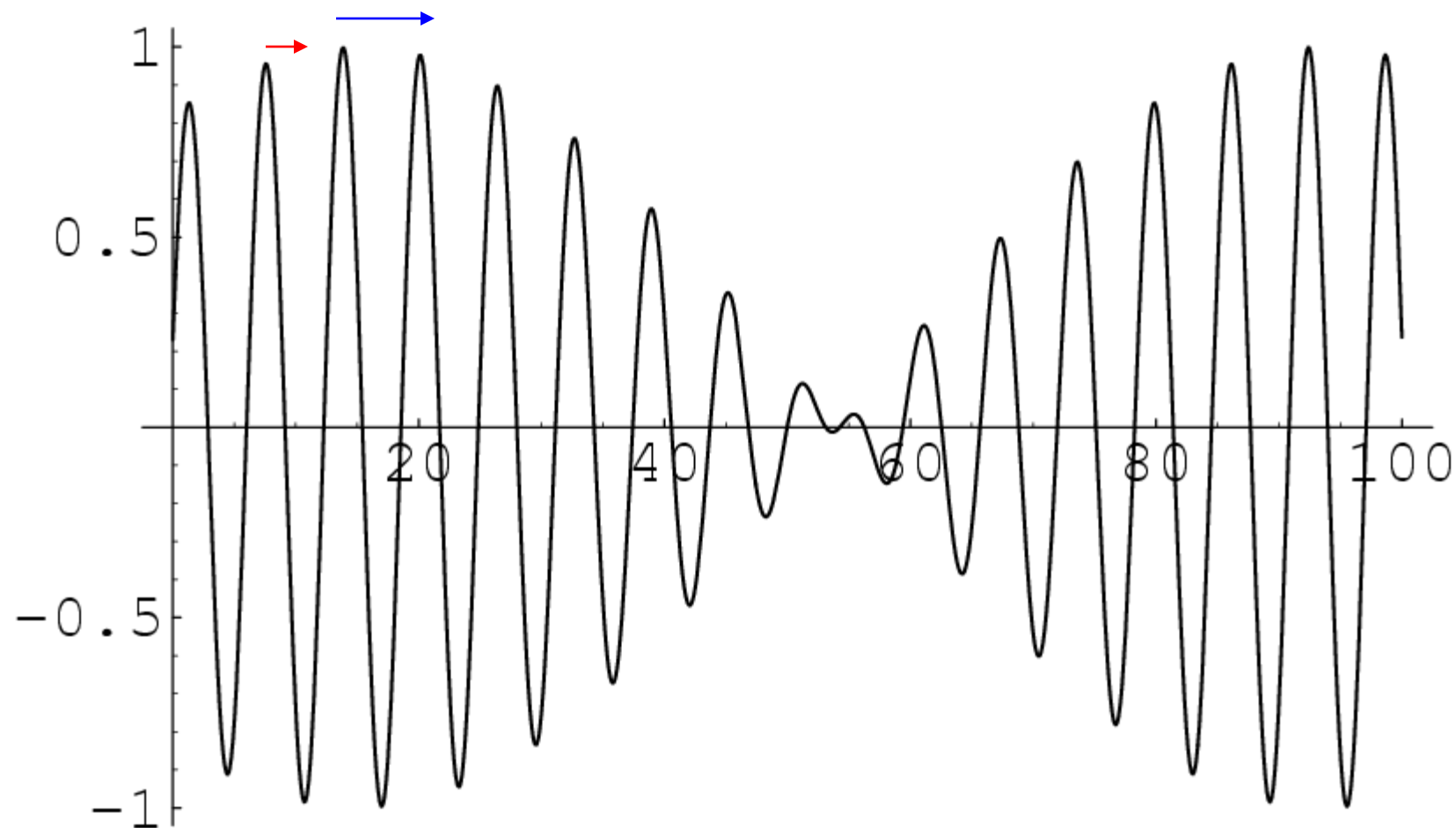
$$t = 1 \quad \sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

$$V_p < V_g$$



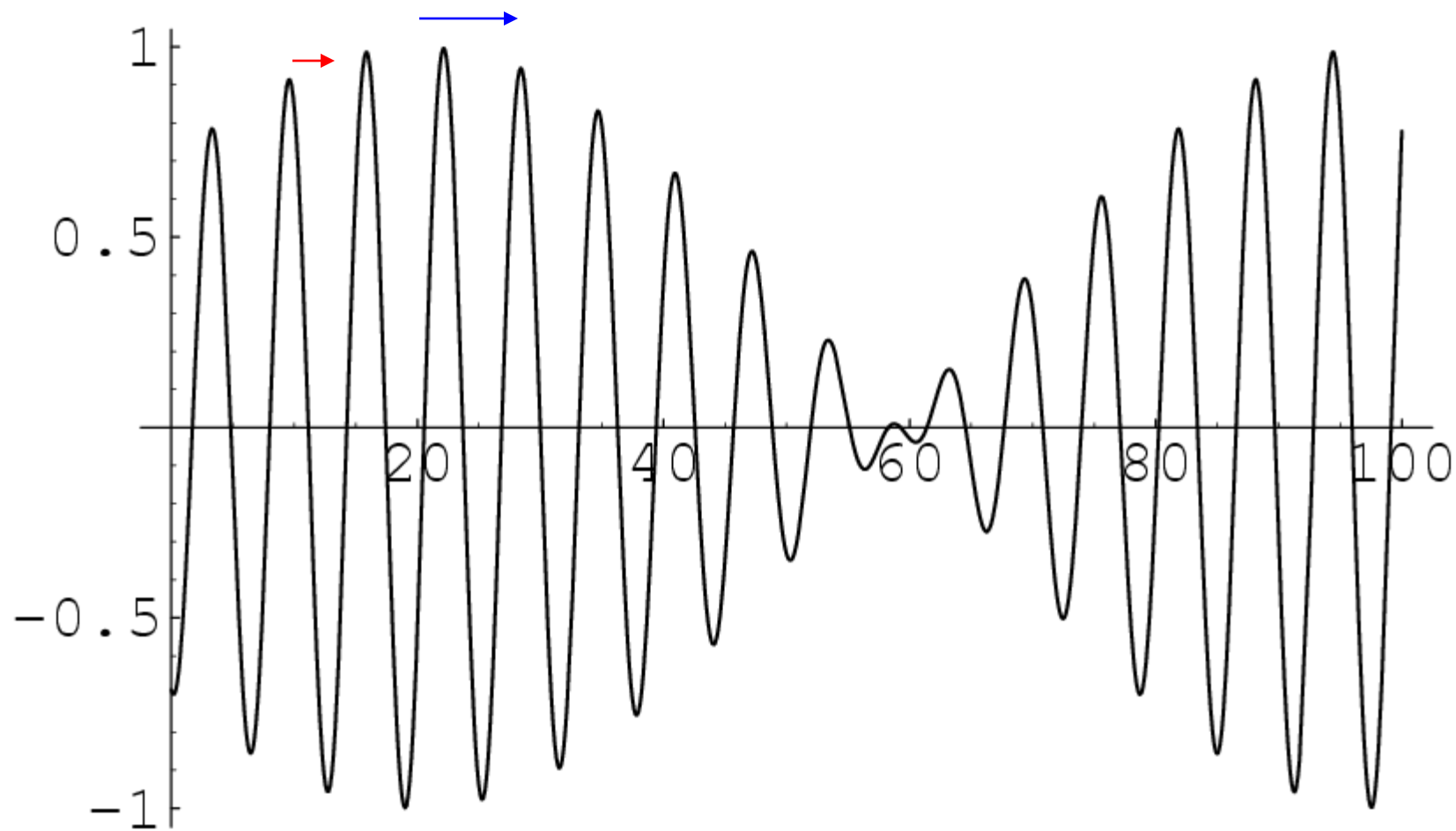
$$t = 2 \quad \sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

$$V_p < V_g$$



$$t = 3 \quad \sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

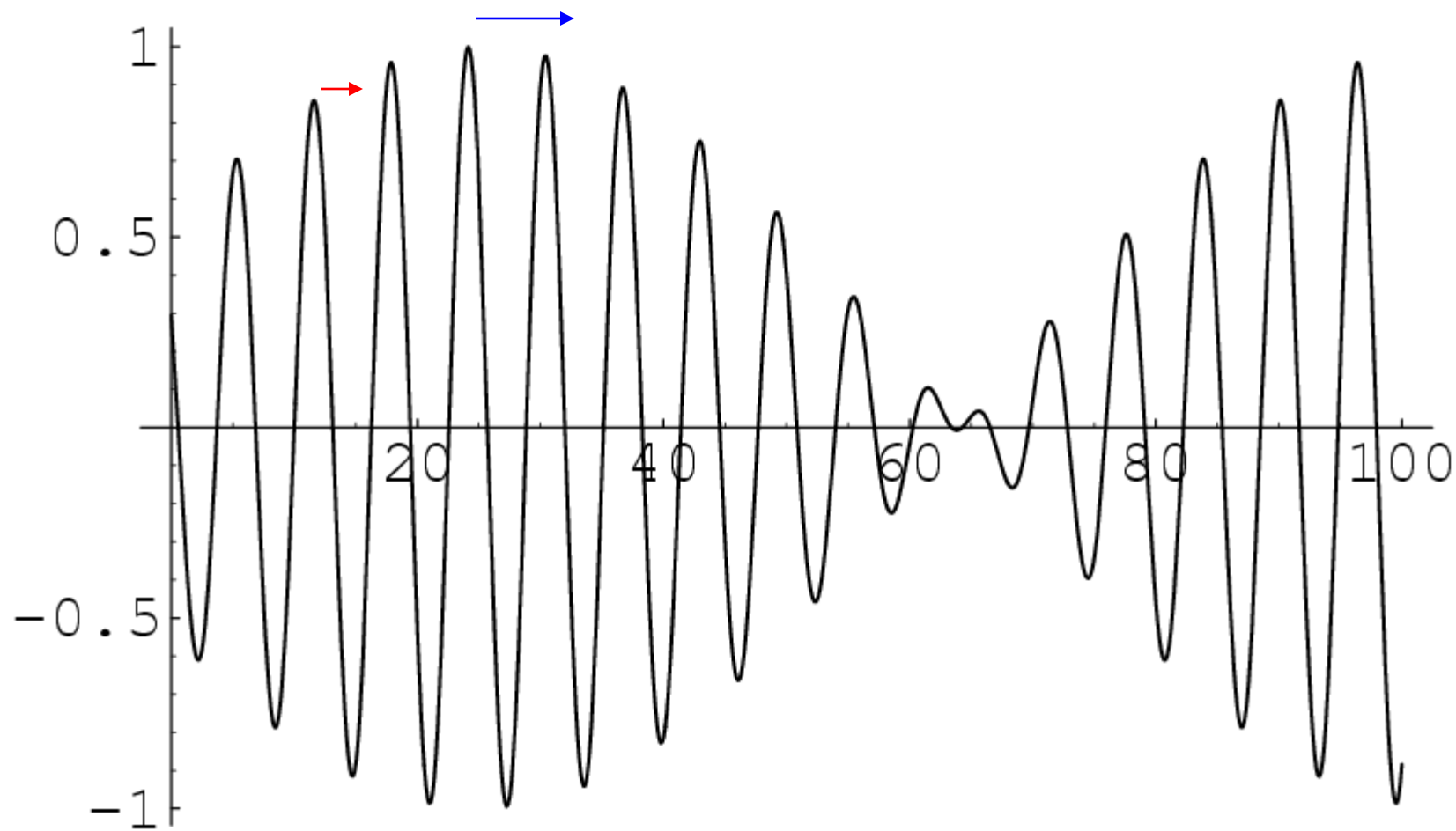
$$V_p < V_g$$



$$t = 4$$

$$\sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

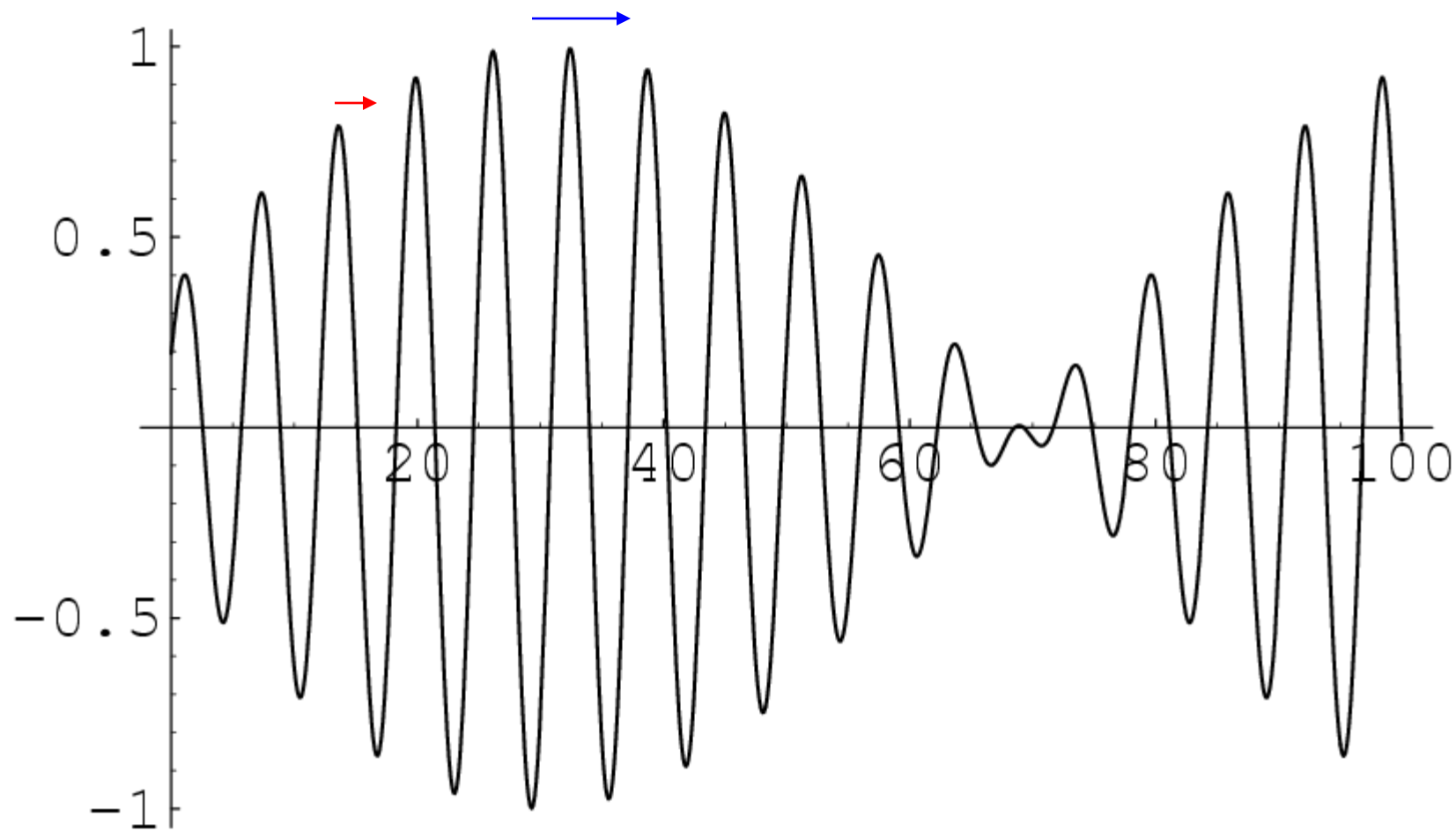
$$V_p < V_g$$



$$t = 5$$

$$\sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

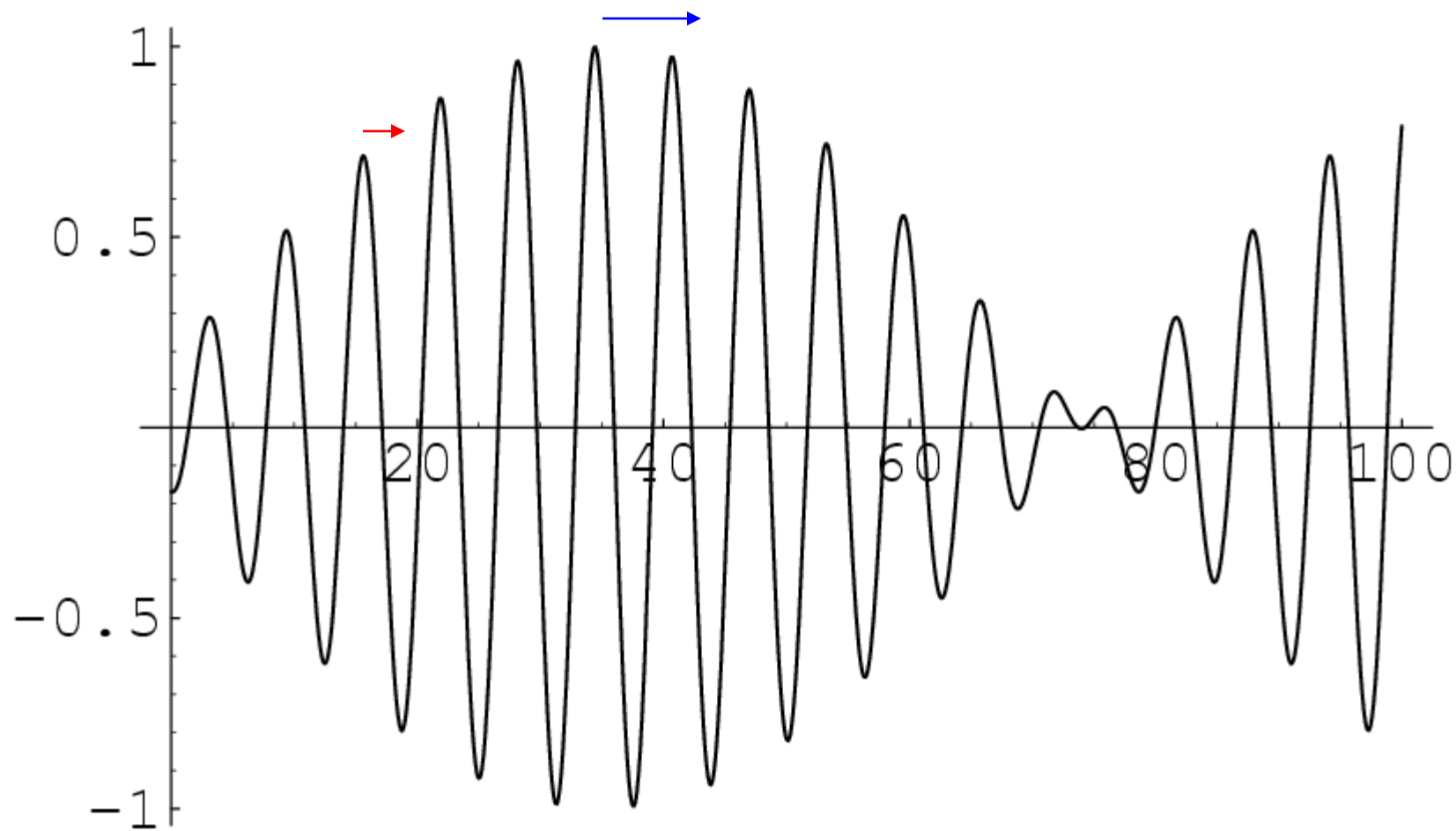
$$V_p < V_g$$



$$t = 6$$

$$\sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

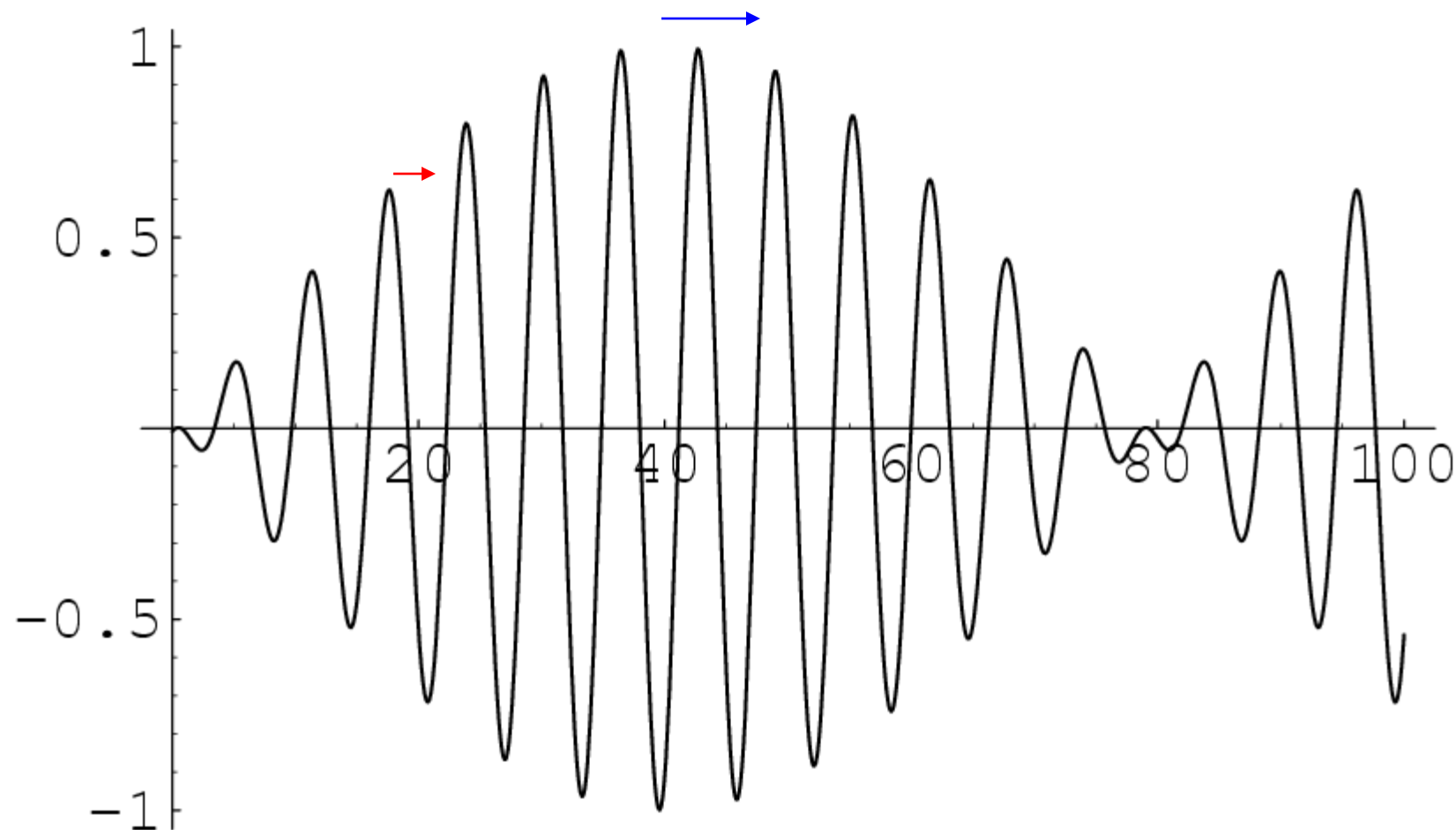
$$V_p < V_g$$



$$t = 7$$

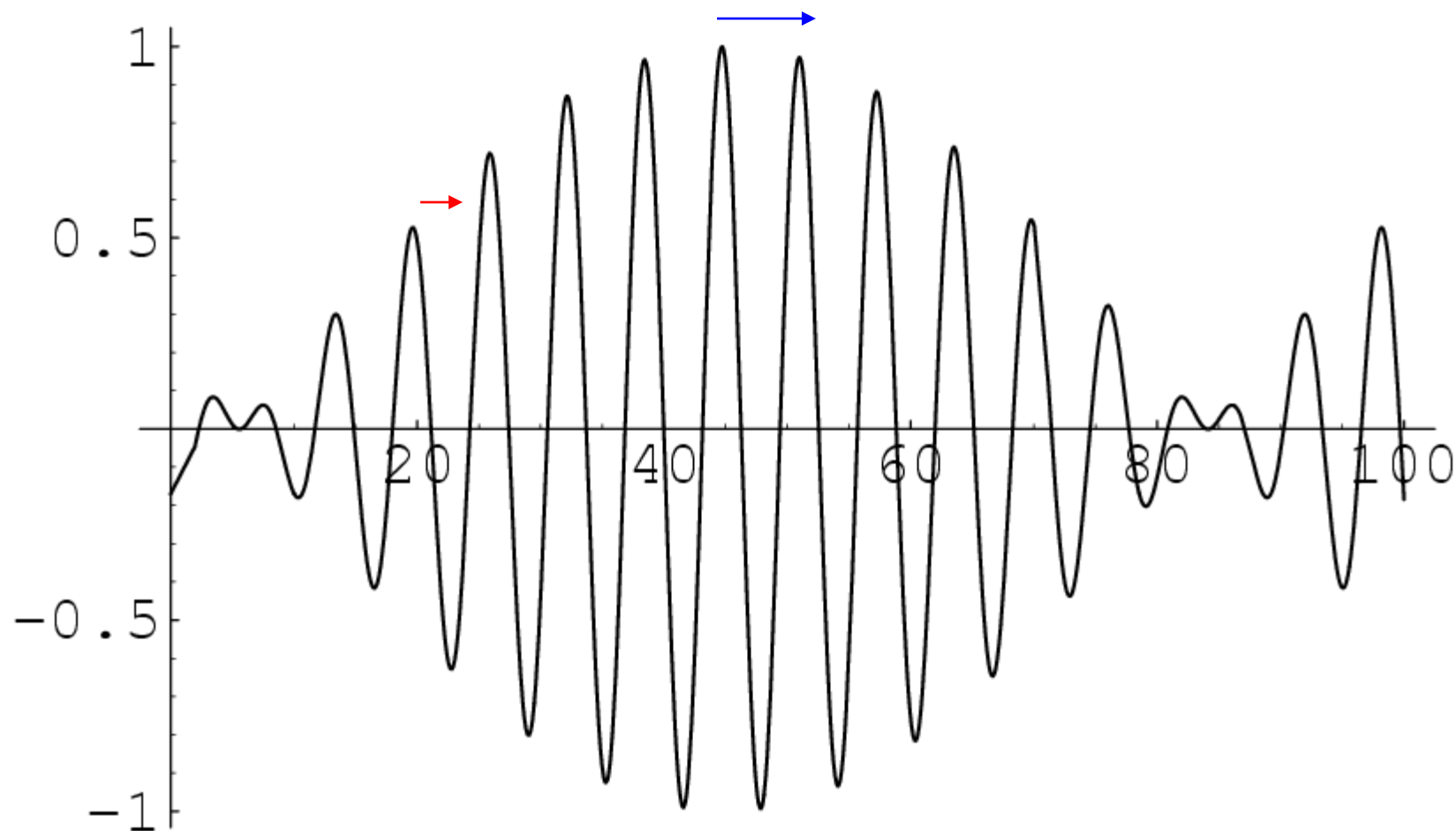
$$\sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

$$V_p < V_g$$



$$t = 8 \quad \sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

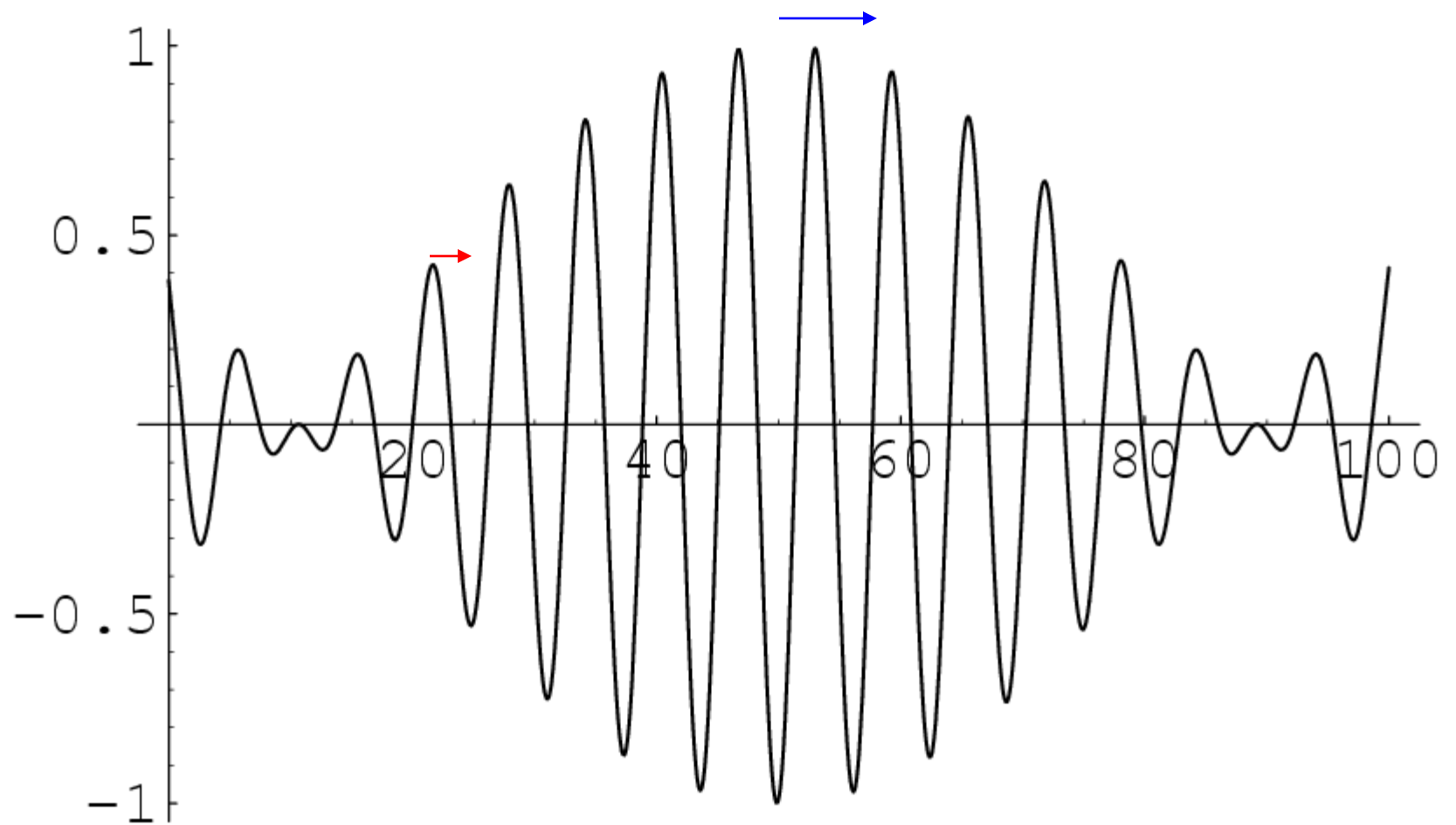
$$V_p < V_g$$



$$t = 9$$

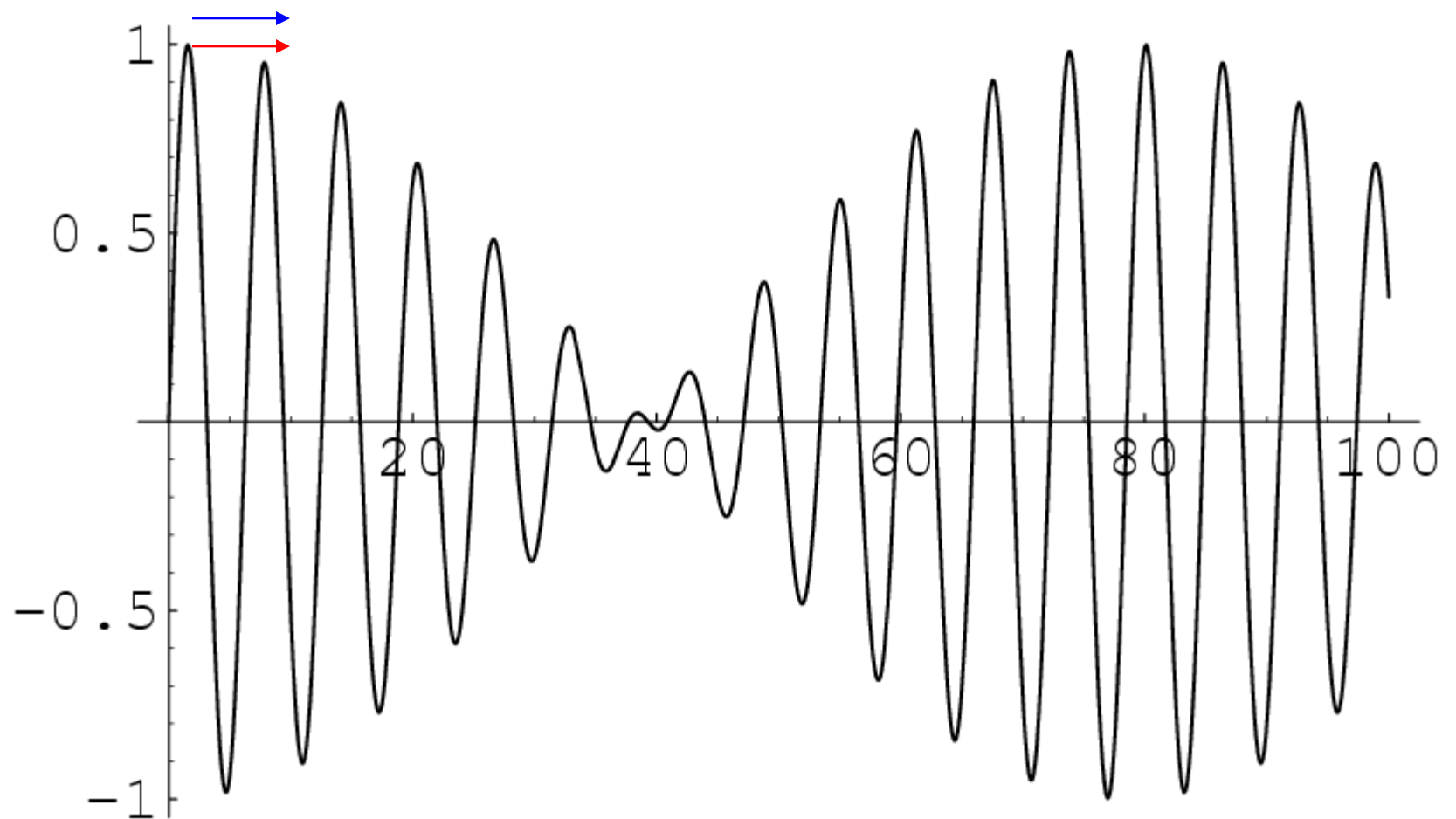
$$\sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

$$V_p < V_g$$



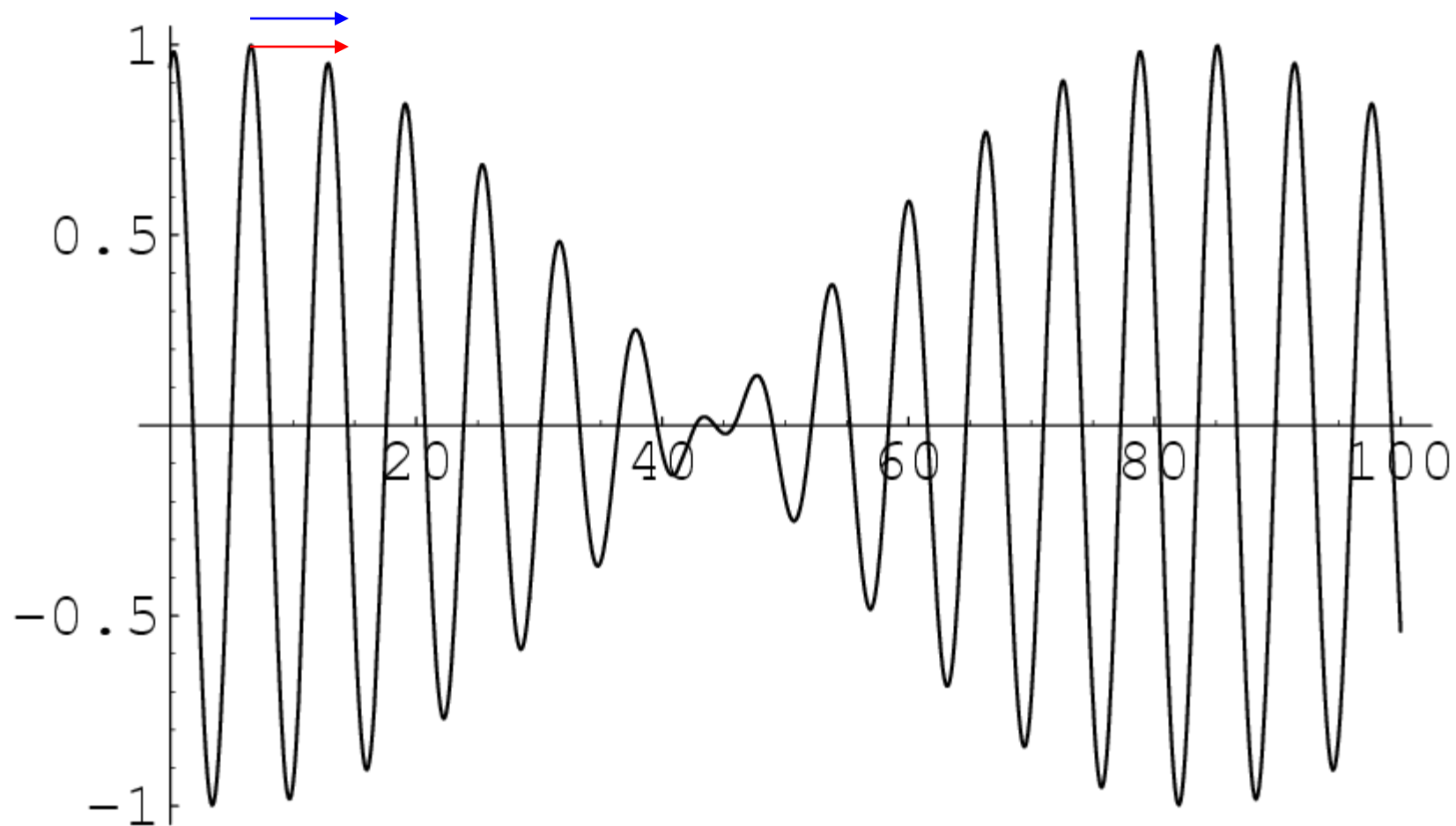
$$t = 10 \quad \sin(1.00 x - 2.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

$$V_p = V_g$$



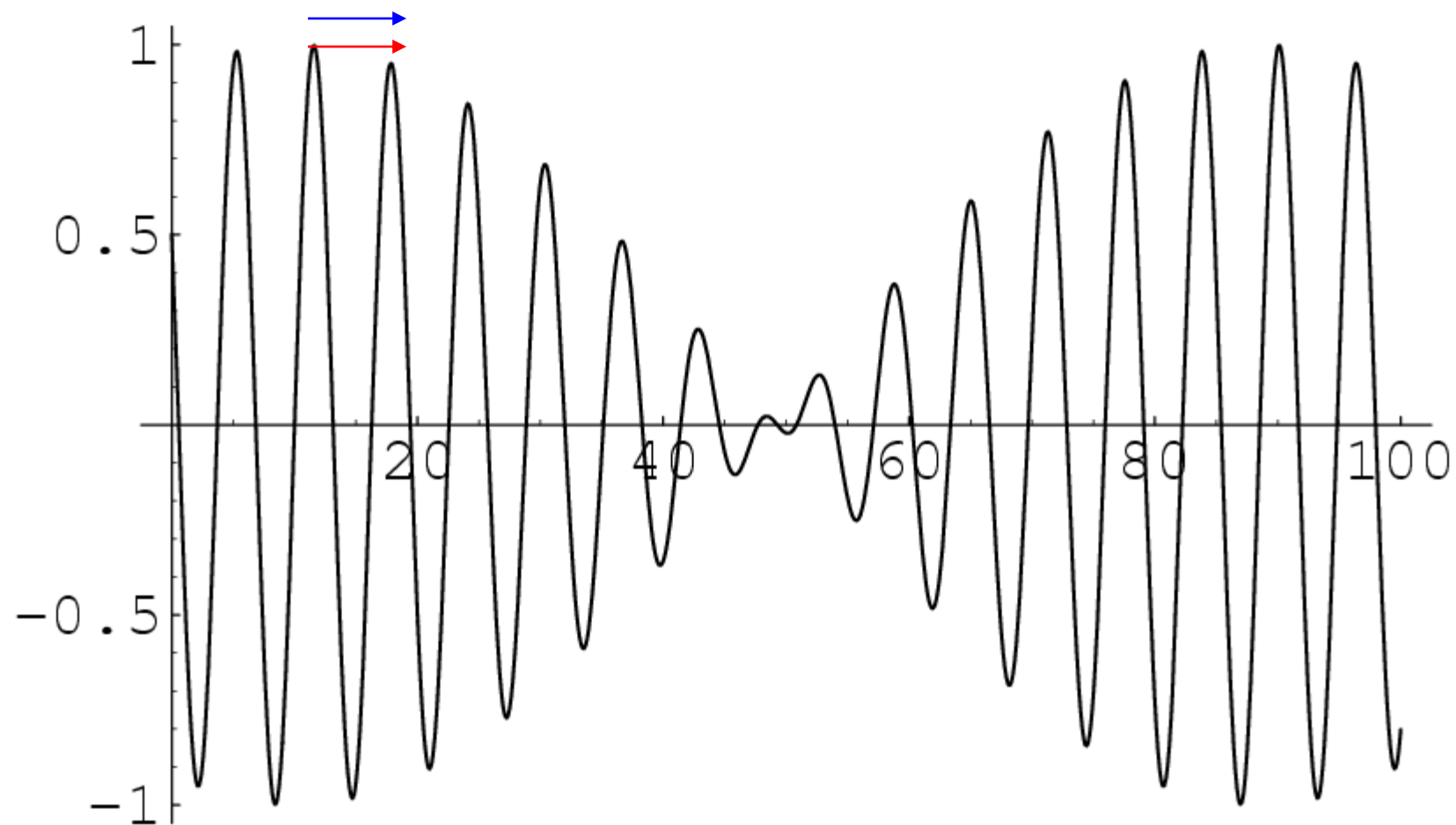
$$t = 0 \quad \sin(1.00 \, x - 5.0 \, t) \cos(0.04 \, x - 0.2 \, t)$$

$$V_p = V_g$$



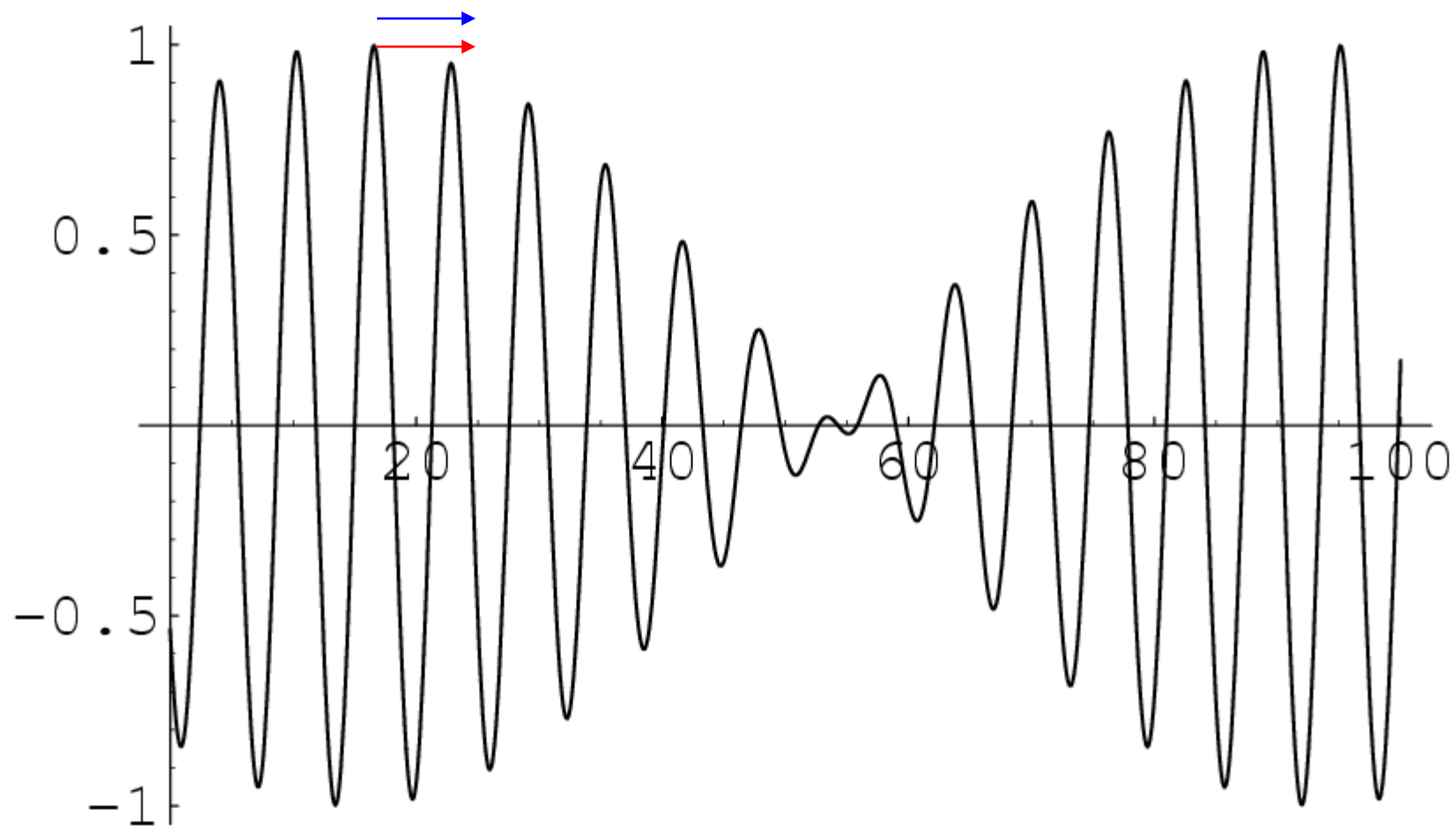
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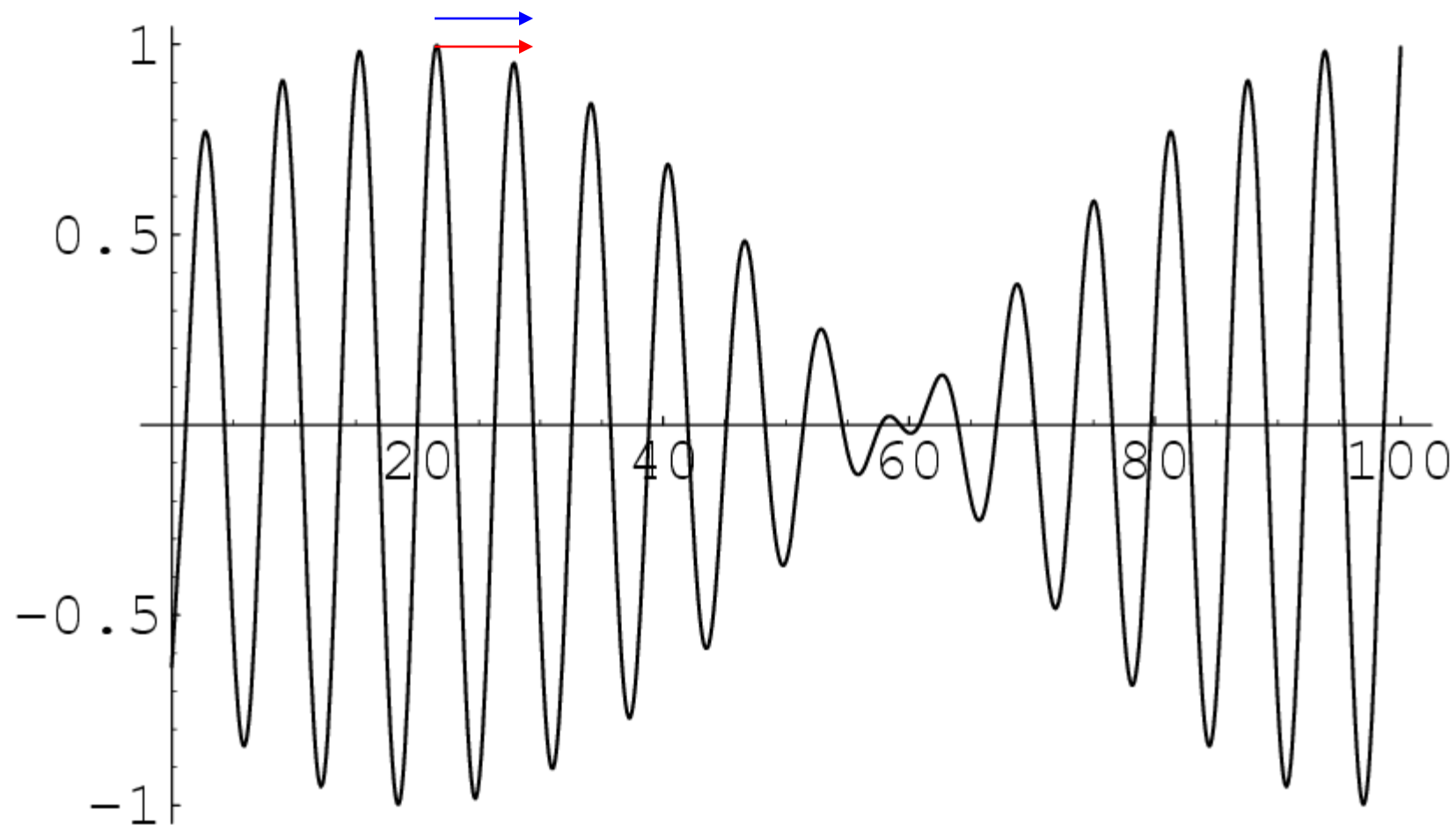
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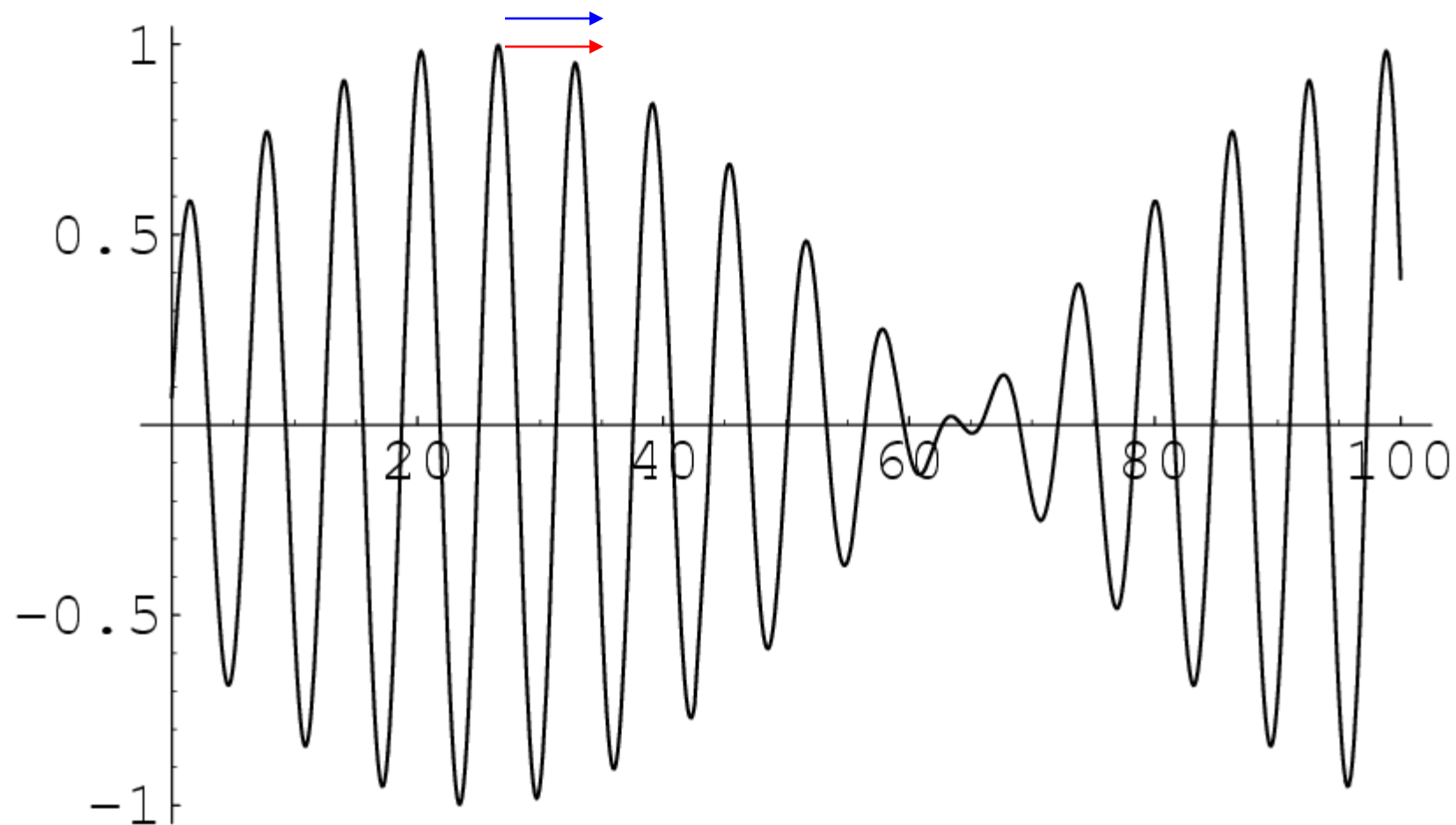
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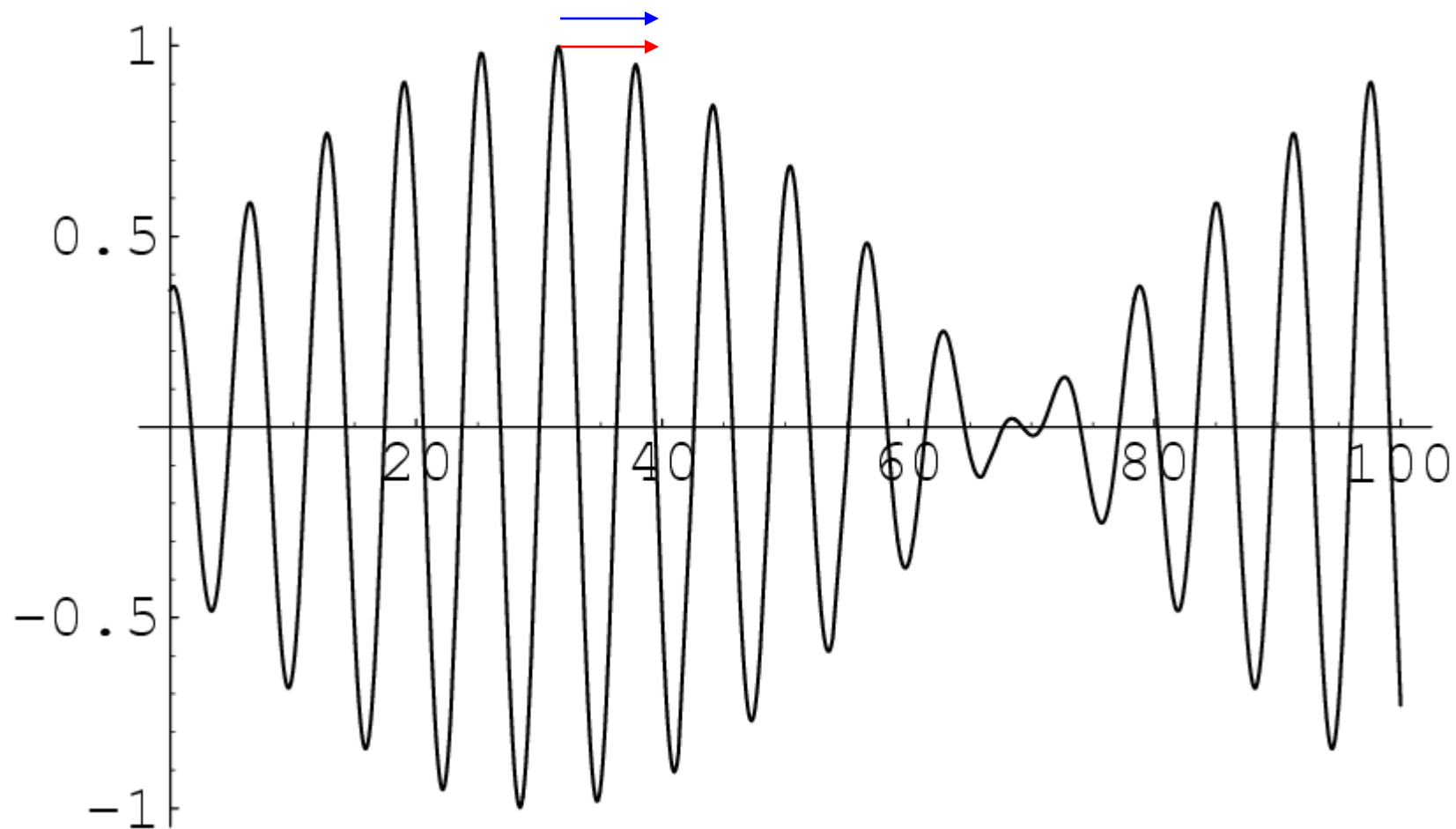
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$$V_p = V_g$$



$$t = 5 \quad \sin(1.00 x - 5.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

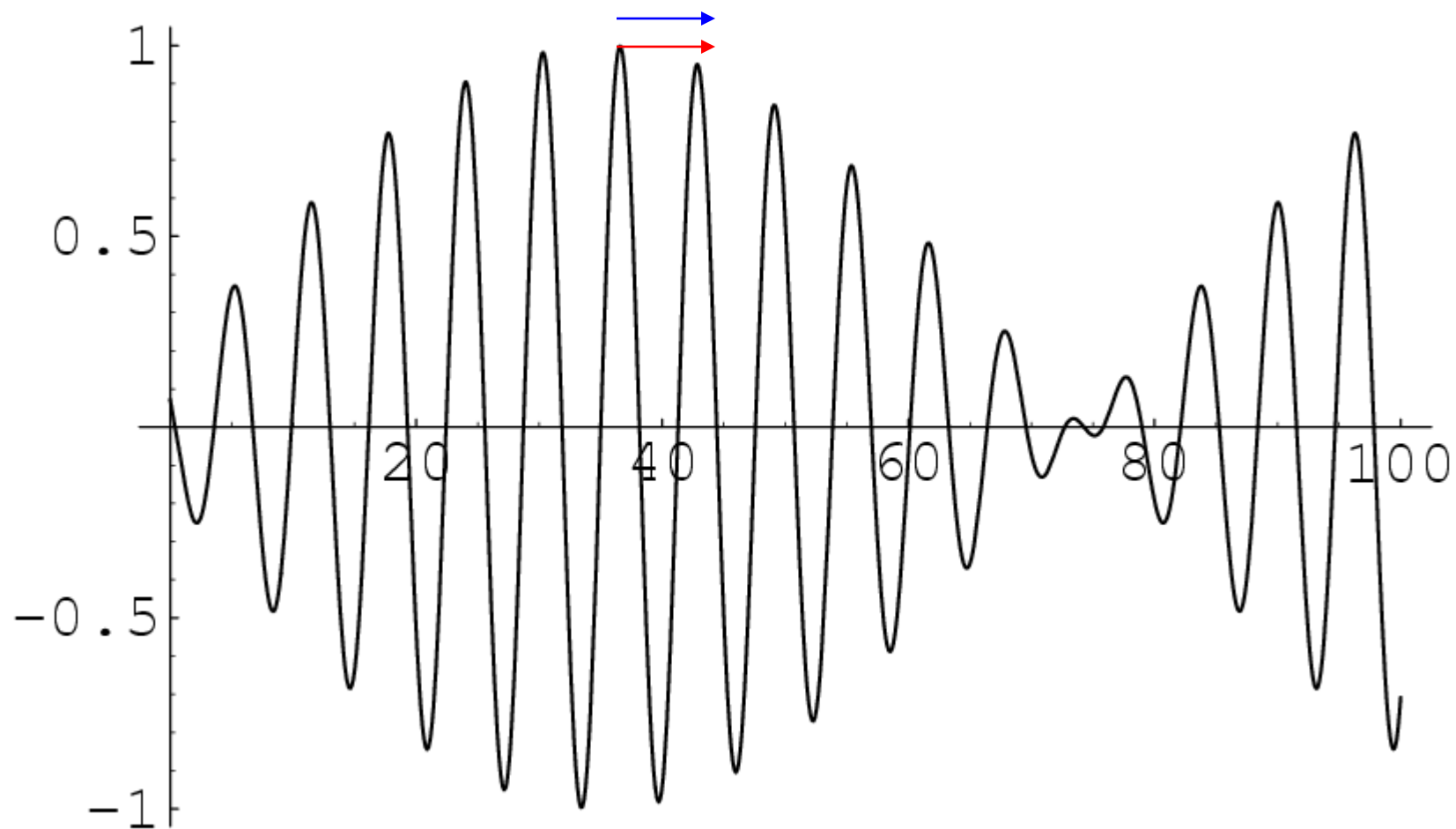
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$$t = 6$$

$$\sin(1.00 x - 5.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

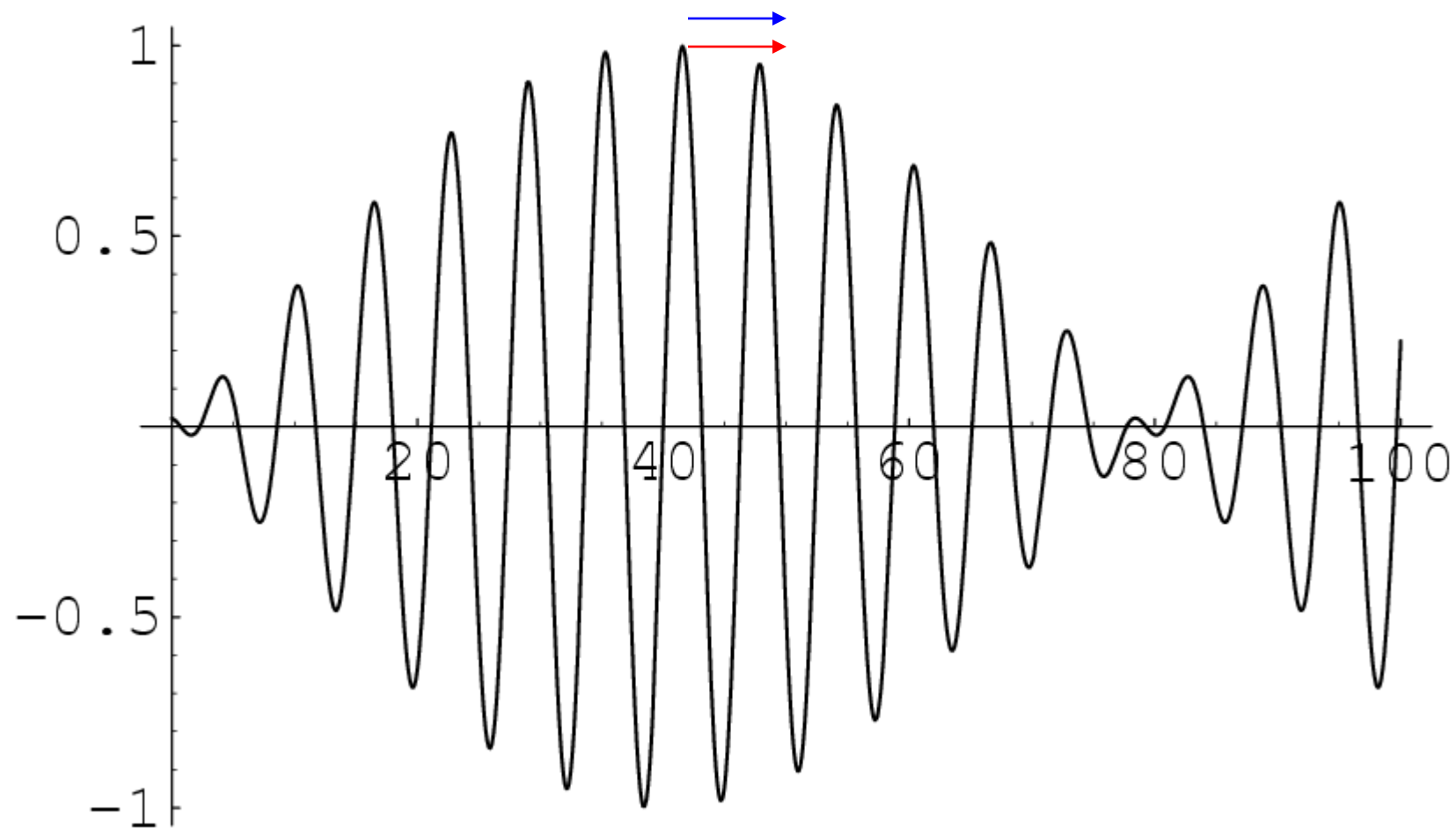
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$$t = 7$$

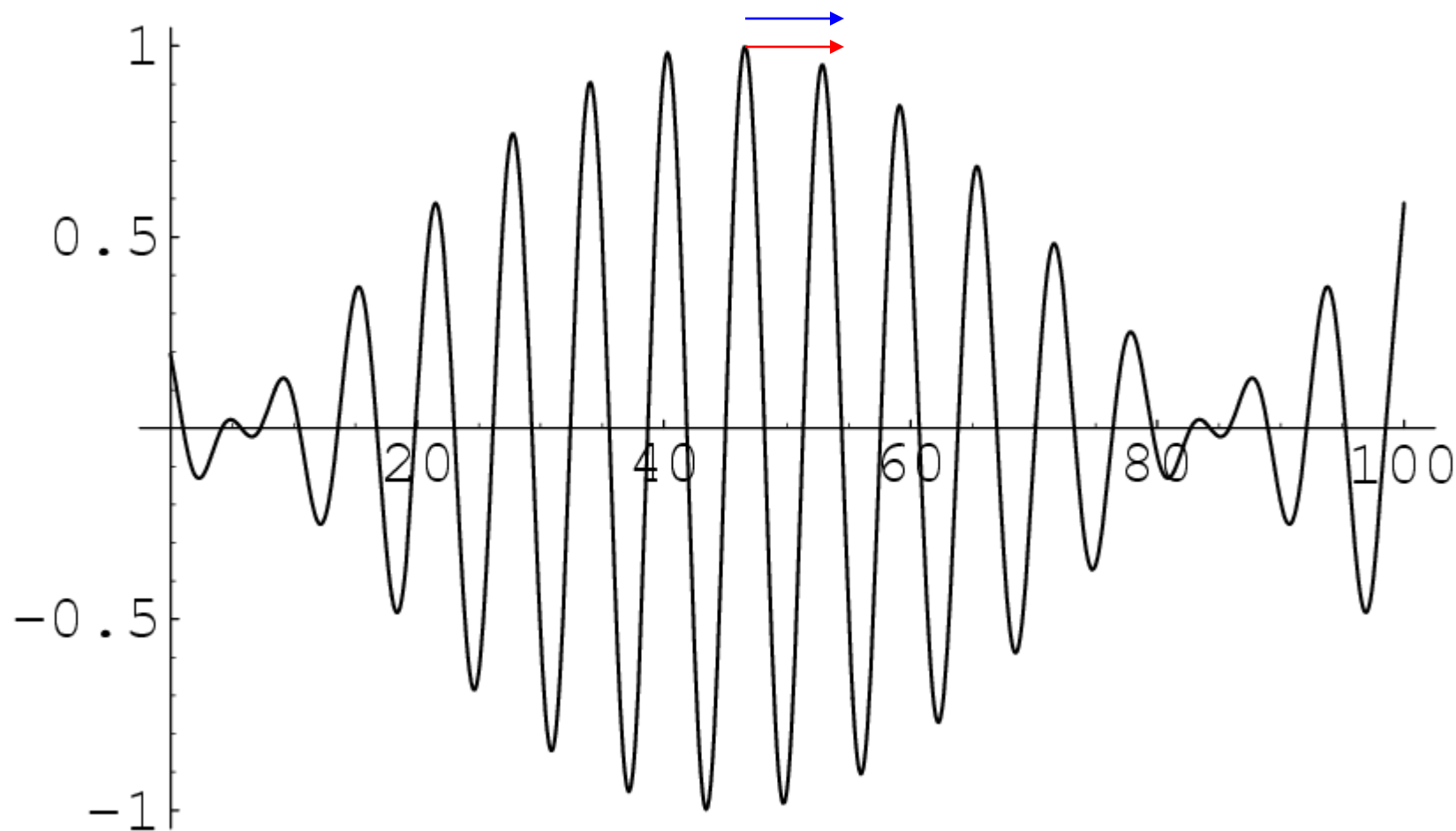
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$$V_p = V_g$$



$$t = 8 \quad \sin(1.00 x - 5.0 t) \cos(0.04 x - 0.2 t)$$

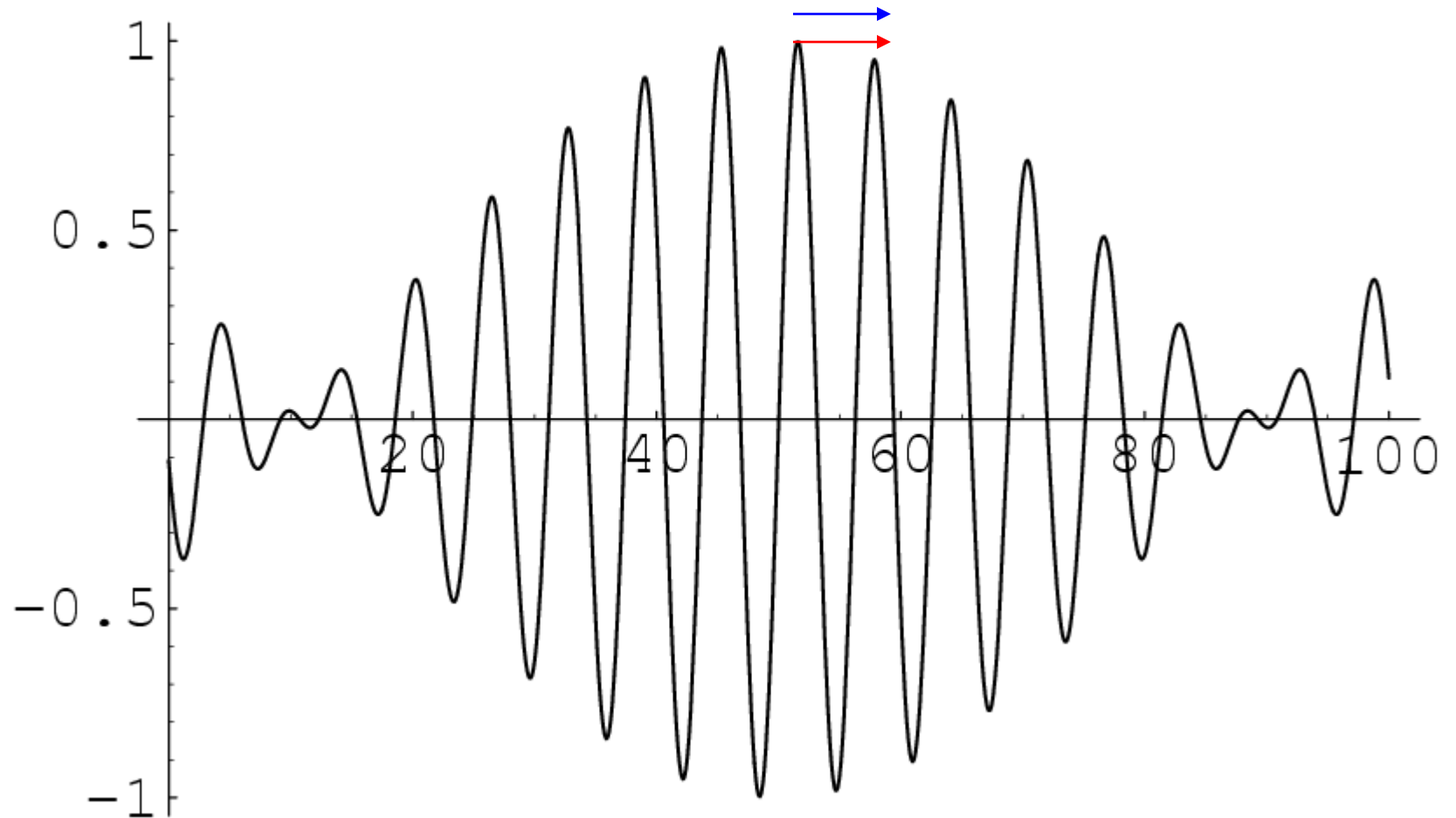
$$V_p = V_g$$



$$t = 9$$

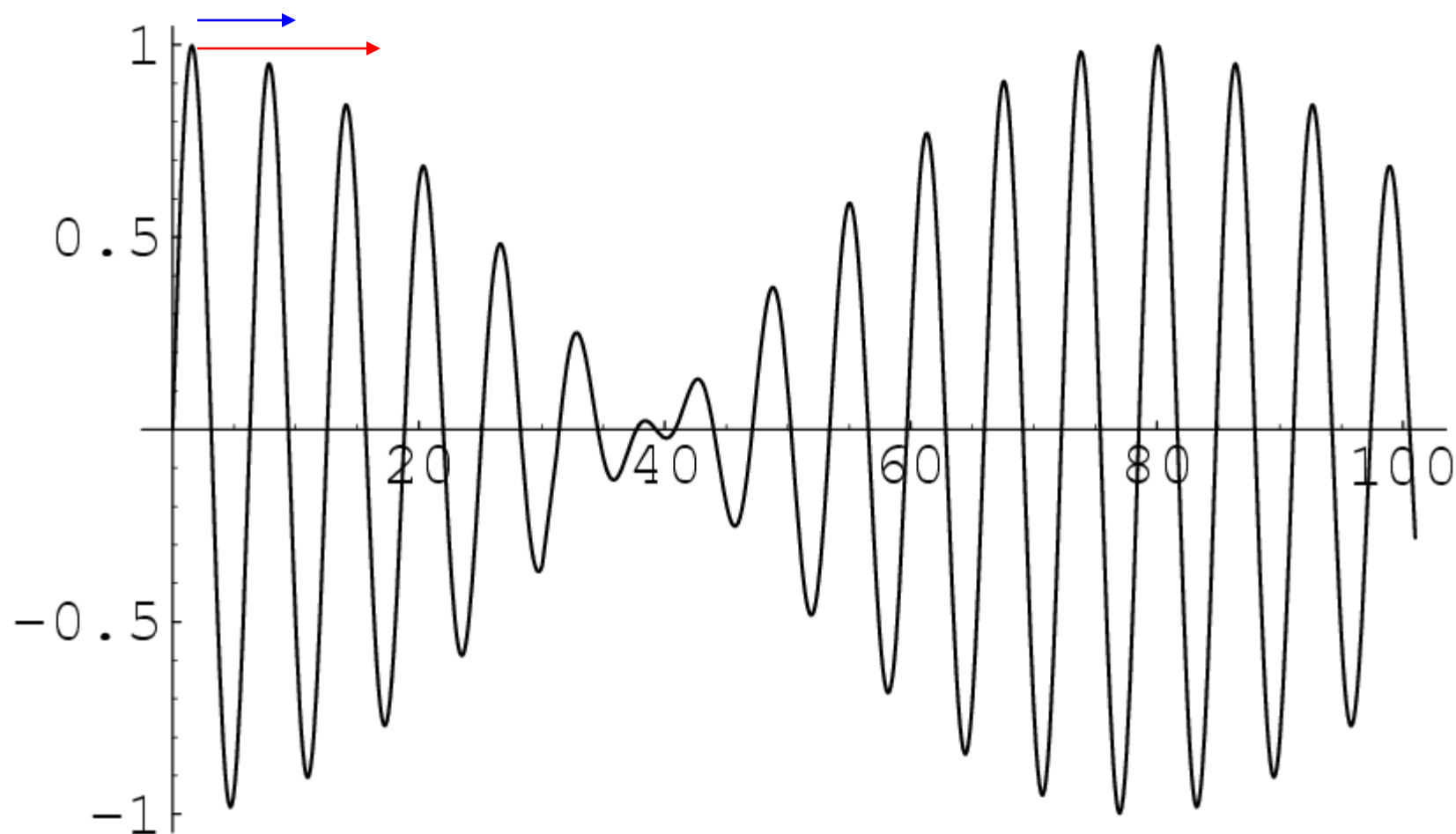
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$$V_p = V_g$$



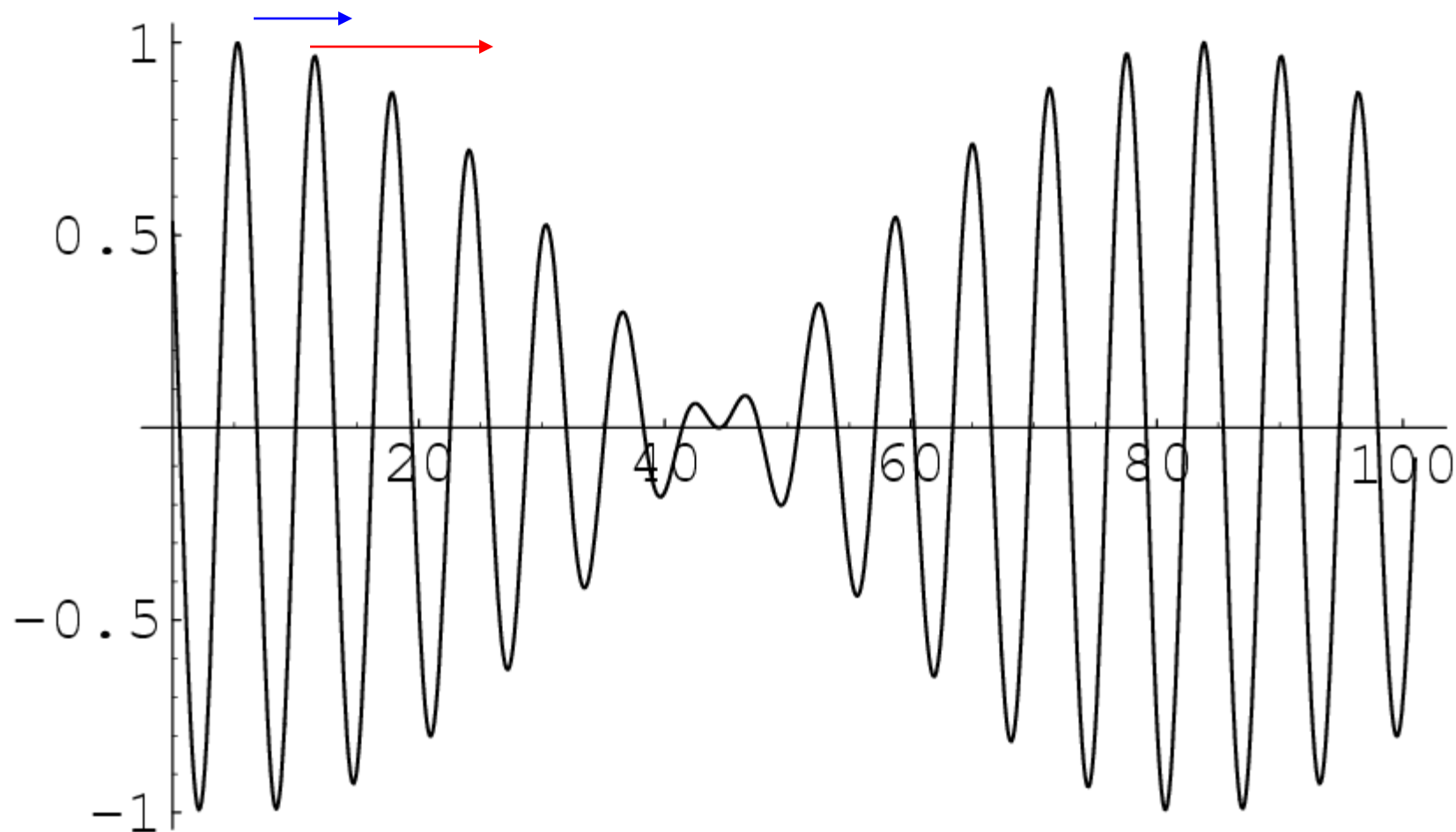
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$$V_p > V_g$$



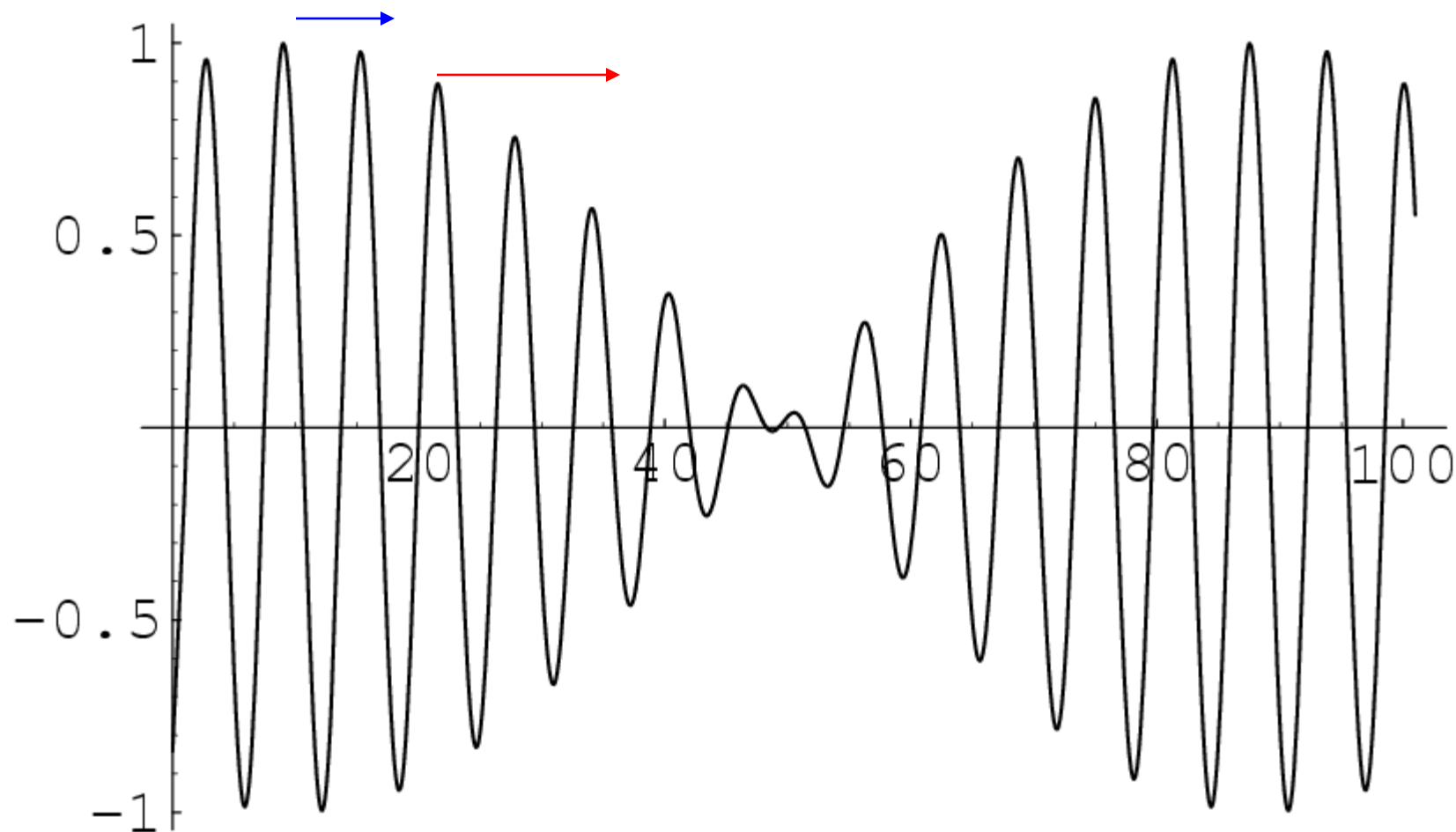
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$$V_p > V_g$$



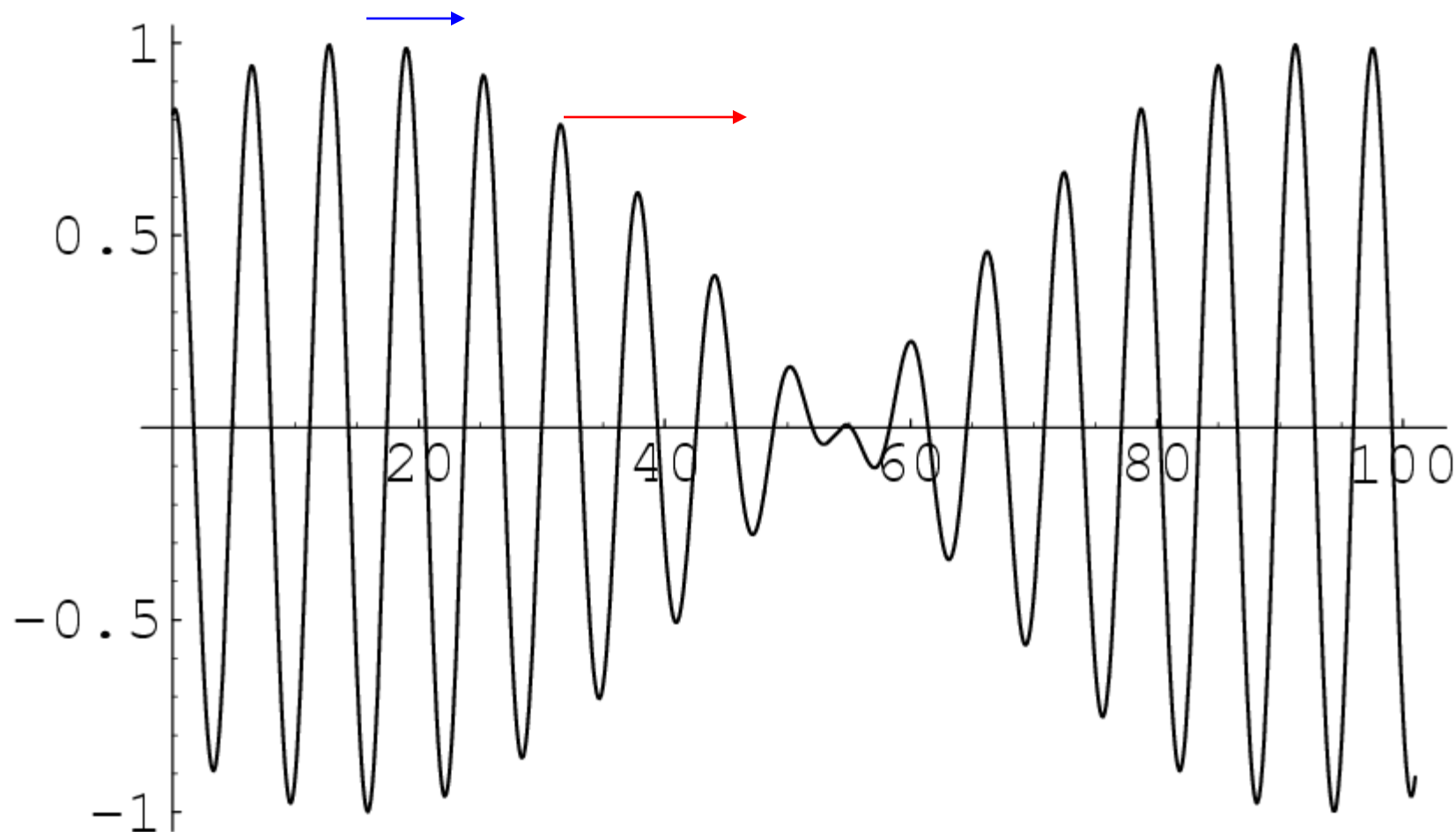
$$\mathbf{t = 1} \quad \sin(1.00 \, x - 10.0 \, t) \cos(0.04 \, x - 0.2 \, t)$$

$$V_p > V_g$$



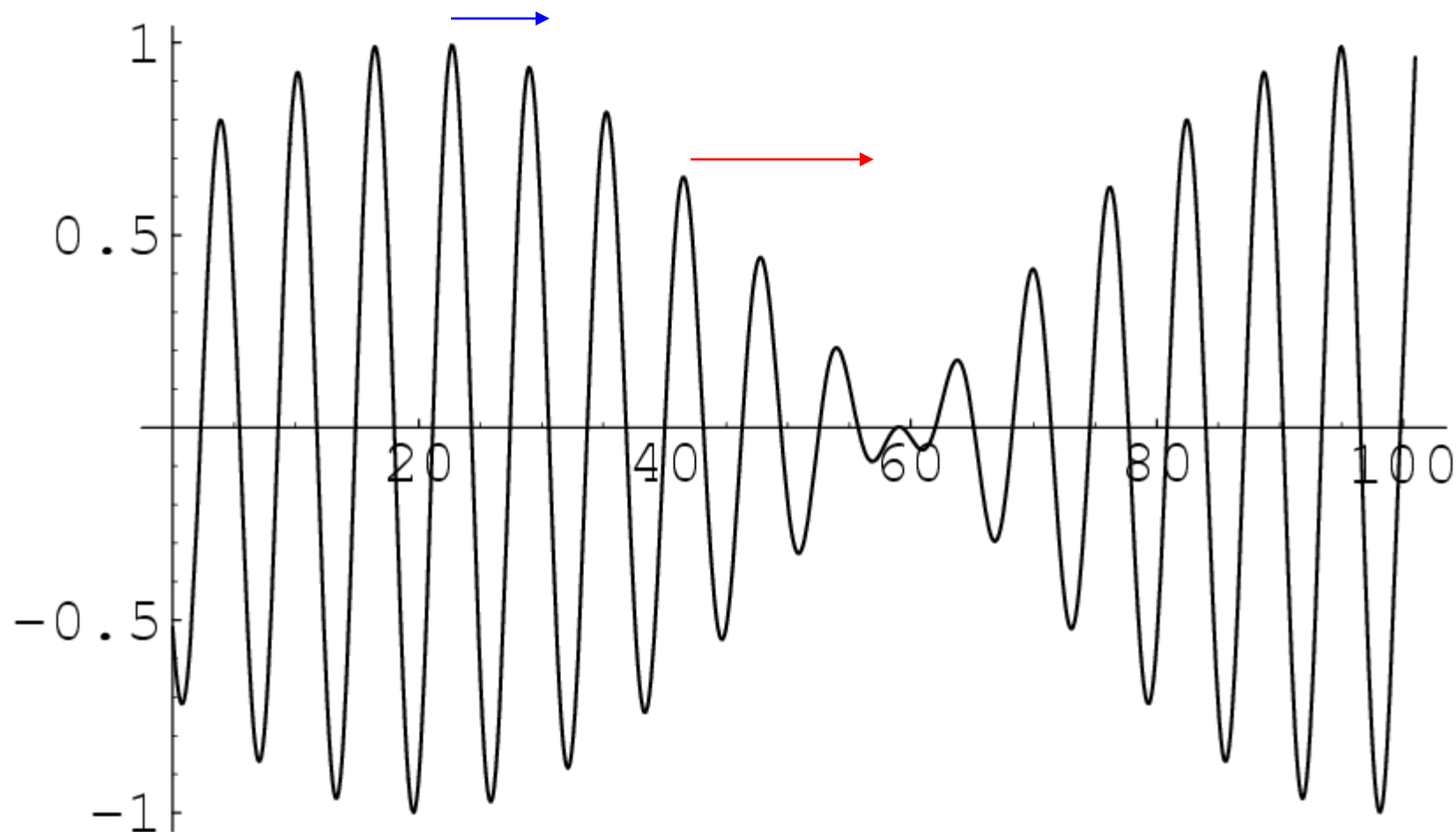
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$$V_p > V_g$$



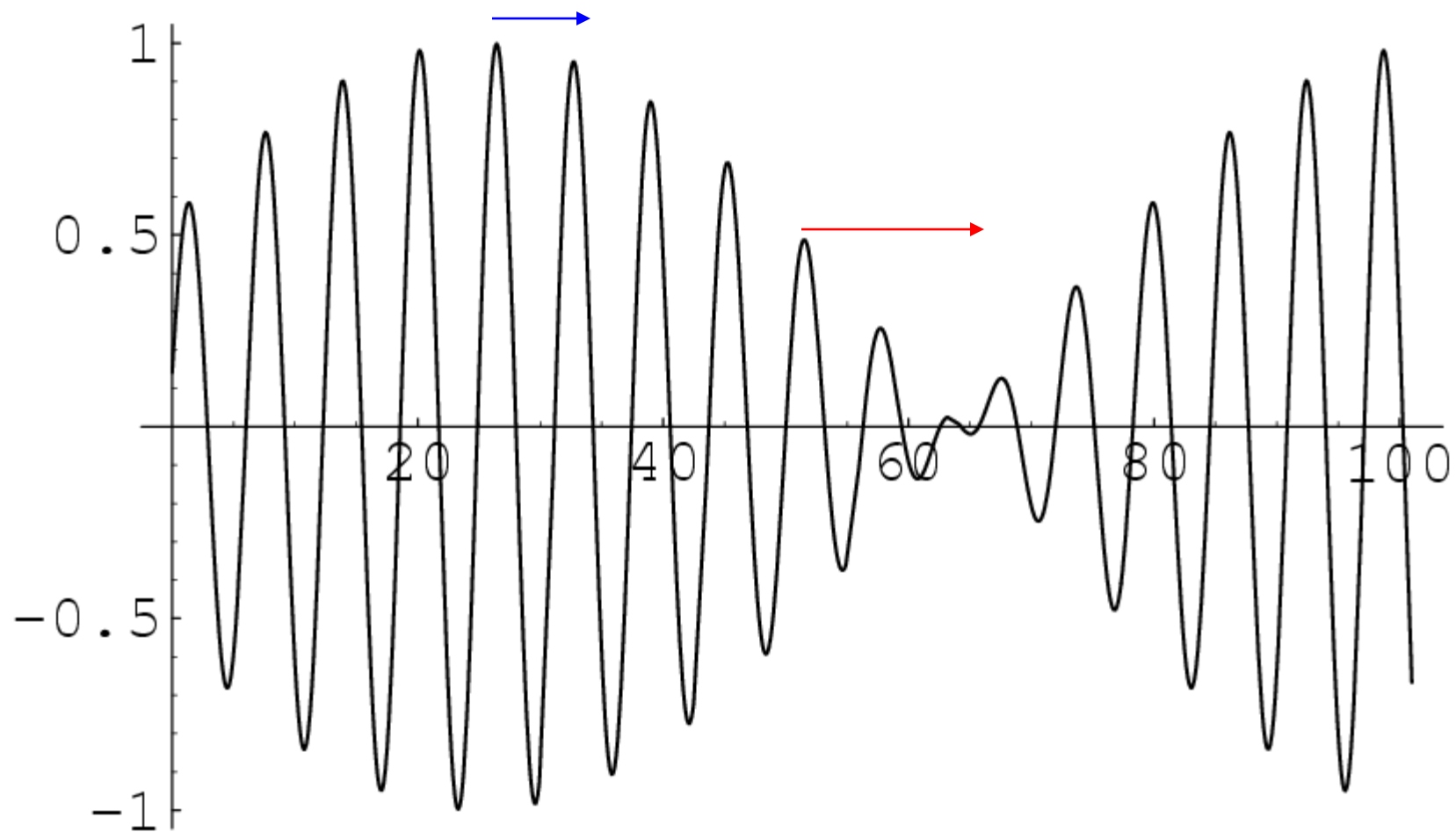
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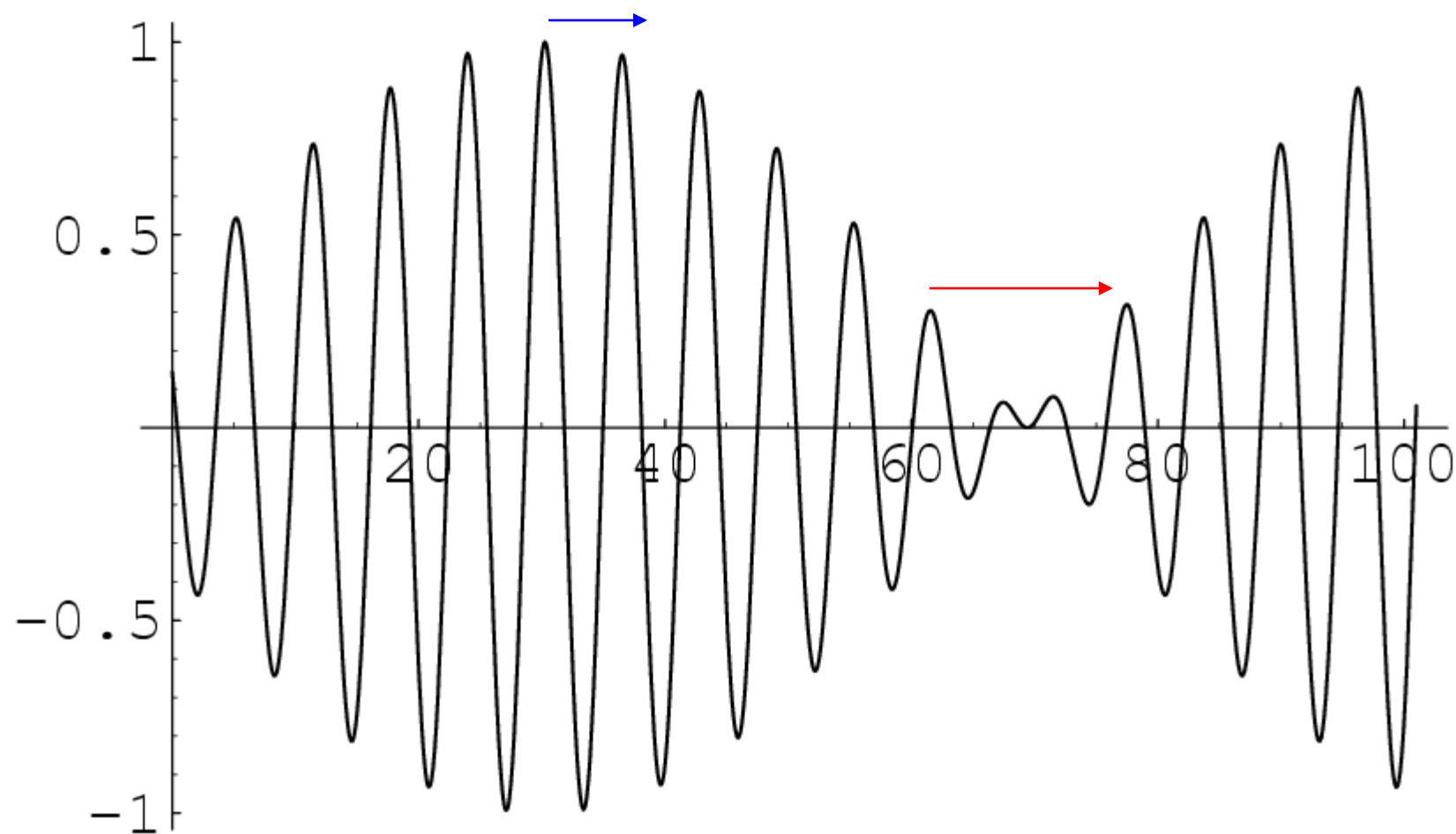
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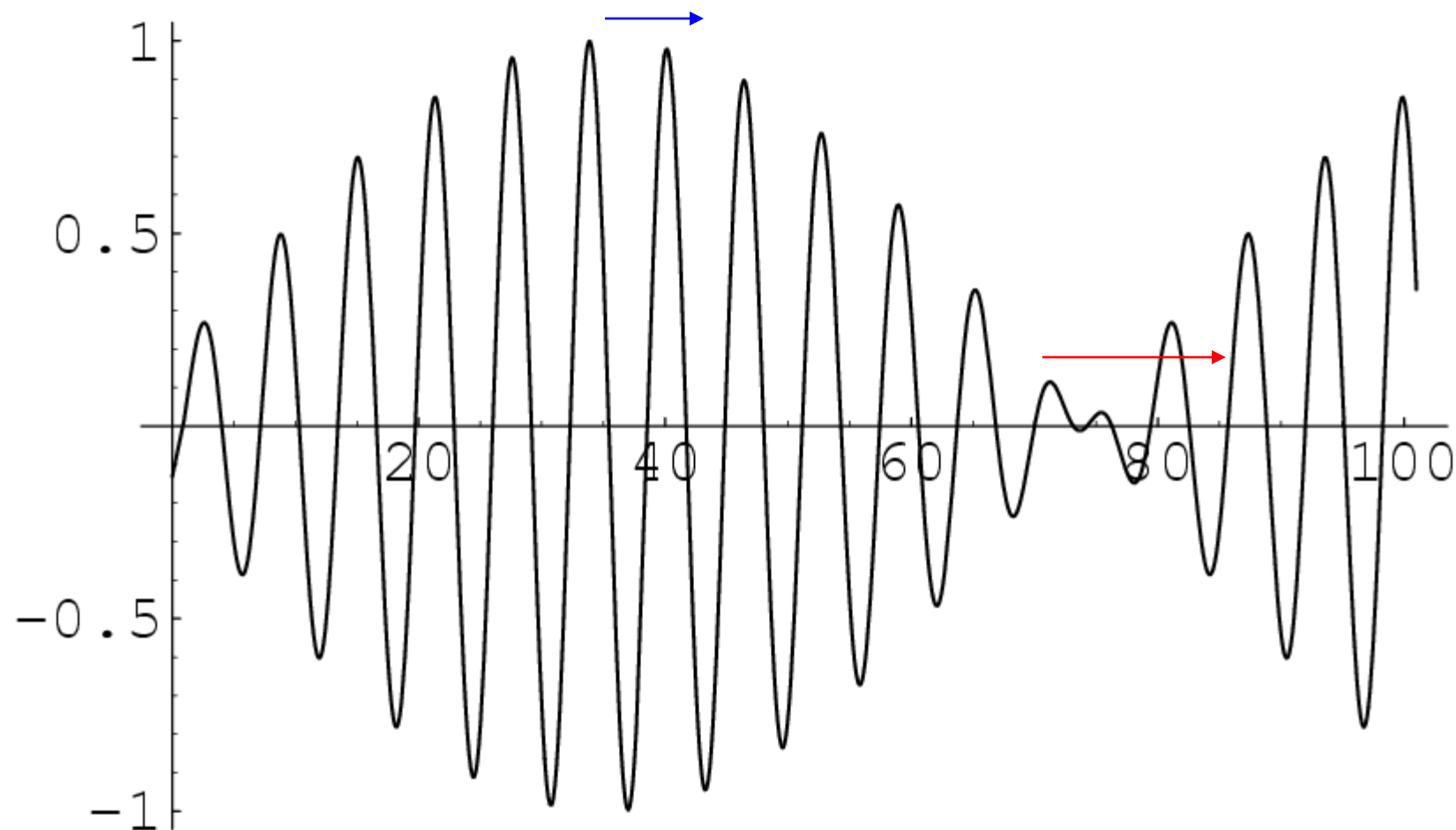
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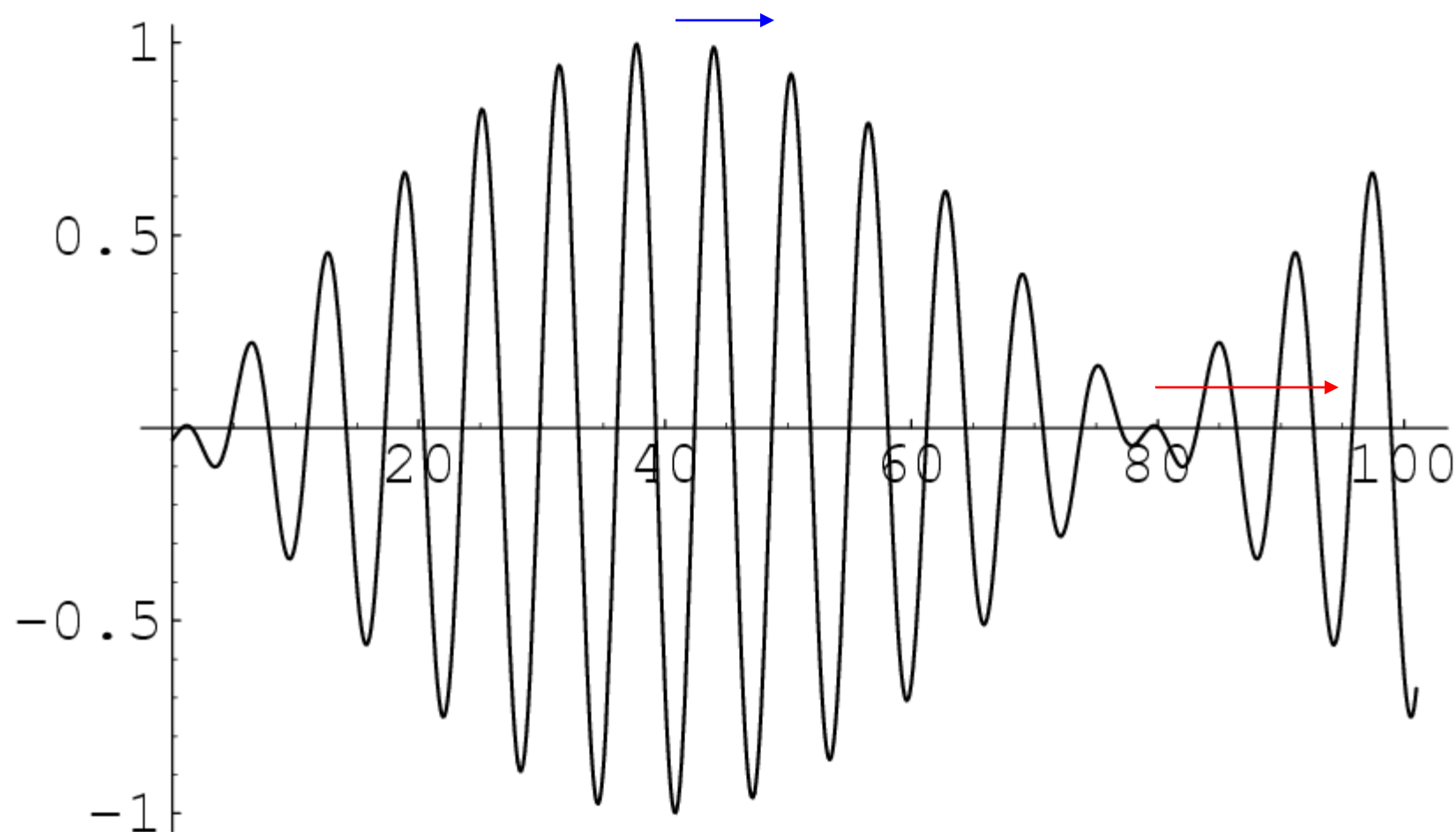
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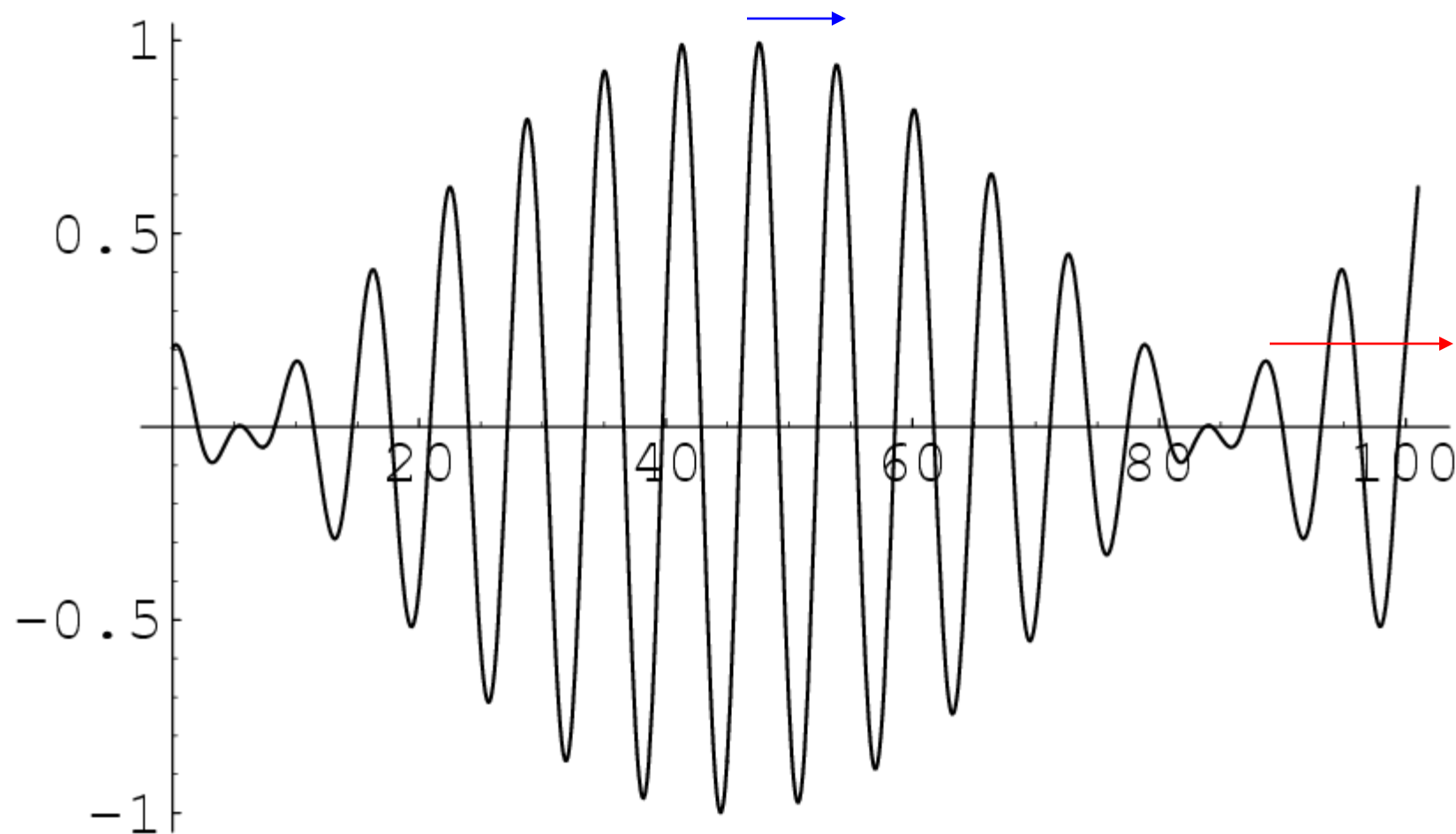
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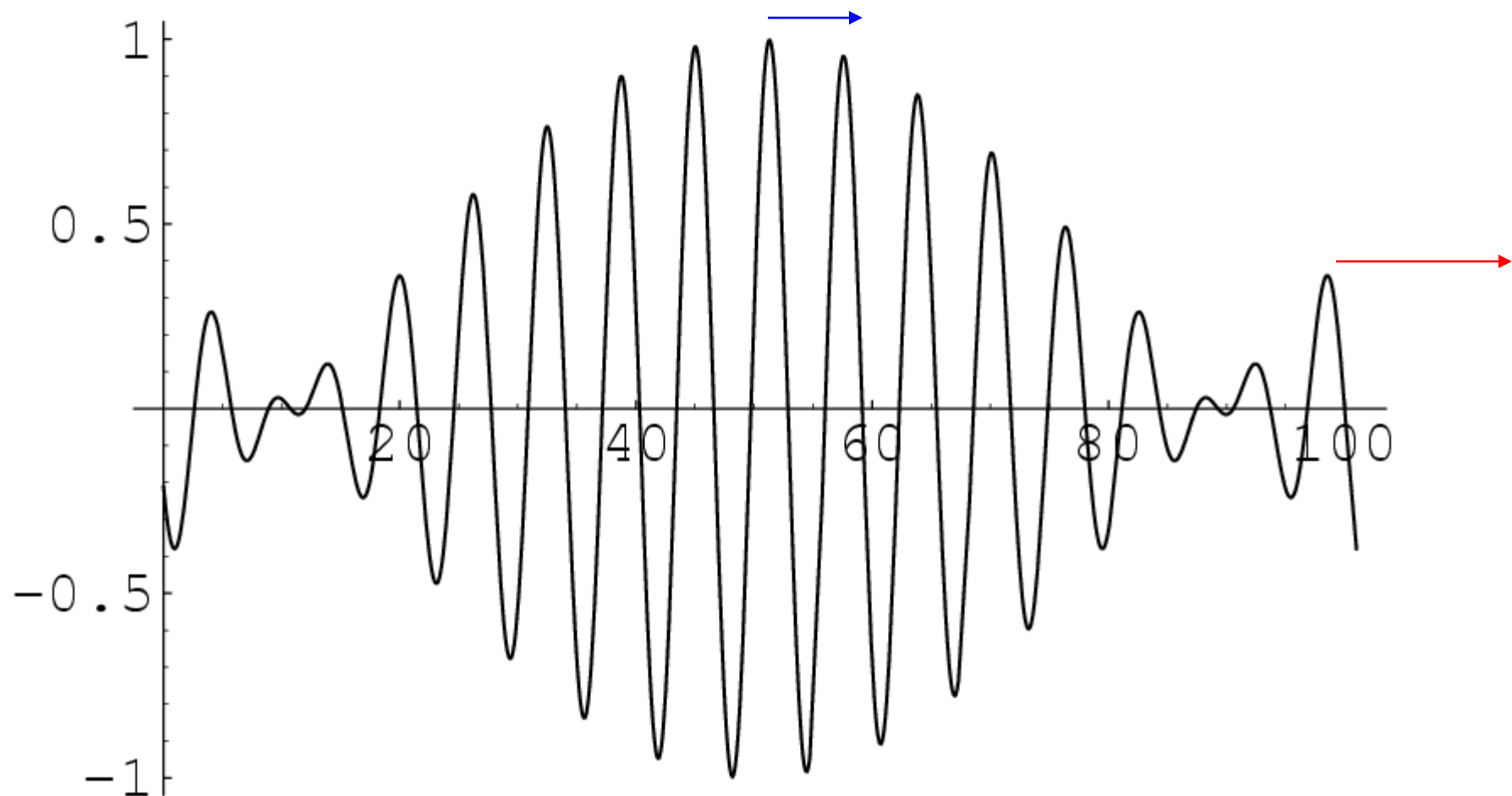
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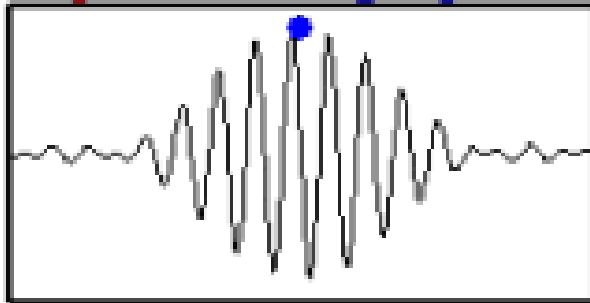
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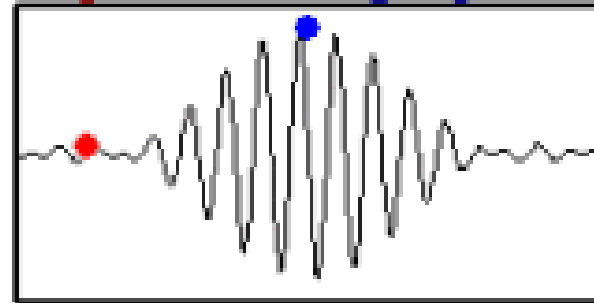


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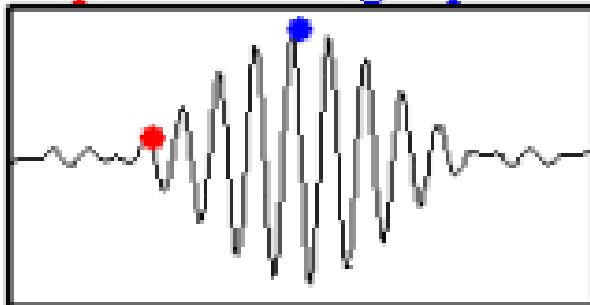
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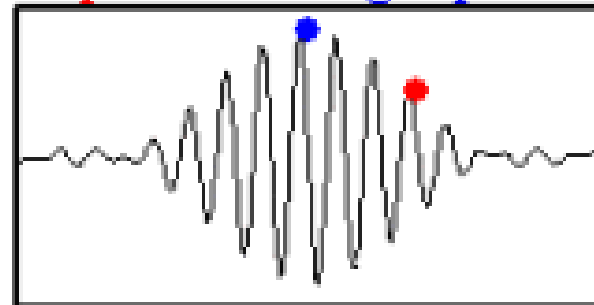
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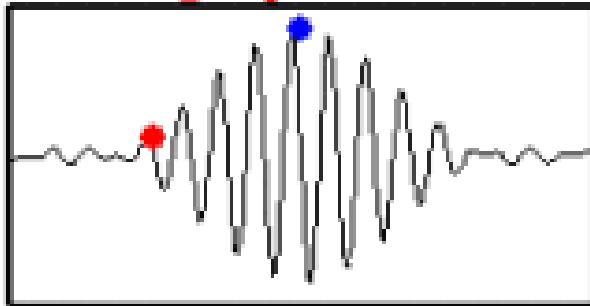
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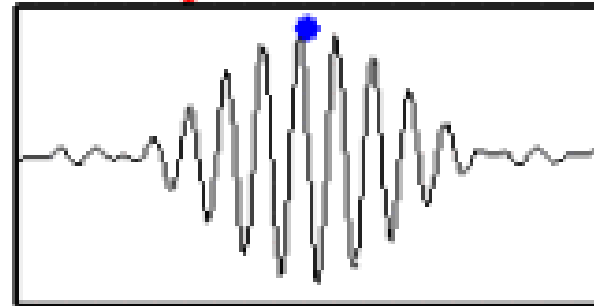
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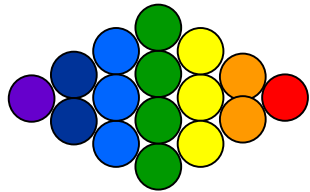
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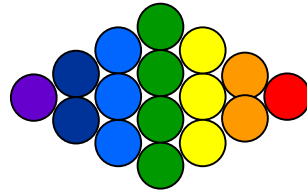
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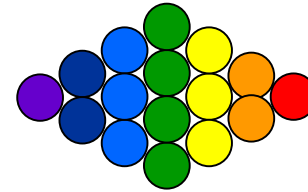
Nondispersive : All colours moving with same speed



t_0

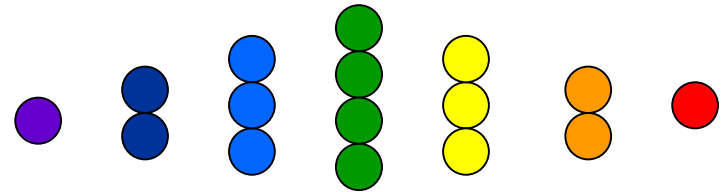
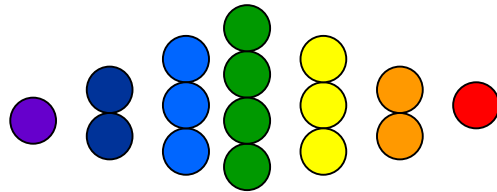
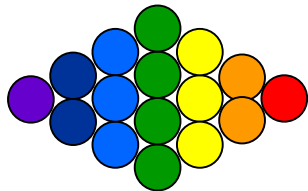


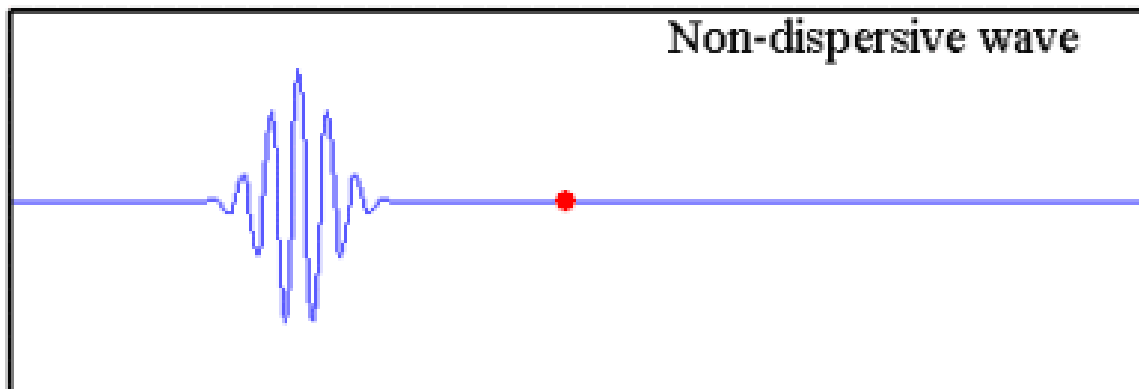
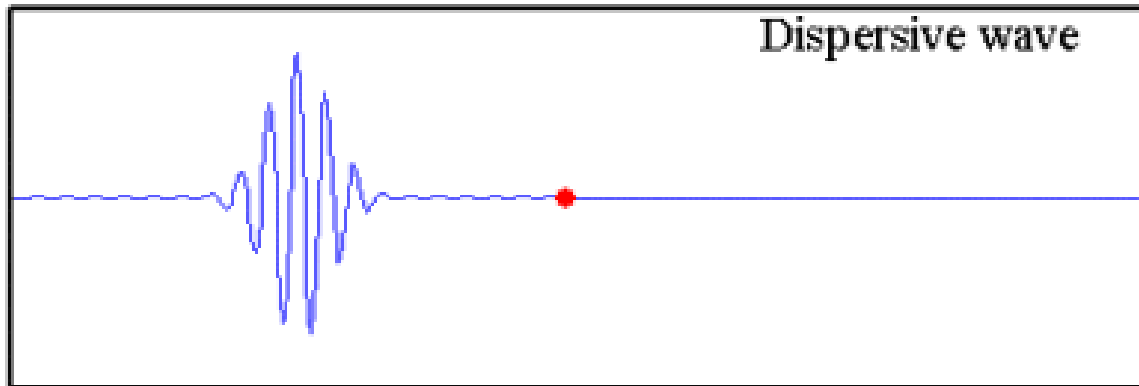
t_1



t_2

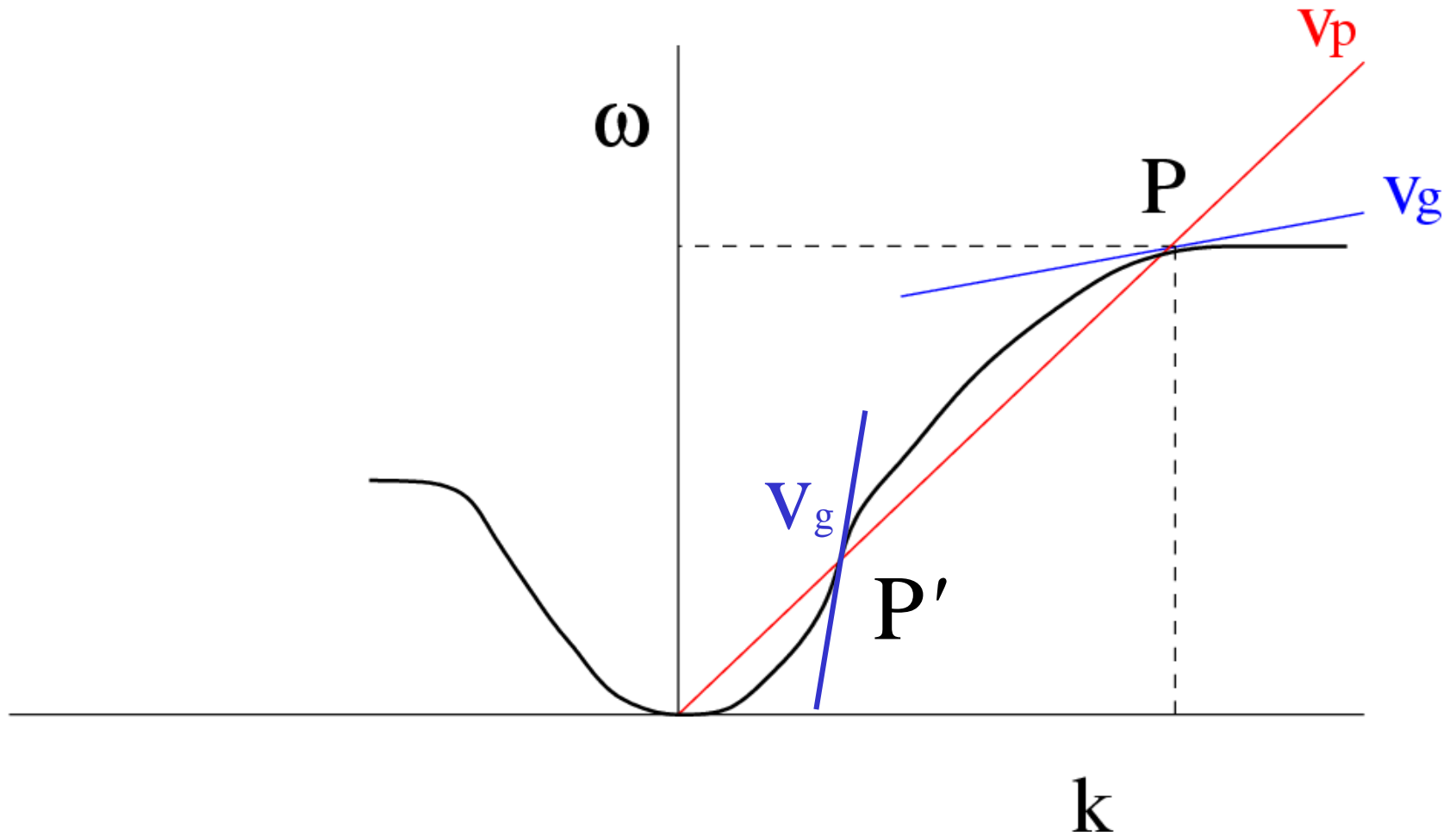
Dispersive : Red moving faster than the blue ones





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Phase velocity and Group velocity



For nondispersive waves $v_p = \text{constant}$

Signal is propagated without distortion

More generally v_p is a function of ω (or k)

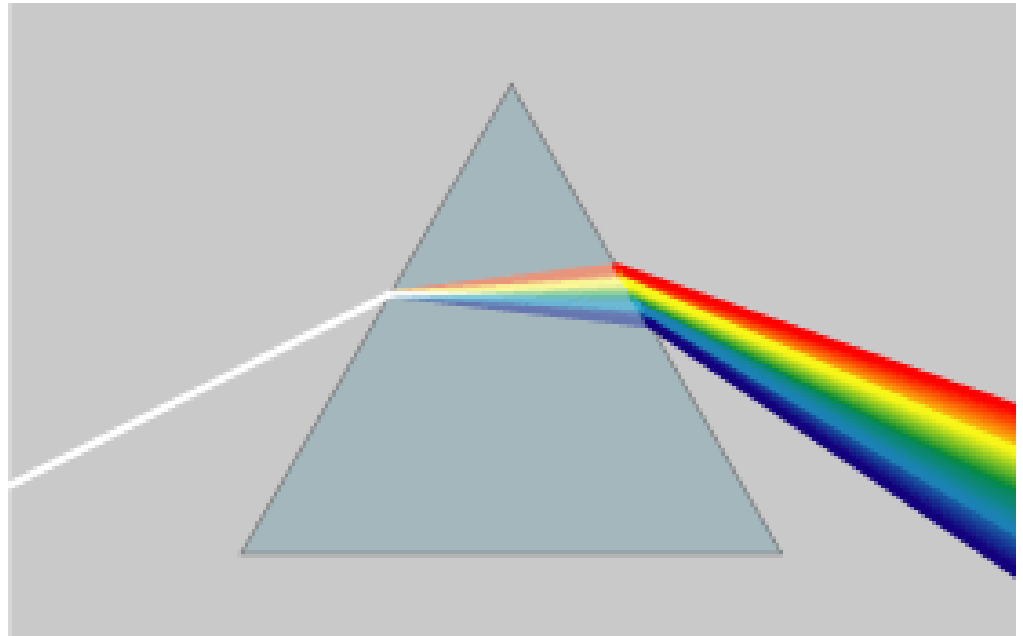
$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k}$$



Prism Experiment in your 1st year lab

$$\mu(\lambda) = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{A + \delta_m}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)}$$

$$\omega = \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{\mu - 1}$$



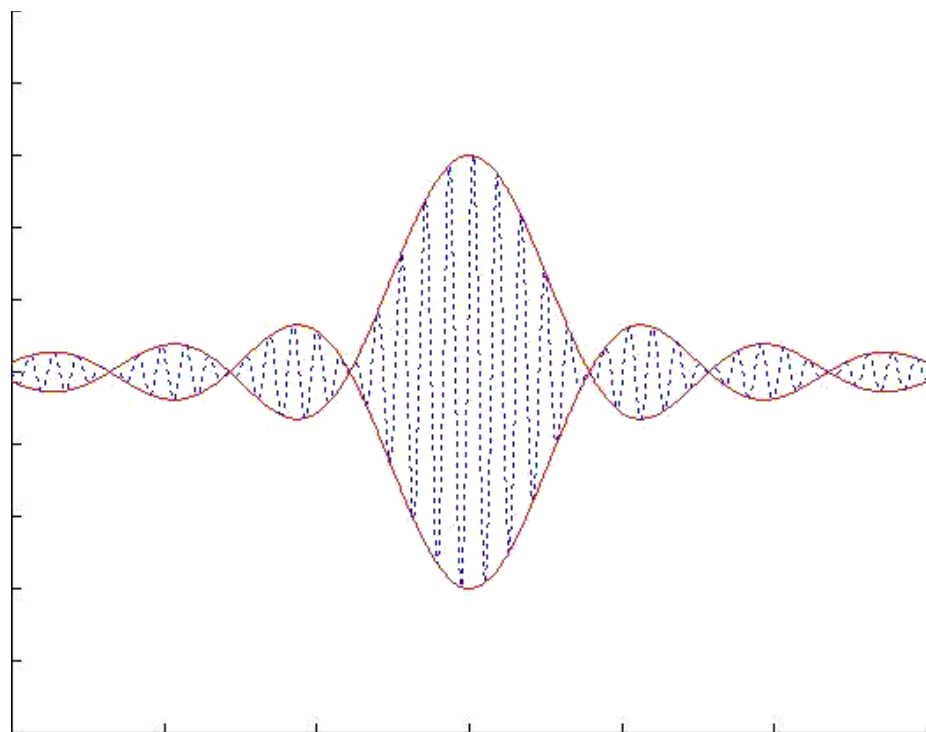
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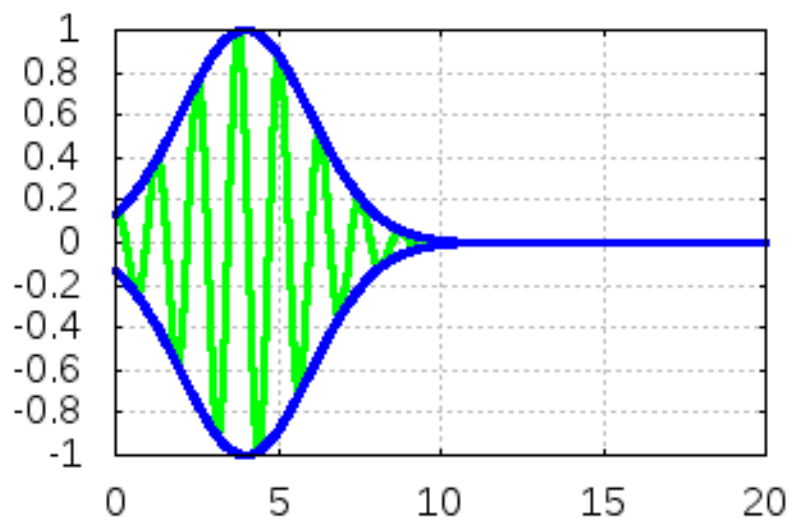
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wave packet with $V_g < V_p$



Solution of 3D wave equation

In Cartesian coordinates

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$$

Separation of variables

$$\psi(x, y, z, t) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)T(t)$$

Substituting for ψ we obtain

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{Y} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} \right)$$

Variables are separated out

Each variable-term independent

And must be a constant

So we may write

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = -k_x^2; \quad \frac{1}{Y} \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} = -k_y^2;$$

$$\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} = -k_z^2; \quad \left(\frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} \right) = -\omega^2$$

where we use

$$\omega^2/c^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 = k^2$$

Solutions are then

$$X(x) = e^{\pm i k_x x}; \quad Y(y) = e^{\pm i k_y y};$$

$$Z(z) = e^{\pm i k_z z}; \quad T(t) = e^{\pm i \omega t}$$

Total Solution is

$$\psi(x, y, z, t) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)T(t)$$

$$= A e^{i[\omega t \mp (k_x x + k_y y + k_z z)]}$$

$$= A e^{i[\omega t \mp \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}]} \quad \text{plane wave}$$