

# Dispersion Relation

$$\Psi(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(k) e^{i[kx - \omega(k)t]} dk$$

$$\begin{aligned} kx - \omega(k)t &= kx - k_0x + k_0x - \left[ w(k_0) + w'(k_0)(k - k_0) + \frac{w''(k_0)}{2!}(k - k_0)^2 + \dots \right] t \\ &= (k - k_0)x - \left[ w'(k_0)(k - k_0) + \frac{w''(k_0)}{2!}(k - k_0)^2 + \dots \right] t + (k_0x - w(k_0)t) \\ &= (k - k_0) \left( x - \left[ w'(k_0) + \frac{w''(k_0)}{2!}(k - k_0) + \dots \right] t \right) + (k_0x - w(k_0)t) \end{aligned}$$

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