

For our atomic model of permittivity we found ϵ to be

$$\tilde{\epsilon} = \epsilon_0 \left(1 + \frac{Nq^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \sum_i \frac{f_i}{(\omega_i^2 - \omega^2) - i\gamma_i \omega} \right)$$

We also know $\frac{n}{c} = \frac{\tilde{k}}{\omega} = \sqrt{\tilde{\epsilon}\mu}$

- i) Find (and simplify) a formula for n , assuming the term adding to “1” above is *small*.
- ii) In that limit, find k_R and k_{Im} .
What does each one tell you, physically?
- iii) Sketch both of these as functions of ω (assuming that only one term in that sum “dominates”)

(Under what condition on ω *should* one term in that sum dominate?)