

Unit-1 RELATIVISTIC MECHANICS

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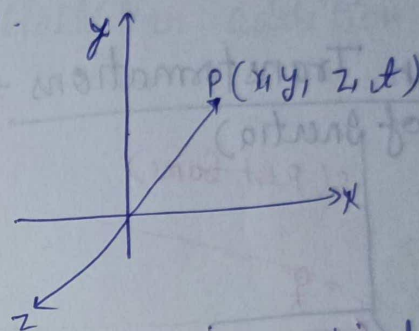
* Event ÷ Occurance of something at one point at an instant in space. Ex: shot of a bullet, swing of a pendulum when it comes in the mean position.

* Observer ÷ who observes the occurrence of event in the space. (Rest or moving together)

* Frame of Reference ÷ Geometrical frame work (normal Cartesian System) required to describe the occurrence of event in the space.

$(x, y, z, t) \rightarrow$ space-lines

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Special Coordinate



* Position Vector ÷ The position vector of the moving object (at any instant) \rightarrow

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

Velocity of the moving object ÷

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k}$$

Acceleration ÷

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{dv_x}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dv_y}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dv_z}{dt}\hat{k}$$

\rightarrow Classification of frame of Reference ÷

Inertial frame

* The frame which follows the law of inertia (Newton's 1st law)

* In inertial frame

$$a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 0, \text{ or}$$

$$* \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} = 0$$

Non inertial frame

* Do not follow law of inertia

* In non inertial frame

$$a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \neq 0 \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} \neq 0$$

* Since these have zero accⁿ so it is called as non accelerated frame.

* Theory of relativity which is applicable to inertial frame of Reference known as special theory of relativity.

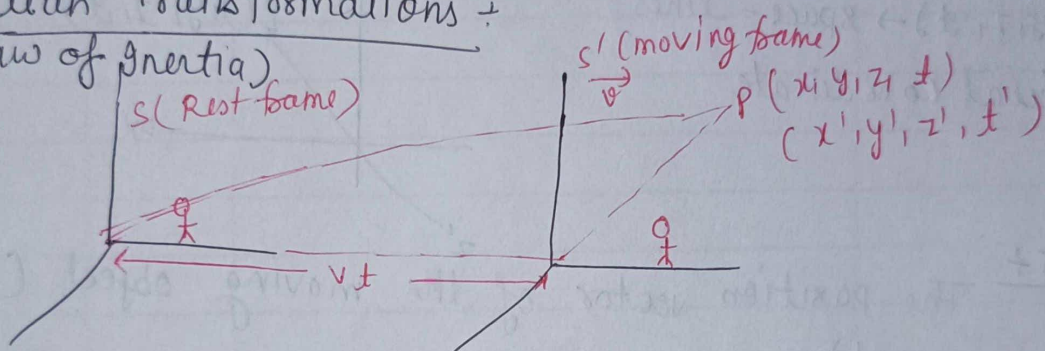
* Particle will experience some force due to accelerated frame of reference.

* Particle will experience force, because of acc of FR known as Fictitious force or pseudo force.

* The relative which is applied to non inertial frame is known as general theory of relativity.

Galilean Transformations +

(Law of Inertia)



at $t = t' = 0$ origins of both frames coincide

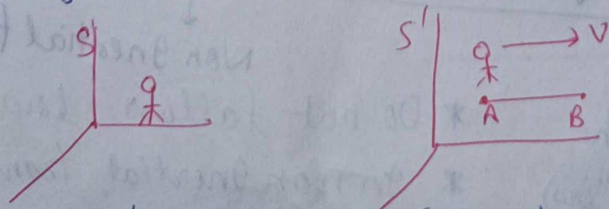
$x = x' + vt$
Component form

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} y &= y' \\ z &= z' \\ t &= t' \\ x &= x' + vt \\ x' &= x - vt \end{aligned}}$$

Galilean transformation

Component of G.T. +

Length of object is absolute (invariant)



S' Frame $A(x_1', y_1', z_1')$ $B(x_2', y_2', z_2')$

S Frame $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$

S' frame observer

$$L = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

Let us transform (x_1', y_1', z_1') using G.T

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$$L = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1 - vt)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

$$L = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

W.R + S frame

$[L' = L] \rightarrow$ length is invariant under Galillian Transform

Velocity of moving object:

$$x' = x - vt \quad - (i)$$

$$\frac{dx'}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} - v$$

$$v' = v - v \rightarrow \text{F.O.R.}$$

moving object

$$v = v' + v$$

Galillian addition of velocities

Acceleration:

$$\frac{d^2 x'}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = a$$

$$[a' = a] \Rightarrow [F' = F]$$

All the laws of physics are identical for all the observers for inertial frame \rightarrow Galillian hypothesis of invariance

Michelson Morley experiment:

Objectives:

- whether speed of light 'c' get

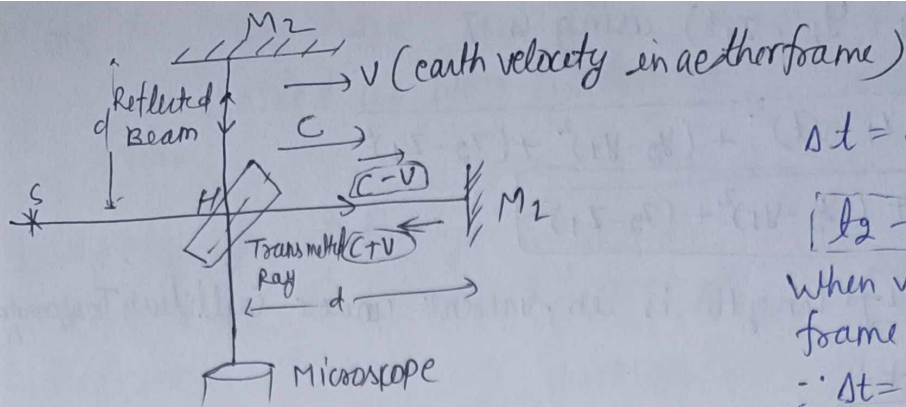
modified in accordance with G.T.

- Aether - Material medium which was supposed to be present throughout the universe

- * Perfectly elastic
- * highly transparent
- * Negligible density

- existence of aether was assumed as absolute frame of Reference relative to which the motion of bodies can be detected.

- To justify the aether hypothesis.



$$\Delta t = \frac{2d}{c} - \frac{2d}{c}$$

$$[t_2 - t_1 = 0]$$

When velocity of earth at ether frame is zero.

$\therefore \Delta t = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta x = 0$
no fringe pattern is visible

When earth is moving

$$\Delta t = t_2 - t_1 \neq 0$$

Some path diffⁿ will definitely occur b/w transmitted & reflected ray

$$\text{Path diff}^n = \frac{dv^2}{c^2}$$

fringe pattern should appear & visible

for prove that to shift fringe (interference) this turn into 90° but no fringe shift was experimentally observed.

$$\text{so } \boxed{v = 0}$$

therefore

→ Motion of earth could not be detected relative to ether.

→ Earth is absolutely rest in ether

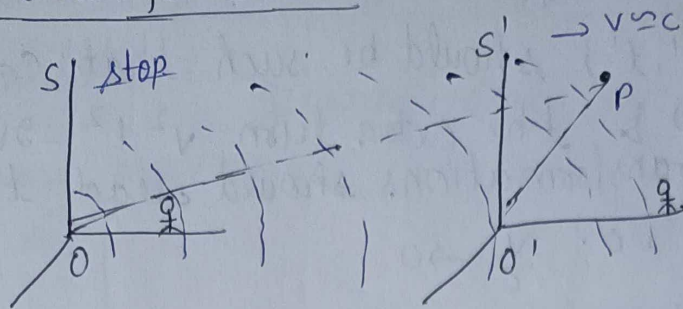
→ This is known as negative or null result.

→ The speed of light is universal constant identical for all the observers of inertial frame.

Basic Postulates of Relativity:

- i) All the laws of physics are identical for all the observer of the initial figure frame that move with a constant velocity relative to one-another.
- ii) The velocity of light (c) is a universal constant and is identical for all the observers of the initial frame. This is also known as constancy of velocity of light.

Lorentz transformation :



Initially at $t = t' = 0$
origins coinciding

When S & S' are coinciding, a light signal emits from O
P co-ordinate from :

Rest frame observer (S) : (x, y, z, t)

S' observer : (x', y', z', t')

time taken by signal to reach P for S frame observer

$$t = \frac{OP}{c} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}{c}$$

$$\boxed{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c^2 t^2} \text{ --- (i)}$$

For S' frame observer

$$t' = \frac{O'P}{c} = \frac{\sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2}}{c}$$

$$\boxed{x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2 = c^2 t'^2} \text{ --- (ii)}$$

$\therefore c$ is identical for all observer

The new transformation will be such that eqⁿ (ii) transform into (i)

Let's apply G.T. again in eqⁿ (ii)

$$x' = x - vt$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

$$t' = t$$

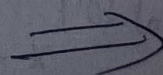
$$(x - vt)^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c^2 t^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \underline{v^2 t^2 - 2vtx} = c^2 t^2 \text{ --- (iii)}$$

Comparing eqⁿ (i) & (iii)

Extra term $\rightarrow v^2 t^2 - 2vtx$

\Rightarrow G.T. fail or need some modification.



∴ New transformation b/w

(x, y, z, t) and (x', y', z', t') should be such that $eq^n(iii)$ transforms into $eq^n(i)$ & the extra term $v^2 t^2 - 2vxt$ should cancel. Also new transformations should lead to G.T. for smaller velocities i.e. $\frac{v}{c} \rightarrow 0$.

Let the new or modified eq^n 's can be written as
 $x' = \alpha(x - vt)$, $t' = \alpha'(t + fx)$

where α, α' & f are constant.

substituting these in $eq^n(ii)$

$$\alpha^2 (x - vt)^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c^2 \alpha'^2 (t + fx)^2$$

$$\alpha^2 (x^2 + v^2 t^2 - 2vxt) + y^2 + z^2 = c^2 \alpha'^2 (t^2 + f^2 x^2 + 2fxt)$$

~~on comparing~~ on equating coefficient of x^2, x & constant

we get,

$$x^2 [\alpha^2 - f^2 \alpha'^2 c^2] - 2xt [\alpha^2 v + f c^2 \alpha'^2] + y^2 + z^2 = c^2 t^2 [\alpha'^2 - \frac{\alpha^2 v^2}{c^2}]$$

on comparing with $eq^n(i)$ -

$$\alpha^2 - f^2 \alpha'^2 c^2 = 1$$

$$\alpha^2 v + f c^2 \alpha'^2 = 0$$

$$\alpha'^2 - \frac{\alpha^2 v^2}{c^2} = 1$$

on solving these eq^n

$$\boxed{\alpha = \alpha' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}}; \quad \boxed{f = -\frac{v}{c^2}}$$

(event 0)

on substituting these in eq^n above

Direct
Lorentz
Transformation

$$\boxed{x' = \frac{x - vt}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}, \quad y' = y, \quad z' = z, \quad t' = \frac{t - \frac{v}{c^2}x}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}}$$

For small velocity $\frac{v}{c} \rightarrow 0$

Galilean

$$\text{transformation} \leftarrow \boxed{x' = x - vt; \quad y' = y; \quad z' = z; \quad t' = t}$$

additional

event at $\{0\}$

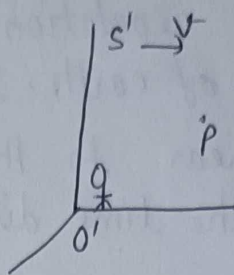
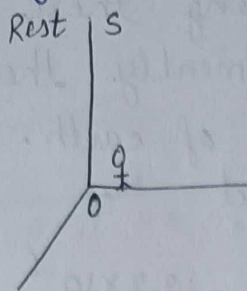
$$x = \frac{x' + vt'}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}, \quad y = y', \quad z = z', \quad t = \frac{t' + \frac{v}{c^2}x'}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$$

Consequences of Lorentz Transformations ÷

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① Time dilation ÷

Slowing down of clock relative to stationary observers:



t_1' Event 1
 t_2' Event 2 (mean return)

at S' (in)

For S' observer →

$$(\Delta t')_{\text{rest}} = t_2' - t_1' - (i) \text{ (proper time interval)}$$

for S observer →

* experiment is moving w.r.t S' observer

$t_1 \neq t_2$

observed time interval (improper) $(\Delta t)_{\text{motion}} = t_2 - t_1 - (ii)$

on applying Lorentz transformation in eqⁿ (ii) (due change position)

$$(\Delta t)_{\text{motion}} = \frac{t_2' + \frac{Vx'}{c^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}}} - \frac{t_1' + \frac{Vx'}{c^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}}} \Rightarrow \frac{t_2' - t_1'}{\sqrt{1 - (V/c)^2}}$$

$$(\Delta t)_{\text{motion}} = \frac{(\Delta t')_{\text{rest}}}{\sqrt{1 - (V/c)^2}}$$

$$(\Delta t)_{\text{motion}} > (\Delta t')_{\text{rest}}$$

↳ time dilation

Time dilation is a Real effect ÷

* Example from High Energy Physics (Elementary Particles)

μ -mesons are elementary particles which are produced in the upper atmosphere at high altitudes by the action of cosmic ray showers on π -mesons. These are highly unstable and their life time in own frame of Reference is 2.2×10^{-6} sec. So the distance travelled by μ -mesons in this life time —

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Travelled distance in own frame $d = \text{life time} \times \text{velocity}$
 $= 2.2 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.998c$
 $\boxed{d = 660 \text{ meter}}$

Therefore there is no expectation of finding these particles near to the surface of earth. But experimentally these particles have been detected near to the surface of earth. This can be justified considering the time dilation effect.

for laboratory frame observer $\Delta t = \frac{\Delta t'}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}} = \frac{2.2 \times 10^{-6}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{0.998c}{c}\right)^2}}$
 $\boxed{\Delta t = 3.17 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sec}}$

New distance (observed by laboratory frame observer)

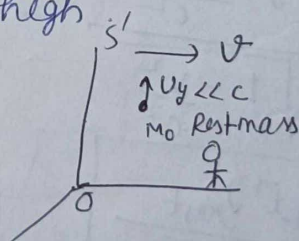
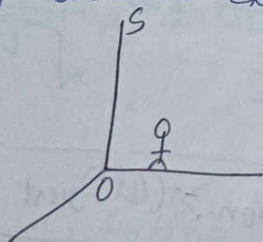
$$d' = 3.17 \times 10^{-5} \times 3 \times 10^8 (0.99c)$$

$$\boxed{d' = 9500 \text{ m (approx)}}$$

\Rightarrow The presence of μ -mesons near to surface of earth is justified. This means **Time dilation is real effect**.

Mass of particle +

Mass undergoes variation with velocity when velocity becomes extremely high



dy' in dt'

momentum of particle for S' frame observer

$$p_{y'} = \text{mass} \times \text{velocity} = m_0 v_y = m_0 \frac{dy'}{dt'} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

momentum of same particle for S frame observer

$$dy' = dy$$

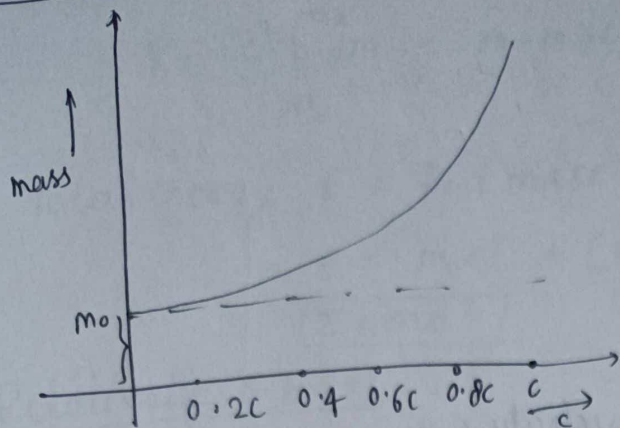
$$dt = \frac{dt'}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}}$$

using in eqn (i)

$$p_y = \frac{m_0 dy}{dt \sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}} = \frac{m_0 dy}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}} \Rightarrow \boxed{p_y = m v_y}$$

$$\boxed{m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}}}$$

Graphical Representation :-



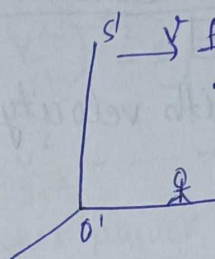
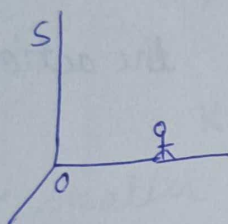
Relativistic addition of velocity :-

Lorentz transformation are

$$x' = \frac{x - vt}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$y' = y \quad ; \quad z' = z$$

$$t' = \frac{t - \frac{vx}{c^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$



for S' $P(x', y', z')$

for S (x, y, z)

velocity component $u_x' = \frac{dx'}{dt'}$, $u_y' = \frac{dy'}{dt'}$; $u_z' = \frac{dz'}{dt'}$

on differentiating Lorentz transformation eqn -

$$dx' = \frac{dx - vdt}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}, \quad dy' = dy, \quad dz' = dz, \quad dt' = \frac{dt - \frac{vdx}{c^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$u_x' = \frac{dx'}{dt'} = \frac{dx - vdt}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \times \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}{dt - \frac{vdx}{c^2}}$$

$$u_x' = \frac{dx - vdt}{dt - \frac{v}{c^2}dx} = \frac{\frac{dx}{dt} - v}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} \frac{dx}{dt}}$$

Therefore

$$u_x' = \frac{u_x - v}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} u_x} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

similarly $u_y' = \frac{dy'}{dt'} = \frac{dy \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}{dt - \frac{v}{c^2} dx} \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{dy}{dt} \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} \frac{dx}{dt}}$

$$U_y' = \frac{U_y \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}{1 - \frac{v U_x}{c^2}} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$U_z' = \frac{dz'}{dt'} = \frac{U_z \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}{1 - \frac{v U_x}{c^2}} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Let the moving object moving with velocity c -

$$U_x' = \frac{c-v}{1 - \frac{vc}{c^2}} = c \Rightarrow \text{Confirm second basic postulate}$$

Einstein's Mass Energy Relation:

$$E = mc^2$$

Consider a body moves with velocity v under the action of force 'F', therefore -

$$F = \frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{d(mv)}{dt} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

In relativistic mechanics, both mass & velocity are variable

$$F = m \frac{dv}{dt} + v \frac{dm}{dt} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

work done on the body $dw = dk = F ds$

$$dk = m \frac{dv}{dt} ds + v \frac{dm}{dt} ds$$

$$dk = m v dv + v^2 dm \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

mass can be represent as -

$$m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \Rightarrow m^2 \left[1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right] = m_0^2$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 (c^2 - v^2) = m_0^2 c^2$$

$$m^2 c^2 - m^2 v^2 = m_0^2 c^2 \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

on diffⁿ eqⁿ (iv)

$$2mc^2 dm - [m^2 2v dv + v^2 2m dm] = 0$$

$$m v dv + v^2 dm = c^2 dm$$

on substituting this in eqⁿ (iii)

$$dk = c^2 dm \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

Let K be the K.E. of the body (during movement) $m_0 \rightarrow m$ (1)

$$K = c^2 \int_{m_0}^m dm = (m - m_0)c^2$$

Total energy $E = \text{Rest mass Energy} + \text{K.E.}$

$$E = m_0 c^2 + (m - m_0)c^2$$

$$\boxed{E = mc^2}$$

Relativistic K.E. \rightarrow

$$K = (m - m_0)c^2, \quad E = mc^2$$

classical value of K.E. $= \frac{1}{2} m_0 v^2$

using eq (1)

$$K = \left(\frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} - m_0 \right) c^2$$

$$K = m_0 c^2 \left[\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)^{-1/2} - 1 \right]$$

$$K = m_0 c^2 \left[1 + \frac{v^2}{2c^2} + \dots - 1 \right]$$

For smaller velocities higher power can be neglected

$$\boxed{K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m_0 v^2}$$

Relativistic Momentum & Energy \div

$$\boxed{E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m_0^2 c^4}$$

$$E^2 - p^2 c^2 = m_0^2 c^4$$

L.H.S

$$(mc^2)^2 - p^2 c^2 \Rightarrow m^2 c^4 - m^2 v^2 c^2$$

$$= \frac{m_0^2 c^4}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} - \frac{m_0^2 c^2 v^2}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

$$= \frac{m_0^2 c^2}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} [c^2 - v^2]$$

$$= \frac{m_0^2 c^4}{1}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{1}{v} \frac{d}{dm}}$$