

PH 102, Electromagnetism,

Post Mid Semester

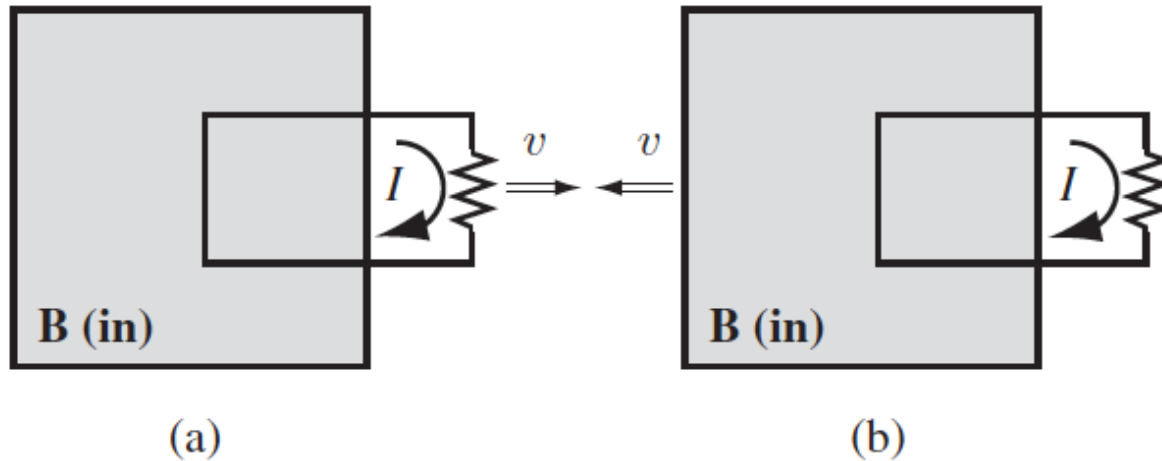
## Lecture 13

# Electrodynamics and Relativity

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# Faraday's Law



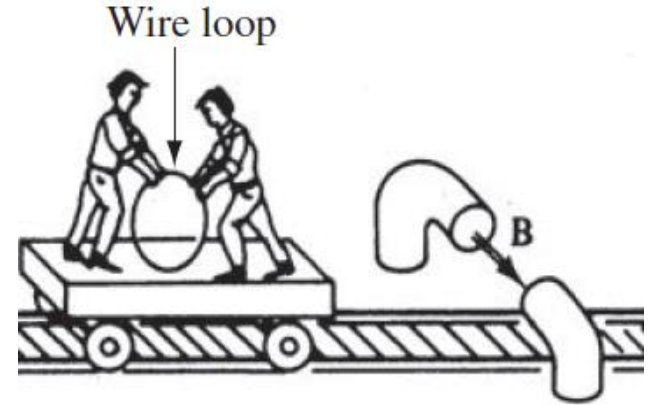
(a) Case of motional emf;  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$  drives the current  $I$  not  $E$

(b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Experiment has the same emf, relative motion of loop and the magnet.  
Induced  $E$  drives the current  $I$

- A charge in motion produces magnetic field ( $B$ ), but no  $B$  in the rest frame of the charge!
- Do we need one unique stationary reference frame?

# Origin of the Postulates: STR

- 1) Motional EMF for observer on station
- 2) Change in Magnetic field for observer on train,  
No magnetic force!



- Before Einstein:
  - It is a Coincidence that the emf is same!
  - Can both the interpretation be true? NO
  - The velocity of the ultimate inertial frame **Ether** has to be taken into account!
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This also predicts that the electromagnetic waves travel through the vacuum

at a speed  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0\mu_0}} = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ , relative (presumably) to the ether .

However, Michelson – Morley experiment did not discover any ‘Ether wind’

Einstien proposed,

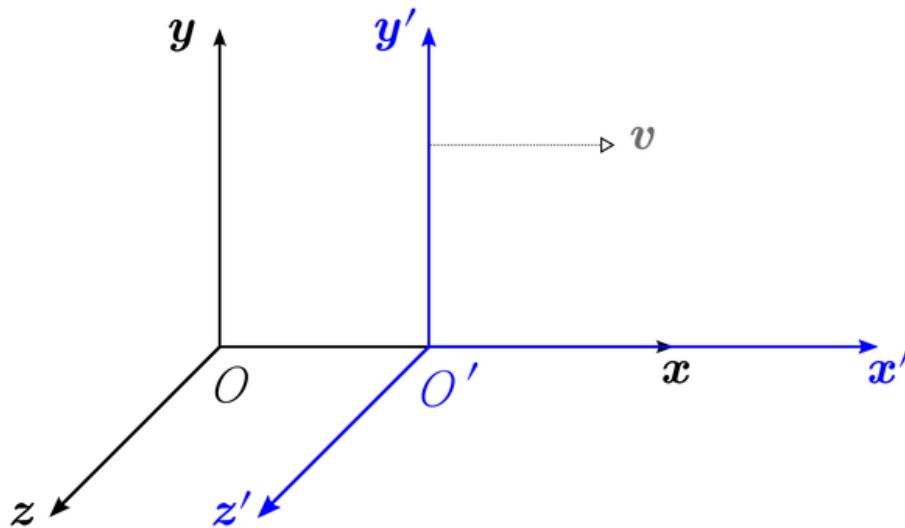
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# Special Theory of Relativity: Recap

Distance between two spacetime events is Lorentz invariant,

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$$

- Events simultaneous in one frame may not remain so for an observer moving with uniform speed.

$$\Delta \bar{t} = \sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2} \Delta t.$$

- Clocks run slower in a moving frame:

$$\Delta \bar{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} \Delta x.$$

- Objects shorten in a moving frame:

- Velocity transformations: Particle moving with speed  $u$  in frame  $S$ , an observer in the frame  $S'$  will measure its velocity as

$$\bar{u}_x = \frac{d\bar{x}}{d\bar{t}} = \frac{u_x - v}{(1 - vu_x/c^2)}, \quad \bar{u}_y = \frac{d\bar{y}}{d\bar{t}} = \frac{u_y}{\gamma(1 - vu_x/c^2)}, \quad \bar{u}_z = \frac{d\bar{z}}{d\bar{t}} = \frac{u_z}{\gamma(1 - vu_x/c^2)}.$$

- Relativistic momentum is also L

$$\mathbf{p} \equiv m\boldsymbol{\eta} = \frac{m\mathbf{u}}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}};$$

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Relativistic Energy:

$$E \equiv \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}}; \quad E^2 - p^2c^2 = m^2c^4.$$

Rest Energy:

$$E_{\text{rest}} \equiv mc^2.$$

Kinetic Energy

$$E_{\text{kin}} \equiv E - mc^2 = mc^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}} - 1 \right).$$

Transformation of Momentum-Energy

$$p'_x = \gamma \left( p_x - v \frac{E}{c^2} \right) \quad \frac{E'}{c^2} = \gamma \left( \frac{E}{c^2} - \frac{vp_x}{c^2} \right) \quad \& \quad \begin{aligned} p'_y &= p_y \\ p'_z &= p_z \end{aligned}$$

# Special Theory of Relativity: Recap

## Transformation of Forces

$$F'_x = \frac{dp'_x}{dt'} = \frac{\gamma(dp_x - v dE/c^2)}{\gamma(dt - v dx/c^2)} = \frac{\frac{dp_x}{dt} - \frac{v}{c^2} \frac{dE}{dt}}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} \frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{F_x - \frac{v}{c^2} \frac{dE}{dt}}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} u_x}$$

and using,

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}} \right) = \frac{m\vec{u}}{(1 - u^2/c^2)^{3/2}} \cdot \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{m\vec{u}}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}} \right) \cdot \vec{u} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$F'_x = \frac{F_x - \frac{v}{c^2} (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{F})}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} u_x}$$

and

$$F'_{y,z} = \frac{dp'_{y,z}}{dt'} = \frac{F_{y,z}}{\gamma \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c^2} u_x \right)}$$

For particle at rest,  $\mathbf{u} = 0$ ,

$$F'_\perp = F_\perp / \gamma, F'_\parallel = F_\parallel$$



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Fields written in components parallel & perpendicular  
to the velocity of the moving frame,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{E}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{E}_{\perp}, & \mathbf{E}' &= \mathbf{E}'_{\parallel} + \mathbf{E}'_{\perp}, \\ \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{B}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{B}_{\perp}, & \mathbf{B}' &= \mathbf{B}'_{\parallel} + \mathbf{B}'_{\perp}.\end{aligned}$$

The transformation of the parallel & perpendicular components,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}'_{\parallel} &= \mathbf{E}_{\parallel} & \mathbf{E}'_{\perp} &= \gamma(\mathbf{E}_{\perp} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_{\perp}) \\ \mathbf{B}'_{\parallel} &= \mathbf{B}_{\parallel} & \mathbf{B}'_{\perp} &= \gamma(\mathbf{B}_{\perp} - (\mathbf{v}/c^2) \times \mathbf{E}_{\perp})\end{aligned}$$

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# Maxwell's Equations

Two important consequences of Maxwell's equations:

- Possibility of electromagnetic waves
- Breakdown of Newtonian mechanics, leading to Theory of relativity.

## Compatibility of Maxwell's equations and Newton's laws:

Consider,  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  in two different reference frames, one moving with a constant velocity  $V$  with respect to the other.

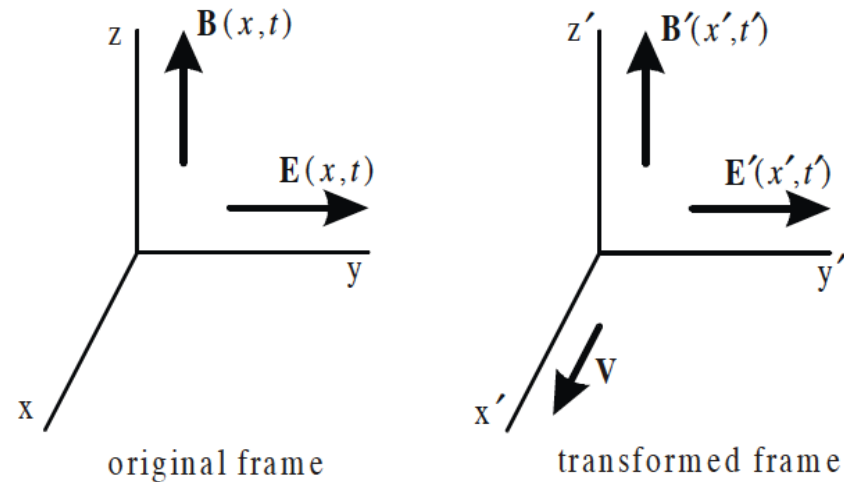
$\mathbf{E}$  &  $\mathbf{B}$  satisfy the Maxwell's equations in original frame.

Consider,  $\mathbf{E}$  in the  $y$  &  $\mathbf{B}$  in the  $z$  direction and  $\mathbf{E}$  &  $\mathbf{B}$  depend on  $x$  and  $t$ , only.

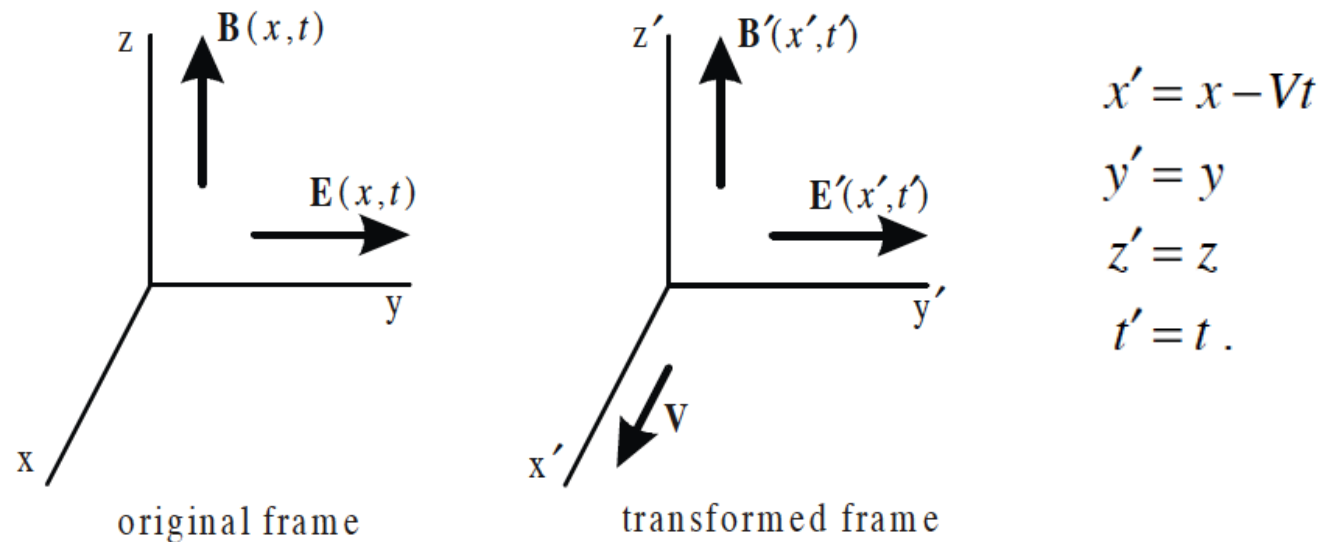
Moving frame quantities signified with primes.

Original frame fields  $\mathbf{E}(x,t)$  and  $\mathbf{B}(x,t)$  obey Maxwell's equations

Lets us see, whether the transformed fields  $\mathbf{E}'(x',t')$  and  $\mathbf{B}'(x', t')$  satisfy Maxwell's equations or not!



# Maxwell's Equations



$$x' = x - Vt$$

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Newtonian principle:  
Force same in frames  
moving with constant  
velocity with respect  
to each other.

Invariance of the Lorentz force: Force on a moving charge is independent of ref frame.

Charge  $q$  moving with velocity  $v$  in the  $x$  direction

$$q\{E - vB\} = q\{E' - v'B'\}$$

[ -from directions  
of  $v$  and  $B$ ]

However, the velocity transforms as  $v' = v - V$ ,

$$\text{hence, } E' - v'B' = (E' + VB') - vB' = E - vB.$$

Equating the coefficients of  $v$ ,

[ Sum of a  $v$ -independent  
term and one proportional to  $v$ .]

$$E = (E' + VB') \text{ and } B = B'.$$

This is the rule by which the fields transform.

# Transformation of Maxwell's Equations

Let us investigate the transformation of the curl  $\mathbf{B}$  equation (in the absence of any currents).

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}.$$

we assumed,  $\mathbf{E} = E(x, t)\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = B(x, t)\mathbf{k}$

Hence, 
$$\text{curl } \mathbf{B} = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial x} \mathbf{j} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \mathbf{j}$$

The Maxwell's equation for these fields, 
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From the co-ordinate transformations.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} &= 1 & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial t} &= -V \\ \frac{\partial t'}{\partial t} &= 1 & \frac{\partial t'}{\partial x} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

# Transformation of Maxwell's Equations

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 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial t'} \frac{\partial t'}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial x'} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial t} & \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} & \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial t'} - V \frac{\partial E}{\partial x'}
 \end{array}$$

$E = (E' + VB')$  &  $B = B'$ , using these relations in  $\frac{\partial B}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial x'}$  would give us  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial t'} - V \frac{\partial E}{\partial x'}$ .

the equation in transformed frame,

$$\frac{\partial B'}{\partial x'} = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E'}{\partial t'} + \frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ V \frac{\partial E'}{\partial x'} - V \frac{\partial B'}{\partial t'} + V^2 \frac{\partial B'}{\partial x'} \right\}$$

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Check for yourself, (Homework)