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• Relativistic quantum mechanics

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• Introduction

goal: to be able to calculate a cross-section which is measurable

To a particle is connected a wavefunction \rightarrow density of probability

Special relat. is not included in Schrödinger equation, transformations will be Lorentz transformation, speed of particle will be close to speed of light.

A first attempt made by Schrödinger for relativ. wave. equation gave the Klein-Gordon equation

Schr. starts from $E = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V$, it is not correct in relativity

$$E \rightarrow \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, p^2 \rightarrow (-i\hbar\nabla)^2$$

$\uparrow \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ $\uparrow -i\hbar\nabla$

K-G starts from the correct $\frac{E^2}{c^2} = p^2 + m^2 c^2$; $\hbar = c = 1$

Substituting derivatives:

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 + m^2 \right) \phi = 0$$

It is intended to be a wavefunction

Problem: prob. density is negative in some cases, a nonsense

Problem*: the eq. is quadratic \Rightarrow 2 solutions for E , $E = \pm \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$, a positive and a negative energy

From a classical point of view the gap from $-E$ and $+E$ is not a problem, but E is not bounded from below and a particle continues to fall, we don't see this collapse

1927: Dirac proposed a new equation, in order to solve the problem of prob. density, proposed a first-order equation in time and space

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(x,t) = (-i \underline{x} \cdot \nabla + \beta m) \psi(x,t)$$

This structure also gives the spin-orbit interaction

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↳ gives $|\psi(x,t)|^2$ positive definite

Dirac brought to the discovery of e^+ , you have unbounded negative solutions which are filled by fermions, a sea of electrons. One of these electrons can jump to $E > 0$, it leaves a hole which is filled by a positive charge with same mass and positive energy.

The hole is a particle with mass of e^- but positive charge and $E > 0$

Problem: connected to e.m. field; e.m. is a classic field, is not quantized

There were experiments that showed the wave nature of e^- ,

Solution: change in the point of view, e.m. needs to be quantized, max. equations are not quantized, we can quantize interaction part and matter part

* is the classical eq. that the field has to fulfill and then we move to a quantized version for the field, the second quantization

For the sec. quantisation we have to find the classical diff. eq. the field has to obey, one has to introduce transformations, canonical variables

We want to build a theory invariant under Lorentz transformations

Idea: we find a class of reference frames where the physics has to be the same

In Newtonian physics velocity has to be constant: $\begin{cases} \underline{x}' = \underline{x} - \underline{v}t \\ t' = t \end{cases}$

Electromagnetism is described by max. eq.: $\begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t'^2} - \nabla'^2 \right) \underline{\varphi} = \underline{e} \\ \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t'^2} - \nabla'^2 \right) \underline{A} = \underline{J} \end{cases}$

are not invariant under in fact velocity are added, not in Maxw. eq.s.

Three possibilities: $\begin{cases} \text{etherium} \\ \text{new transformations} \\ \text{both} \end{cases}$

Special relativity

Einstein postulates of relativity

Einstein postulates: $\begin{cases} \text{Laws of physics are the same in every r.f.} \\ \text{Speed of light is the same in every r.f.} \end{cases}$

Time and space mix up, this affects the composition of velocity

Event: (ct, \underline{x})

Suppose to emit a light ray in (x_1, y_1, z_1, t_1) to (x_2, y_2, z_2, t_2)

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2 + c^2(t_1 - t_2)^2 = 0 & (\Delta l = c\Delta t, \text{ viaggia la luce}) \\ -(x'_1 - x'_2)^2 + (y'_1 - y'_2)^2 + (z'_1 - z'_2)^2 + c^2(t'_1 - t'_2)^2 = 0 & \leftarrow \text{in another r.f.} \end{cases}$$

Invariant interval

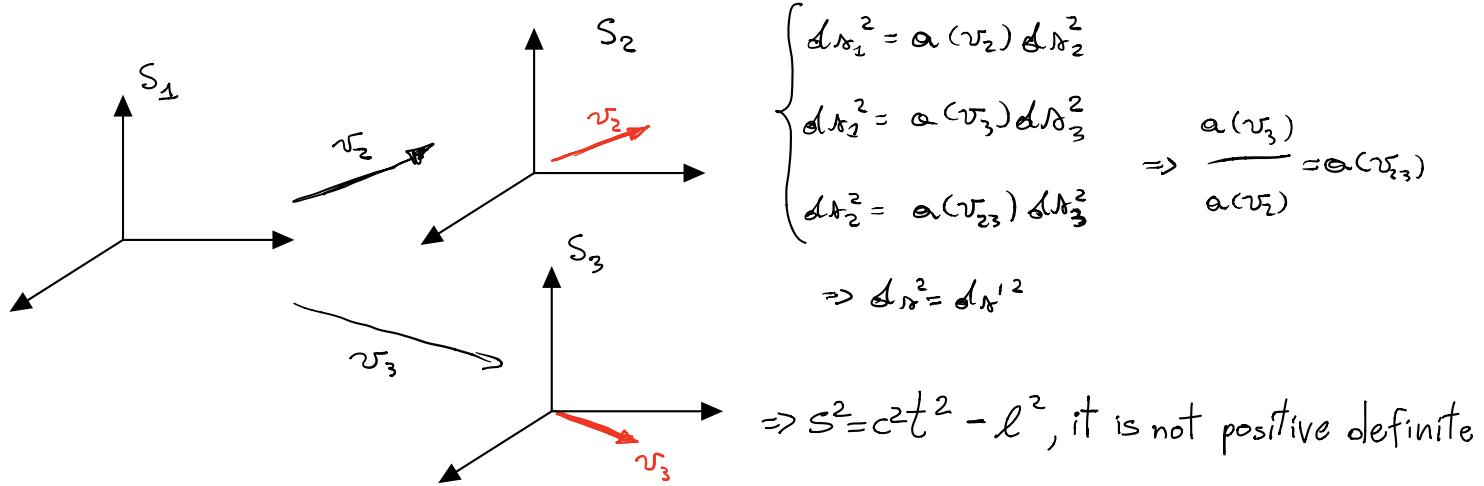
$\Delta s^2 := [c^2(t_1 - t_2)^2 - (x_1 - x_2)^2 - (y_1 - y_2)^2 - (z_1 - z_2)^2]$, it is the distance

We pass to the differential: $\begin{cases} ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2 \\ ds'^2 = c^2 dt'^2 - dx'^2 - dy'^2 - dz'^2 \end{cases}$

It must be $ds^2 = ds'^2$ because they go to ϕ at the same time

" a cannot depend from direction, because the space is homogeneous, only from the module of velocity

Now let's consider three systems as follows:



- Type of intervals, light cone

Let's see if there is a r.f. in which the events happen in the same x^*

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^2 = c^2 t^2 - l^2 = s' = c^2 t'^2 - l'^2 = c^2 t'^2 > 0$$

► If $\gamma^2 > 0 \Rightarrow$ time-like interval

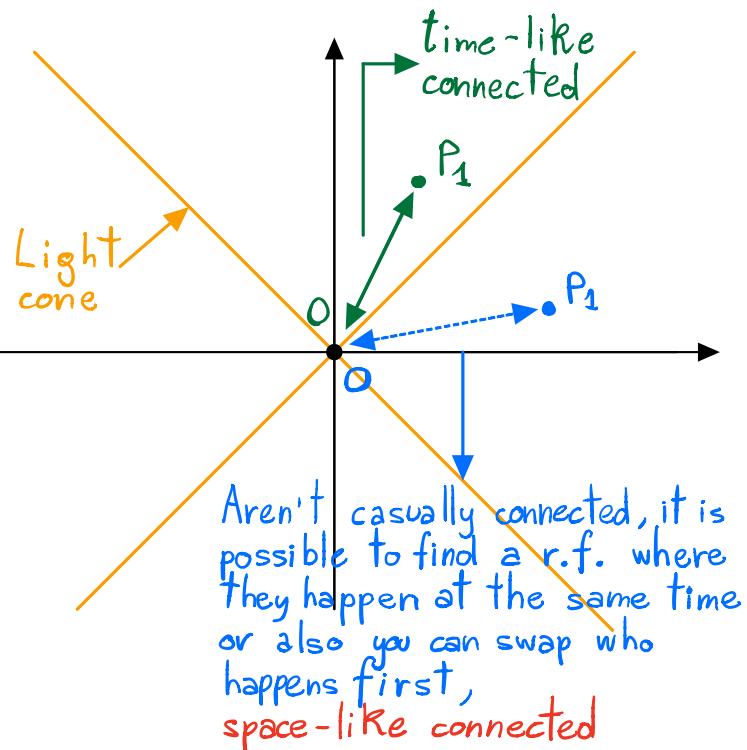
In similar way, we request the events happen at the same time

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^2 = c^2 t^2 - l^2 = s'^2 = 0 - l'^2 < 0$$

► If $\gamma^2 < 0 \Rightarrow$ space-like interval

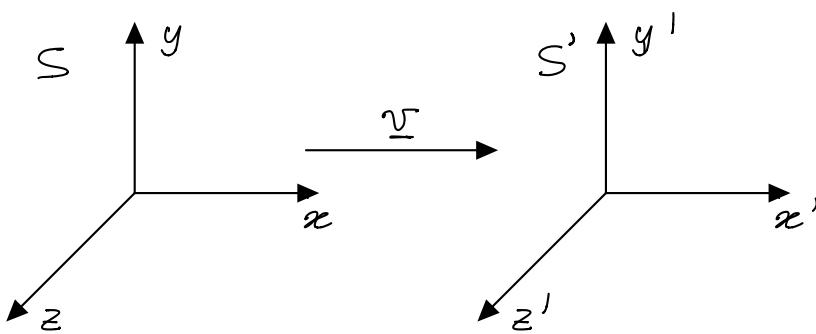
► If $\gamma^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$ light-like interval

Light cone :



- Lorentz transformations

Let's consider a system S and another S' which moves with respect to S at speed v



$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} t' = \frac{t - \frac{v}{c^2} x}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \\ x' = \frac{x - vt}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \\ y' = y \\ z' = z \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x'^1 \\ x'^2 \\ x'^3 \\ x'^4 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \\ x^4 \end{pmatrix}; \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}, -\beta \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}, 0, 0 \\ -\beta \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}, 0, 0 \\ 0, 0, 1, 0 \\ 0, 0, 0, 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we obtain the transformation (boost on x):

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Because of homogeneity of spacetime, we can have only a linear transformation

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} t' = \alpha_{00}t + \alpha_{01}x + \alpha_{02}y + \alpha_{03}z \\ x' = \alpha_{10}t + \alpha_{11}x + \alpha_{12}y + \alpha_{13}z \\ y' = \dots \\ z' = \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } t+t'=0 \Rightarrow 0 \equiv 0' \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{If } x=0 \Rightarrow x'=0 \\ \text{If } y=0 \Rightarrow y'=0 \\ \text{If } z=0 \Rightarrow z'=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha_{13}=0, \alpha_{31}=0 \\ \alpha_{23}=0, \alpha_{32}=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y' = \alpha_{20}t + \alpha_{22}y \\ z' = \alpha_{30}t + \alpha_{33}z \end{cases}$$

We see from S what happens in S'

$$\Delta x = v\Delta t, \Delta y = 0, \Delta z = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_{10} + \alpha_{11}v = 0$$

$$\Delta x' = 0 = \Delta y = \Delta z \Rightarrow \alpha_{20} = \alpha_{30} = 0 \text{ because are orthogonal to the movement}$$

In similar way, $\alpha_{00} = \alpha_{11}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} t' = \alpha_{00}t + \alpha_{01}x \\ x' = \alpha_{00}(x-vt) \\ y' = \alpha_{22}y \\ z' = \alpha_{33}z \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{If we put a bar in S its length } l \text{ is } \alpha_{22}l' \\ \text{also if we put in S' its length } l' \text{ is } \alpha_{22}l \end{array} \Rightarrow \alpha_{22} = 1 \quad \alpha_{33} = 1$$

Now we impose the invariance of ds^2 :

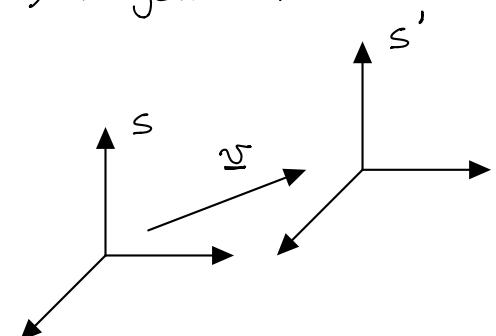
$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dl^2 = ds'^2 = c^2 dt'^2 - dl'^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 &= c^2 \underline{\frac{dt'^2}{}} - \underline{\frac{dx'^2}{}} \\ \Rightarrow c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 &= c^2 (\alpha_{00} dt + \alpha_{01} dx)^2 - \alpha_{00}^2 (dx - v dt)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{00} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}} ; \alpha_{10} = \frac{v^2}{c^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

We found the transformation for a boost on x, in general

$$\begin{cases} x' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} (x - \beta z \hat{v}) \\ z' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} (z - vt) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} (z - \beta x) \\ z'_\perp = z_\perp \end{cases}$$

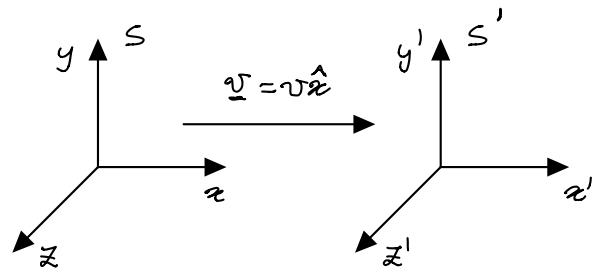


$$\begin{cases} \underline{x}_{||} = \frac{\underline{x} \cdot \underline{v}}{|\underline{v}|} \frac{\underline{v}}{|\underline{v}|} \\ \underline{x}_{\perp} = \underline{x} - (\underline{x} \cdot \underline{v}) \underline{v} \end{cases} ; \quad \hat{v} = \frac{\underline{v}}{|\underline{v}|}$$

• Composition of velocity

Let's consider a boost on \underline{x} :

$$\begin{cases} t' = t + \frac{v}{c^2} x \\ x' = x - \frac{vt}{c^2} \\ y' = y \\ z' = z \end{cases} \quad ; \quad \begin{cases} t = t' + \frac{v}{c^2} x \\ x = x' + vt \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{cases}$$



$$m_x = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt'} \frac{dt'}{dt} = \frac{(m_x' - v)}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \frac{(1 - \frac{v}{c^2} m_x)}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{m_x' - \frac{v}{c^2} m_x m_x' - v + \beta^2 m_x}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_x = \frac{m_x' + v}{1 + \frac{v}{c^2} m_x'} ; \quad m_y = \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt'} \frac{dt'}{dt} = \frac{m_y' \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}{1 + \frac{v}{c^2} m_x'}$$

$m_x' \leq c$; $v \leq c$, they don't add up:

$$(c - m_x') \geq 0 ; (c - v) \geq 0$$

$$(c - m_x')(c - v) = c^2 - cv - m_x' c + m_x' v \geq 0$$

$$1 + \frac{m_x' v}{c^2} \geq \frac{m_x' + v}{c} ; \quad m_x = \frac{m_x' + v}{1 + \frac{v}{c^2} m_x'} \Rightarrow \frac{m_x' + v}{c} = \left(1 + \frac{v}{c^2} m_x'\right) \frac{m_x}{c}$$

$$\cancel{\left(1 + \frac{m_x' v}{c^2}\right)} \geq \frac{m_x' + v}{c} = \cancel{\left(1 + \frac{v}{c^2} m_x'\right)} \frac{m_x}{c} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{m_x}{c} < 1} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{If } m_x' \rightarrow c \\ \Rightarrow m_x \rightarrow c \end{array}$$

- 1) Consider a bar of length l_0 in S' , show that from S we see l_0 contracted
- 2) Show that $\Delta t'$ between two events in S' and Δt in S $> \Delta t'$
- 3) Bruno Rossi experiment: $\mu \rightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \gamma_\mu$

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \tau = 2.16 \text{ yrs in the rest frame of } \mu$$

We see $560 \mu/\text{hour}$
after 2000 m what we see? $v = 0.995 c$

• Vectors and tensors

After the introduction of Lorentz transformations, we now want to study how mathematical objects, that will be used to describe our Physics, transform under Lorentz transformations (LT). This is the subject of Tensor Analysis.

Let us start introducing a more general definition of vectors in a Euclidean space.

• Vectors and contravariant components

In Special Relativity (SR) we have to deal with different kind of vectors. The fact that in Newtonian mechanics, for instance, we do need just the usual Euclidean definition is simply due to the fact that usually we use an orthonormal system of basis vectors for my vectorial space. In this situation the metric tensor reduces to a Kronecker delta function and it becomes impossible to appreciate the difference between different definitions of vectors.

Let us consider a vector space \mathcal{V} on \mathbb{R} , let $\{\underline{e}_i\}$ be a basis for \mathcal{V}

\Rightarrow If $\underline{v} \in \mathcal{V} \Rightarrow \underline{v} = v^i \underline{e}_i$, **contravariant vector**

Of course you can move from one basis to another:

$$\underline{e}'_i = \Lambda^j_i \underline{e}_j, (\det \Lambda \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{v} = v^j \underline{e}_j = v^i \underline{e}'_i = \underbrace{v^i}_{(\Lambda^{-1})^i_j} \Lambda^j_i \underline{e}_j \Rightarrow v^j = \Lambda^j_i v^i$$

$$\Rightarrow v^i = (\Lambda^{-1})^i_j v^j$$

Contravariant, they transform with the inverse

In matrix notation: : $\underline{v} = \Lambda^T \underline{v}' ; \underline{v}' = (\Lambda^T)^{-1} \underline{v} = (\Lambda^{-1})^T \underline{v}$

• Dual vectors and covariant components

For every \mathcal{V} there is a dual space \mathcal{V}^* , which is the vect.sp. of linear functionals on \mathcal{V} :

$$\sigma: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\underline{v} \rightarrow \sigma(\underline{v})$$

\mathcal{V}^* is a vectorial space \Rightarrow exist a basis $\{\underline{k}^i\} \Rightarrow \sigma = \sigma_i \underline{k}^i$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(\underline{v}) = \sigma_i \underline{k}^i(\underline{v}) \xrightarrow[\text{Contravariant}]{} \sigma_i \underline{k}^i(v^j e_j) = \sigma_i v^j \underline{k}^i(e_j)$$

We say that the two chosen basis are **dual** if $\underline{k}^i(e_j) = \delta_j^i$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_i(\underline{v}) = \sigma_i v^j \quad \text{it is not a scalar product! } \underline{v}, \underline{v} \text{ belong to different spaces}$$

Let be two dual bases $\Rightarrow \underline{k}^i(\underline{v}) = \underline{k}^i(v^j e_j) = v^j \underline{k}^i(e_j) = v^j \delta_j^i = v^i$

\Rightarrow The dual base selects the i -component, on the other hand:

$$\sigma(e_j) = \sigma_i \underline{k}^i(e_j) = \sigma_j$$

We know that $e'_i = \Lambda_i^j e_j$, how are \underline{k} affected by the change?

$$\{\underline{k}^i\} \rightarrow \{\underline{k}'^i\} \quad \sigma = \sigma_i \underline{k}'^i$$

$$\sigma'_i = \sigma(e'_i) = \sigma_j \underline{k}'^j(e'_j) = \sigma_j \underline{k}'^j(\Lambda_i^\ell e_\ell) = \sigma_j \Lambda_i^\ell \underline{k}'^\ell(e_\ell) = \sigma_j \Lambda_i^\ell \delta_\ell^j = \sigma_j \Lambda_i^j$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sigma'_i = \Lambda_i^j \sigma_j}$$

Covariant, transforms
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⑨ • Scalar product and Metric Tensor

The scalar product between two vectors of \mathcal{V} is an application of $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ bilinear, symmetric and non degenerate: $\underline{v}, \underline{w} \in \mathcal{V} \rightarrow (\underline{v}, \underline{w}) \in \mathbb{R}$

The functional $f_v := (\underline{v}, \cdot)$ is such that $\underline{w} \in \mathcal{V} \rightarrow f_v(\underline{w}) = (\underline{v}, \underline{w}) \in \mathbb{R}$

Let $\underline{v} = v^i e_i$, $v_\mu = (\underline{v}, e_\mu) = (v^\nu e_\nu, e_\mu) = v^\nu (e_\nu, e_\mu) = v^\nu g_{\mu\nu}$,

$g_{\mu\nu}$ is the **metric tensor**.

$$v_\mu = g_{\mu\nu} v^\nu, \text{ relation between cov and contr. indices}$$

If g_{ij} is pos.def., there exists a basis where $g_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$, not the case of special relativity, the Minkowski space has got a not pos-def. distance.

$$v'_\mu = (\underline{v}, e'_\mu) = (v^\ell e_\ell, \Lambda^\nu_\mu e_\nu) = v^\ell \Lambda^\nu_\mu (e_\ell, e_\nu) = v^\ell \Lambda^\nu_\mu g_{\nu\lambda} = \Lambda^\nu_\mu v_\lambda$$

$$g'_{ij} = (e'_i, e'_j) = (\Lambda^k_i e_k, \Lambda^l_j e_l) = \Lambda^k_i \Lambda^l_j (e_k, e_l) = \Lambda^k_i \Lambda^l_j g_{kl}$$

$$\Rightarrow g'_{ij} = \Lambda^k_i \Lambda^l_j g_{kl}$$

Every component transforms
in covariant way

We can also define the **inverse of the metric tensor** such that

$$g^{\mu\nu} g_{\nu\ell} = \delta^\mu_\ell$$

$$(\underline{v}, \underline{w}) = v^i w^j (e_i, e_j) = v^i w^j g_{ij}$$

$$(\underline{u}, \underline{v}) = u_\nu v_\mu g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$g'^{lm} = (\Lambda^{-1})^\ell_r (\Lambda^{-1})^m_s g^{rs}$$

- Tensor of rank (p, q)

It is a collection of n^{p+q} numbers, usually expressed as

$$T_{j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} = (\Lambda^{-1})_{j_1}^{i_1} \dots (\Lambda^{-1})_{j_q}^{i_q} \Lambda_{k_1}^{i_1} \dots \Lambda_{k_p}^{i_p} T_{l_1 \dots l_q}^{k_1 \dots k_p}$$

$$T_{l_1 \dots l_q}^{k_1 \dots k_p} = \Lambda_{l_1}^{j_1} \dots \Lambda_{l_q}^{j_q} (\Lambda^{-1})_{i_1}^{k_1} \dots (\Lambda^{-1})_{i_p}^{k_p} T_{j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p}$$

$A_{j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} = B_{j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p}$ means that is valid for every component and it is valid under Lorentz-transformation.

- We define a sum:

$$A_{j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} + B_{j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} = C_{j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} \quad (p, q)$$

It is demonstrated showing that LHS transforms as a (p, q) tensor

- We def. a product:

$$A \in (p, q) ; B \in (k, l) \Rightarrow C_{j_1 \dots j_q, l_1 \dots l_k}^{i_1 \dots i_p \dots i_{p+k}} = A_{j_1 \dots j_q}^{i_1 \dots i_p} B_{l_1 \dots l_k}^{i_1 \dots i_p}$$

- We can contract indices

$A^\mu B_\nu = C^\mu_\nu$ is the product

$A^\mu B_\mu = g^{\mu\nu} A_\mu B_\nu$ is the contraction

- Relation between tensors

If $\underbrace{T_\beta^\alpha}_{\downarrow} = U_\beta^\alpha$, we transform $\Rightarrow T_\beta^\alpha = \Lambda_\gamma^\alpha \Lambda_\delta^\beta T_\delta^\gamma = \Lambda_\gamma^\alpha \Lambda_\delta^\beta U_\delta^\gamma = U_\beta^\alpha$

The relation between tensors is covariant

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- M^4 space, $\eta_{\mu\nu}$ tensor

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \eta^{\mu\nu}, \text{ the space is called } M^4$$

Not positive definite

Scalar product: $x^\mu x_\mu = \eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu = \eta^{\mu\nu} x_\mu x_\nu = x^0 - x^1 - x^2 - x^3$

$v^\mu = (v^0, \underline{v})$ ^{spatial comp. $\in \mathbb{R}^3$} is contravariant, from the def. we obtain the covariant

as $v_\mu = \eta_{\mu\nu} v^\nu \Rightarrow v_\mu = (v^0, -\underline{v})$

Boost: $\Lambda_\nu^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x'^\mu = \Lambda_\nu^\mu x^\nu$

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu = x^2 = x'^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} x'^\mu x'^\nu = \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda_\mu^\mu \Lambda_\nu^\nu x^\mu x^\nu = \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda_\mu^\mu \Lambda_\nu^\nu x^\mu x^\nu$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda_\mu^\mu \Lambda_\nu^\nu = \eta_{\mu\nu}}$$

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The boosts Λ_ν^μ form a group:

- If $v=0 \Rightarrow \Lambda_\nu^\mu (v=0) = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow \mathbb{1} \in \{\Lambda_\nu^\mu\}$
- $x'^\mu = \Lambda_\nu^\mu x^\nu = [\Lambda_\nu^\mu \Lambda_\sigma^\nu] x^\sigma$, $\Lambda_\nu^\mu \Lambda_\sigma^\nu$ is a boost again:

$$\# = \underbrace{\eta_{\mu\nu} (\Lambda_\mu^\mu \Lambda_\nu^\nu)}_{\mathbb{1}} (\Lambda_\omega^\omega \Lambda_\delta^\delta) = \underbrace{\eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda_\mu^\mu \Lambda_\nu^\nu}_{\eta_{\mu\nu}} \Lambda_\omega^\omega \Lambda_\delta^\delta =$$

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$$= \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda_\mu^\mu \Lambda_\nu^\nu = \eta_{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow \Lambda_\mu^\mu \Lambda_\nu^\nu ; \Lambda_\omega^\omega \Lambda_\delta^\delta \text{ are boosts because } \# \text{ behaves as } *$$

- There exist $\Lambda^{-1}: \Lambda^{-1} = \Lambda(-v)$, because

I move in the opposite direction: $\Lambda^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ \beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$



• Dynamics of a classical free particle

Velocity in newt. mechanics: $\underline{v} = \frac{dx}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{dx^\mu}{dt}$ not invariant, not a good choice

$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dl^2 = ds'^2$, we can move to the r.f. where the system is at rest,

$$\Rightarrow dl^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Proper time } d\tau = dt \sqrt{1-\beta^2}$$

In that r.f., $ds^2 = c^2 d\tau^2 \Rightarrow d\tau$ is invariant

$$\Rightarrow u^\mu = (u^0, \underline{u}) := \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} = \gamma \frac{dx^\mu}{dt} ; u^0 = \frac{dx^0}{dt \sqrt{...}} = \gamma c ; \underline{u} = \frac{dx}{dt \sqrt{...}} = \gamma \underline{v}$$

It is a time-like vector: $u^\mu u_\mu = \frac{c^2}{1-\beta^2} - \frac{\underline{v}^2}{1-\beta^2} = c^2 > 0$

$$\alpha^\mu := \frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} = \gamma \frac{du^\mu}{dt} ; Q^0 = \frac{\underline{v} \cdot \underline{\alpha}}{c(1-\beta^2)} ; Q = \frac{\underline{\alpha}}{(1-\beta^2)} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\underline{v} \cdot \underline{\alpha}}{(1-\beta^2)} \underline{v}$$

$\alpha^\mu u_\mu = 0$, they are orthogonal

$$P = m \underline{v} \Rightarrow \text{we define } P^\mu := m u^\mu = (m \gamma c, m \gamma \underline{v})$$

Also a time-like vector: $P^2 = P^\mu P_\mu = P^0{}^2 - |P|^2 = \frac{m^2 c^2}{1-\beta^2} - \frac{m^2 \underline{v}^2}{1-\beta^2} = m^2 c^2 > 0$

$$\text{Lagrangian: } L = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\underline{v}^2}{c^2}} \quad p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{v}} = \frac{m \underline{v}}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$$

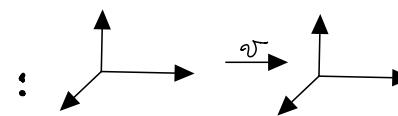
$$E = p \cdot \underline{v} - L = m \gamma \underline{v}^2 + \frac{mc^2}{\gamma} = m \gamma c^2 ; \text{ if } \beta \rightarrow 0, E \approx mc^2 + \frac{mv^2}{2}$$

$$P^2 = \frac{m^2}{\gamma^2} = \underline{p}^2 \Rightarrow E^2 = p^2 + m^2$$

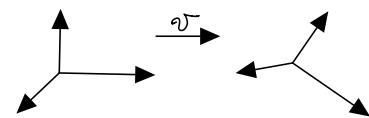
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- Lorentz transformations form a group

$$x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu, \text{ simple boost}$$



$$\text{boost and rotation :}$$



You can connect them with a rotation and a boost

$$\text{Boost: } \Lambda^\mu_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \text{Rotation: } \Lambda^\mu_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } R \text{ is a 3D rotation}$$

$$RR^T = 1$$

Lorentz transformation are such that $x'^2 = x^2$

$$x'^2 = x^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu \Rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\sigma \Lambda^\nu_e = \eta_{\sigma e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Lambda^\mu_\sigma \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\nu_e = \eta_{\sigma e}} \quad \star$$

Lorentz tr. form a group:

► $\mathbb{1}$ is a Lorentz transf.: $\Lambda^\mu_\nu = \delta^\mu_\nu$ satisfies \star

► $x^\mu \xrightarrow{\Lambda_1} x'^\mu \xrightarrow{\Lambda_2} x''^\mu; \quad \Lambda_1 \Lambda_2$ is a Lor. tr., proof is the same
as in page (11)

► Λ^{-1} is a Lorentz transformation:

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\sigma \Lambda^\nu_e = \eta_{\sigma e} \Rightarrow \eta^{\sigma'e} \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\mu_\sigma \Lambda^\nu_e = \eta^{\sigma'e} \eta_{\sigma e} = \delta^{\sigma'}_e$$

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 $\eta^{\mu e} \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^\nu_e = (\Lambda^{-1})^\mu_e$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu} (\Lambda^{-1})^\mu_\sigma (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu_e = \eta_{\mu\nu} (\eta^{\mu\xi} \eta_{\xi\omega} \Lambda^\omega_\sigma) (\eta^{\nu\xi'} \eta_{\xi'\omega} \Lambda^\omega_\xi) =$$

$$= \frac{\delta_\nu^\xi}{\eta_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu\xi} \eta^{\nu\xi'}} \eta_{\xi\omega} \eta_{\xi'\omega} \Lambda^\omega_\xi \Lambda^{\omega'}_{\xi'} = \eta^{\xi\xi'} \eta_{\xi\omega} \eta_{\xi'\omega} \Lambda^\omega_\xi \Lambda^{\omega'}_{\xi'} =$$

$$= \left[\eta_{\xi\omega} \wedge^{\omega}_{\bar{\xi}} = \underbrace{\eta_{\xi'\omega} \wedge^{\omega}_{\bar{\xi}} \wedge^{\xi'}_{\ell}}_{\ast \eta_{\xi\ell}} (\wedge^{-1})_{\xi}^{\ell} = \eta_{\xi\ell} (\wedge^{-1})_{\xi}^{\ell} \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{\eta^{\xi\xi'} \eta_{\xi\ell}}_{\delta_{\xi}^{\xi'}} (\wedge^{-1})_{\xi}^{\ell} \eta_{\ell\omega} \wedge^{\omega}_{\bar{\xi}} = (\wedge^{-1})_{\xi}^{\ell} \wedge^{\omega}_{\ell} \eta_{\ell\omega} = \eta_{\ell\xi}$$

$\Rightarrow \$$ behaves as $\star \Rightarrow \wedge^{-1}$ is a Lor. tr.



$$\begin{cases} \det \Lambda = \pm 1 \text{ because } \det(\eta \Lambda) = \det(\eta) \Rightarrow (\det \Lambda)^2 = 1 \\ \det(\Delta_{\nu}^{\mu}) = +1 \end{cases}$$

$$(\Lambda^{\circ}_o)^2 - (\Lambda^{\circ}_o)^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} \Lambda^{\circ}_o \Lambda^{\circ}_o = \eta_{oo} = 1 \Rightarrow (\Lambda^{\circ}_o)^2 > 1$$

Λ°_o is a 4-vector

There are two kinds of transformations : $\begin{cases} \Lambda^{\circ}_o \geq 1 \\ \Lambda^{\circ}_o \leq -1 \end{cases}$

Proper orthochronous Lorentz group

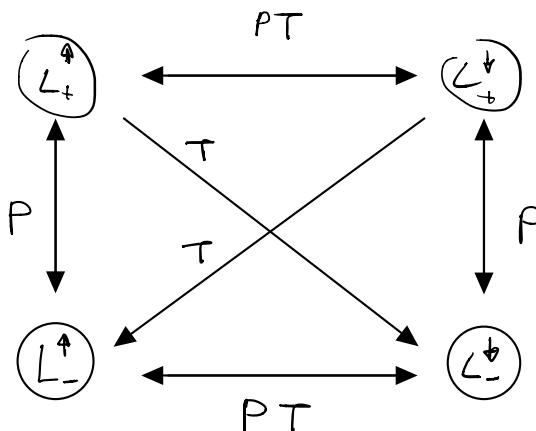
Λ°_o	$\det \Lambda$
≥ 1	+1
≤ -1	+1
≥ 1	-1
≤ -1	-1

• Examples

- P such that $x^{\mu} = (x^0, \underline{x}) \rightarrow x'^{\mu} = (x^0, -\underline{x})$

$$P \in L_{-}^{\dagger}, \text{ space reversal} \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in L_{-}^{\dagger}$, time reversal



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Poincaré group

Translation + Lor. tr.

Let's consider a transform. $x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu + a^\mu ; \Delta x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu \Delta x^\nu$

$T(\Lambda, a)$ is a group:

Constant vector

$$\rightarrow T(\Lambda', a') T(\Lambda, a) = T(\Lambda' \Lambda, \underbrace{\Lambda' a + a'}_{\text{constant vector}})$$

In fact

$$x''^\mu = \Lambda''^\mu_\nu x'^\nu + a''^\mu = \Lambda''^\mu_\nu (\Lambda^\nu_\ell x^\ell + a^\nu) + a''^\mu = \Lambda''^\mu_\nu \Lambda^\nu_\ell x^\ell + \Lambda''^\mu_\nu a^\nu + a''^\mu$$

$T(\Lambda' \Lambda, \Lambda' a + a') \in T(\Lambda, a)$ because Λ' is a L.t. and

$\Lambda' a + a'$ is a constant vector

\rightarrow Identity : $\mathbb{1} = T(\delta^\mu_\nu, 0) \in T(\Lambda, a)$

\rightarrow Inverse : $T^{-1}(\Lambda, a) = T(\Lambda^{-1}, -\Lambda^{-1} a) \in T(\Lambda, a)$ because Λ^{-1} is a L.t. and $\Lambda^{-1} a$ is a const. vector.

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Infinitesimal transformation

We can consider an infinitesimal transformation

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \Lambda^\mu_\nu \rightarrow \delta^\mu_\nu + \delta\omega^\mu_\nu & , \delta\omega^\mu_\nu \text{ is a small deformation, we call } \delta\omega^\mu_\nu = \varepsilon^\mu_\nu \\ a^\mu \rightarrow \delta a^\mu & , \delta a^\mu \text{ is a small displacement, we call } \delta a^\mu = \varepsilon^\mu \end{cases}$$

$$x'^\mu = (\delta^\mu_\nu + \varepsilon^\mu_\nu) x^\nu + \varepsilon^\mu \approx x^\mu + \varepsilon^\mu_\nu x^\nu + \varepsilon^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu} = (\delta^\mu_\nu + \varepsilon^\mu_\nu) \eta_{\mu\nu} (\delta^\nu_\ell + \varepsilon^\nu_\ell) = (\delta^\mu_\nu \eta_{\mu\nu} + \varepsilon^\mu_\nu \eta_{\mu\nu})(\delta^\nu_\ell + \varepsilon^\nu_\ell)$$

$$= \delta^\mu_\nu \eta_{\mu\nu} \delta^\nu_\ell + \varepsilon^\mu_\nu \eta_{\mu\nu} \delta^\nu_\ell + \delta^\mu_\nu \eta_{\mu\nu} \varepsilon^\nu_\ell =$$

$$= \eta_{\mu\nu} + \varepsilon^\mu_\nu \eta_{\mu\nu} \delta^\nu_\ell + \delta^\mu_\nu \eta_{\mu\nu} \varepsilon^\nu_\ell = \cancel{\eta_{\mu\nu}} + \varepsilon_{\mu\nu} + \varepsilon_{\nu\mu} \Rightarrow \varepsilon_{\mu\nu} = -\varepsilon_{\nu\mu}$$

Lagrangian description of the mechanics

Lagrangian and Hamiltonian mechanics

$$L = L(q, \dot{q}, t); \text{ action: } S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(q, \dot{q}, t) dt$$

Hamilton principle: $\delta S = 0$ (Lagrangian motion equation)

Lagrangian and relativity

We need that our equations are invariant, so S must be composed by Lorentz invariants, dt is not an invariant, but $d\tau = \frac{dt}{\gamma}$ is

$$\Rightarrow S := \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} L(x^\mu, \dot{x}^\mu, \tau) d\tau \xrightarrow{\text{invariant}} (L \text{ must be LT invariant})?$$

If L is LT invariant, then it satisfies $L'(x'^\mu, \dot{x}'^\mu, \tau') = L(x^\mu, \dot{x}^\mu, \tau)$
We can vary anything in the path

Let's do a path transformation,
it can be any transf., not only LT

$$\begin{cases} \tau \rightarrow \tau' & = \tau + \delta\tau(\tau) \\ x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu(\tau') = x^\mu(\tau) + \delta x^\mu(\tau) \\ \dot{x}^\mu \rightarrow \dot{x}'^\mu(\tau') = \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) + \delta \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) \end{cases}$$

$$\delta S = \int L'(x'^\mu, \dot{x}'^\mu, \tau') d\tau' - \int L(x^\mu, \dot{x}^\mu, \tau) d\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(x'^\mu(\tau'), \dot{x}'^\mu(\tau'), \tau') &\approx L(x^\mu(\tau), \dot{x}^\mu(\tau), \tau) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \tau} \delta\tau + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \delta \dot{x}^\mu = \\ &= \left[\frac{dL}{d\tau} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \frac{\partial \dot{x}^\mu}{\partial \tau} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial \tau} = \frac{dL}{d\tau} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \dot{x}^\mu - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \ddot{x}^\mu \right] = \\ &= L(\tau) + \frac{dL}{d\tau} \delta\tau + \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} (\delta x^\mu - \dot{x}^\mu \delta\tau) \right] + \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} (\delta \dot{x}^\mu - \ddot{x}^\mu \delta\tau) \right] \\ &\bullet d\tau' = d\tau + \frac{d}{d\tau} \delta\tau d\tau = d\tau \left(1 + \frac{d}{d\tau} \delta\tau \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \delta S = \int d\tau \left(1 + \frac{d}{d\tau} \delta \tau \right) \left[L + \frac{dL}{d\tau} \delta \tau + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} (\delta x^\mu - \dot{x}^\mu \delta \tau) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} (\delta \dot{x}^\mu - \ddot{x}^\mu \delta \tau) \right] - \int d\tau L$$

$$= \int \left[\frac{d}{d\tau} (L d\tau) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} (\delta x^\mu - \dot{x}^\mu \delta \tau) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} (\delta \dot{x}^\mu - \ddot{x}^\mu \delta \tau) \right] d\tau$$

Let's define the local variation $\delta_0 x^\mu = x'^\mu(\tau) - x^\mu(\tau)$

$$\delta x^\mu(\tau) = x'^\mu(\tau') - x^\mu(\tau) = \underbrace{x'^\mu(\tau') - x'^\mu(\tau)}_{\simeq \text{derivative}} + \boxed{x'^\mu(\tau) - x^\mu(\tau)} \simeq$$

can be canceled at the first order

$$= \delta_0 x^\mu + \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) \delta \tau \Rightarrow$$

\Rightarrow The local variation is $\delta_0 x^\mu = \delta x^\mu(\tau) - \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) \delta \tau$

$$= \delta_0 \dot{x}^\mu$$

$$\delta \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) = \dot{x}'^\mu(\tau') - \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) = \underbrace{\dot{x}'^\mu(\tau') - \dot{x}'^\mu(\tau)}_{\simeq \text{derivative}} + \boxed{\dot{x}'^\mu(\tau) - \dot{x}^\mu(\tau)} \simeq$$

$$\simeq \delta_0 \dot{x}^\mu + \ddot{x}^\mu(\tau) \delta \tau = \frac{d}{d\tau} \delta_0 x^\mu + \ddot{x}^\mu(\tau) \delta \tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta \dot{x}^\mu - \dot{x}^\mu \delta \tau = \frac{d}{d\tau} \delta_0 x^\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta S = \int d\tau \left[\frac{d}{d\tau} (L \delta \tau) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \delta_0 x^\mu + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \frac{d}{d\tau} (\delta_0 x^\mu) \right]$$

we integrate by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= \int d\tau \left[\frac{d}{d\tau} (L \delta \tau) + \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \delta_0 x^\mu \right) - \left(\frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \right) \delta_0 x^\mu \right] = \\ &= \int d\tau \left[- \left(\frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \right) \delta_0 x^\mu + \frac{d}{d\tau} \left[\left(L - \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \dot{x}^\mu \right) \delta \tau \right] \right] + \end{aligned}$$

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$$+ \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \delta x^\mu \right) \Big]$$

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Let $\delta x^\mu(\tau_1) = \delta x^\mu(\tau_2) = 0 \Rightarrow \int \star = \int \star = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \delta S = \int d\tau \left\{ \left(\frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \right) \delta x^\mu \right\} \quad \forall \delta x^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta S = 0 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} = 0}, \text{ Lagrange equation}$$

- Relativistic free particle

L has to be written as $L = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \dot{x}^\mu$ (homogeneous function)

$$\text{Let } L = \alpha \sqrt{\dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}_\mu} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow S &= \int \alpha \sqrt{\dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}_\mu} d\tau = \alpha \int \sqrt{dx_\mu dx^\mu} = \alpha \int \sqrt{ds^2} = \alpha \int ds = \alpha c \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} dt = \\ &= \alpha c \int \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} dt = \alpha c \int \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \frac{\alpha c}{\gamma} \simeq \alpha c \left(1 - \frac{\beta^2}{2} \right) = \alpha c - \alpha \frac{v^2}{2c};$$

The classic limit has to be $L = T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \Rightarrow \alpha = -mc$

$$\Rightarrow L = -mc^2 + \frac{mv^2}{2} + \dots \Rightarrow L = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} = -\frac{mc^2}{\gamma}$$

$$\boxed{L = -mc \sqrt{\dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}_\mu}}$$

If $\frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} = \text{const}$, a conservation law

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} = - \left(\frac{mc}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}, - \frac{mv}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \right) = -P_\mu$$

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- Lagrangian invariant under Poinc. tr

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(\dot{x}'^\mu, x'^\mu, \tau) &\approx L(\dot{x}^\mu, x^\mu, \tau) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \delta \dot{x}^\mu = \\
 &= L(\dot{x}^\mu, x^\mu, \tau) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \frac{d}{d\tau} \delta x^\mu = \\
 &= L(\dot{x}^\mu, x^\mu, \tau) + \cancel{\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\mu} \delta x^\mu} + \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \delta x^\mu \right) - \cancel{\left(\frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \right)} \delta x^\mu \\
 &\quad \text{BECAUSE OF MOTION EQUATION} \\
 &= L(\dot{x}^\mu, x^\mu, \tau) + \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \delta x^\mu \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

If L is LT invariant \Rightarrow it is needed $\frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \delta x^\mu \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \delta x^\mu = \text{const.}$ *

$$\left(\Rightarrow P_\mu = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} = \text{const} \right)$$

Let's consider a Poinc. transf:

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = \Lambda_\nu^\mu x^\nu + \alpha^\mu \rightarrow (\delta_\nu^\mu + \varepsilon_\nu^\mu) x^\nu + \varepsilon^\mu \quad (\text{infinitesimal})$$

$$P_\mu = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} \text{const} = P_\mu (\varepsilon_\nu^\mu x^\nu + \varepsilon^\mu) = P_\mu \underbrace{\varepsilon_\nu^\mu x^\nu}_{=\varepsilon^{\mu\nu} x_\nu} + P_\mu \varepsilon^\mu$$

$$P_\mu x_\nu \varepsilon^{\mu\nu} = \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(P_\mu x_\nu + P_\nu x_\mu \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(P_\mu x_\nu - P_\nu x_\mu \right) \right] \varepsilon^{\mu\nu}$$

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Anti-symm

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu} (P_\mu x_\nu - P_\nu x_\mu) + \underbrace{\varepsilon^\mu P_\mu}_{\substack{\text{Angular momentum} \\ \text{-like}}} = \text{const} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu} (P_\mu x_\nu - P_\nu x_\mu) = \text{const}$$

$$x_\mu P_\nu = M_{\mu\nu} = \text{const}$$

$\Rightarrow M$ and P are constants for the imposition of Lorentz invariance.