

PHY 101: Classical Quantum and Relativistic Mechanics

Assignment 4 [Special Relativity]

Assigned: 05 March 2020

Submission: 19 March 2020

Write the answers to the following questions in loose A4 size sheets and staple them together. Write in the top sheet your **Name, Roll no, Serial no with batch ID**. You need to submit the assignment to the tutors of the respective sections during the tutorials on or before **19 March 2020**

Problem 1

A rod of rest length L_0 moves with speed $c/2$ with respect to an observer such that the velocity of the rod makes 45° angle with its length. Find the apparent length of the rod measured by the observer.

Problem 2

In the reference frame **S** a particle of mass m is at rest. The particle is found to have an energy of $1\frac{2}{3}$ of its the energy in the frame **S**, from a reference frame **K**. What is the magnitude of momentum of the particle in the reference frame **K**?

Problem 3

The muon is an unstable particle that spontaneously decays into an electron and two neutrinos. If the number of muons at $t = 0$ is N_0 , the number N at time t is $N = N_0 e^{-t/\tau}$, where $\tau = 2,20, \mu\text{sec}$ is the mean lifetime of the muon. Suppose the muons move at speed $0,95 c$.

- (a) What is the observed lifetime of the muons?
- (b) How many muons remain after traveling a distance of $3,0 \text{ km}$?

Problem 4

As seen from the earth, two rockets A and B are moving away with speeds of $c/2$ and $c/4$ respectively. Their motion are in mutually perpendicular directions as seen from the earth. What is the relative velocity of the rocket B as seen from the rocket A?