

# Relationship b/w spacetime-diagrams of two inertial observers.

→ (i) ct -  $\mathbf{n}$  as coordinate axes of  $S$ , light ray cone

→(ii) For  $c t'^{-1}$ -axes of

$x'^1 = \gamma(x - vt)$ ,  $c t'^1 = \gamma \left[ c t - \frac{v x^2}{c} \right]$

Note for  $x'^1$ -axis  $\rightarrow c t'^1 = 0$

$P_1, P_2$  are simultaneous in  $S'$ -frame  
they are not simultaneous in  $S$ .

A diagram illustrating two coordinate systems. The top system consists of two yellow lines forming a right angle; the vertical line is labeled 'S' at its top end, and the horizontal line is labeled 'I' at its right end. The bottom system consists of two black lines forming a right angle; the vertical line is labeled 'S' at its top end, and the horizontal line is labeled 'V' at its right end.

Now for  $x'$ -axis  $\rightarrow ct' = 0$



$$\therefore 0 = k \left( ct - \frac{v}{c} x \right)$$

$$ct = \frac{v}{c} x$$

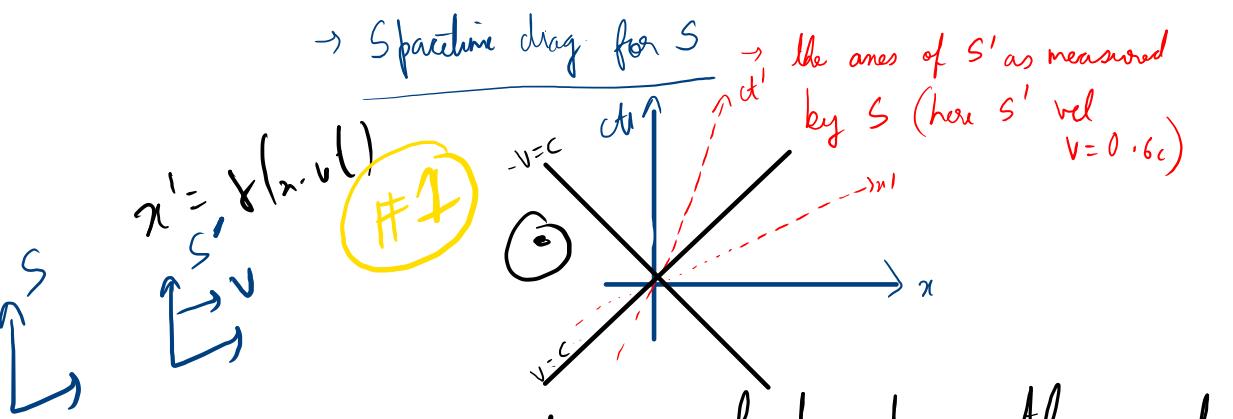
$x = vt$

Now for  $t'$ -axis  $\rightarrow \alpha' = 0^\circ$ .  $0 = r(x - vt)$

I) line parallel to ( $O\alpha'$ ) are the worldlines of fixed points

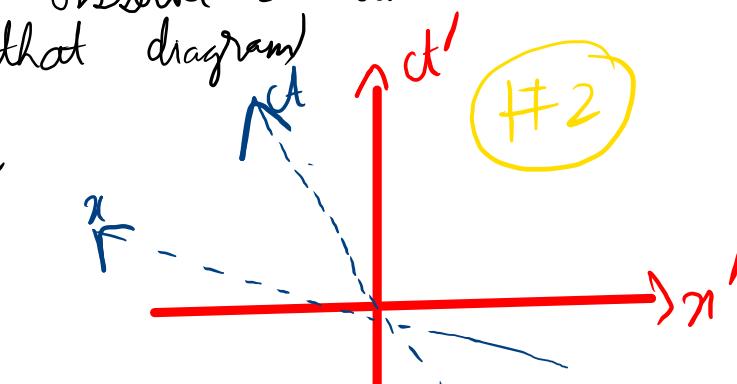
II) in  $S'$ :  
the lines parallel to  $O_n'$  are the lines corresponding  
to points at a fixed time acc' to  $S'$

lines of simultaneity  
for  $S'$



One can ask → what does the spacetime diag. for  $S'$  looks like (what do axes of observe  $S$  looks like on

use inverse L.T  
 $n = \gamma(n' + v l')$



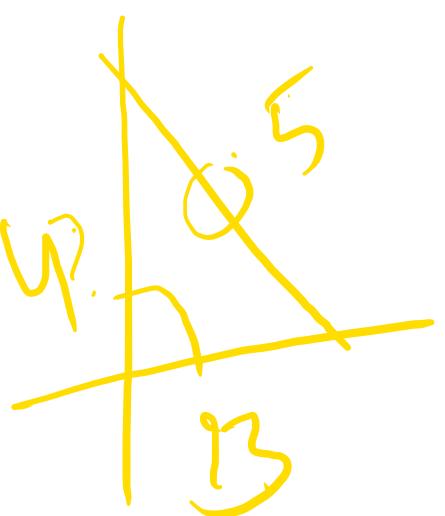
Consider time passed in  $S'$  frame, we know :

$S'$  is moving, her time should move less rapidly ( $t' < t$ ) than time measured in  $S$ .

Via  $\#1$  "graph of  $ct' - n$  axis is

slanted, what appears to be the "distance" along that slanted line would be

longer



A

OA  $\perp$  OB  $\rightarrow$  via

OA  $\perp$  OB

④ In S-frame:  
an event happens at  
2 hours (t)

① (S') is moving  
at  $v = 0.6c$

$t = 2 \text{ hours}$

line of simultaneity for S:  $(x, ct) = (0, 2)$   
② This cuts the (S') at  $\frac{v}{c} \cdot t (0) = \frac{0.6c}{c} \cdot 2 \approx 1.2$

$\therefore$  on diagram, this means for B  $\rightarrow (1.2)$

③ At this event, on the world line for S',  
our observer S measures  $(x, t) = (1.2, 2)$

④ Now we would like to know, what is (S')

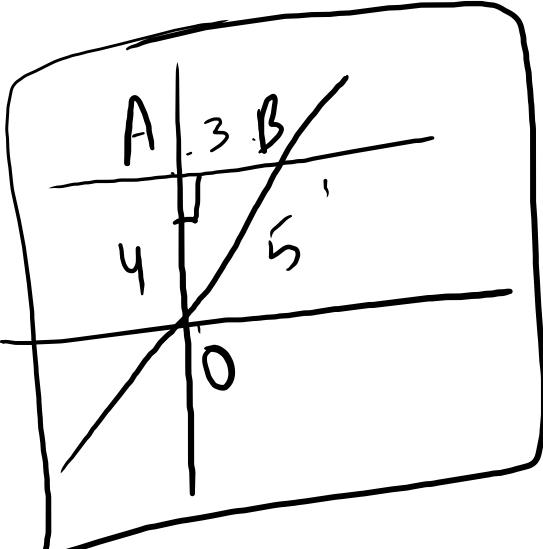
$$v = 0.6$$

$$v = 1.25 \quad n' = t[x - vt] \\ = 1.25[1.2 - 0.6 \cdot 2] = 0$$

$$t' = t\left[t - \frac{v^2}{c^2}a\right] = 1.6$$

$t' = 1.6 \text{ hours}$

✓  $\therefore$  time-dilation

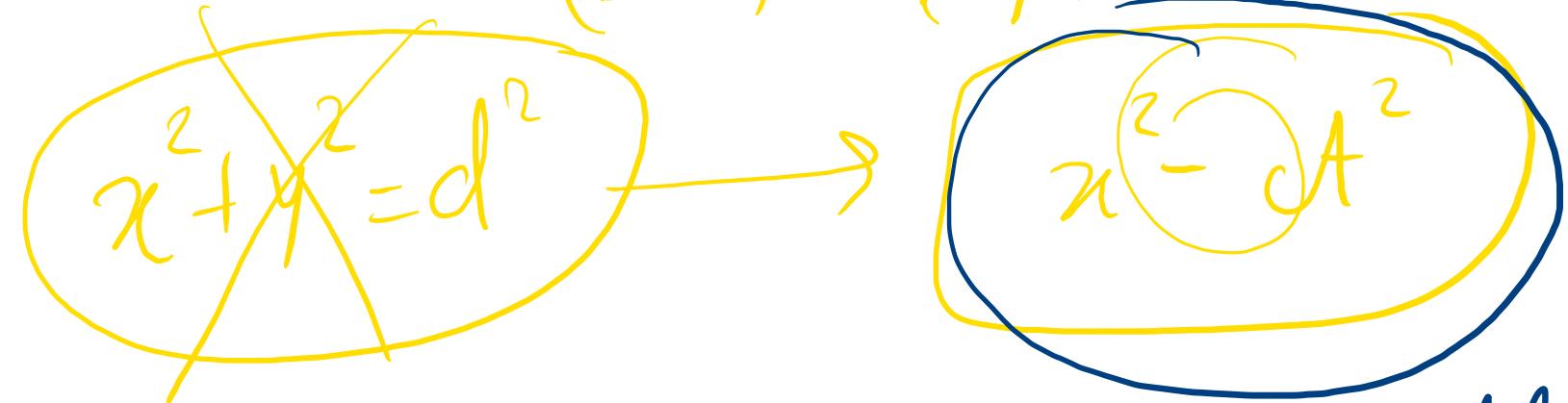


$OB^2 = AB^2 + -$   
OA > OB

we calculated OA = 2 hours  
OB = 1.2 hours

Distance of spacetime diagram  
with  $(ct - x)$   $\neq$  distance on x-y axis  
on a normal sheet  
of paper.

→ Appropriate notion of "distance" in spacetime has  
for  $(x)^2 - (ct)^2 / (ct)^2 - (x)^2 =$  Invariant  
inter val

$$\begin{aligned} dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2 &= (\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2 + (\Delta z)^2 - c^2(\Delta t)^2 \\ &= (dx')^2 + (dy')^2 + (dz')^2 - (c\Delta t)^2 \end{aligned}$$


Use this interval to create a new method to  
visualize distances!

Pythagorean theorem:  $\Delta s^2 = cdt^2 - dx^2$

Since it's in Euclidean space:

Space drag for S:  $c t$

Point A:  $(0, 2) \rightarrow (t, ct)$

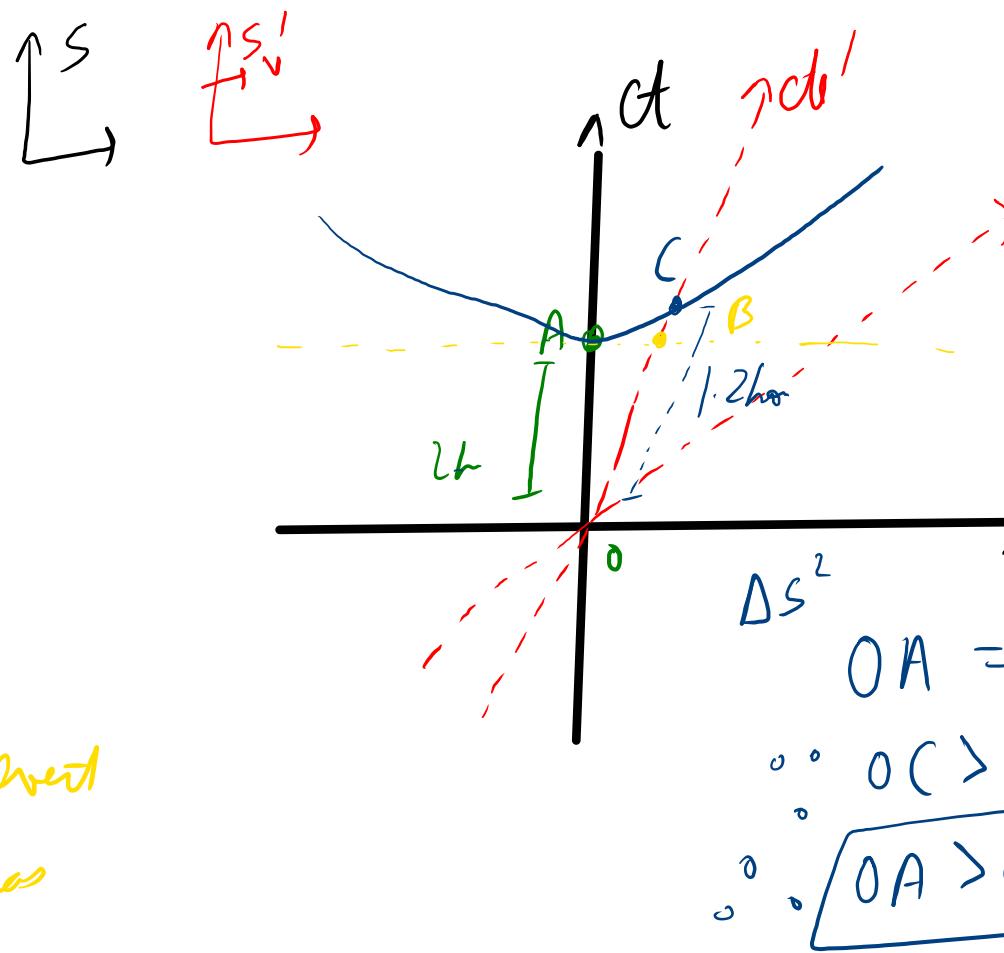
$\therefore$  the value of  $\Delta s^2$ :  $\Delta s^2 = 0^2 - 2^2 = -4$

We can draw a hyperbola that goes through the point  $x^2 - (ct)^2 = -4 = x'^2 - dx'^2$

$\therefore$  All the observers will agree on this value  $\oplus$  with this we can calibrate distances along worldlines of  $S' \rightarrow$  Label C

$\rightarrow$  It lies further than B.  $\therefore$  C lies on  $S'$ , then it has  $x' = 0$ ,  $\therefore$  it lies on the hyperbola for  $\Delta s = -4$ , then it must be  $ct' = 2$

$\rightarrow$  Hence event C is that particular event when the other observer in  $S'$  has aged 2 hours.



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$\rightarrow$  (i) At every point where hyperbola intersects with observer's world line  
 $\Rightarrow$  measures same time

(ii)  $\therefore$  event A  $\rightarrow [S]$  time = 2 hours  
 event C  $\rightarrow [S']$  time = 2 hours

