

Spacetime Distance

For $x(t) = \sqrt{b^2 + (ct)^2}$, if particle gets at $x=2b$, what is the spacetime distance traversed by it

Solving for t when euclidean distance = $2b$, to get bounds of the integral,

`In[]:= Solve[2 b - $\sqrt{b^2 + (c t)^2}$ == 0, t]`

`...` **Solve:** There may be values of the parameters for which some or all solutions are not valid.

`Out[]:=` $\left\{ \left\{ t \rightarrow -\frac{\sqrt{3} b}{c} \right\}, \left\{ t \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3} b}{c} \right\} \right\}$

Taking positive time, $t = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{c} b$,

$$\frac{ds^2}{dt^2} = -c^2 + \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2$$

`In[]:= x' = D[$\sqrt{b^2 + (c t)^2}$, t]`

`Out[]:=` $\frac{c^2 t}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2 t^2}}$

`In[]:= ds2dt2 = -c^2 + (x')^2`

`Out[]:=` $-c^2 + \frac{c^4 t^2}{b^2 + c^2 t^2}$

Spacetime length = $\int \frac{ds}{dt} dt$ from $t=0$ to $t = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{c} b$

`In[]:= dsdt = Sqrt[ds2dt2]`

`Out[]:=` $\sqrt{-c^2 + \frac{c^4 t^2}{b^2 + c^2 t^2}}$

`In[]:= Simplify[dsdt]`

`Out[]:=` $\sqrt{-\frac{b^2 c^2}{b^2 + c^2 t^2}}$

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In[ ]:= Integrate[dsdt, {t, 0,  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{c} b$ }]
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Out[ ]:= 
$$\frac{b \sqrt{-c} \operatorname{Log}[2 + \sqrt{3}]}{\sqrt{c}}$$

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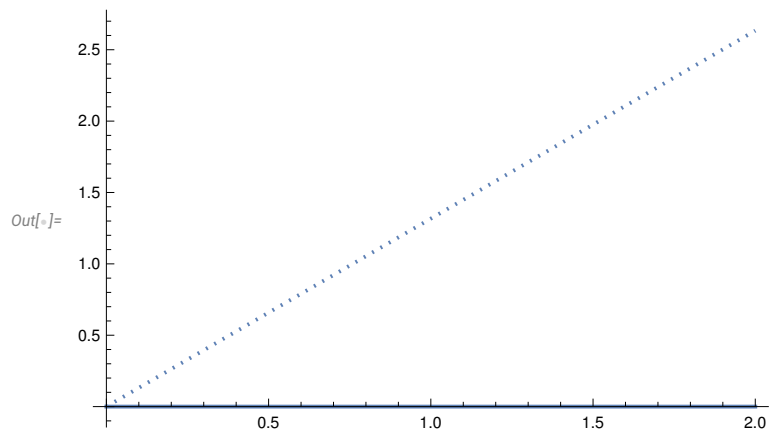
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FullSimplify[%, c > 0]
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Out[ ]:=  $i b \operatorname{Log}[2 + \sqrt{3}]$ 
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In[ ]:= L = i b Log[2 +  $\sqrt{3}$ ]
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Out[ ]:=  $i b \operatorname{Log}[2 + \sqrt{3}]$ 
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In[ ]:= ReImPlot[L, {b, 0, 2}]
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Hence, spacetime length between the events for euclidean lengths b and $2b$ increases linearly as b increases