

Special Theory of Relativity

Galilean Invariance

$$x'_1 = x_1 - vt$$

$$x'_2 = x_2$$

$$x'_3 = x_3$$

$$t' = t$$

$$ds^2 = \sum_j dx_j^2 = \sum_j d(x'_j)^2 = ds'^2$$

$$F_j = m \frac{d^2 x_j}{dt^2} = m \frac{d^2 x'_j}{d(t')^2} = F'_j$$

$$\frac{dx'_j}{dt'} = \frac{dx_j}{dt} - v$$

Lorentz Transformation

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 x_j^2 - c^2 t^2 = 0 \quad \sum_{j=1}^3 (x'_j)^2 - c^2 (t')^2 = 0$$

$$at \quad t = t' = 0 \quad x_1 - vt = 0 \quad x'_1 = 0 \quad x'_1 = x_1 - vt$$

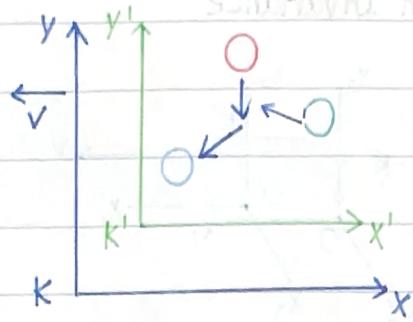
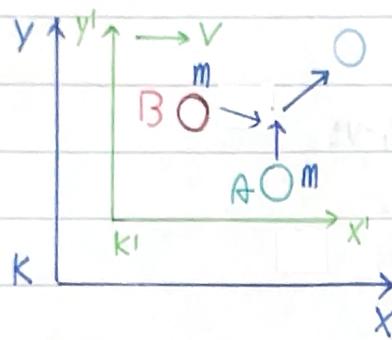
$$x'_1 = \gamma(x_1 - vt)$$

$$x_1 = \gamma'(x'_1 + vt) \quad t' = \gamma t + \frac{x_1}{\gamma v} (1 - \gamma^2)$$

$$x_1 = ct$$

$$x'_1 = ct' \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Relativistic Momentum



collision according to system K'

$$u_{Ax} = 0 \quad p_{Ay} = mu_0$$

$$u_{Ay} = u_0 \quad \Delta p_{Ay} = -2mu_0$$

$$u_{BX}' = v \quad u_{BX}' = 0$$

$$u_{BY}' = -\frac{u_0}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad u_{BY}' = -u_0$$

$$p_{By} = -mu_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

$$\Delta p_{By} = +2mu_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

$$\vec{P} = m \frac{d\vec{x}}{d\tau} = m \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = m \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{m \vec{u}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}}$$

Energy

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(r\vec{u})$$

$$W = \int \frac{d}{dt}(r\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{u} dt = m \int_0^u u d(\gamma u)$$

$$= \gamma mu^2 - m \int_0^u \frac{udu}{\sqrt{1-\frac{u^2}{c^2}}} = rmu^2 + mc^2 \sqrt{1-\frac{u^2}{c^2}} \Big|_0^u$$

$$\downarrow = \gamma mu^2 + mc^2 \sqrt{1-\frac{u^2}{c^2}} - mc^2 = \gamma mc^2 - mc^2$$

$$= \frac{mu^2}{\sqrt{1-\frac{u^2}{c^2}}} - \frac{m_0}{2} \int_0^u \frac{du^2}{\sqrt{1-\frac{u^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{mc^2 (\frac{u}{c})^2}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{u}{c})^2}} - \frac{mc^2}{2} \int_0^u \frac{d(\frac{u}{c})^2}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{u}{c})^2}}$$

$$= mc^2 \frac{(\frac{u}{c})^2}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{u}{c})^2}} - mc^2 \sqrt{1-(\frac{u}{c})^2} \Big|_0^u$$

$$= mc^2 \left[\frac{(\frac{u}{c})^2}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{u}{c})^2}} + \sqrt{1-(\frac{u}{c})^2} - 1 \right] = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-(\frac{u}{c})^2}} \left[(\frac{u}{c})^2 + [1-(\frac{u}{c})^2] - \sqrt{1-(\frac{u}{c})^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-\frac{u^2}{c^2}}} - mc^2 \text{ rest energy}$$

$$\text{for } u \ll c \quad T = mc^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^2}{c^2} + \dots \right) - mc^2 = mc^2 + \frac{1}{2} mu^2 - mc^2 = \frac{1}{2} mu^2$$

$$\text{rewritten } rmc^2 = T + mc^2$$

$$E = T + E_0$$

$$p = rmu, \quad p^2 c^2 = \gamma^2 m^2 u^2 c^2 = \gamma^2 m^2 c^4 \frac{u^2}{c^2} = \gamma^2 m^2 c^4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \right)$$

$$= \gamma^2 m^2 c^4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \right) + \gamma^2 m^2 c^4 = \gamma^2 m^2 c^4$$

$$\Rightarrow E^2 = p^2 c^2 + E_0^2$$

Spacetime and Four-Vectors

consider two events separated by space and time .

$$\text{in system K} \quad \Delta x_i = x_i(\text{event 2}) - x_i(\text{event 1})$$

$$\Delta t = t(\text{event 2}) - t(\text{event 1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta s')^2 &= \dots \\ (\Delta s')^2 &= -c^2(t')^2 + (x')^2 + (y')^2 + (z')^2 = \frac{-c^2t^2 - \frac{v^2x^2}{c^2} + 2xvt}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} + \frac{x^2 + v^2t^2 - 2xvt}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \\ &= \frac{x^2 - \frac{v^2x^2}{c^2} - c^2(t^2 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}t^2)}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} + \frac{+y^2 + z^2}{+y^2 + z^2} \\ &= -c^2t^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Delta s')^2 = \Delta s^2$$

$$\Delta s^2 = \sum_{j=1}^3 (\Delta x_j)^2 - c^2(\Delta t)^2 = (\Delta s')^2 = \sum_{j=1}^3 (\Delta x'_j)^2 - c^2(\Delta t')^2$$

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

consider the system K' , where the particle is instantaneously at rest

$$dx' = dy' = dz' = 0 \quad \text{in this case } dt' = d\tau$$

$$-c^2 d\tau^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 - c^2 dt^2$$

$$d\tau = \frac{dt}{\gamma}$$