

# Lorentz transformation

## 1. Introduction to transformation

### 1. the derivation

**Hypothesis:** the invariance of interval( $ds$ ) in 4D space-time under the transformation

$$ds^2 = (cdt)^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$$

Symbol clear up:

$$\begin{cases} x^0 = ct \\ x^1 = x \\ x^2 = y \\ x^3 = z \end{cases}$$

$$ds^2 = dx^\mu dx_\mu = dx^\mu \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\nu$$

easy to see here  $\eta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

a. in a simple case

consider:

$$c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 = c^2 dt'^2 - dx'^2$$

find a transformation feed it.

assumption:

$$\begin{cases} dx = \Lambda_0^1 dct' + \Lambda_1^1 dx' \\ dct = \Lambda_0^0 dct' + \Lambda_1^0 dx' \end{cases}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (\Lambda_0^0 dct' + \Lambda_1^0 dx')^2 - (\Lambda_0^1 dct' + \Lambda_1^1 dx')^2 &= dct'^2 - dx'^2 \\ ((\Lambda_0^0)^2 dct'^2 + (\Lambda_1^0)^2 dx'^2 + 2\Lambda_0^0 \Lambda_1^0 dct' dx') - ((\Lambda_0^1)^2 dct'^2 + (\Lambda_1^1)^2 dx'^2 + 2\Lambda_0^1 \Lambda_1^1 dct' dx') &= dct'^2 - dx'^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} (\Lambda_0^0)^2 - (\Lambda_0^1)^2 = 1 \\ (\Lambda_1^0)^2 - (\Lambda_1^1)^2 = -1 \\ \Lambda_0^0 \Lambda_1^0 - \Lambda_0^1 \Lambda_1^1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

I haven't solve the equation groups(could solve). just know there are one free degree.

and

$$\begin{cases} a^2 - c^2 = 1 \\ b^2 - d^2 = -1 \\ ab - cd = 0 \end{cases}$$

more clear

set  $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{d}{b} = u$  then  $a = cu ; d = bu$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} c^2 u^2 - c^2 = 1 \\ b^2 - b^2 u^2 = -1 \end{cases} &\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c^2 = \frac{1}{u^2 - 1} \\ b^2 = \frac{1}{u^2 - 1} \end{cases} \\ &\Rightarrow c^2 = b^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} a = cu \\ d = bu \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = \gamma_1 \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 - 1}} \\ d = \gamma_2 \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 - 1}} \end{cases} \quad (\gamma_i^2 = 1)$$

in the special case that  $dx' = 0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} dx = \Lambda^1_0 dt' \\ dt = \Lambda^0_0 dt' \end{cases} &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\Lambda^1_0}{\Lambda^0_0} \\ &\frac{v}{c} = \frac{1}{u} \end{aligned}$$

now feel confused at the meaning of  $v$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 - 1}} & \gamma_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{u^2 - 1}} \\ \gamma_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{u^2 - 1}} & \gamma_2 \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 - 1}} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 \frac{\frac{c}{v}}{\sqrt{(\frac{c}{v})^2 - 1}} & \gamma_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\frac{c}{v})^2 - 1}} \\ \gamma_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\frac{c}{v})^2 - 1}} & \gamma_2 \frac{\frac{c}{v}}{\sqrt{(\frac{c}{v})^2 - 1}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}} & \gamma_2 \frac{\frac{v}{c}}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}} \\ \gamma_1 \frac{\frac{v}{c}}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}} & \gamma_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

I don't know the reason that  $\gamma_i = 1$  in the end

and the determination

$$|\Lambda| = \gamma_1 \gamma_2$$

b. in the general case

$$d(ct)^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2 = d(ct')^2 - dx'^2 - dy'^2 - dz'^2$$

then similarly

$$dx^i = \Lambda^i_j dx'^j$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(ct)^2 &= (\Lambda^0_j dx'^j)^2 \\ &= \Lambda^0_j \Lambda^0_i dx'^j dx'^i \\ dx^2 &= \Lambda^1_j \Lambda^1_i dx'^j dx'^i \\ dy^2 &= \Lambda^2_j \Lambda^2_i dx'^j dx'^i \\ dz^2 &= \Lambda^3_j \Lambda^3_i dx'^j dx'^i \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\Lambda^0_j \Lambda^0_i dx'^j dx'^i - \Lambda^1_j \Lambda^1_i dx'^j dx'^i - \Lambda^2_j \Lambda^2_i dx'^j dx'^i - \Lambda^3_j \Lambda^3_i dx'^j dx'^i = dx'^0 dx'^0 - dx'^m dx'^m$$

$$\begin{cases} \Lambda^0_0 \Lambda^0_0 - \Lambda^1_0 \Lambda^1_0 - \Lambda^2_0 \Lambda^2_0 - \Lambda^3_0 \Lambda^3_0 = 1 \\ \Lambda^0_1 \Lambda^0_1 - \Lambda^1_1 \Lambda^1_1 - \Lambda^2_1 \Lambda^2_1 - \Lambda^3_1 \Lambda^3_1 = -1 \\ \Lambda^0_2 \Lambda^0_2 - \Lambda^1_2 \Lambda^1_2 - \Lambda^2_2 \Lambda^2_2 - \Lambda^3_2 \Lambda^3_2 = -1 \\ \Lambda^0_3 \Lambda^0_3 - \Lambda^1_3 \Lambda^1_3 - \Lambda^2_3 \Lambda^2_3 - \Lambda^3_3 \Lambda^3_3 = -1 \\ \dots = 0 \\ \dots = 0 \\ \dots \text{or} z \end{cases}$$

i. the other angle

if the quantity  $v$  really mean the the speed of coor- $O'$  related to coor- $O$

$$\text{then set } \gamma_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v_i^2}{c^2}}}; \beta_i = \frac{v_i}{c},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Lambda\| &= \|\Lambda_x\| \|\Lambda_y\| \|\Lambda_z\| \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_x & \beta_x \gamma_x & & \\ \beta_x \gamma_x & \gamma_x & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_y & \beta_y \gamma_y & & \\ & 1 & & \\ \beta_y \gamma_y & & \gamma_y & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_z & & \beta_z \gamma_z & \\ & 1 & & \\ \beta_z \gamma_z & & & 1 \\ & & & \gamma_z \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_x \gamma_y & \beta_x \gamma_x & \beta_y \gamma_y \gamma_x & 0 \\ \beta_x \gamma_x \gamma_y & \gamma_x & \beta_x \beta_y \gamma_x \gamma_y & 0 \\ \beta_y \gamma_y & 0 & \gamma_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_z & & \beta_z \gamma_z & \\ & 1 & & \\ \beta_z \gamma_z & & & 1 \\ & & & \gamma_z \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_x \gamma_y \gamma_z & \beta_x \gamma_x & \beta_y \gamma_y \gamma_x & \beta_z \gamma_x \gamma_y \gamma_z \\ \beta_x \gamma_x \gamma_y \gamma_z & \gamma_x & \beta_x \beta_y \gamma_x \gamma_y & \beta_x \beta_z \gamma_x \gamma_y \gamma_z \\ \beta_y \gamma_y \gamma_z & 0 & \gamma_y & \beta_y \beta_z \gamma_y \gamma_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \gamma_z \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

it must be wrong

ii. the other angle too (wiki:transformation boost)

$$\begin{pmatrix} ct' \\ x' \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_x & -\beta_x \gamma_x & & \\ -\beta_x \gamma_x & \gamma_x & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t' \\ \vec{r}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & & \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & R \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ \vec{r} \end{pmatrix}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{matrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & (-\beta\gamma \ 0 \ 0) \\ R \begin{pmatrix} -\beta\gamma \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & R \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & R^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & (-\beta\gamma \ 0 \ 0) R^{-1} \\ R \begin{pmatrix} -\beta\gamma \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & R \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} R^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & (-\beta\gamma \ 0 \ 0) R^{-1} \\ R \begin{pmatrix} -\beta\gamma \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & R \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^{-1} & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) R^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & (-\beta\gamma \ 0 \ 0) R^{-1} \\ R \begin{pmatrix} -\beta\gamma \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbb{I} + R \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^{-1} & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} R^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & (-\beta\gamma R_{11}^{-1} \ -\beta\gamma R_{12}^{-1} \ -\beta\gamma R_{21}^{-1}) \\ \begin{pmatrix} -\beta\gamma R_{11} \\ -\beta\gamma R_{21} \\ -\beta\gamma R_{31} \end{pmatrix} & \mathbb{I} + (\gamma - 1) \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & & \\ R_{21} & 0 & \\ R_{31} & & 0 \end{pmatrix} R^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & (-\beta\gamma R_{11}^{-1} \ -\beta\gamma R_{12}^{-1} \ -\beta\gamma R_{21}^{-1}) \\ \begin{pmatrix} -\beta\gamma R_{11} \\ -\beta\gamma R_{21} \\ -\beta\gamma R_{31} \end{pmatrix} & \mathbb{I} + (\gamma - 1) \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} R_{11}^{-1} & R_{11} R_{12}^{-1} & R_{11} R_{13}^{-1} \\ R_{21} R_{11}^{-1} & R_{21} R_{12}^{-1} & R_{31} R_{13} \\ R_{31} R_{11}^{-1} & R_{21} R_{12}^{-1} & R_{31} R_{13} \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

because of I know the answer in wiki.

then

$$R_{i1} = R_{1i}^{-1} = \frac{\beta_i}{\beta} = \frac{v_i}{v} = \frac{x^i}{\sqrt{x^j x^j}}$$

oh! I forget it because of

$$R \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$\vec{e}_i = \sum_j R_{ij} \vec{a}_j$$

therefore

$$R_{ij} = \vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j$$

under the representation formal.

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_1 & \vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_2 & \vec{e}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_3 \\ \vec{e}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_1 & \vec{e}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_2 & \vec{e}_2 \cdot \vec{a}_3 \\ \vec{e}_3 \cdot \vec{a}_1 & \vec{e}_3 \cdot \vec{a}_2 & \vec{e}_3 \cdot \vec{a}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

uesless seems like orz.

and how to get the  $R$  seems wired

1. reference : textbook of classical-mechanics Euler-angel

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\psi\cos\phi - \sin\psi\cos\theta\sin\phi & \cos\psi\sin\phi + \sin\psi\cos\theta\cos\phi & \sin\psi\sin\theta \\ -\sin\psi\cos\phi - \cos\psi\cos\theta\sin\phi & -\sin\psi\sin\phi + \cos\psi\cos\theta\cos\phi & \cos\psi\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta\sin\phi & -\sin\theta\cos\phi & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos\psi\cos\phi - \sin\psi\cos\theta\sin\phi = \text{orz}$$

2. the form of lorenz transformation

there three kinds of

a. boost

$$\text{PS: } \tanh\phi_i = \frac{v_i}{c}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cosh\phi_1 & -\sinh\phi_1 & & \\ -\sinh\phi_1 & \cosh\phi_1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cosh\phi_2 & -\sinh\phi_2 & & \\ & 1 & & \\ -\sinh\phi_2 & \cosh\phi_2 & & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cosh\phi_3 & -\sinh\phi_3 & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ -\sinh\phi_3 & \cosh\phi_3 & & \end{pmatrix}$$

b. spatial transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \cos\varphi & -\sin\varphi & \\ & \sin\varphi & \cos\varphi & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & \\ & & 1 & \\ & \sin\theta & \cos\theta & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \cos\psi & -\sin\psi \\ & & \sin\psi & \cos\psi \end{pmatrix}$$

tell nothing about the  $(x, y, z)$

c. translation

it seems to be more different: we can write down it as the matrix representaion.

$$x'^{\mu} = x^{\mu} + \varepsilon^{\mu}$$