

NYU Physics I — 2016-12-06

Agenda — — reading: chs 4, 5, 6 of sr.

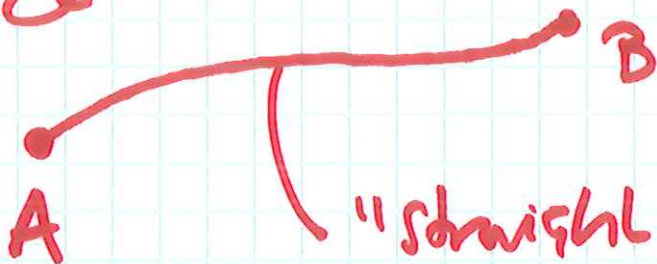
- PS 13, 1(d)

- scope of exam 6

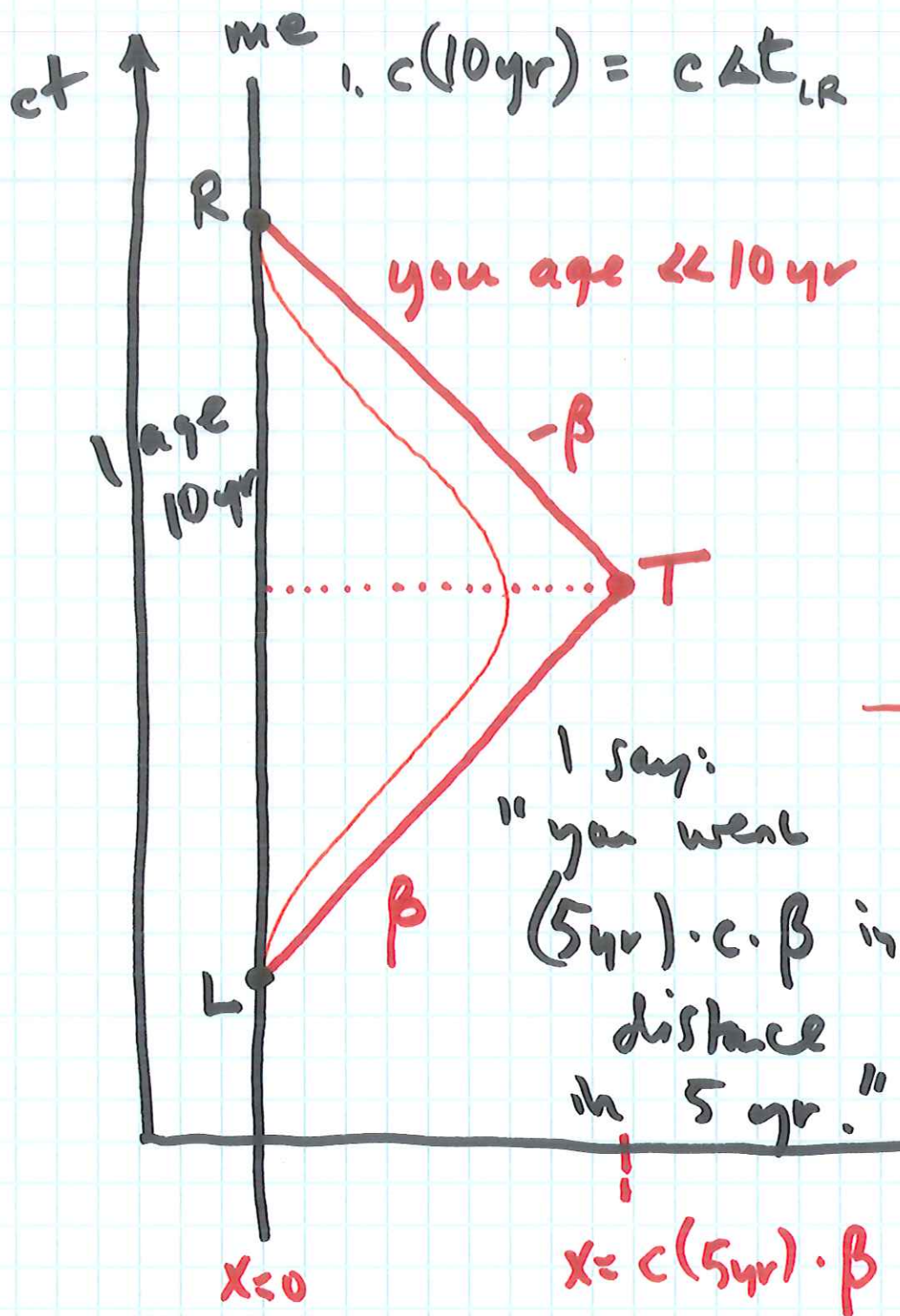
- PS 11, 12, (13)
orbital part — today.
orbits + intervals

- trans.

Space



"straight line" \equiv "geodesic"
path of minimum distance



2. $\Delta S_{LR}^2 = \underbrace{c^2 \Delta t^2}_{\text{time}} - \underbrace{\Delta x^2 - \Delta y^2 - \Delta z^2}_{\text{spatial}}$
 $= c^2 (10\text{yr})^2$

For timelike intervals
 "proper time" ΔT

$$c \Delta T_{LR} = \sqrt{\Delta S_{LR}^2}$$

$$\Delta S_{LT}^2 = c^2 (5\text{yr})^2 - c^2 (5\text{yr})^2 \cdot \beta^2$$

$$= c^2 (5\text{yr})^2 [1 - \beta^2]$$

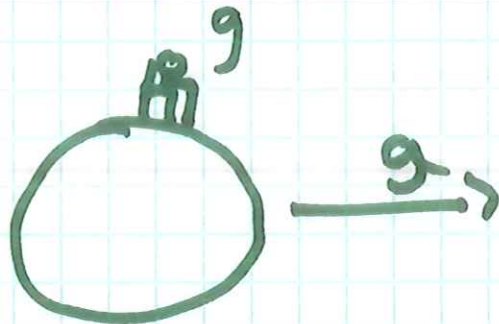
$$\Delta T_{LT} = 5\text{yr} \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} \ll 5\text{yr}$$

$$\Delta T_{TR} = 5\text{yr} \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} \ll 5\text{yr}$$

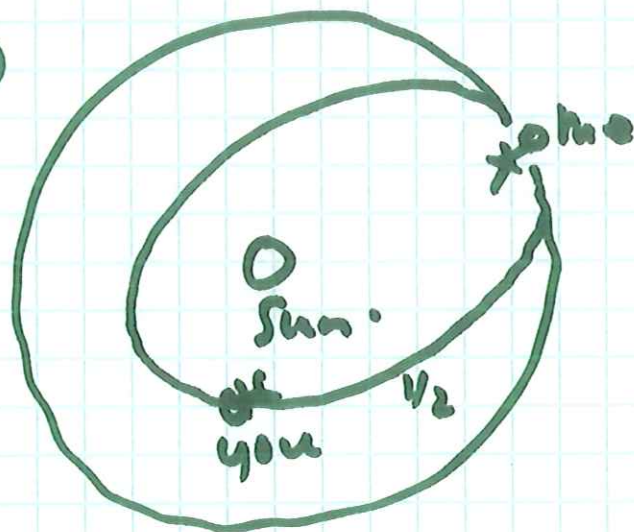
In space-time: The geodesic is
the path that ^{locally} maximizes the
proper time $\sqrt{\Delta s^2}$

trajectories are always extrema
of time.

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