

# Modern Physics

## Reading week Notes

### \*Intro to Modern physics

- physics

1. Quantitative description of universe as precise as necessary

2. Quantitative description of how objects evolve in time  
and interact amongst themselves

#### Assumptions:

↳ Objects have independent existence. Not property of human measurements

↳ Causality: Effects are preceded by their cause

↳ Determinism: if system evolves one way, then it will evolve the exact same way when returned to exact initial state.

↳ Space is 3D & Euclidean

↳ Time can be thought of as 1D space, identical at all points in space.

• Kinematics: math-y description of object's motions

• Dynamics: causations of kinematics (momentum, force, etc.)

• Newton's Laws: relate dynamics to kinematics

### \* Galilean Transformations

• Consider 2 frames of reference S and S'

Standard config: at time  $t=t'=0$ ,  $x'=x=y'=y=z'=z=0$

Event P observed & recorded by observer in  $S'$ :  $x', y', z', t'$

↳ what values does observer in S measure for P?

↳ Time universal:  $t=t'$

↳ No relative motion in Y or Z

$$x=x'+vt'$$

$$y=y'$$

$$z=z'$$

$$t=t'$$

$$x'=x-vt$$

$$y=y'$$

$$z=z$$

$$t=t'$$

← "what is  $(x, y, z, t)$  in  $S'$ ?"

Galilean Transformation

Inverse GT

- Inertial Reference Frames (IRF): where Newton's Laws are valid

↳ e.g.  $\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt}$

↳ If  $S$  and  $S'$  are IRFs, then  $\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt}$  and  $\vec{F}' = \frac{d\vec{P}'}{dt'}$

- Galilean Principle of relativity: laws of physics are same for all observers provided that the observers are in IRFs

↳ Galilean Transformations ensures that momentum is conserved between IRFs.

- Event: "A point in space at an instant in time"

- CCC: Consistent Causality Criterion

↳ What is a cause and effect must be same in all reference frames

- PIE: principle of invariant event

↳ What occurs at evt. must be invariant to all observers

- PSR: principle of special relativity

↳ Laws of physics are same in all IRFs

↳ Proposed by Einstein in 1905

## \*Galilean Relativity & Maxwell's Equations

• Thought experiment:

↳ 2 beams of counter propagating electrons ( $e^-$ ) and positrons ( $e^+$ )

$$\text{Charge density } \lambda_{e^-} + \lambda_{e^+} = \lambda - \lambda = 0$$

But current  $2\lambda v$  to right (positive charges move)

$$\begin{matrix} -q \\ \bullet \end{matrix} \rightarrow +v_i \hat{i}$$



Frame S { Put particle w/ charge  $-q$ , speed  $v_i \hat{i}$ . At P at  $t=t'$

$$\vec{F} = -q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = +qvB \hat{j} \quad (\text{away from beam})$$

Frame  $S'$  { In Frame  $S'$  (moving at  $\vec{v} = +v_i \hat{i}$  w.r.t. frame S)  
 ↳ same charge density & current, mag. field  
 $\vec{F} = -q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = 0 ??? \quad (\text{obj. remains at P})$

Logical contradiction

## \*Michelson-Morley Experiment

• Maxwell's Wave Egn:  $\frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial x^2}$

↳ Maxwell's view: EM wave is undulation of ether

↳ Ether: everywhere?

Idea: light travels at  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s w.r.t. ether

ether is at rest in frame of univ. as a whole

## \*Principle of Special Relativity: Time Dilation

- Q: what do you see if you travel along light beam at same speed?

↳ At this frame,  $E$  and  $B$  are static

↳ Not a sol'n to Maxwell's Equations

↳ Einstein: extend principle of relativity

- Principle of special Relativity



↳ All laws of physics are the same for all observers provided that observers are in inertial reference frames (IRF)

↳ + Postulate

Since Maxwell's theory stipulates that EM waves travel at

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \dots$$

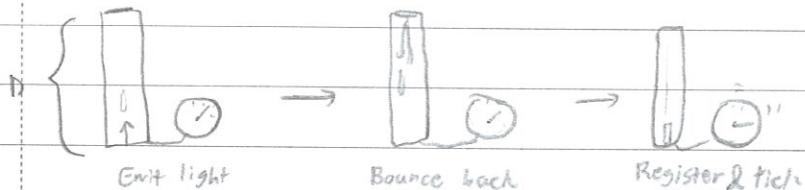
All inertial observers see light to travel at  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

↳ Constancy of speed of light

- Consequences

↳ Alice & Bob have light clocks (emit light  $\rightarrow$  come back  $\rightarrow$  tick)

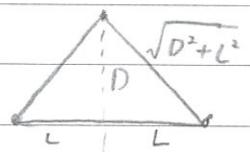
↳ Synchronized clocks



Alice is at rest (in her IRF)

Bob moves  $\leftarrow$

↳ Path of light:



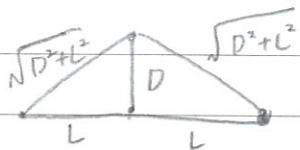
(Alice sees the light following longer path)

↳ Constancy of speed of light  $\rightarrow$  time between ticks is longer

• Math

↳  $\Delta t'_B$  = Bob's time as measured from Bob's frame

$\Delta t_B$  = Bob's time as measured from Alice's frame



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Delta t'_B &= \frac{2D}{C} \\ \Delta t_B &= \frac{2\sqrt{D^2 + L^2}}{C} \end{aligned} \right\} \Delta t_B > \Delta t'_B$$

$$L = v \frac{\Delta t_B}{2} \quad (v = \text{Bob's speed})$$

$$\text{Using this value for } L, \Delta t_B \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{C^2}} = \frac{2D}{C} = \Delta t'_B$$

$$\Delta t_B = \gamma \Delta t'_B, \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{C^2}}} \geq 1$$

Time Dilation

(Rate at which time passes is not absolute)

$$t_{\text{motion}} = \frac{1}{\gamma} t_{\text{rest}}$$

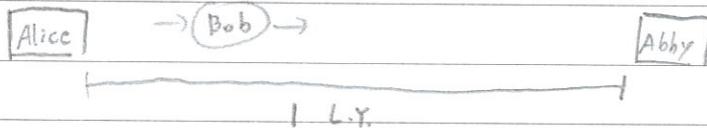
Principle of reciprocal velocity

\* Reverse the argument: Alice moves → at  $\vec{v}$

↳ Now Bob sees Alice's clock to tick slower than his...

• Another consequence: length contraction

↳ Bob travels at  $v = \frac{c}{2}$  between Alice and Abby



Frame A: Bob takes 2 years

$$\text{For } v = \frac{c}{2}, \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4}}} \approx 1.15, \quad \Delta t = 2y = \gamma \Delta t' \approx 1.15 \Delta t'$$

$$\Delta t' = 1.7y \quad (1.7 \text{ years from Bob's view})$$

Use principle of reciprocal velocity + principle of invariant event

(physical occurrences at single event are invariant in all frames)

• Frame B

↳ Trip takes 1.7 years

↳ Principle of reciprocal velocity; Bob sees Alice & Abby to travel at  $\frac{c}{2}$  in ←

↳  $L' = v \Delta t' = 0.87 L$ , ← from Bob's perspective

$$L' = \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} L$$

$$L_{\text{motion}} = \frac{L_{\text{rest}}}{\gamma}$$

Length Contraction

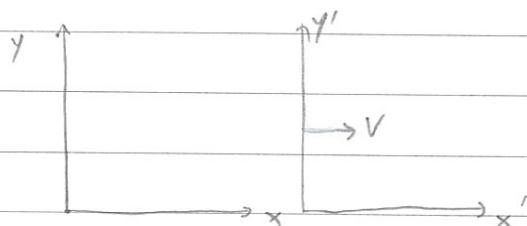
⚠ Contraction only occurs along direction of motion

Symmetrical: B sees A's length contracted & vice versa

• Another consequence: lack of simultaneity

↳ If some events look simultaneous in one frame, they won't be in another moving frame.

✗ Lorentz transformations



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

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

$$t' = \gamma\left(t - \frac{vx}{c^2}\right)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}}$$

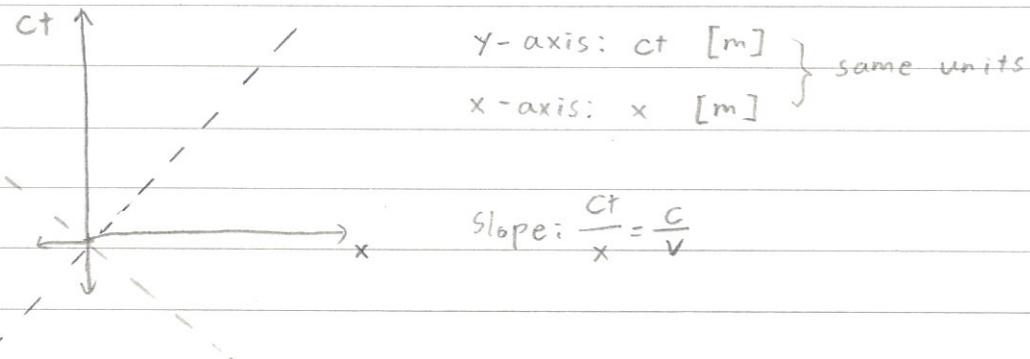
Explains why  
no simultaneity

# Modern Physics

## Week 18 Notes

### \* Spacetime Diagrams

- Movement through space determines movement through time
- Combine 3D space & 1D time  $\rightarrow$  4D manifold "spacetime"
  - ↳ Points in this space are events.

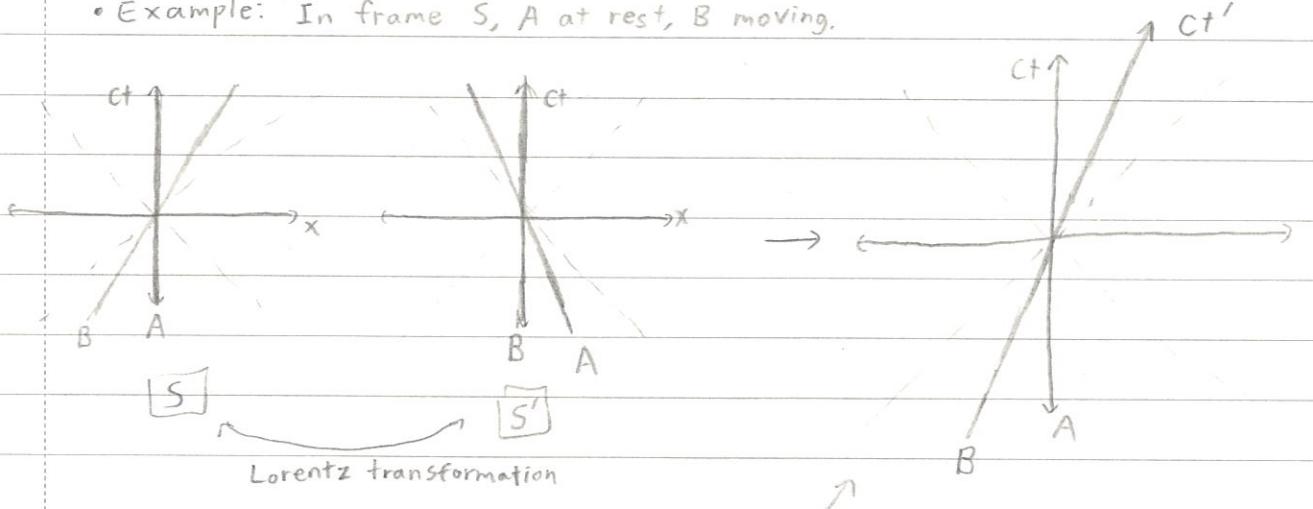


- Light is a  $45^\circ$  line:  $\Delta x = c\Delta t$ ,  $v = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = c$ 
  - ↳ From PSR,  $45^\circ$  in all frames

- Diagram represents metric space (worldlines can be measured in meters)

- Obj. at rest: vertical line, no  $\Delta x$

- Example: In frame  $S$ , A at rest, B moving.



To do: adding an  $x'$  axis (not just rotated)

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## Week 18 Notes

\* No causal relations faster than c

start off  
with

{ • Constancy of speed of light: all frames measure c in vacuum to be  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

• Causality: in any frame, causes precede effects in time.

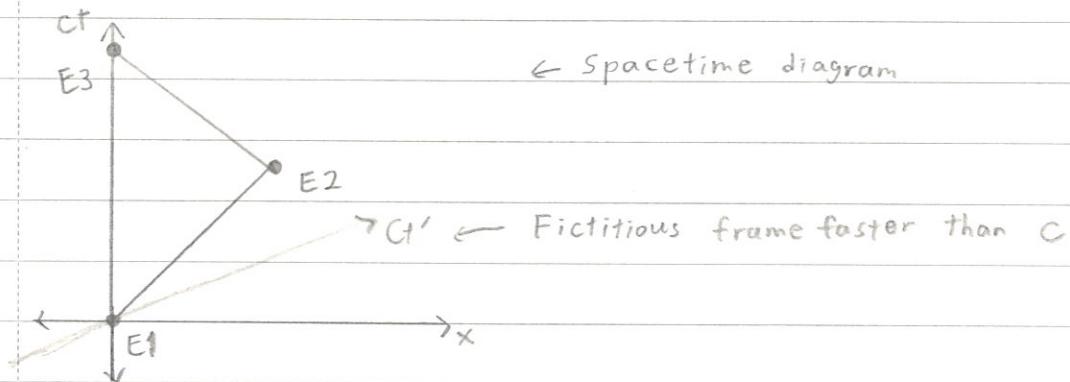
• Reciprocal Velocity Postulate: If A measures B to travel with  $\vec{\beta}$ , B measures A to move with  $-\vec{\beta}$ .

• Scenario: laser pulse reflects off mirror, pops balloon.

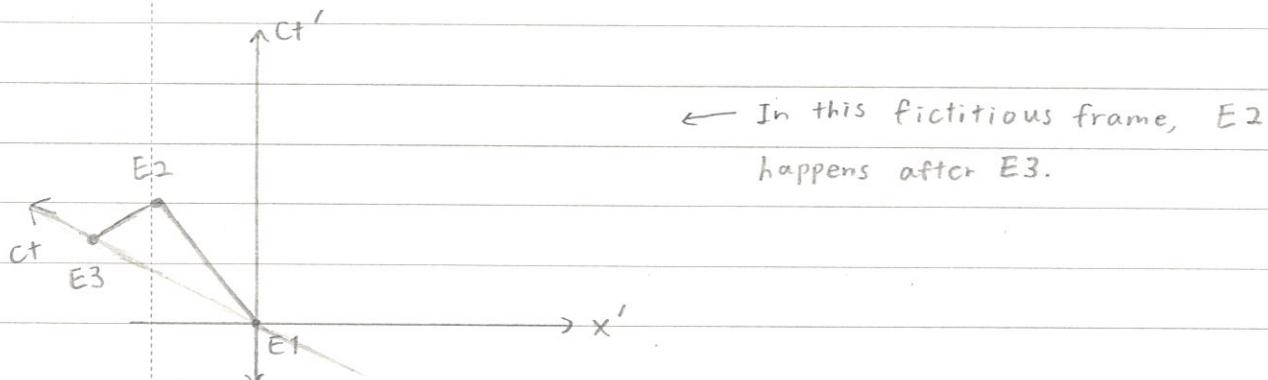
Init. Cause (E1): laser emits laser pulse

Cause (E2): laser pulse reflects off mirror

Effect (E3): laser pulse pops balloon.



$\rightarrow$   $C'$  ← Fictitious frame faster than c



$\hookrightarrow$  An observer could've removed mirror, changing E3:  $E_2 \Rightarrow E_3$

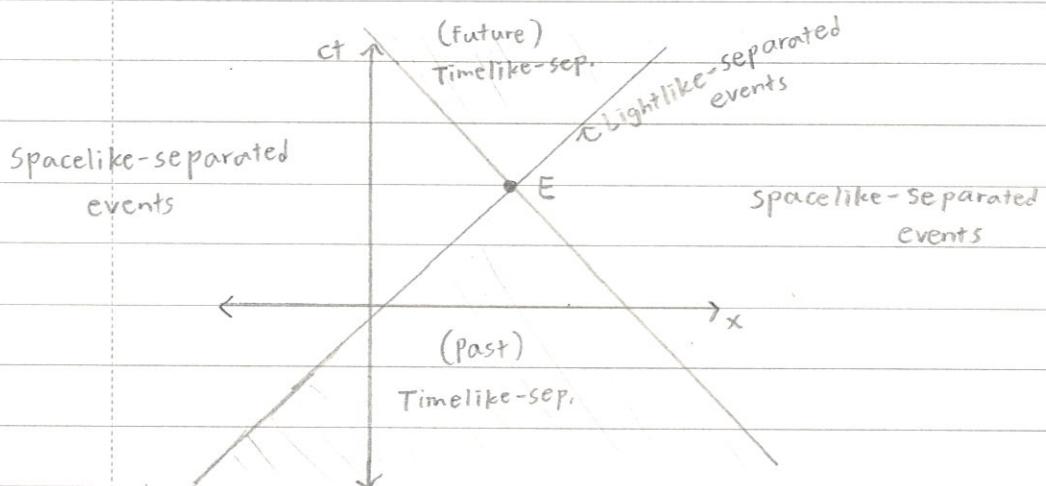
But in  $S'$ , E3 already happened.

+ No retrocausality.

$\therefore$  No causal relations can be transmitted faster than c.

\* Back to spacetime diagrams:

- "No causal influence faster than C"

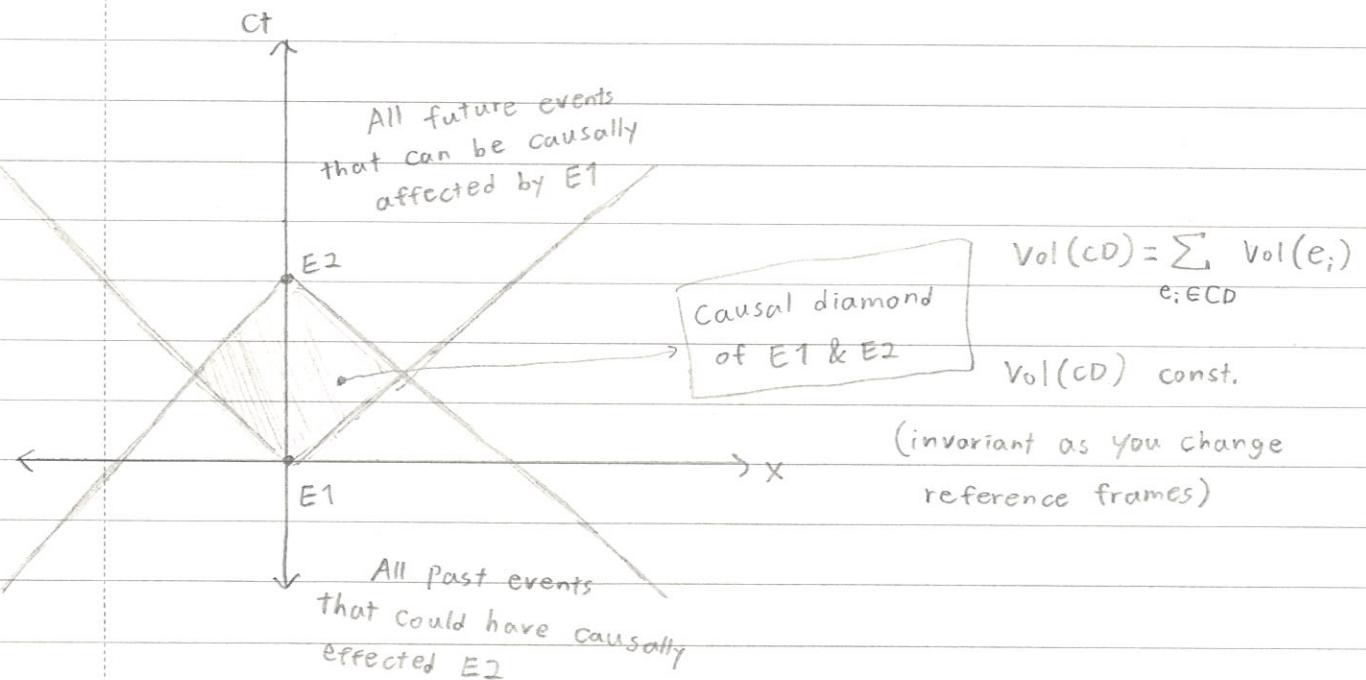


↳ If E and another evt. can be connected by a line..

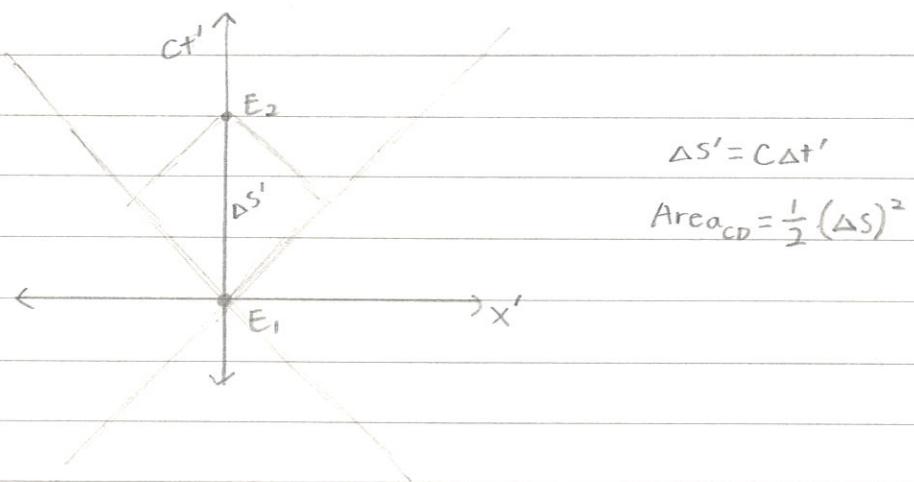
w.r.t.  
Horizontal {

- > 45° : timelike separated, can be causally related.
- = 45° : lightlike separated, can be causally related.
- < 45° : spacelike separated, cannot be causally related.

- Consistent Causality Criterion [CCC]: causal relation between 2 events must remain invariant in all reference frames.



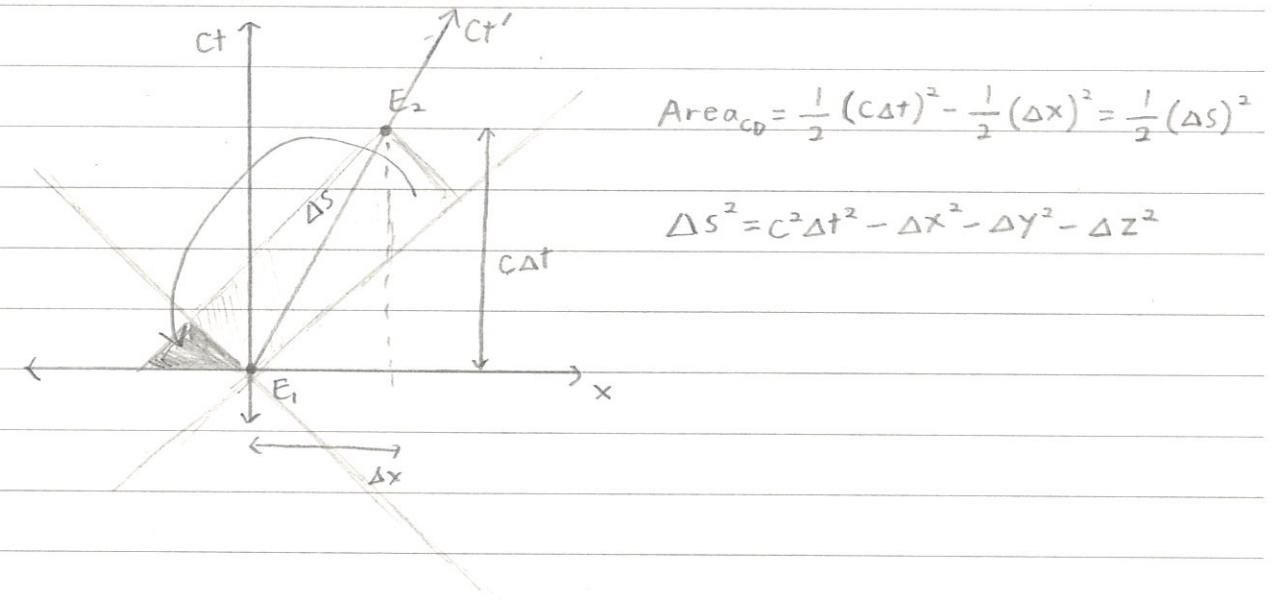
## \* Geometry of spacetime



$$\Delta S' = C \Delta t'$$

$$\text{Area}_{CD} = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta S)^2$$

\* Switch to other frame



$$\text{Area}_{CD} = \frac{1}{2} (C\Delta t)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\Delta x)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\Delta S)^2$$

$$\Delta S^2 = C^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 - \Delta y^2 - \Delta z^2$$

\* Metric formula in spacetime:

$$\boxed{\Delta S^2 = C^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 - \Delta y^2 - \Delta z^2}$$

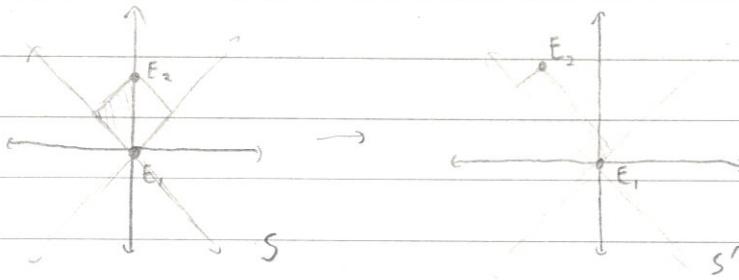
Cf. Euclidean:  $\Delta l^2 = \Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2 + \Delta z^2$

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## week 19 Notes

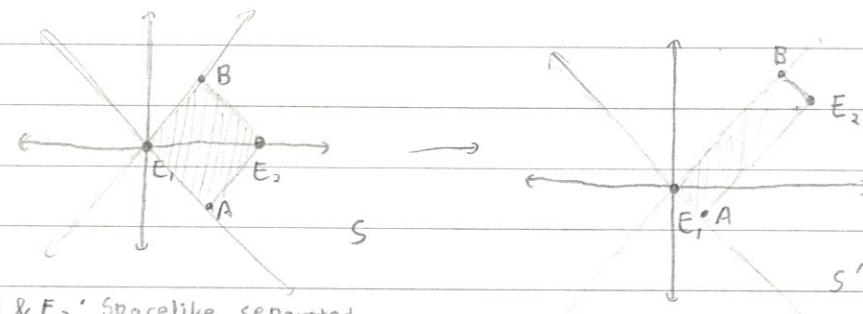
### \* More with Spacetime Diagrams

- Time Dilation



Time between E<sub>1</sub> & E<sub>2</sub> are different in different frames.

- Length contraction



E<sub>1</sub> & E<sub>2</sub>: Spacelike separated, same time

A & B: events.

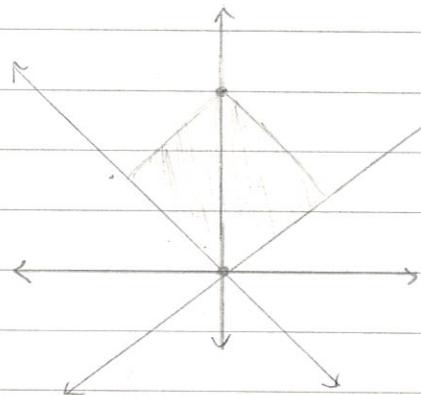
Not simultaneous in different frames

+ Length contraction

※ Above also shows us x' axis with E<sub>1</sub>-E<sub>2</sub> line.

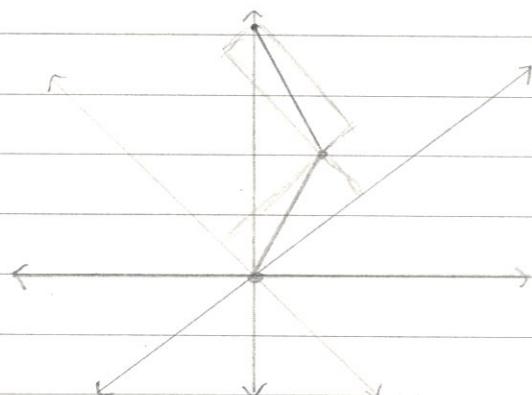
Find ct' axis such that  $\frac{\Delta x'}{c \Delta t'} = 1$ .

- Twin Paradox (Area =  $\frac{1}{2} c \tau^2$ ,  $\tau$ =proper time)



Alice stationary

$$\text{Area}_{CD} \propto \Delta s^2 \propto (c \Delta t)^2$$



Bob goes to planet & back

$\sum \text{Area}_{CD}$  smaller

Less  $\Delta t$  for Bob

\*Causal Diamonds: addition of velocity

$$\bullet \text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta s^2 = \frac{1}{2} c^2 \Delta \tau^2$$

$\hookrightarrow \tau = \text{proper time, time in frame where 2 events are at same loc.}$

$\bullet$  In another frame S,  $\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2$

$$= c^2 \Delta t^2 (1 - \beta^2), \quad \beta = \frac{\Delta x}{c \Delta t}$$

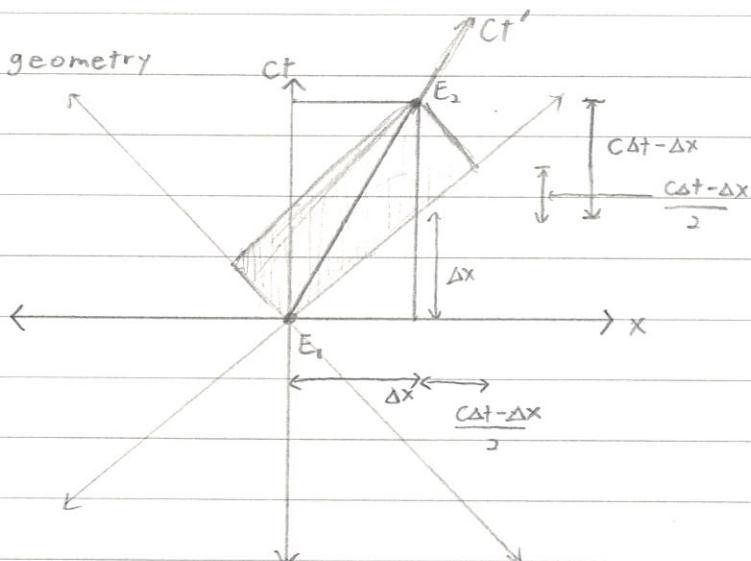
$$\boxed{c^2 \Delta t^2 (1 - \beta^2) = c^2 \Delta \tau^2}$$

$$c \Delta t = \gamma c \Delta \tau$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Time dilation relation

$\bullet$  Some geometry



$$\text{One side: } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (c\Delta t - \Delta x), \quad \text{other side: } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (c\Delta t + \Delta x)$$

☒ Purely geometric—not an actual interpretation of these intervals.

$$\left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Delta s \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Delta s \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}} \right] \rightarrow \Delta s^2 = \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}} (c\Delta t + \Delta x)$$

$$\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}} (c\Delta t - \Delta x)$$

Start at S → change to another travelling at  $\beta$   
w.r.t. S.

New CD has these sides.

• Addition of velocities relation

$$[\beta_1 + \beta_2] = \frac{\beta_1 + \beta_2}{1 + \beta_1 \beta_2}$$

(derive from CD)

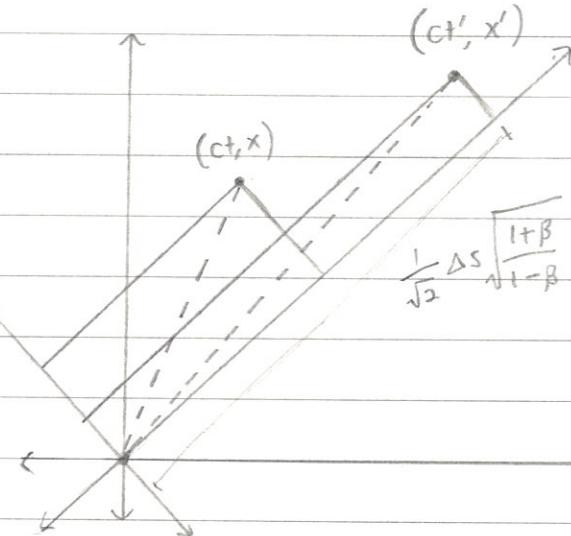
$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta S \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta S' \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta'}{1-\beta'}} \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta_r}{1-\beta_r}}$$

↳ Useful in transforming from 1 frame to another

\* Lorentz Transformation

• Isometry of  $ct-x$  plane

• Analog of rotations in Euclidean plane



$$\Delta S^2 = \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}} (c\Delta t + \Delta x) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}} (c\Delta t - \Delta x)$$

$$= \gamma(1+\beta)(c\Delta t + \Delta x) \cdot \gamma(1-\beta)(c\Delta t - \Delta x)$$

$$\text{Also, } \Delta S^2 = (c\Delta t' + \Delta x') \cdot (c\Delta t' - \Delta x')$$

⋮

$$\cancel{2c\Delta t'} = \cancel{2\gamma(c\Delta t + \beta\Delta x)}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta x' = \gamma(\Delta x + \beta c \Delta t) \\ c \Delta t' = \gamma(c \Delta t + \beta \Delta x) \end{array} \right\} \text{ or } \left( \begin{array}{l} c \Delta t' \\ \Delta x' \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \gamma & \gamma \beta \\ \gamma \beta & \gamma \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{l} c \Delta t \\ \Delta x \end{array} \right)$$

## More on Isometry

↳ Recall metric eq.:  $\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 - \Delta y^2 - \Delta z^2$

↳ Each coord. enters as  $\Delta q_i^2$ , has linear transformation

3 spatial + 1 temporal translations

↳ Also, Euclidean metric is embedded ( $\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2 + \Delta z^2$ ),

Total 10  
isometries

(Poincaré  
group)

3 spatial isometries

↳ Lorentz transformations are those mixing time coord. w/  
spatial coordinate:  $\Lambda_{ct,x}(\beta_x)$ ,  $\Lambda_{ct,y}(\beta_y)$ ,  $\Lambda_{ct,z}(\beta_z)$

## Isometry = transformation preserving metric

$$\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 - \Delta y^2 - \Delta z^2$$

## Assumptions so far

1. Isotropy of space: no preferred direction in space

2. PIE (principle of invariant event): what occurs at evt. must be  
fact, agreed upon by all observers regardless of motion

3. RV (reciprocal velocity postulate)

4. Lack of simultaneity

## Lorentz transforms (primed = moving frame, unprimed = lab frame)

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

$$t' = \gamma(t - \frac{vx}{c^2})$$

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### \* Geometry of spacetime

- Manifold  $M$ : restricted form of a set of points (topological space)

↳ Connected Hausdorff space

1. Connected: no disjoint sections, reach any point from another by smooth transition through manifold

2. Hausdorff: given topological space  $X$  and open sets  $O_1$  and

$O_2$

$$\forall x \neq y \in X, \exists O_1 \text{ & } O_2 \text{ s.t. } x \in O_1 \text{ & } y \in O_2 \text{ & } O_1 \cap O_2 = \emptyset$$

"For 2 distinct points in  $X$ , open sets can be defined around each such that they don't intersect"

We can always burrow down to super close points & still find points between them.

↳ Endowed w/ 1+ coordinate charts/systems,  $O_i$ , where each chart is like  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

↳ To cover manifold, charts overlap. When diff. charts overlap, an overlap function relates 1 set of coordinates to another.

↳ If we have complete set of coordinate charts + overlap functions that are infinitely differentiable, we have a differentiable manifold.

### \* Metric spaces

↳ If distance function  $d$  can be defined on coord. chart w/ properties below, it's a metric space.

$$d(x, y) = d(y, x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in M$$

$$d(x, y) = 0 \iff x = y$$

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$$

- Riemannian metric space: has metric form that allows finding distances & angles
    - ↳ In general, a Riemannian metric function in  $n$ -dim. Space takes form
- $$ds^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n g_{ij} dx^i dy^j$$
- ↳ Array  $\{g_{ij}\}$  forms metric tensor
  - ↳ If all  $g_{ij}$  equals same const  $\rightarrow$  Euclidean space
  - ↳ Going forth, only consider spaces w/ only diagonal terms

$$ds^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n g_{ii} dx^i dx^i$$

- ↳ Metric func. informs us how to take product of  $=$  vectors (generalization of dot product)

- Inner product properties

$$\langle \vec{w}, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle$$

$$\langle a\vec{w} + b\vec{v}, \vec{u} \rangle = a\langle \vec{w}, \vec{u} \rangle + b\langle \vec{v}, \vec{u} \rangle$$

$$\langle \vec{w}, \vec{w} \rangle > 0 \text{ if } \|\vec{w}\| \neq 0$$

- Onto spacetime

- ↳ Relax constraints: pseudo-Riemannian metric space

$$d(x, y) = d(y, x) \quad \text{can be real / imaginary}$$

$$d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y \quad \text{no longer necessarily true}$$

$$d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$$

## \*Geometry of Spacetime II

- Find metric:

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 x^0 = ct & ds^2 = \sum_{\mu, \nu=0}^3 g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \\
 x^1 = x & \\
 x^2 = y & = g_{00} dx^0 dx^0 + g_{11} dx^1 dx^1 + g_{22} dx^2 dx^2 + g_{33} dx^3 dx^3 \\
 x^3 = z & = g_{00} c^2 (dt)^2 + g_{11} (dx)^2 + g_{22} (dy)^2 + g_{33} (dz)^2
 \end{array}$$

\* Greek indices run over all spacetime coordinates

Latin indices run over only spatial coordinates

- Transformations that hold in both Newtonian physics & spacetime

- 1. Time translations:  $\hat{T}(\epsilon)$  i.e.  $\hat{T}(\epsilon)t \rightarrow t + \epsilon$
- 2. Spatial translations:  $\hat{X}(\epsilon)$  i.e.  $\hat{X}(\epsilon)x \rightarrow x + \epsilon$  (+ for y & z)
- 3. Spatial rotations:  $\hat{R}_z(\theta)$   
 $\hookrightarrow \hat{R}_z(\theta)(x, y, z) \rightarrow (\cos\theta x + \sin\theta y, -\sin\theta x + \cos\theta y, z)$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  Plus x & y

These leave Euclidean metric ( $ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$ ) invariant.

+ invariant under rotation, so  $g_{11} = g_{22} = g_{33}$

$$\therefore ds^2 = g_{00} c^2 dt^2 + g_{ii} [dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2]$$

frame S	$t_1 = 0$ $x_1 = 0$	$t_2 = t$ , $dt = t$ $x_2 = ct$ , $dx = ct$	$ds^2 = g_{00} (ct)^2 + g_{ii} (ct)^2$
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Frames S'	$t'_1 = 0$ $x'_1 = 0$	$t'_2 = t'$ , $dt' = t'$ $x'_2 = ct'$ , $dx' = ct'$	$ds^2 = g_{00} (ct')^2 + g_{ii} (ct')^2$
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Event 1  $\longrightarrow$  Event 2

Embodies  
geometry of  
spacetime

Invariant, also  $g_{00}, g_{ii} \neq 0$  and  $t \neq t'$

Only way is  $g_{00} = -g_{ii} \equiv g$

$$ds^2 = g [c^2 dt^2 - (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)]$$

$$|g| = 1, ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$$

\* Poincaré group

Time translations:  $\hat{T}(\epsilon): \hat{T}(\epsilon)t \rightarrow t + \epsilon$

Spatial translations:  $\hat{x}(\epsilon): \hat{x}(\epsilon)x \rightarrow x + \epsilon$

$\hat{y}(\epsilon): \hat{y}(\epsilon)y \rightarrow y + \epsilon$

$\hat{z}(\epsilon): \hat{z}(\epsilon)z \rightarrow z + \epsilon$

Spatial rotations:  $\hat{R}_z(\theta): \hat{R}_z(\theta)(x, y, z) = (\cos\theta x + \sin\theta y, -\sin\theta x + \cos\theta y, z)$

$\hat{R}_x(\theta): \hat{R}_x(\theta)(x, y, z) = (x, \cos\theta y + \sin\theta z, -\sin\theta y + \cos\theta z)$

$\hat{R}_y(\theta): \hat{R}_y(\theta)(x, y, z) = (\cos\theta x - \sin\theta z, y, \sin\theta x + \cos\theta z)$

Lorentz transforms:  $\hat{\Lambda}(\beta_x): \hat{\Lambda}(\beta_x)(ct, x, y, z) \rightarrow (ct', x', y, z)$

$\hat{\Lambda}(\beta_y): \hat{\Lambda}(\beta_y)(ct, x, y, z) \rightarrow (ct', x, y', z)$

$\hat{\Lambda}(\beta_z): \hat{\Lambda}(\beta_z)(ct, x, y, z) \rightarrow (ct', x, y, z')$

• Isometries: transformations that leave metric invariant

• Any combo of the Poincaré group will leave metric invariant.

• Metrics (in 1D,  $\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2$ )

↳ For lightlike-separated:  $c\Delta t = \Delta x, \Delta s = 0$

↳ For timelike-separated:  $c\Delta t > \Delta x, \Delta s^2 > 0$

↳ For spacelike-separated:  $c\Delta t < \Delta x, \Delta s^2 < 0$

↳  $\Delta s$  is imaginary

In all frames  
b.c. invariant

# Modern Physics

## week 20 Notes

\* Kinematical effects from invariance of interval

- Constancy of speed of light:  $\Delta S = 0$  is invariant, all frames see light to travel at  $c$

- Time dilation: Alice at rest, Bob moving

	$E_1$ Light emitted	$E_2$ light received	
A	$ct_1 = 0$ $x_1 = 0$	$ct_2 = c\Delta t_A$ $x_2 = v\Delta t_A$	$\left. \right\} \Delta S^2 = (c\Delta t_A)^2 - (v\Delta t_A)^2$
B	$ct'_1 = 0$ $x'_1 = 0$	$ct'_2 = c\Delta t_B$ $x'_2 = 0$	$\left. \right\} \Delta S^2 = (c\Delta t_B)^2$

$$\boxed{\Delta t_A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \Delta t_B}$$

- Length contraction

	$E_1$ Bob passes left edge	$E_2$ Bob passes right edge	
A	$ct_1 = 0$ $x_1 = 0$	$ct_2 = c \frac{L}{v}$ $x_2 = L$	$\left. \right\} \Delta S^2 = \left( c \frac{L}{v} \right)^2 - L^2$
B	$ct'_1 = 0$ $x'_1 = 0$	$ct'_2 = c \frac{L'}{v}$ $x'_2 = 0$	$\left. \right\} \Delta S^2 = \left( c \frac{L'}{v} \right)^2 - 0$

$$\boxed{L' = L \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

- Simultaneity

↳ Frame A:  $A_1$  &  $A_2$  at rest,  $L$  apart. Bob moves right at  $\vec{v}$

$E_1$ :  $A_1$  flashes light at  $t=0$

$E_2$ :  $A_2$  flashes light at  $t=0$

	$E_1$	$E_2$	
A	$ct_1 = 0$ $x_1 = 0$	$ct_2 = 0$ $x_2 = L$	$\left. \right\} \Delta S^2 = 0 - L^2$
B	$ct'_1 = 0$ $x'_1 = 0$	$ct'_2 = c\Delta t'$ $x'_2 = L' - v\Delta t'$	$\left. \right\} \Delta S^2 = (c\Delta t')^2 - (L' - v\Delta t')^2$

$L \neq L'$ , so  
 $\Delta t' \neq 0$

## \*Addition of velocity

- Frame S: obj. travelling at  $\vec{V} = V\hat{i}$

Frame S': moving at  $\vec{V}_{rel} = V_r\hat{i}$  within Frame S

Relation to observed velocity in frame S',  $\vec{V}'$ ?

Invert Lorentz  
transform using  
 $-V$  for  $V$

$$\bullet \text{Lorentz transformations: } \vec{V} = \frac{\Delta \vec{x}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\gamma(\Delta x' + V_r \Delta t')}{\gamma(\Delta t' + \frac{V_r \Delta x'}{c^2})} \quad \boxed{\gamma}$$

$$V = \frac{V' + V_r}{1 + \frac{V_r V'}{c^2}}$$

Addition of velocities\*

\*When velocity of obj. & frame are in same direction

- with  $\beta = \frac{v}{c}$ :

$$\beta = \frac{\beta' + \beta_r}{1 + \beta' \beta_r}$$

## \*Observations v. Measurements

- Observation: general process of looking w/ eyes & noting what was seen
  - ↳ Referenced to single observer at single evt.
  - ↳ Can pertain to far-away events
  - ↳ "Observation of light arriving from other past lightlike separated evt.s"

- Measurement: recording of facts at a single evt. in reference frames

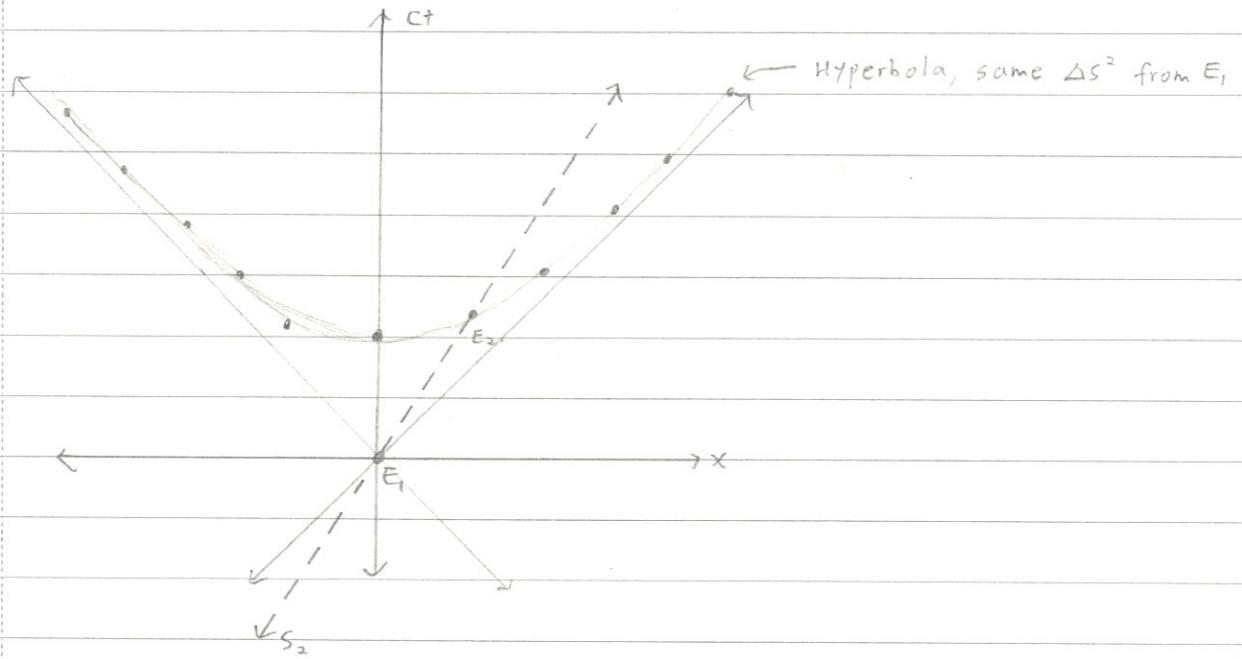
↳ Necessarily occurs at 1 evt.

↳ Single measurement cannot relate 2 distinct evt.s

↳ Single evt. can be measured in  $\infty$  # of diff. frames

↳ Stricter than an observation

## \* Invariant hyperbola & proper time



- $S_0$ : frame where  $x_0 = x_1$ , evts occur at same location.

- Time that passes in frame where evts are at same location: proper time ( $\tau$ )

↳ Thus  $\Delta s = c \Delta \tau$  for 2 events

↳ All frames agree on what the proper clock reads at 2 events

- Principle of maximal aging

↳ Straight worldline between 2 events: greatest  $\tau$  elapsed  
(greatest interval between events)

$$\Delta s_{1-2} = \int_{E_1}^{E_2} \sqrt{c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2}$$

↳ "An obj. is free (no net force on it) if elapsed time between any 2 events along its worldline, measured within its proper frame, is greater than the elapsed time measured between the events within any other frame."

↳ b.c. obj. at rest has straight worldline.

# Modern Physics

## Week 21 Notes

### \* 4-vectors

- For spacetime: 4 components  $(0, 1, 2, 3)$

↳ Notation:  $v^\mu$

\* Latin indices  $i, j, \dots = 1, 2, 3$

Greek indices  $\mu, \nu, \dots = 0, 1, 2, 3$

- Vector space:  $V^n(F) = \{\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \dots\}$  form vector space of dim.  $n$

over field  $F$  (real, complex, quaternion, etc.) iff. they satisfy:

1. Commutativity:  $\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{w} + \vec{v}$

2. Associativity:  $\vec{v} + (\vec{w} + \vec{u}) = (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) + \vec{u}$

3. Additive identity:  $\exists$  a vector  $\vec{0}$  s.t.  $\vec{v} + \vec{0} = \vec{v}$

4. Additive inverse: for every  $\vec{v}$ , unique inverse  $-\vec{v}$  s.t.  $\vec{v} + (-\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$

5. Distributive:  $a(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = a\vec{v} + a\vec{w}$

$$(a+b)\vec{v} = a\vec{v} + b\vec{v}$$

$$a(b\vec{v}) = (ab)\vec{v} = (ba)\vec{v}$$

$$0\vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

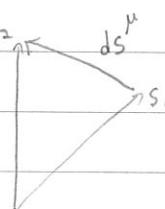
6. Also,  $a\vec{0} = \vec{0}$  and  $(-1)\vec{v} = -\vec{v}$

\* Addition/subtraction results in element within  $V^n(F)$

\* Multiplication by scalars results in element within  $V^n(F)$

\* Multiplication of vectors (to be defined - inner product produces scalars)

- The interval

$$\|ds^\mu\|^2 = ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$$


• 4-velocity:  $\frac{\Delta \text{interval}}{\Delta \text{"time"}} = \frac{\Delta \text{interval}}{\Delta \text{parameter}}$

$$\vec{U} = \gamma(c, \vec{v})$$

↳ parametrized by proper time

4-velocity:  $\frac{ds}{d\tau}$

↳ Magnitude =  $\|U^\mu\|^2 = \left\| \frac{ds^\mu}{d\tau} \right\|^2 = \frac{c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2}{d\tau^2}$

↳  $d\tau = \frac{ds}{c}$ ,  $\|U^\mu\|$  is always  $c$

• Lorentz Transformation in matrix form

$$ds^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} Cdt \\ dx \\ dy \\ dz \end{pmatrix} = \hat{\Lambda}(\beta_x) ds'^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma(Cdt' + \frac{vdx'}{c}) \\ \gamma(dx' + vdt') \\ dy' \\ dz' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma(Cdt' + \beta_x dx') \\ \gamma(dx' + \beta_x C dt') \\ dy' \\ dz' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$ds'^\mu = \hat{\Lambda}(\beta_x) ds^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Cdt \\ dx \\ dy \\ dz \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Cdt' \\ dx' \\ dy' \\ dz' \end{pmatrix}$$

⇒ Proper notation for Lorentz transform:

$$ds^\mu = \sum_{\mu=0}^3 \Lambda_\mu^\nu(\beta) ds'^\mu \equiv \Lambda_\mu^\nu(\beta) ds'^\mu \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Einstein notation} \\ \text{Avoid the } \Sigma \end{matrix}$$

• Relativistic Momentum (4-momentum)

$$p^\mu = mv^\mu$$

$m$  will be examined later.

$$\begin{aligned} p^\mu &= \left( mC \frac{dt}{d\tau}, m \frac{dx}{d\tau}, m \frac{dy}{d\tau}, m \frac{dz}{d\tau} \right), \quad d\tau = \frac{dt}{\gamma} \\ &= (mc\gamma, \gamma p_x, \gamma p_y, \gamma p_z) \end{aligned}$$

↳ Lorentz Transforms:  $\Lambda(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} mc \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ \beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma mc \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

• 1st Component of 4-momentum:  $p^0 = \gamma mc$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{If } \beta \ll 1, \gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{1/2} \approx 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(-\beta^2)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2}{c^2}$$

$$p^0 = \gamma mc = mc \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \dots\right) \approx mc + \frac{1}{2} mv^2 \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\boxed{cp^0 \approx mc^2 + \frac{1}{2} mv^2}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Relativistic energy: } E = cp^0 = \gamma mc^2$$

$\hookrightarrow$  If  $\beta = 0$ ,  $E_0 = mc^2$ , rest energy of object w/ mass  $m$

• Rewrite:

$$\hookrightarrow 4\text{-momentum: } p^\mu = (\gamma mc, \gamma p_x, \gamma p_y, \gamma p_z) = \left(\frac{E}{c}, p^x, p^y, p^z\right)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Energy-momentum 4-vector: } q^\mu = cp^\mu : (E, cp^x, cp^y, cp^z)$$

$$\checkmark \text{ Since } p^\mu = mv^\mu, \|p^\mu\|^2 = (mc)^2$$

$$\text{Since } q^\mu = cp^\mu, \|q^\mu\|^2 = (mc^2)^2$$

$$\text{Solve } \|q^\mu\|^2 \text{ for } E: E = \sqrt{(mc^2)^2 + (cp^x)^2 + (cp^y)^2 + (cp^z)^2}$$

• Relativistic conservation of momentum

$$p_1^\mu = p_2^\mu \implies \begin{pmatrix} E/c \\ p^x \\ p^y \\ p^z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E'/c \\ p'^x \\ p'^y \\ p'^z \end{pmatrix}$$

Mass is not conserved  
in relativistic dynamics.  
Energy is conserved.

$\hookrightarrow$  Massive particles: { At rest:  $E_0 = mc^2$

$$\text{At } \beta_x: E = \gamma mc^2 = \sqrt{(mc^2)^2 + (p^x c)^2}$$

$$\text{Massless particles: } \{ \text{Energy: } E = \sqrt{(p^x c)^2 + (p^y c)^2 + (p^z c)^2} = pc$$

$$\text{Identities } \left\{ p^x = mu^x = m \frac{dx}{dt} = \gamma m \frac{dx}{dt} = \gamma mc \cdot \frac{1}{c} \frac{dx}{dt} = \gamma \beta mc \quad \right| \quad p^x c = \gamma \beta mc^2$$

$$\left\{ \gamma = \frac{E}{mc^2}, \gamma \beta = \frac{p^x c}{mc^2} \rightarrow \beta = \frac{\gamma \beta}{\gamma} = \frac{p^x c}{E} \right.$$

# Modern Physics

## Week 22 Notes

### \*Notes on Specifics

- Warning:  $E=mc^2$  might be misleading

↳ Alternative:  $E = \sqrt{(mc^2)^2 + (pc)^2}$  (applies in all scenarios)

or  $E_0 = mc^2$  (obj. at rest)

$$E = \gamma mc^2 \text{ (for massive bodies)}$$

- Misconception: objects can't pass c b.c. mass gets large and prevents them from being 'pushed' faster

↳ Mass is a Lorentz scalar, doesn't change w/ speed:  $m \neq \gamma m_0$

- Mass is not conserved in relativistic physics, but energy is.

- Mass ≠ energy; one conserved, other isn't

- Space ≠ time; due to causal structure, you can always identify time dimension. Metric distinguishes them.

### \* Gravity & Special Relativity

- Newton's Universal Law of Gravitation:  $\vec{F} = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$

↳ Instantaneous influence ???

- Equivalence Principle

↳ Observer can't distinguish 1) Free fall in uniform gravitational field  
2) Floating in deep space

② is an IRF, and since they're equivalent, ① is an IRF.

↳ Physics in a free-falling frame with uniform gravitational field is equivalent to physics in an IRF (without gravity)

↳ Or: physics in a frame w/ uniform gravity (fixed reference point) is equivalent to physics in accelerating reference frame

# Modern Physics

## week 23 Notes

### \*Geodesics

- In the presence of a gravitational field, worldlines between 2 timelike events that have max. proper time (geodesics) are curved.
- Observers following timelike geodesics:
  1. Maximal proper time
  2. No net non-gravitational force
  3. Satisfy Newton's Laws, when conducting experiments
  4. Frame fixed to observer is a local IRF
- In ordinary space (not pseudo-Riemannian), geodesics are lines of min. distance

### \* Non-Euclidean geometry

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Gaussian Curvature: } K = \frac{1}{R_1 R_2}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Classify:

- |                                         |                                                      |                          |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) $K > 0: \sum_{i=1}^3 \theta_i > \pi$ | $\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}$ | Triangles on the surface |
| 2) $K = 0: \sum_{i=1}^3 \theta_i = \pi$ |                                                      |                          |
| 3) $K < 0: \sum_{i=1}^3 \theta_i < \pi$ |                                                      |                          |

### \* Some metrics (flat)

- 2D Euclidean Plane in polar coordinates:  $dl^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2$
- 2D surface of sphere:  $dl^2 = R^2 d\theta^2 + R^2 \sin^2 d\phi^2$
- 3D Euclidean Space in spherical coords:  $dl^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 d\phi^2$
- 4D flat spacetime (Cartesian):  $ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$
- 4D flat spacetime (spherical):  $ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dr^2 - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2 d\phi^2$

$$\bullet \text{General curved metric spaces: } dl^2 = g_{11} dx_1^2 + g_{22} dx_2^2 \quad (2D)$$

$$dl^2 = g_{11} dx_1^2 + g_{22} dx_2^2 + g_{33} dx_3^2 \quad (3D)$$

## \* Schwarzschild Solution

- Solution for spacetime outside a spherically symmetric mass, M  
(Exterior solution)

1. Use spherical coordinates

2. Solution is outside mass, so  $G^{\mu\nu} = 0$  (Einstein's equations take this form)

3. As  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , metric should approach flat spacetime metric

4. As  $M \rightarrow 0$ , metric should approach flat spacetime metric

5. Spherical symmetry

6. Must satisfy Einstein's equation (not checking this here)

Spherical symmetry  $\rightarrow ds^2 = g_{tt} c^2 dt^2 - g_{rr} dr^2 - h_{\theta} r^2 d\theta^2 - h_{\varphi} r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$

$$\rightarrow g_{tt} = g_{tt}(r, t), \quad g_{rr} = g_{rr}(r, t)$$

$$\therefore ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2}\right) c^2 dt^2 - \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2}\right)} dr^2 - r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2)$$