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③ Two rockets of proper length L_0 , are approaching the earth from opposite directions at velocities $\pm \frac{c}{2}$. Find out the length of one rocket with respect to the observer in the other rocket.

Solution:

According to the velocity addition theorem:

$$u' = \frac{u - v}{1 - \frac{uv}{c^2}}$$

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where v : is the velocity of the 'prime' frame.

u : is the velocity of the rocket in rest frame.

In present case: let us calculate the velocity u' with respect to the frame in rocket 'A'.

Hence $v = \frac{c}{2}$, and $u = -\frac{c}{2}$ [velocity of 'B' with respect to earth].

Therefore: velocity of the rocket 'B' with respect to the rocket 'A' is

$$u' = \frac{-\frac{c}{2} - \frac{c}{2}}{1 + \frac{c^2}{4c^2}} = -\frac{4c}{5}$$

$$u' = -\frac{4c}{5}$$

~~[scribble]~~

Now proper length of the rocket 'B' is L_0 .

Hence length of the rocket 'B' with respect to the observer in 'A' will be

$$L = \frac{L_0}{\gamma} = \frac{L_0}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u'^2}{c^2}}}} = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{16}{25}\right)} L_0$$

$$\approx \cancel{0.60} L_0 \cdot 0.60 L_0$$



Q.2

~~Initial~~

$$E_\gamma = E_0$$

$$E'_\gamma = E'_0$$

$$p_\gamma = \frac{E_0}{c}$$

$$p'_\gamma = \frac{E'_0}{c}$$

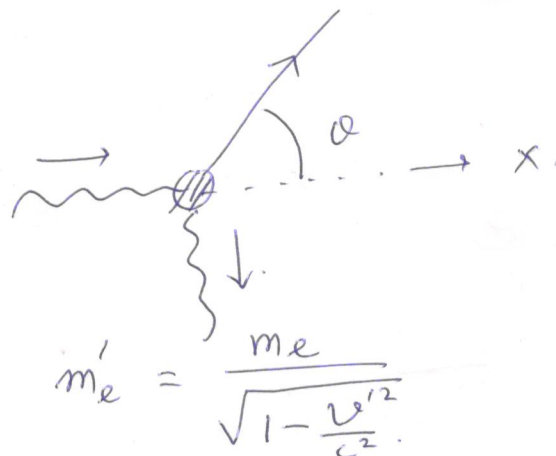
~~Final~~

$$E_e = m_e c^2$$

$$E'_e = m'_e c^2$$

$$p_e = 0$$

$$p'_e = m'_e v' \quad ; \quad m'_e = \frac{m_e}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v'^2}{c^2}}}$$



Energy conservation:

$$E_0 + m_e c^2 = E'_0 + m'_e c^2 \dots (1)$$

Momentum conservation:

$$\frac{E_0}{c} = \frac{E'_0}{c} \cos \theta + m'_e v' \cos \theta$$

along x-direction

(2) →

$$\boxed{\frac{E_0}{c} = m'_e v' \cos \theta}$$

along y-direction

(3) →

$$\boxed{m'_e v' \sin \theta = \frac{E'_0}{c}}$$

[~~scribble~~]

For electron we know: $m_e^2 c^4 = c^2 p_e^2 + m_e^2 c^4 \Rightarrow E'_e = m'_e c^2 = T_{KE}^e + m_e c^2$

Therefore, Kinetic energy of electron: $T_{KE}^e = E'_e - m_e c^2 = (m'_e c^2 - m_e c^2)$

using (1) $\Rightarrow \boxed{T_{KE}^e = (E_0 - E'_0)}$

Now from (2) & (3) $\Rightarrow p_e^2 c^2 = E_0'^2 + E_0^2$

From (1) $\Rightarrow E_0 + m_e c^2 - E'_0 = \sqrt{c^2 p_e^2 + m_e^2 c^4}$

$$= \sqrt{E_0'^2 + E_0^2 + m_e^2 c^4}$$

Squaring both side: $\boxed{E'_0 = \frac{E_0 m_e c^2}{E_0 + m_e c^2}}$

Therefore :

$$T_{KE} = E_0 - E'_0 = \frac{E_0^2}{E_0 + m_e c^2}$$

$$\frac{(3)}{(2)} \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{E'_0}{E_0} = \frac{m_e c^2}{E_0 + m_e c^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{m_e c^2}{E_0 + m_e c^2} \right]$$

Numerical part

$$[m_e c^2 = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \times 9 \times 10^{16} \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}]$$

$$= 81.99 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J} = \frac{81.99}{1.6} \times \frac{10^{-15}}{10^{19}}$$

$$= \frac{81.99}{1.6} \times 10^4 \text{ eV} = 5.1 \times 10^5 \text{ eV} = 5.1 \times 10^2 \text{ KeV}$$

$$T_{KE} = \frac{(100)^2}{(100)^2 + (500.1)^2} = \frac{10^4}{600.1} = 0.002 \times 10^4 \text{ KeV} = 20 \text{ eV}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{5.1 \times 10^2}{100 + 500.1} \right] = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{500.1}{600.1} \right] = \tan^{-1} [0.83]$$

$$= 0.69 \text{ rad}$$

$$\approx 40^\circ$$

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(Supplementary Answer Sheet)

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Q.3

Uncertainty in position of an electron

$$\Delta x = 10^{-12} \text{ cm} = 10^{-14} \text{ m}$$

Now from uncertainty relation:

$$\Delta p \geq \frac{h}{2 \Delta x}$$

Hence uncertainty in energy:

$$\Delta E_{\text{non-rel}} = \frac{\Delta p^2}{2m_e}$$

For non-relativistic case.

$$\Delta E_{\text{rel}} = \sqrt{c^2 \Delta p^2 + m_e^2 c^4}$$

for relativistic case.

using the numerical inputs

$$\Delta E_{\text{non-rel}} \approx 96 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{rel}} \approx 15.8 \text{ MeV}$$

Therefore, one 'MeV' electron can not exist inside the nucleus.

Any of the expression for energy, (relativistic or non-relativistic) award full marks.