

Lecture R1

⇒ Name Tags

⇒ Discuss Syllabus

Overview: of Relativity

- 1) Exploring the consequences of a simple idea "The laws of physics are the same inside a lab at rest and a lab moving a constant velocity".

Q: (Example?)

- 2) Axiomatic → From a few assumptions, we come to surprising far-reaching conclusions about the nature of space and time

DON'T BE FOOLED! Experimental verification of these consequences (not the mathematical beauty) is why we believe Relativity to be "true".

- 3) We have to be very clear about how we discuss concepts like "lab", by which we make measurements,

Q: What is the most fundamental measurement you can make?

→ motion of a particle, such as an atom, in space

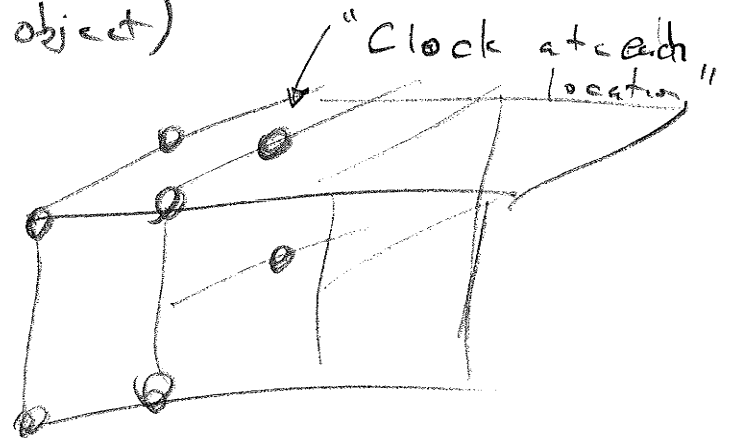
Q: How do we describe motion?

→ Series of position and time measurements.

Event : Occurs at a specific place and time (space-time coordinates)

Q: How do we measure "Events"?
(Assume money is no object)

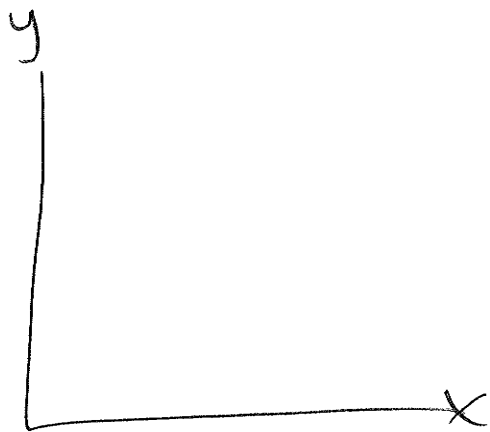
Reference Frame



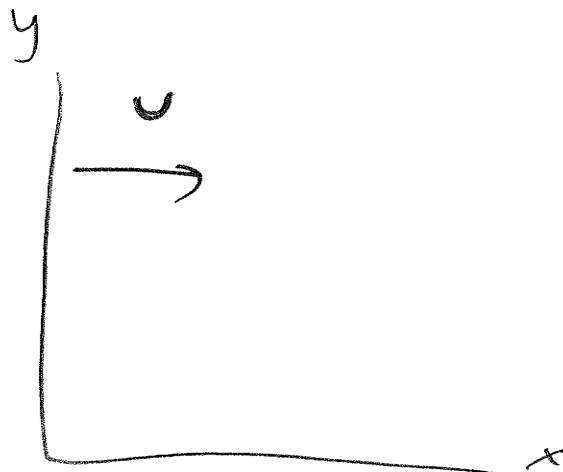
Q:

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Convention



Home Frame (F)



Other Frame (F')

← (Have to resist)

(You can ignore convention, but then have to be careful with formulas)

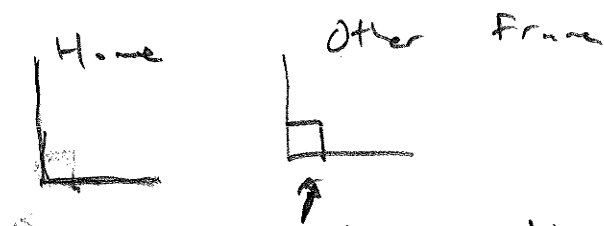
Inertial Reference Frame

→ Newton's first law holds
(objects w/o net external force are at rest)

Claim 1 Any inertial frame will be observed to move at a constant velocity relative to any other frame.

Claim 2: Any frame moving with a constant velocity wrt any other inertial frame will be itself an inertial frame

Q: Proof Claim 2:

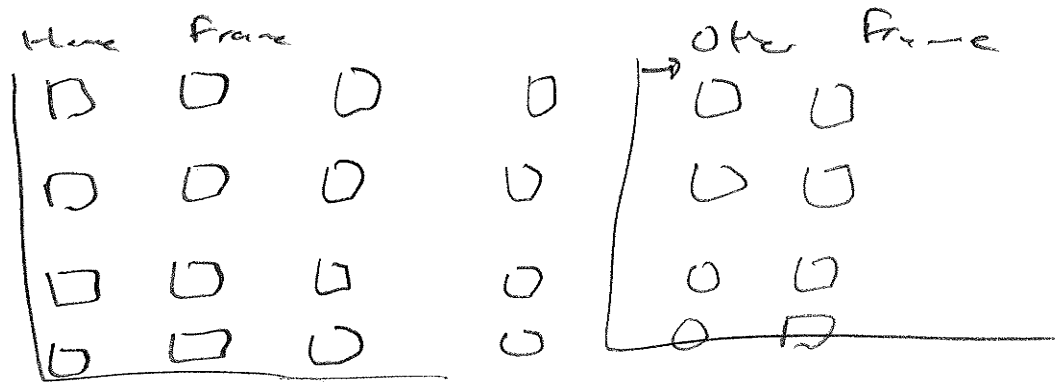


test object at rest in other frame

test object must be moving at constant velocity in Home Frame (else violates 2nd law)

Therefore other frame moves at constant velocity.

Q: Proof Claim 2



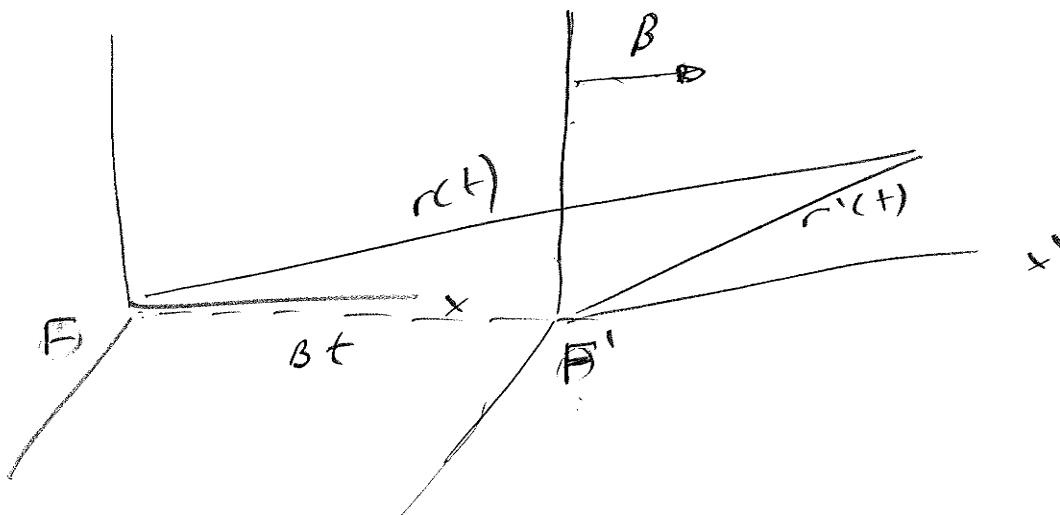
↑
Other frame sees test objects
everywhere at constant velocity,
i.e., obeying 2nd law,

Newtonian Relativity

"time is absolute and flows equally without regard to anything external",

Any one clock will do, and can simply be carried around as needed.

$$t = t'$$



$$t' = t$$

$$x' = x - Bt$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} :$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_x' &= u_x - \beta \\ u_y' &= u_y \\ u_z' &= u_z \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_x' &= a_x \\ a_y' &= a_y \\ a_z' &= a_z \end{aligned}$$



Both Frames agree about
acceleration!

Both Frames agree that
Newton's Laws apply, even
if story is slightly different.

R1 S7

Q: R1 S9

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12}$$

~~$$\frac{m^3}{s^4 A^2}$$~~

$$F/m$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Vs/A m}$$

$$F/m = \frac{As}{Vm}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \quad \frac{As}{Vm}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \quad \frac{Vs}{Am}$$

~~$$\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}$$~~

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = ? \quad \frac{m}{s}$$

$$\frac{1}{(8.854 \cdot 4\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$\frac{10^{10}}{88.4 \cdot 3} \sim 3 \times 10^8$$

Electromagnetic Waves

R2

Maxwell (1873) developed theory of classical E+M.

Two important constants:

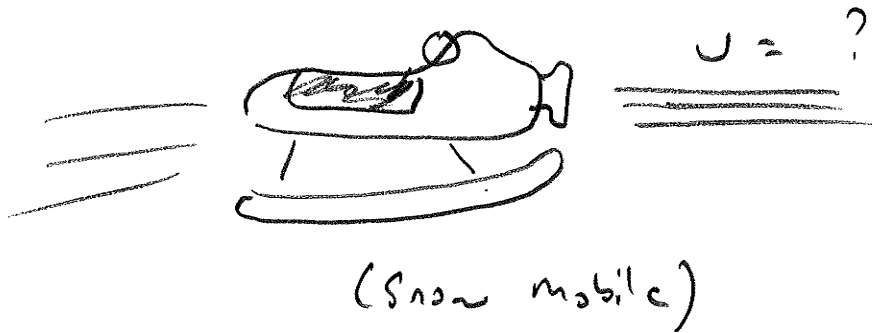
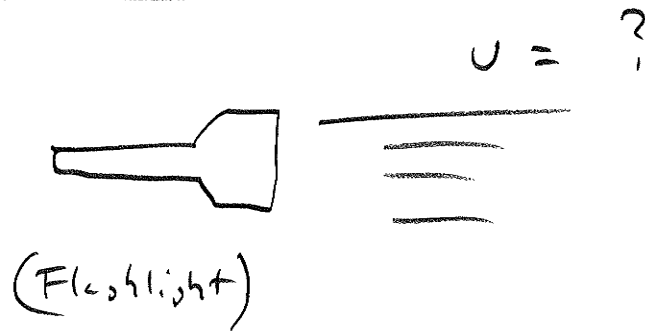
$$\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \frac{\text{A.s}}{\text{V.m}}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{V.s}}{\text{A.m}}$$

Q: Calculate $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = ?$

As you will see in E+M, Maxwell's Equations predicted new phenomenon of electromagnetic waves, travelling at $c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$,

An important question!



Incompatible:

Maxwell's Equations ($c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$)

Relativity

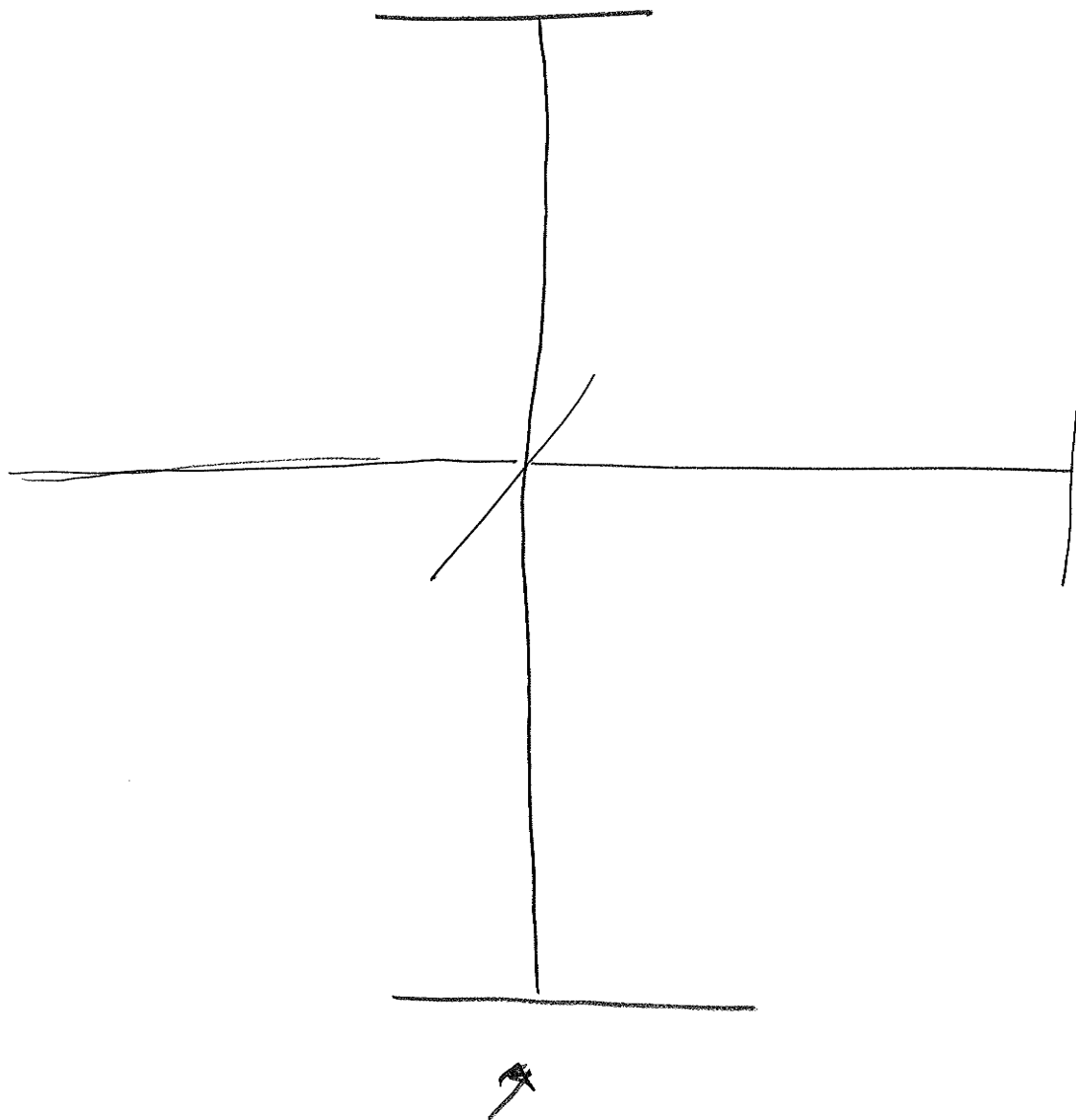
Galilean Transformation

First approach was to throw out relativity

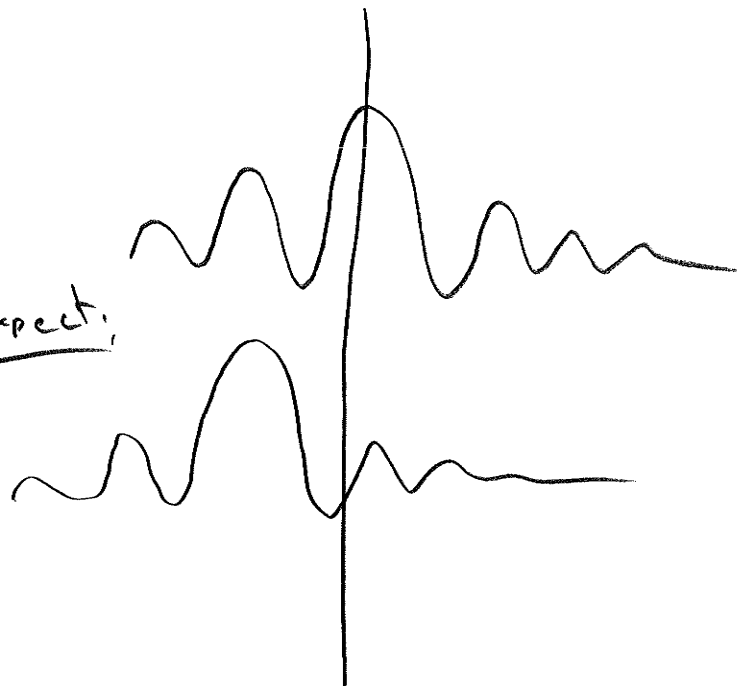
In essence:

Light propagates in ether

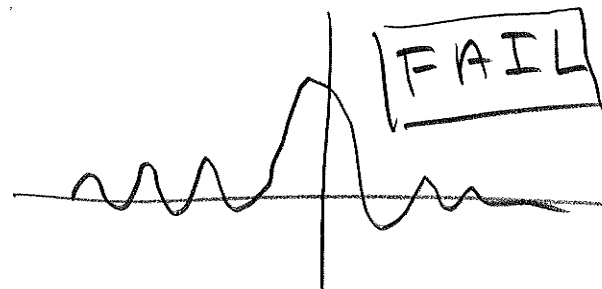
Michelson - Morley experiment



Expect:



Saw



Einstein's Approach

- ① Principle of Relativity Holds
- ② Maxwell's Equations Hold
 $\Rightarrow c = 3.0 \text{ m/s}$ in every inertial frame
- ③ Galilean Transformations are wrong.

↖ Think about how hard that is to accept. It seems more a matter of math than physics.

What next? $r \neq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$!!!

SR Units

$c = 3.0 \text{ m/s}$ is quite central ...

So much so we can define a length by the amount of time it takes to travel:

Light - year

Light - second

In this class, we even drop the "light".

$L = 1 \text{ s}$

$L = 1 \text{ yr}$

Q: A meterstick has length?

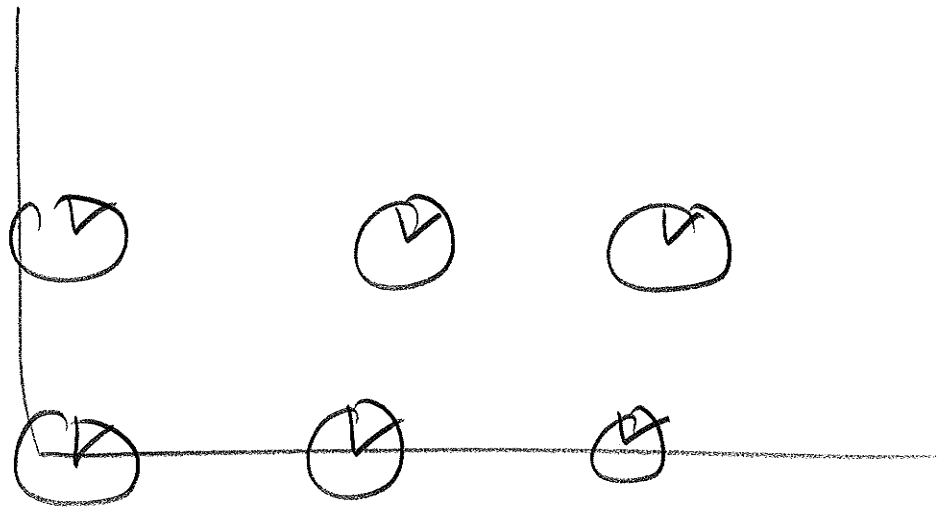
3.3 ns

m	10^{-3}
μ	10^{-6}
n	10^{-9}

Not a meter stick, it's a
(3.3 ns stick)

Clock Synchronization.

We reject the galilean transformation which is "universal time" plus math. So we reject "universal time". Have to be VERY CAREFUL going forward



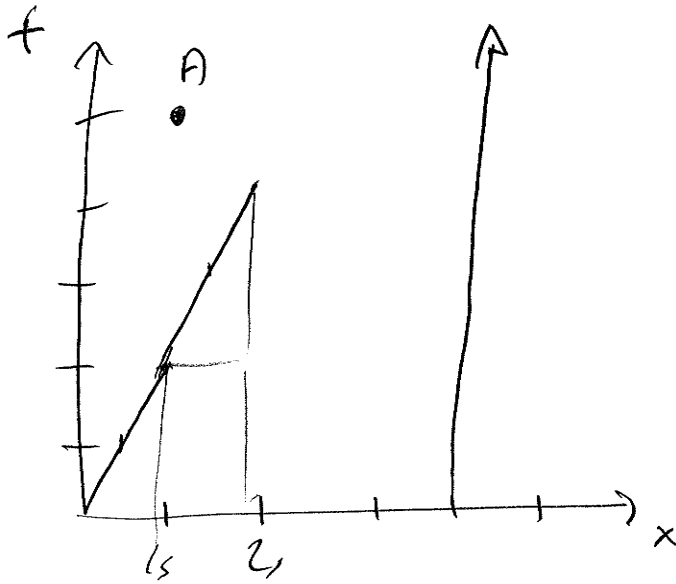
Q: How can we synchronize clocks in a way consistent with relativity + Maxwell's Equation?

A: Use light pulses



Clocks are synchronized when time interval is equal to space interval.

ST Diagrams



- Events

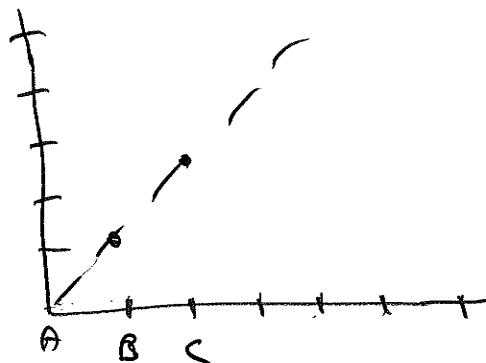
- World line

- $\frac{1}{m} = \text{velocity}$

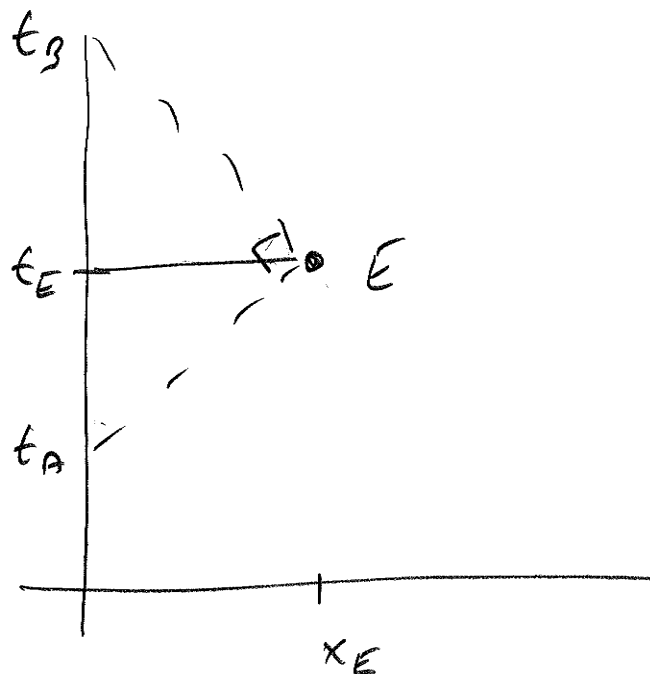
- ~~horizontal~~ ^{vertical} line is particle at rest

- light has slope "1"

\Rightarrow that's synchronization method



Radar method:



$$t_E = \frac{1}{2} (t_A + t_B) \quad (\text{average})$$

$$x_E = \frac{1}{2} (t_B - t_A) \quad (\frac{1}{2} \text{ the time interval})$$

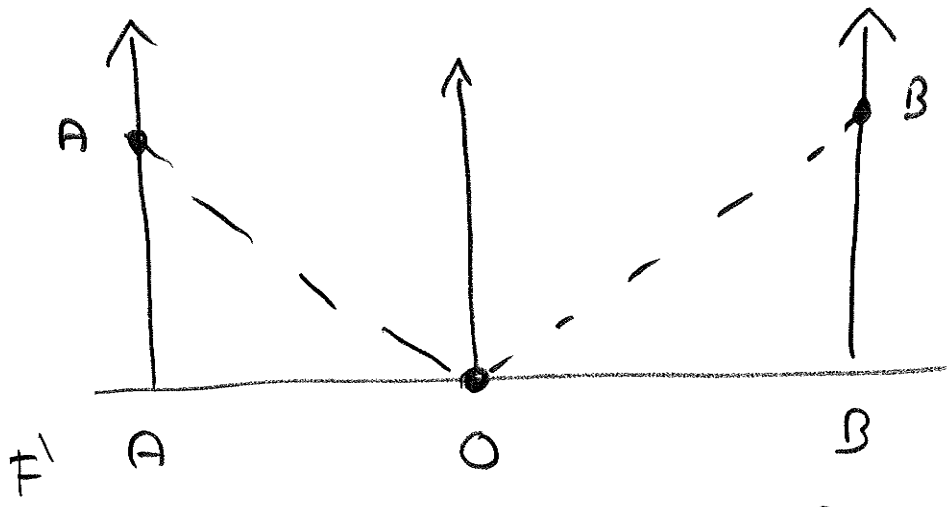
(Or Geometric)

Coordinate-Time Interval:

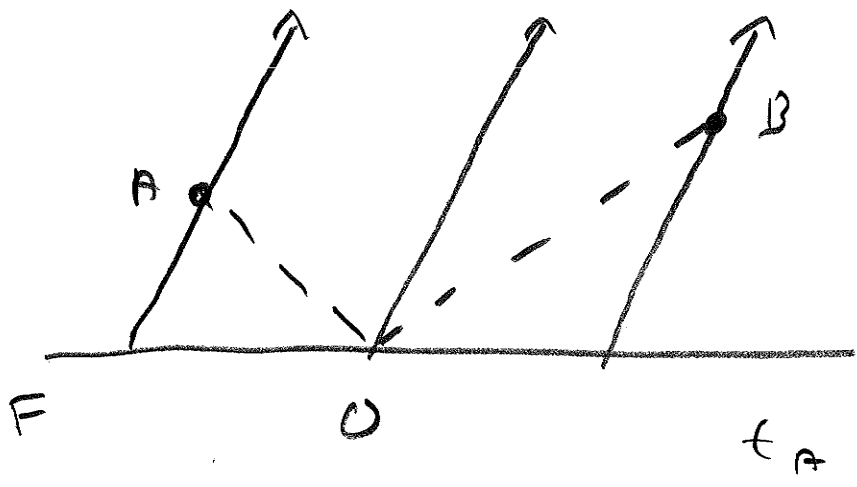
Δt between two events measured in an inertial frame.

Time to see a difficult fact:

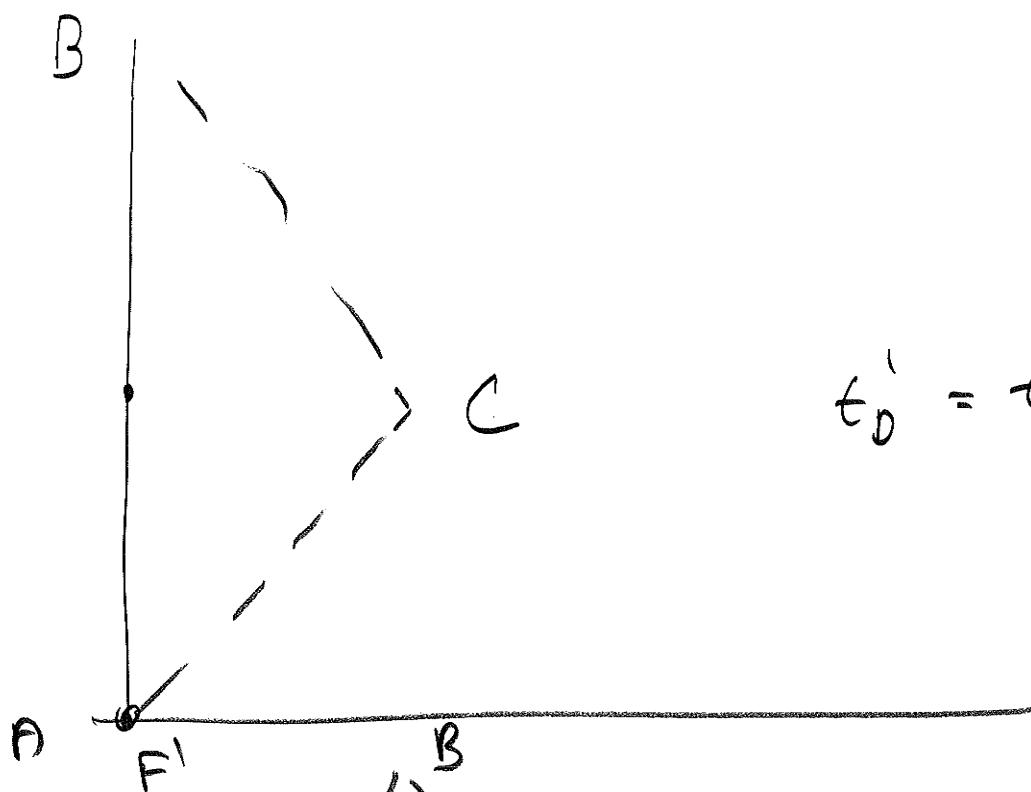
Coordinate Time is Frame-Dependent



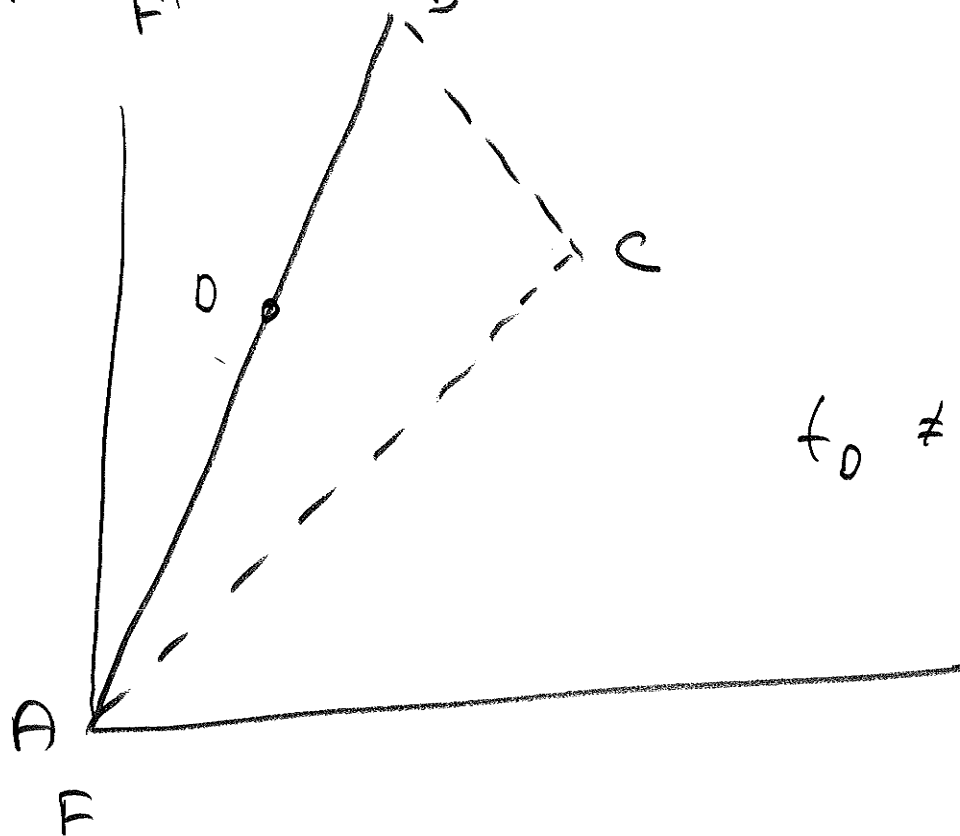
Events A and B occur at same time (simultaneous) ($t_A' = t_B'$)



$t_A \neq t_B$!!!



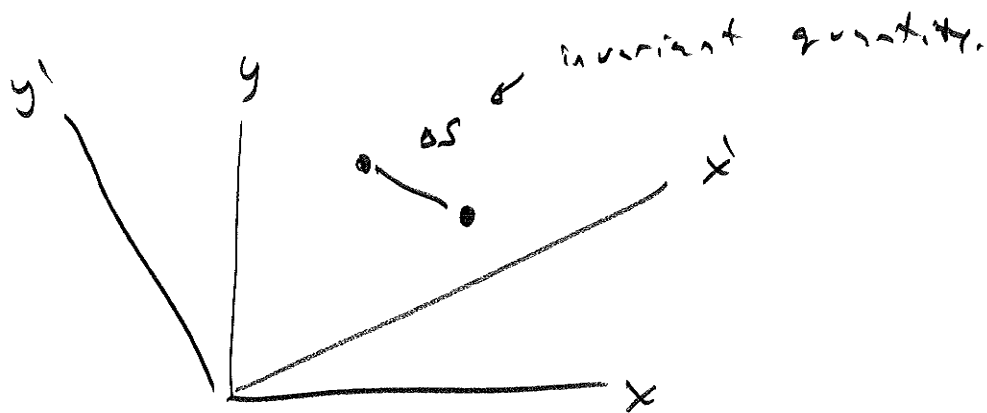
$$t_D' = t_C'$$



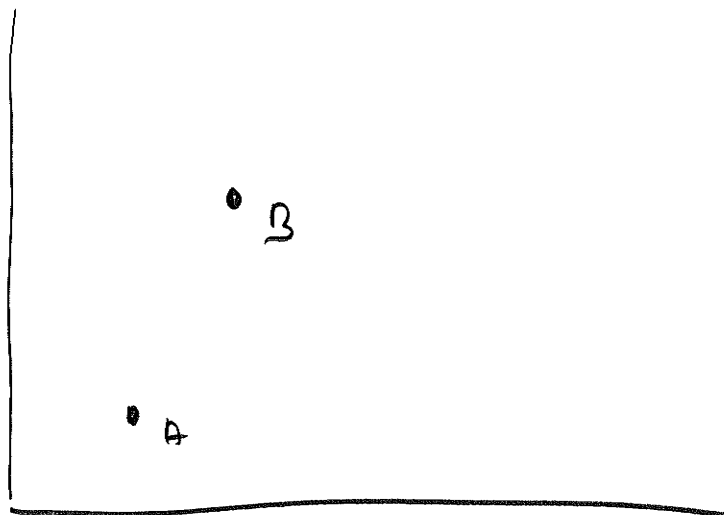
$$t_D \neq t_C$$

Geometrical Analogy

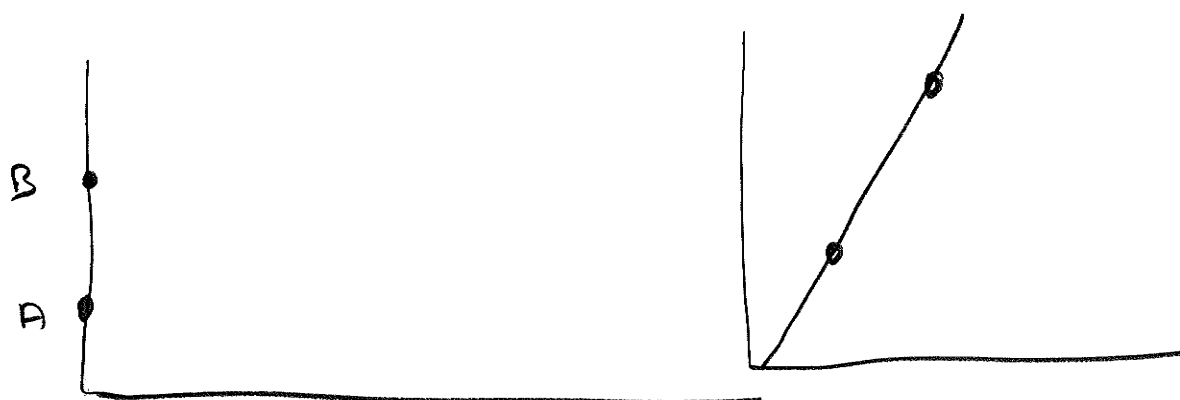
→ We will see that SR is very much about geometry, but I understand if this makes you skeptical as written in book.



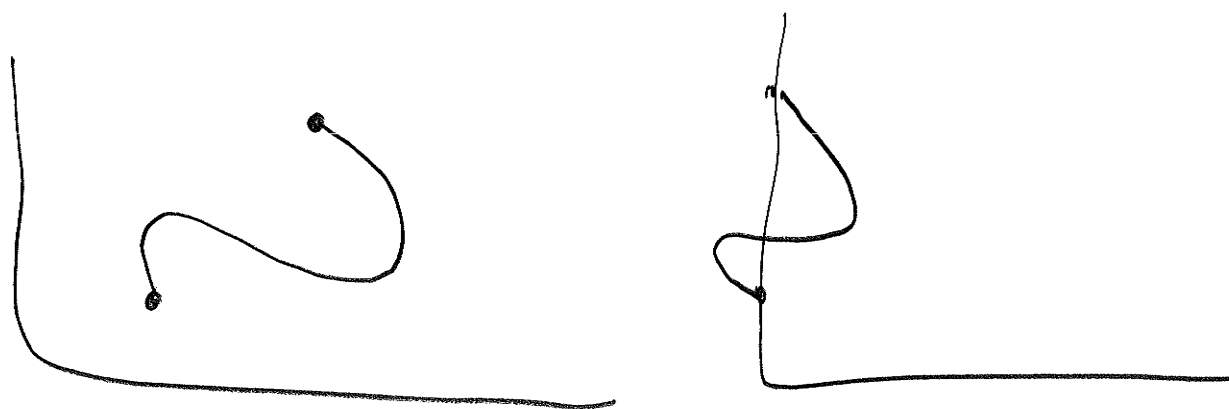
For now, we'll see that there is an invariant quantity



Coordinate Time



Space-Time Interval



Proper-Time

Problems:

R3 S4

R3 S. 1

R3 S. 2

Take roll of roommate

R3 S4

try to illicit:

- 1) Relativity not about perception
- 2) Relativity not about being wrong / mistaken
- 3) Surprising consequences may seem contradictory, e.g. non-simultaneity could lead to impossible scenarios, but when rephrased as an experiment no contradiction is seen.

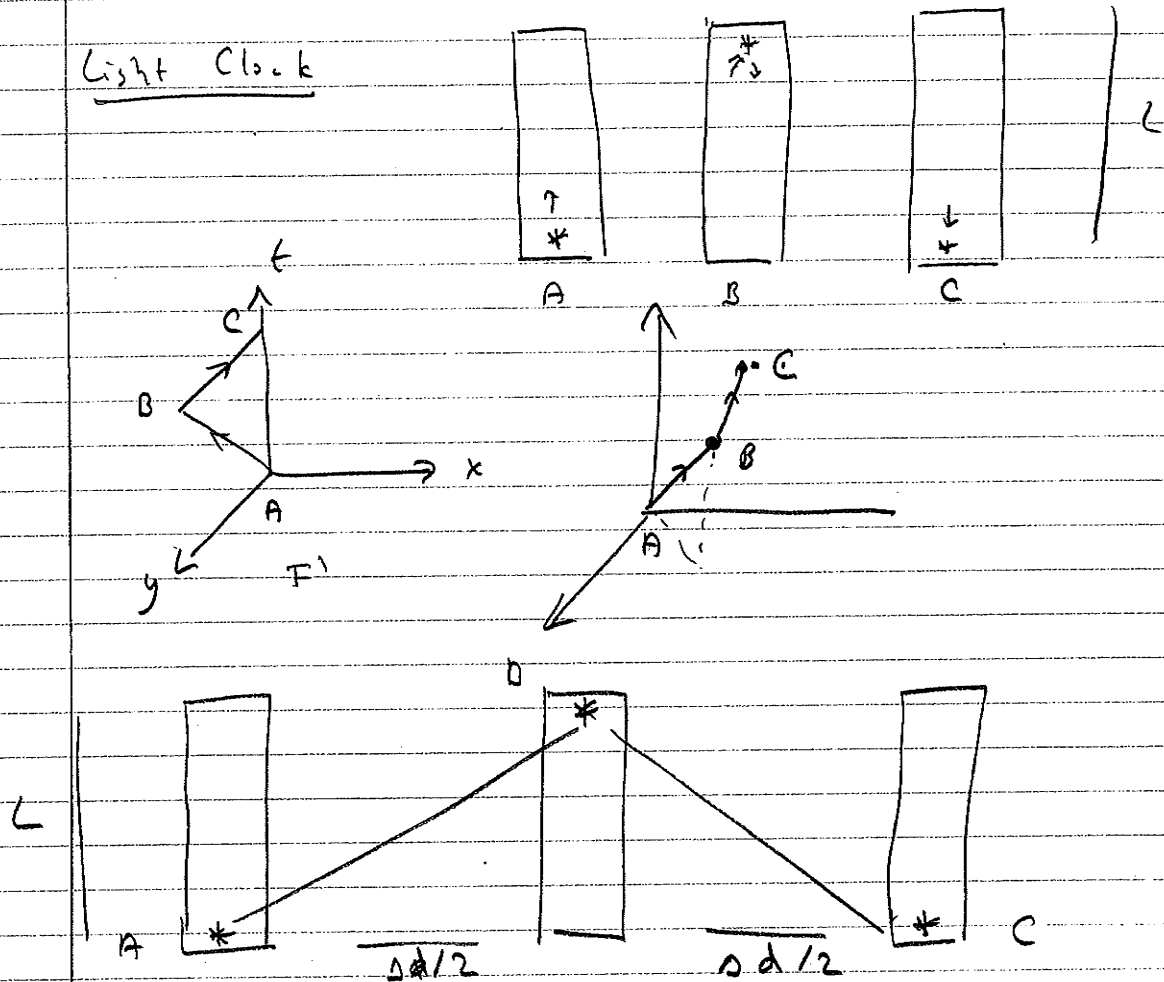
CORRECTION:

3 D also true:

* argument fails for faster than light.

The Metric Equation

Light Clock



In inertial frame of clock (F'),
clock reads a spacetime interval

$$\Delta S = 2L$$

In Frame F where clock moves a distance
 Δd between events A and C , the
light travels a distance

$$2 \sqrt{L^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta d}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{(2L)^2 + \Delta d^2}$$

Since speed of light is 1

we must have

$$\Delta t = \sqrt{(2L)^2 + \Delta d^2}$$

But $2L = \Delta s$ so then

$$\Delta s^2 = (\Delta d)^2 - (\Delta t)^2$$

We can devise light clocks of any size, speed and orientation (in principle) so this equation is quite general!

To measure a space-time interval for two events with coordinates (\vec{x}_1, t_1) , (\vec{x}_2, t_2)

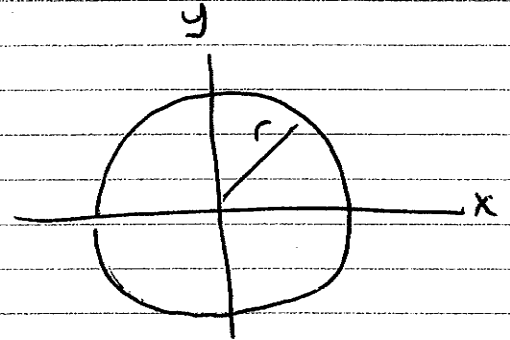
we merely calculate

$$\Delta s^2 = (t_1 - t_2)^2 - (x_1 - x_2)^2 - (y_1 - y_2)^2 - (z_1 - z_2)^2$$

Q: This equation uses x , y , and z , but our derivation only uses one direction. Is this valid?

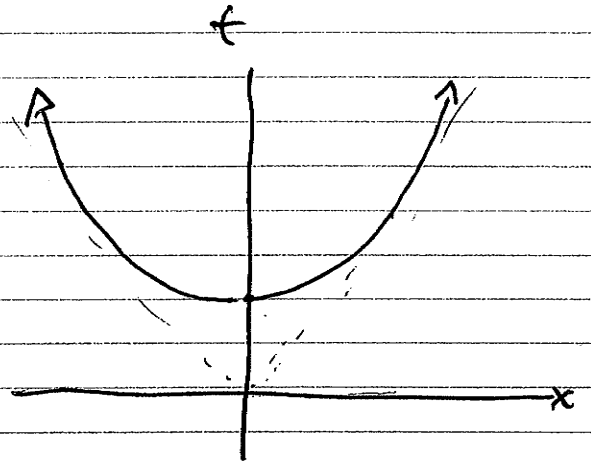
Euclidean Metric:

$$\Delta r^2 = \Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2$$



S.R.:

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

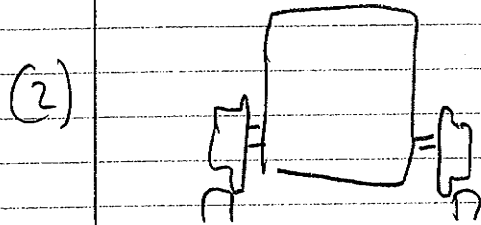
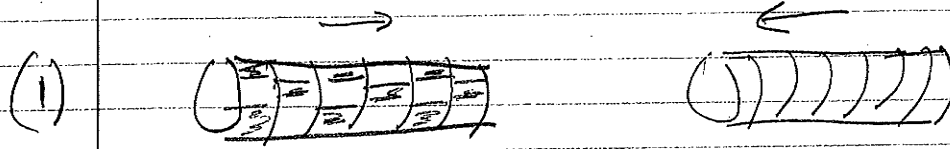


$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta t^2 > \Delta s^2}$$

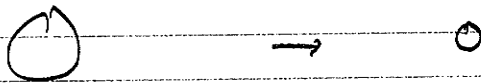
$$\Rightarrow \Delta t > \Delta s$$

(for $\Delta t > 0, \Delta s > 0$)

Alternative Proofs of \perp non-contradiction



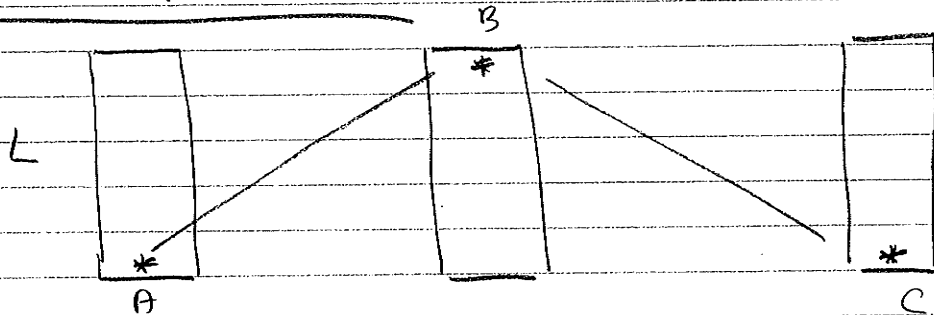
(3) If



What does



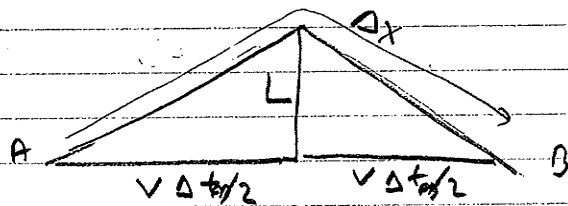
More Light Clocks



In light-clock frame, proper-time (= spacetime interval) is

$$\Delta \tau_{AB} (= \Delta S_{AB}) = 2L$$

In frame where clock is moving at constant velocity u :



Light travels a distance:

$$\Delta x = 2 \sqrt{L^2 + (v\Delta t/2)^2} = \sqrt{4L^2 + (v\Delta t)^2}$$

$$\Delta x^2 = \Delta \tau_{AB}^2 + (v\Delta t)^2$$

But light travels at speed 1, so

$$\Delta x = \Delta t, \quad \Delta t^2 = \Delta \tau_{AB}^2 + (v\Delta t)^2$$

$$\Delta \tau_{AB} = (1 - v^2) \Delta t^2$$

$$\boxed{\Delta \tau_{AB} = \sqrt{1 - v^2} \Delta t} \quad !!!$$

!!! Visualize This !!!

Problems :

R4 B.1

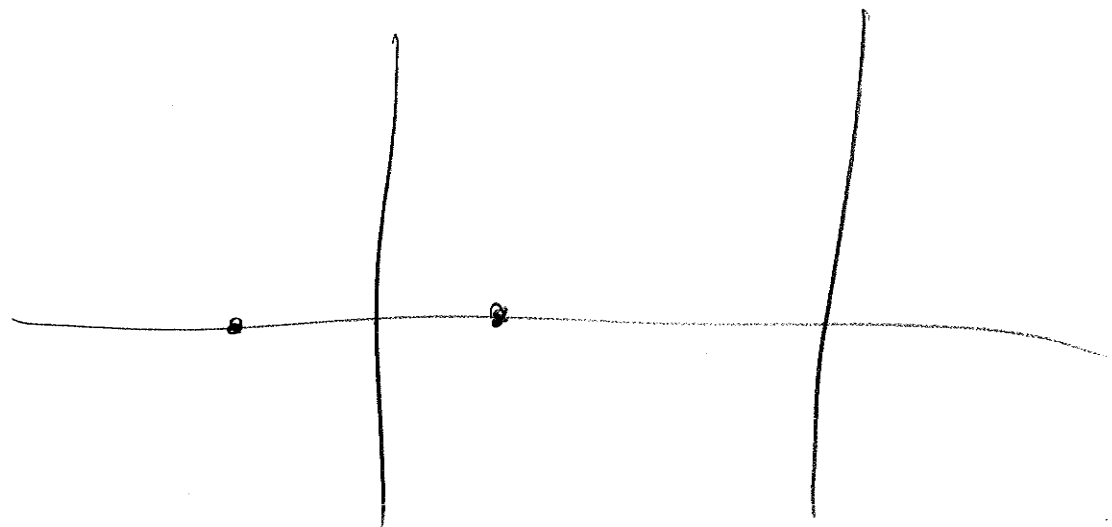
R4 B.4 *

R4 B.5

R4 S1

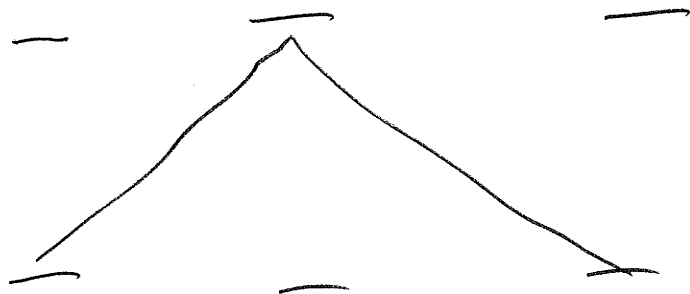
R4 R2

Recap :



R5

(RECAP)



light clocks

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta s^2 = \Delta t^2 - \Delta d^2 = \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 - \Delta y^2 - \Delta z^2 \\ \Delta \tau = \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} \Delta t \end{array} \right.$$

Organization:

→ READING QUIZZES ON SMART SITE

→ LEAVE HW. IN GRADERS BOX.

*WORK SOME R4 Examples TODAY
(→ Have until Tuesday 11 AM)

→ (Check smart site)

Lecture 5 Plan

⇒ $\Delta t \geq \Delta s \geq \Delta \tau$ Lecture

⇒ Binomial ~~Theorem~~ Approximation

$$(1+x)^a \approx 1+ax$$

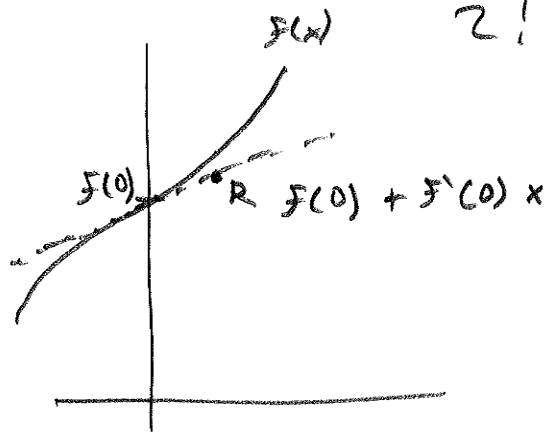
Q: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$

$$\left(\approx 1 + \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 \right)$$

⇒ Twin Paradox

Binomial Approximation

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$$

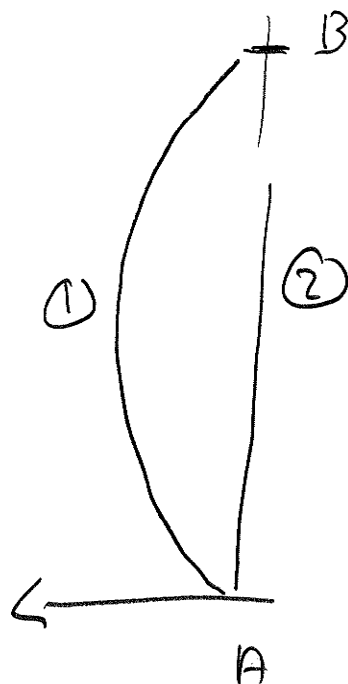
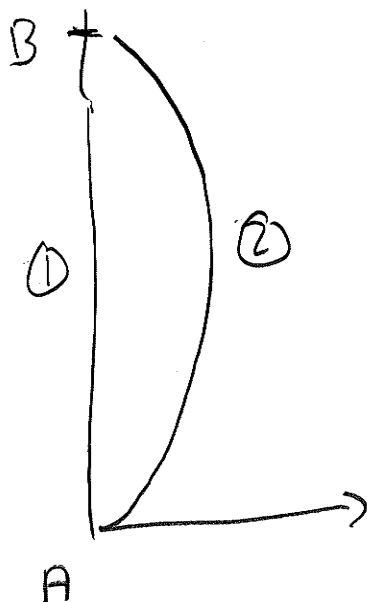


$$f(x) = (1+x)^a$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (1+0)^a + a(1+x)^{a-1} \Big|_{x=0} \cdot x \\ &= 1 + ax \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\gamma} = \sqrt{1-\beta^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(-\beta^2) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\beta^2$$

Twin - Paradox



Both twin 1 and twin 2 measure a proper-time interval...

Twin 1 can calculate Twin 2's measurement by

$$\Delta \tau_{AB}^{(2)} = \int_0^{\tau_{AB}^{(1)}} dt \sqrt{1 - \beta^2(t)} < \int_0^{\tau_{AB}^{(1)}} dt = \tau_{AB}^{(1)}$$

Twin 1 concludes: $\Delta \tau_{AB}^{(2)} < \Delta \tau_{AB}^{(1)}$

Twin 2 calculates

$$\Delta \tau_{AB}^{(1)} = \int_0^{\tau_{AB}^{(2)}} dt \sqrt{1 - \beta^2(t)} < \tau_{AB}^{(2)} \Rightarrow \Delta \tau_{AB}^{(1)} < \Delta \tau_{AB}^{(2)}$$

Q: What happens when they meet ???

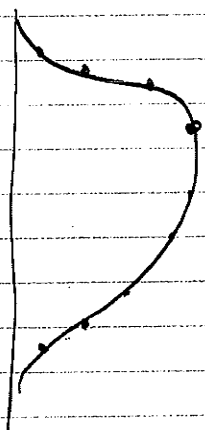
Time Dilation

We have a way to calculate spacetime interval from coordinate time.

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

This is only valid for an inertial frame (by definition of spacetime interval).

We'd like to calculate proper time for arbitrary spacetime trajectories



Trick: Break trajectory into pieces of approximately constant velocity.

$$d\tau^2 \approx ds^2 = dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$$

$$d\tau = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - v^2} dt$$

$$\Delta \tau_{AB} = \int_{t_A}^{t_B} (1 - v^2)^{1/2} dt$$

Time Dilation!

For constant velocity v

$$\Delta \tau_{AB} (= \Delta s_{AB}) = (1 - v^2)^{1/2} t_A - t_B$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{t_A - t_B = \Delta \tau_{AB} / (1 - v^2)^{1/2}}$$

*** Already saw this factor with light clocks: now purely geometric argument !!!

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

$$\boxed{\text{Assume } \Delta s^2 > 0 \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \Delta t^2 > 0}$$

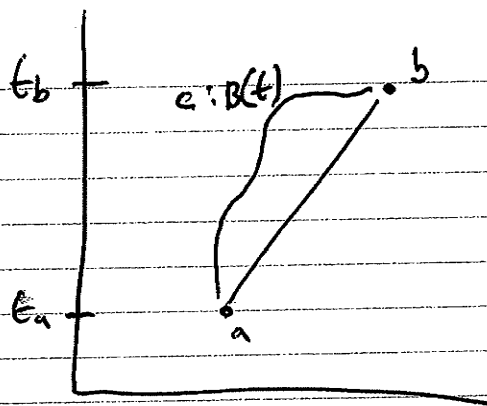
$$\Delta s^2 > \Delta t^2$$

$$\Delta s^2 = \Delta t^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2 + \Delta z^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x = \Delta y = \Delta z = 0$$

* Definition of proper - time (as $ds = 0$)
falls out of geometry too *

$$\Delta \tau = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} \, dt$$



Consider this in frame F' , traveling at constant B between a and b .

$$\Delta S \equiv \int_{t'_a}^{t'_b} dt' \quad (\text{by definition of } \Delta S!)$$

$$\Delta \tau_c = \int_{t'_a}^{t'_b} \sqrt{1 - B'^2(t')^2} dt'$$

$$\leq \int_{t'_a}^{t'_b} dt' = \Delta S$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta \tau \leq \Delta S}$$

Finally:

$$\Delta t \geq \Delta S \geq \Delta \tau$$

Trick to remember

$\Delta \tau = 0$
when connected
by light
cones.

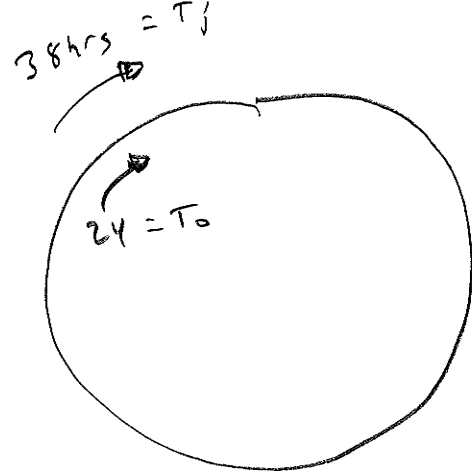
Light circles earth in

$$T_c = \frac{2\pi R}{c} = 0.4 \text{ s}$$

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

$$\tau_1 = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\beta_1^2\right) T_j$$

$$\tau_2 = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\beta_2^2\right) T_j$$



$$\Delta\tau = |\tau_2 - \tau_1| = \frac{T_j}{2} |\beta_1^2 - \beta_2^2|$$

$$\beta = \frac{2\pi R / T}{c} = \frac{2\pi R / c}{T} = \frac{T_c}{T}$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{T_c}{T_0}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{T_c}{T_j} + \frac{T_c}{T_0}$$

$$\Delta\tau = \frac{T_j}{2} \left[\left(\frac{T_c}{T_0}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{T_c}{T_0} + \frac{T_c}{T_j}\right)^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{T_j}{2} \left[-2 \frac{T_c^2}{T_0 T_j} + \frac{T_c^2}{T_j^2} \right]$$

$$= T_c^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{T_j} - \frac{1}{T_0} \right]$$

$$= (0.4s)^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{38 \text{ hrs}} - \frac{1}{24 \text{ hrs}} \right] \left(\frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \cdot 60 \text{ s}} \right)$$

$$= -1.26 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$$

$$\sim 1 \mu\text{s}$$

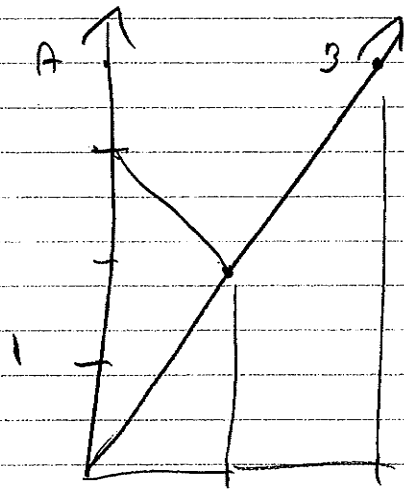
Atomic Clocks precise to 10^{-9} s / day

→ 1000 x's needed precision!

FUN PROBLEM

IDEAS

→ Stay Away Twin Non Paradox



$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \gamma &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Twin B manages to send a birthday message to twin A!

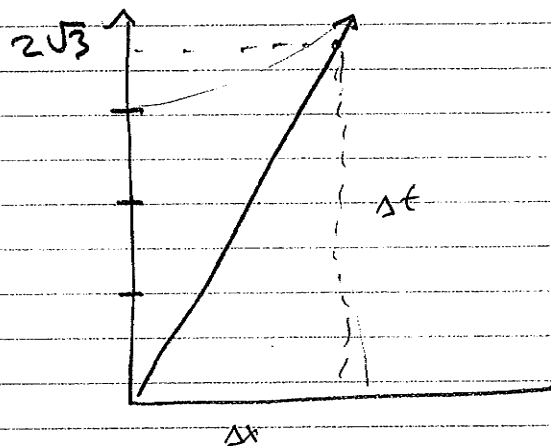
Happy 3rd birthday I am ?.

Solve for ? :

$$?^2 = \Delta s^2 = \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ? = \sqrt{1}$$

Then A wants to arrange similar message,
to arrive as B's 3rd birthday



$$\Delta t = \gamma \cdot 3 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 3 = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Delta x = \beta \Delta t = \sqrt{3}$$

To arrive at $\Delta t = 2\sqrt{3}$ ($= \Delta t' = 3$)

need to send it $2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3}$

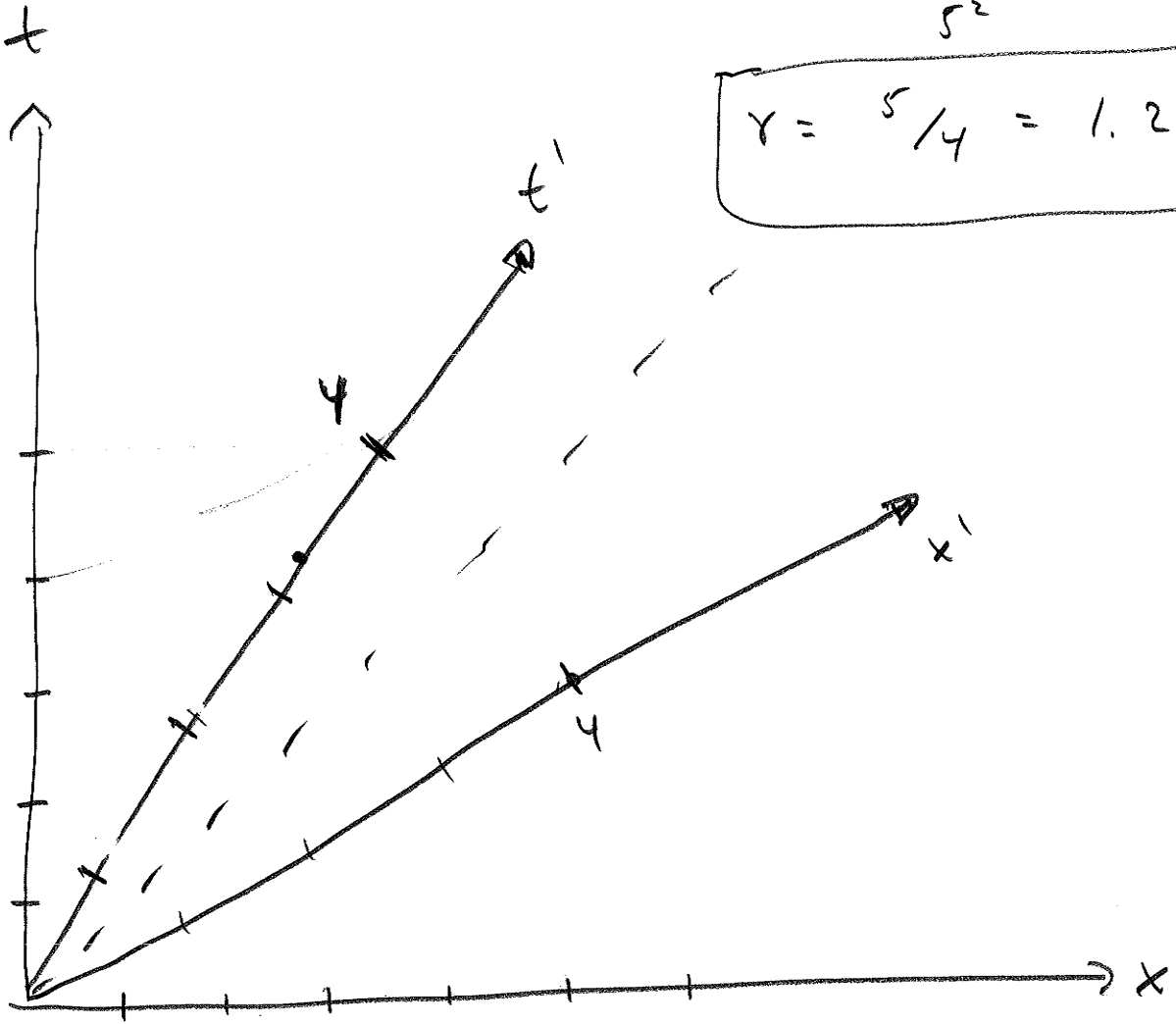
Happy birthday 3, I. on $\sqrt{3}$!

RG S.3

$$B = 0.60 = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1/\gamma^2 &= 1 - B^2 \\ &= 1 - \frac{3^2}{5^2} \\ &= \frac{4^2}{5^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma = 5/4 = 1.25$$



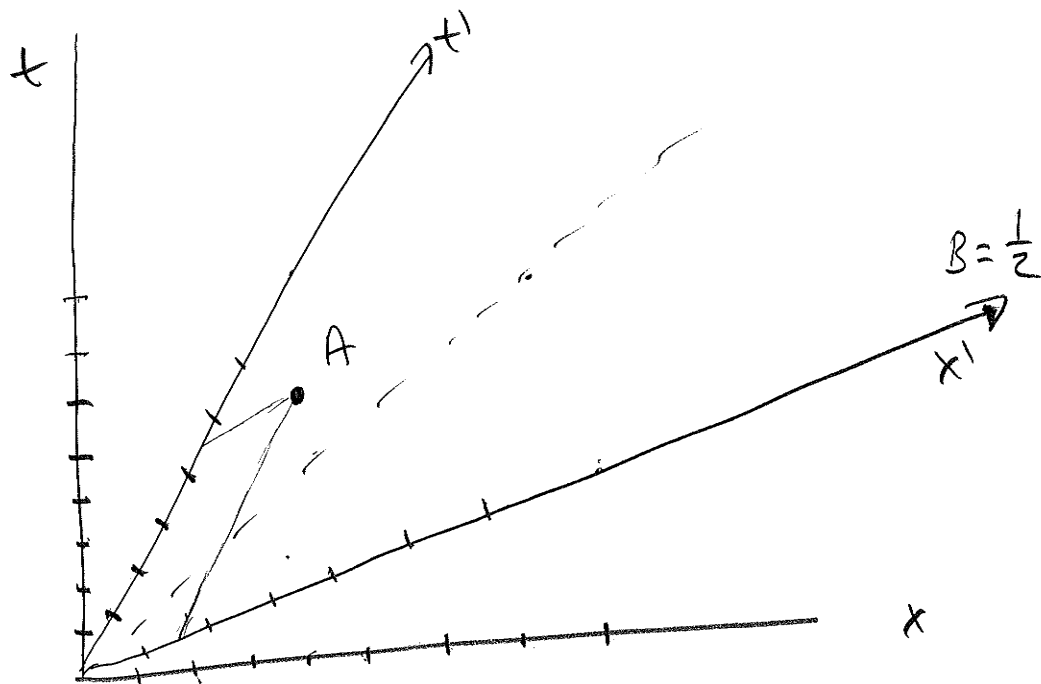
$$1. 1.25 = 1.25$$

$$2. 1.25 = 2.50$$

$$3. 1.25 = 3.75$$

$$4. 1.25 = 5$$

R6.S1



$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\beta}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\beta^2} - 1}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4 - 1}} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sim 1.15\end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma \sim 1.15$$

\Rightarrow 4 tick will be

$$4 \cdot 1.15 = 4.6$$

$$3 \cdot 1.15 = 3.45$$

$$2 \cdot 1.15 = 2.3$$

$$1 \cdot 1.15 = 1.15$$

$$6 \cdot 1.15 = 6.9$$

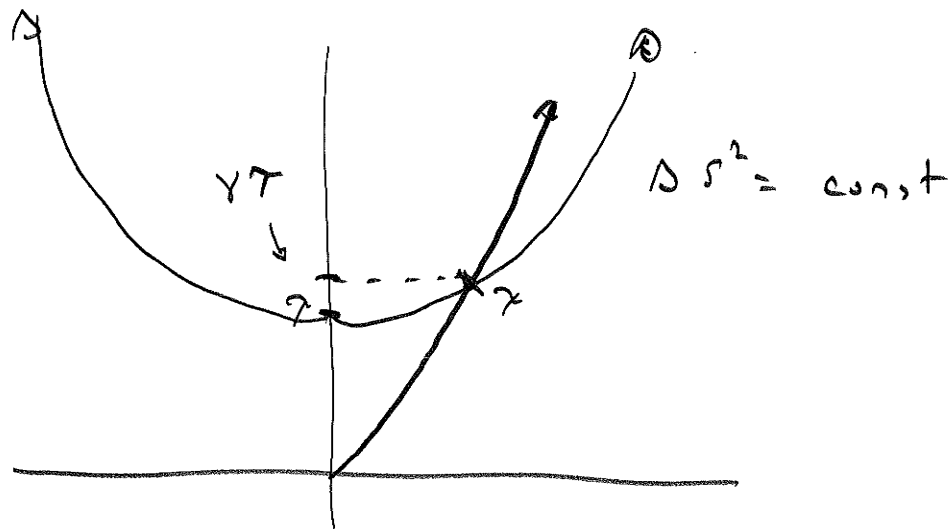
Recap:

R7

* Derived time-dilation: From constant speed at c



* Also can see it From space-time interval



* Now Add One More;

Proper - Time from L.T.

$$\Delta t = \gamma (\Delta t' + \beta \Delta x')$$

A proper - time interval is a coordinate time interval made at the same location

i.e., $\Delta t' = \Delta \tau$ when $\Delta x' = 0$

So $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta \tau$

$$\Delta \tau = \Delta t / \gamma$$

$$\Delta \tau = \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} \Delta t$$

Q: If time and space are "symmetric"

Why do we have

$$\Delta s =$$

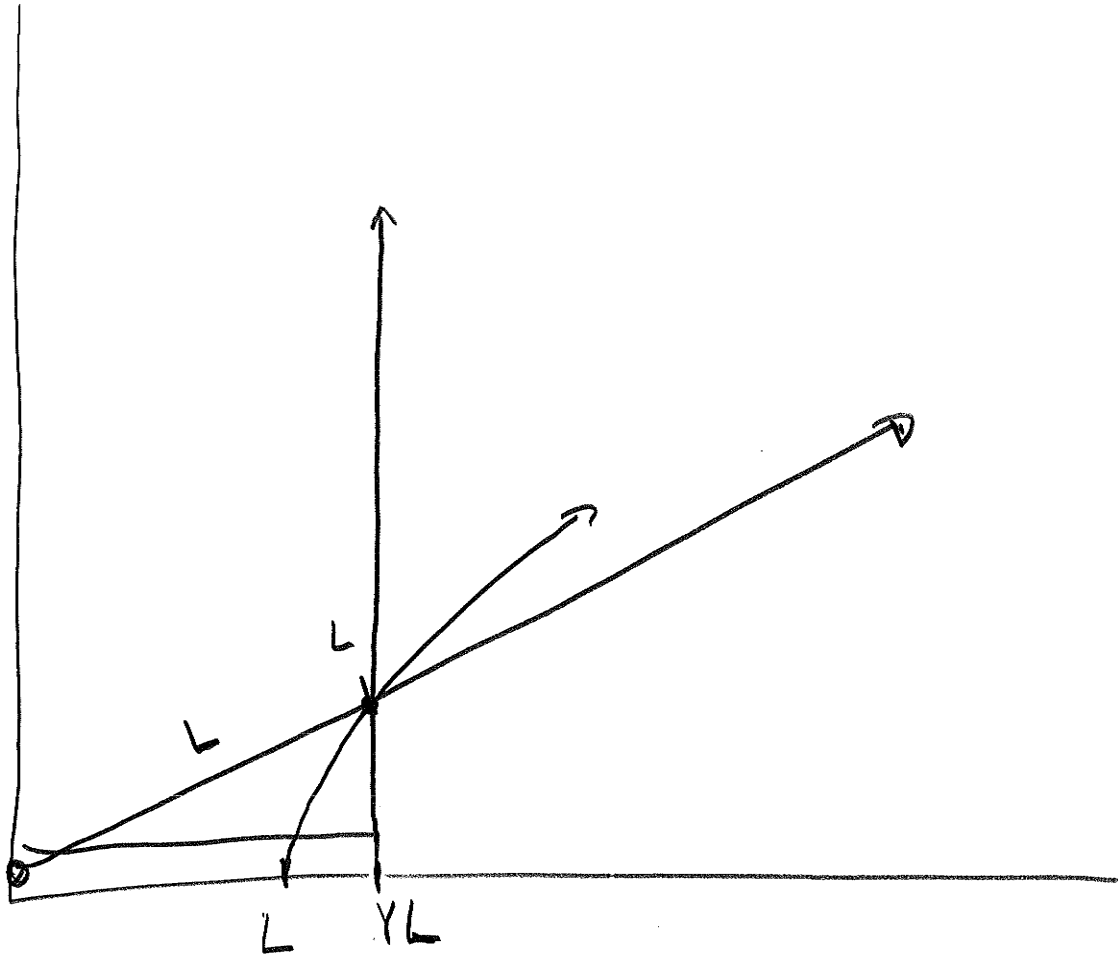
proper \rightarrow

$$\Delta \tau = \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} \Delta t$$

$$L = \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} L_R$$

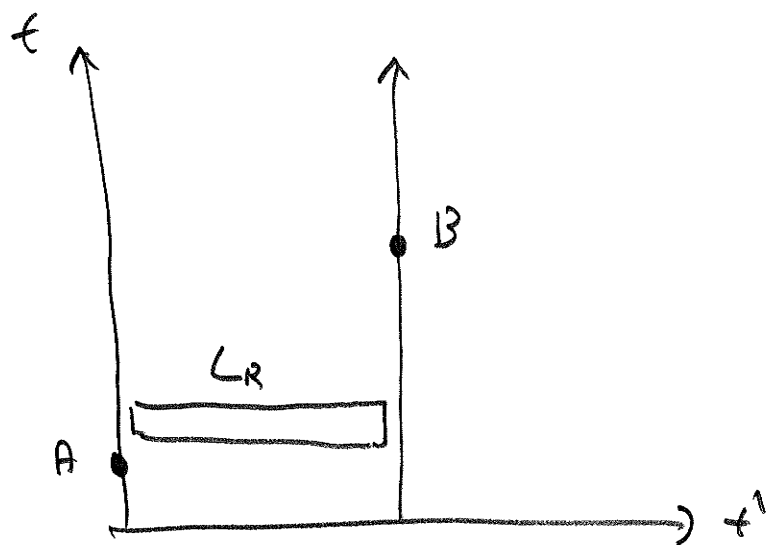
\leftarrow "proper"

Length contraction from 2-body diagram



$$L_R = \gamma L$$

Length Contraction from L.T.



Define rest length as frame in which world lines for the ends of object are vertical lines (object is at rest).

CRUCIAL OBSERVATION:

Even when $\Delta t_{AB} \neq 0$, $\Delta x_{AB} = L_R$
because object is at rest.

From a moving frame, we measure the length of the object as a simultaneous ($\Delta t'_{AB} = 0$) measurement of the distance between the ends $L = \Delta x'_{AB}$

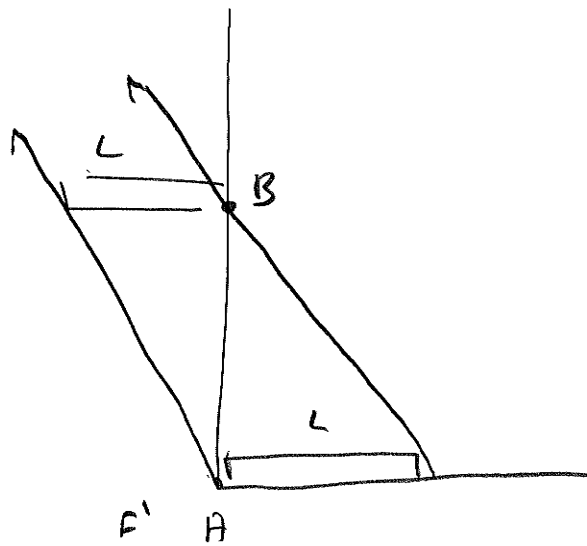
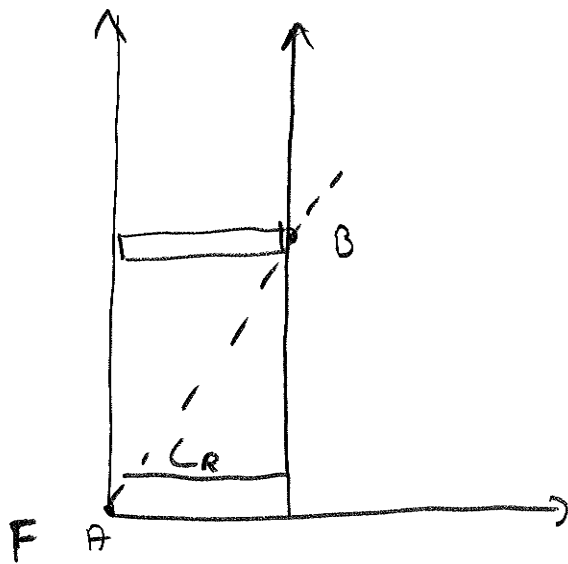
From L.T.

$$L_R = \Delta x_{AB} = \gamma (\beta \Delta t'_{AB} + \Delta x'_{AB})$$

$$= \gamma (0 + L)$$

$$| L = L_R / \gamma = \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} L_R |$$

Length Contraction from Time-Dilation



$$F \text{ measures } L_R = B \Delta t_{AB}$$

$$F' \text{ measures } L = B \Delta t'_{AB}$$

$$\text{But } \Delta x'_{AB} = 0 \text{ (i.e. } \Delta t'_{AB} = \Delta \tau_{AB} \text{)}$$

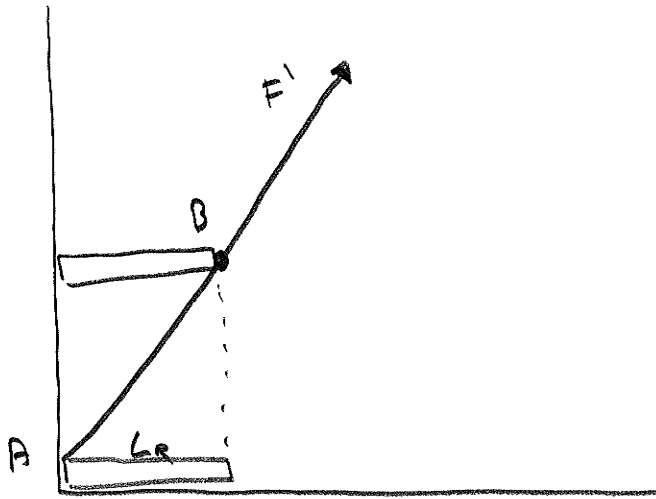
$$\frac{L_R}{L} = \frac{B \Delta t_{AB}}{B \Delta \tau_{AB}} = \frac{\Delta t_{AB}}{\Delta \tau_{AB}} = \gamma$$

$$L = \sqrt{1-\beta^2} L_R \quad (\text{Length contraction})$$

$$\Delta \tau_{AB} = \sqrt{1-\beta^2} \Delta t_{AB} \quad (\text{time dilation})$$

Length Contraction from ST Interval

(I)



$$\Delta S_{AB}^2 = (\Delta t'_{AB})^2 = (\Delta t_{AB})^2 - (\Delta x_{AB})^2$$

[F measures the proper length L_R
F' measures a length L]

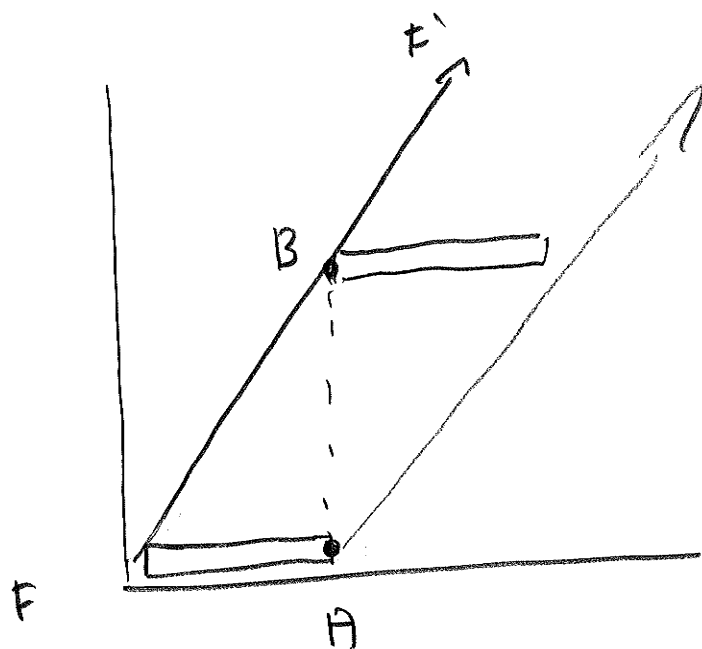
$$\Delta S_{AB}^2 = \left(\frac{L}{B} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{L_R}{B} \right)^2 - (L_R)^2$$

$$L^2 = (1 - B^2) L_R^2$$

$$L = \sqrt{1 - B^2} L_R$$

(Keep on Board)

II Same frames but now imagine a ruler is at rest in F' ...



Clean Up

$$\Delta s^2 = \Delta t_{AB}^2 = \Delta t_{AB}^{\prime 2} - \Delta x_{AB}^{\prime 2}$$

Q: Note this is last equation with F and F' reversed... so does moving ruler get longer now?

A: No! Now F' measures the proper length, exactly as required for relativistic invariance!

$$\left(\frac{L}{B}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{L_R}{B}\right)^2 - (L_R)^2$$

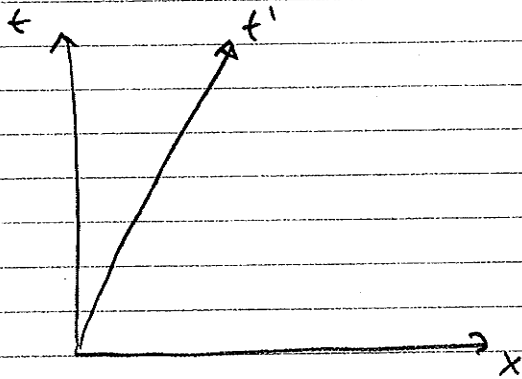
$$L = \sqrt{1 - \beta^2} L_R$$

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Two Observer Diagram

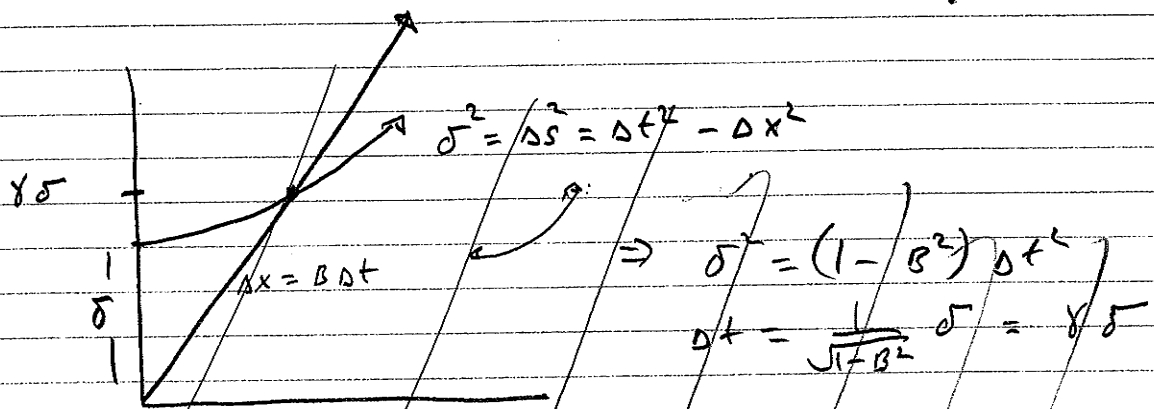
1) Draw the t' axis

→ along worldline of $x' = 0$!



→ slope is $1/\beta$!!!

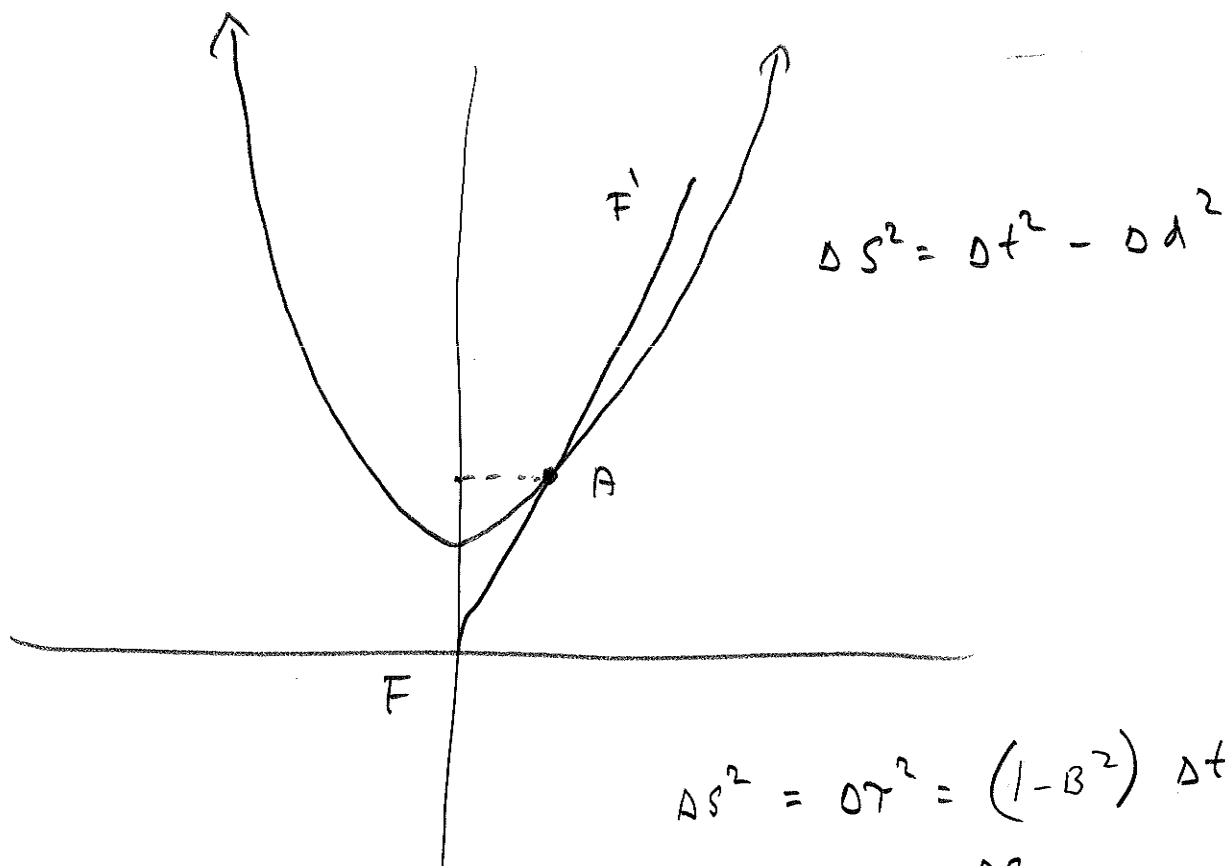
2) Calibrate t' axis: (See A14)



Q: Measurements of t along an axis are always spacetime intervals, why?

A: Measurements of t along an axis are always spacetime intervals, why?

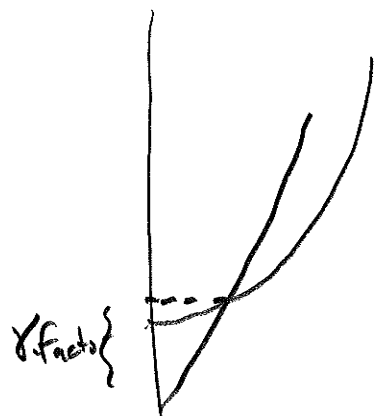
$$\Delta x' = 0$$



Q: Measurements of t along an 'inertial' axis are always spacetime intervals. Why?

A: $\Delta x' = 0$ and inertial

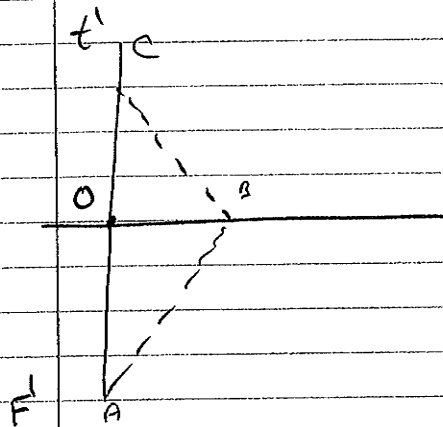
Stress:



When you see this, think γ !

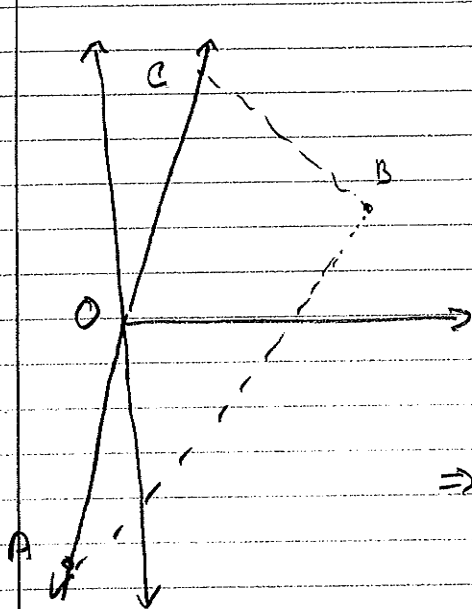
3) Draw the x' axis

\Rightarrow Connects all simultaneous events

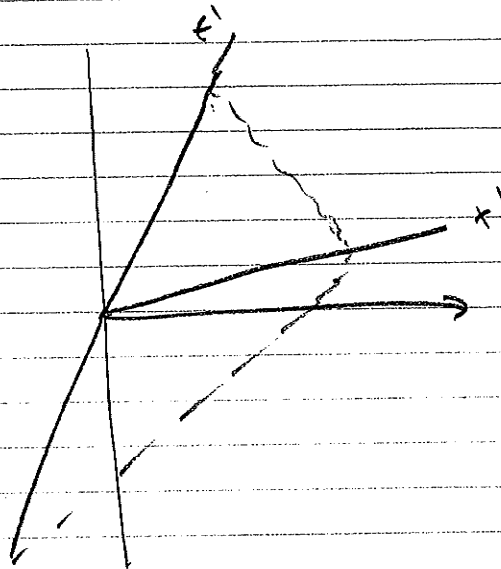


(KEEP ON BOARD)

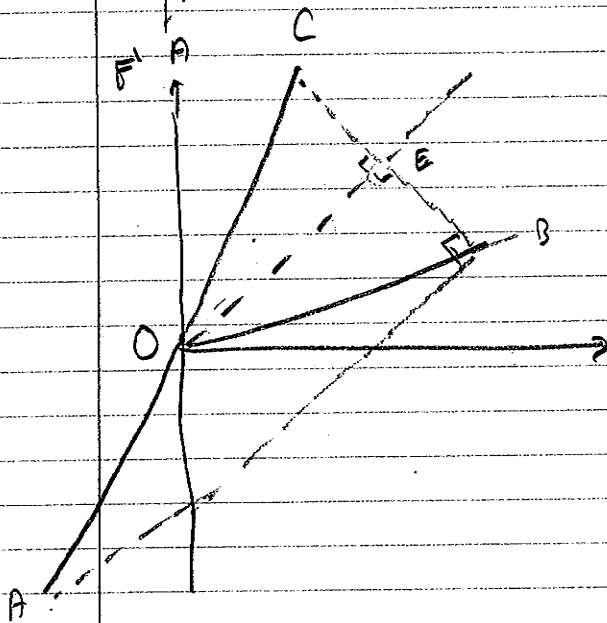
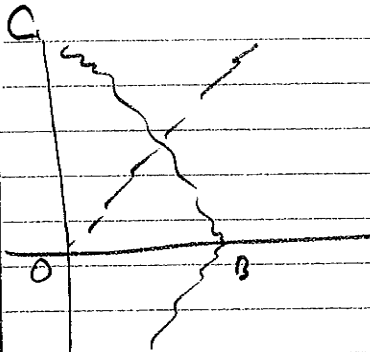
What does this look like in F frame



\Rightarrow



Now add another pulse



$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle OEC$$

$$OC = \frac{1}{2} AC$$

$$\Rightarrow CE = EB$$

$$\angle COE = \angle BOE$$

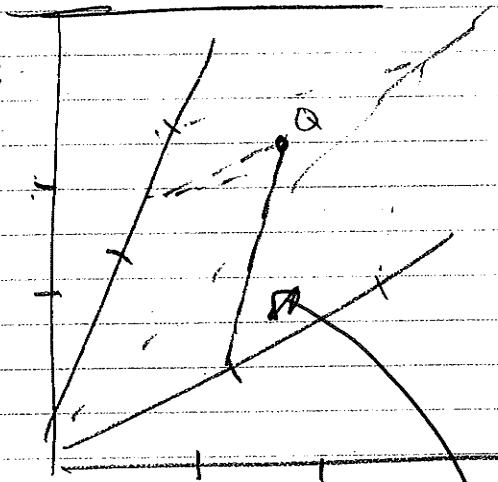
$$CO = OB$$

← Same scale factor

Q: Why does $CO = OB$ lead to
same scale factor

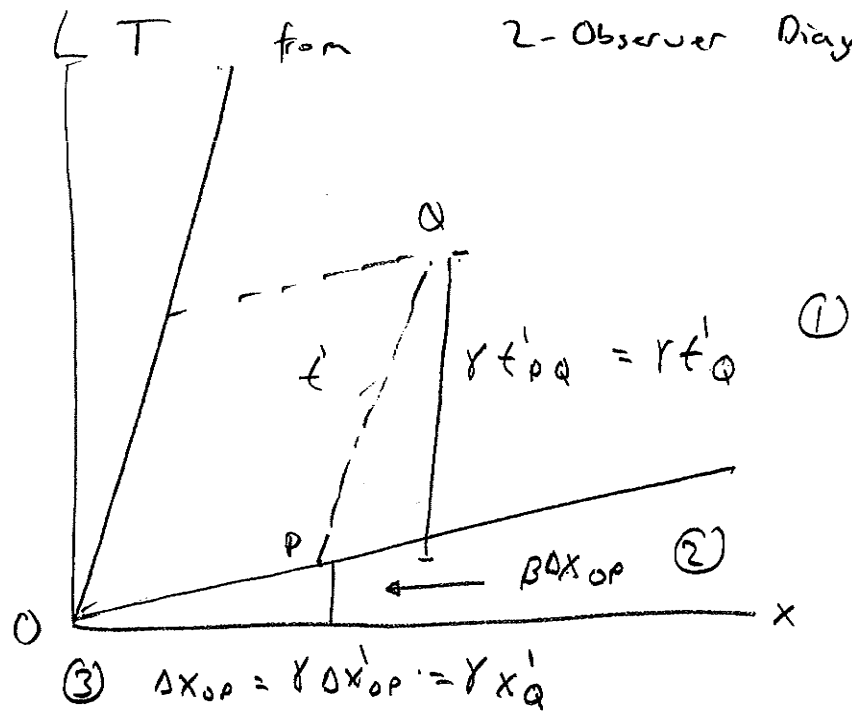
\Rightarrow Look at the diagram F_1 - diagram F_1

Reading Events



parallel to y axis

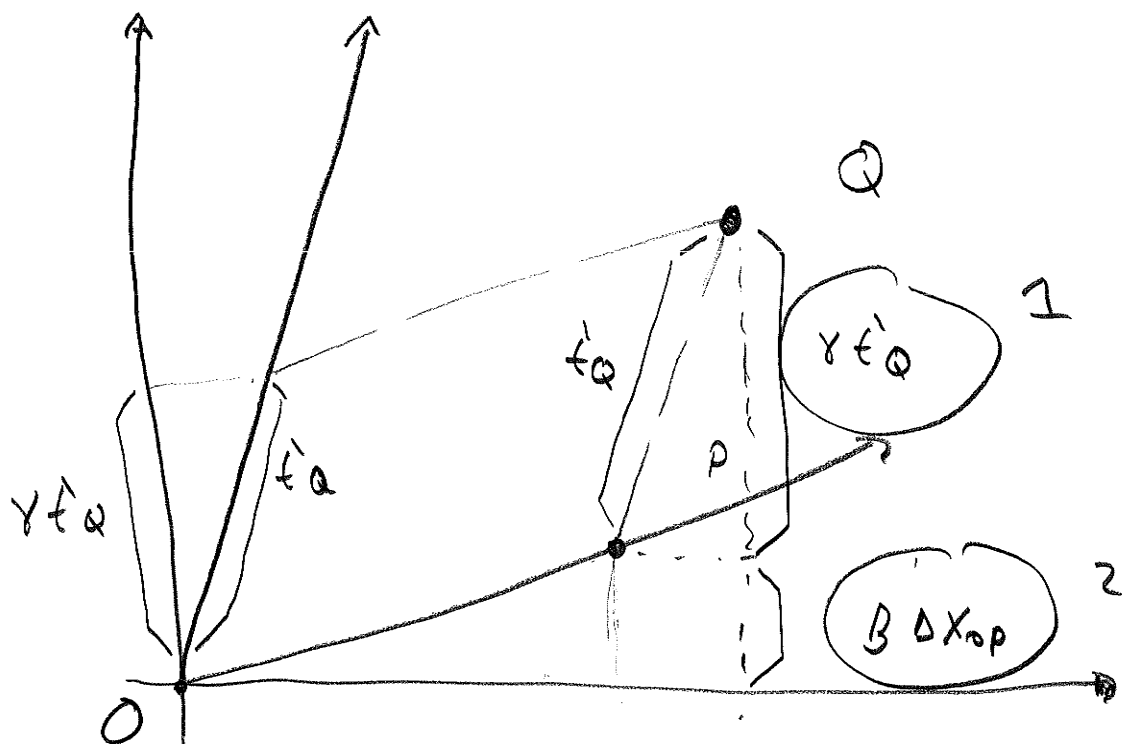
Deriving γ from 2-Observer Diagrams



$$\Rightarrow t_Q = \gamma (t'_Q + B x'_Q)$$

But x is just reflection of t across $x=t$

$$\Rightarrow x_Q = \gamma (x'_Q + B t'_Q)$$



③ But $\Delta X_{Op} = Y X'_{Op}$ and $X'_{Op} = X'_Q$

So $B \Delta X_{Op} = Y B X'_Q$

Finally $t_Q = Y t'_Q + Y B X'_Q$

(Talk about active learning here ...)

Purely geometric so

$$X_Q = Y X'_O + Y B t'_Q$$

Q is any arbitrary point so:

L.T.

$$t = \gamma (t' + \beta x')$$

$$x = \gamma (x' + \beta t')$$

$$y = y'$$

$$z = z'$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$t' = \gamma (t - \beta x)$$

$$x' = \gamma (x - \beta t)$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

① Algebra or

② $\beta \rightarrow -\beta$

How to remember:

$$x = x' + \beta t$$

← Galilean

$$x = \gamma (x' + \beta t)$$

← Add Gamma Factor

$$t = \gamma (t' + \beta x)$$

← Similar for t

$$y = y'$$

$$z = z'$$

} Trivial

Low velocity limit of LT.

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 \sim 1$$

$$x = x' + \beta t$$

✓

$$t = t' + \beta x$$

?

Why can we neglect βx but not βt ?

① $\beta \ll 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \ll 1 \quad \Delta x \ll \Delta t$

② light hour vs hour

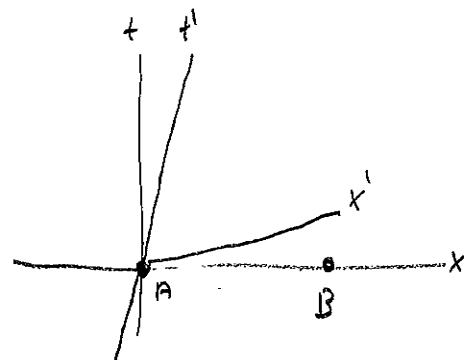
astronomical vs everyday units

Problems R6 S1, S2, SB

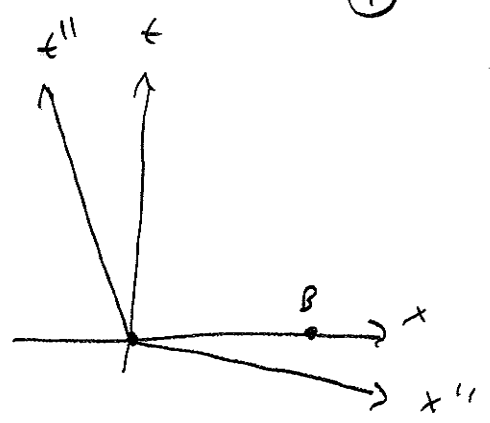
↑
HW "gimme".

Lecture R8

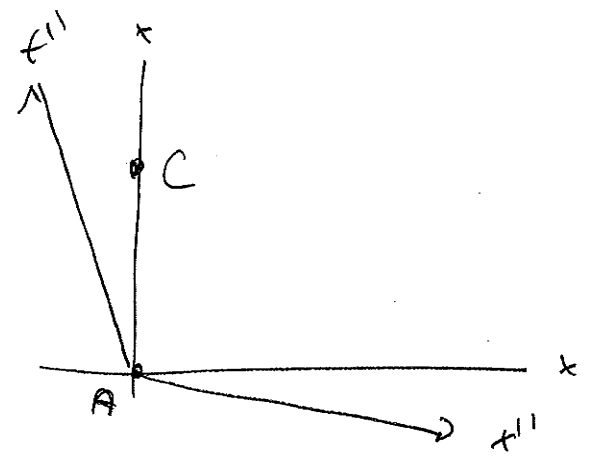
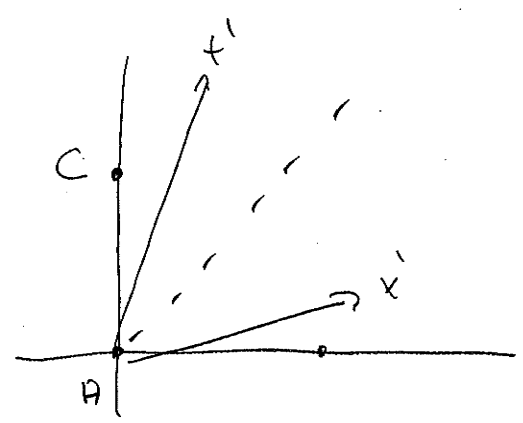
①



$$\begin{aligned} t_A &= t_B \\ t'_A &> t'_B \\ t''_A &< t''_B \end{aligned}$$



Q: Can A cause B?



$$\begin{aligned} t_A &< t_C \\ t'_A &< t'_C \\ t''_A &< t''_C \end{aligned}$$

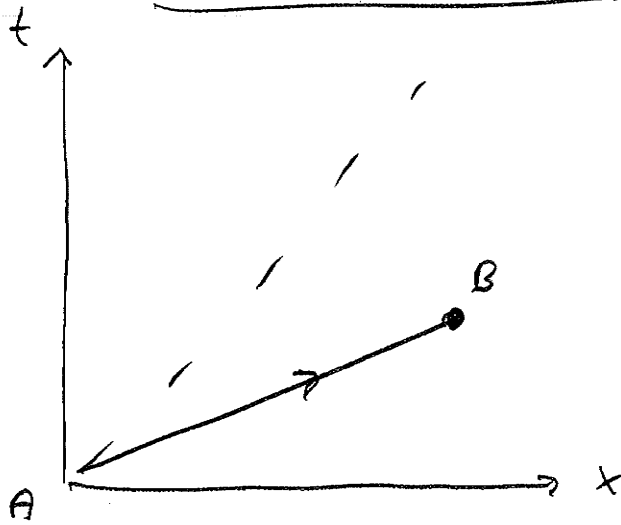
Q: Can A cause C?

Yes.

⇒ There are events along space-axis
 → can't be causally connected

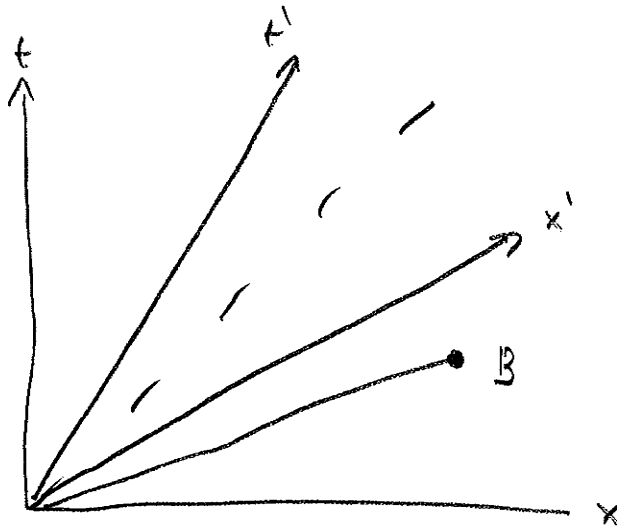
⇒ Events along time axis
 → can be causally connected

Q: Can we generalize?



\Rightarrow A causes B at faster than "C";

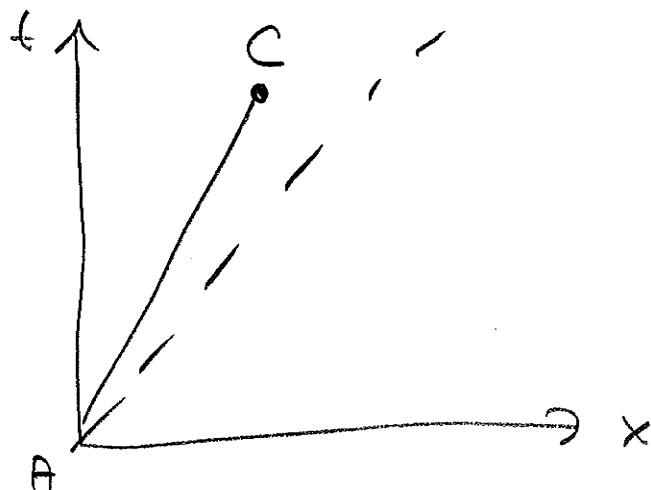
Q: Can you find a frame where B happens before A?



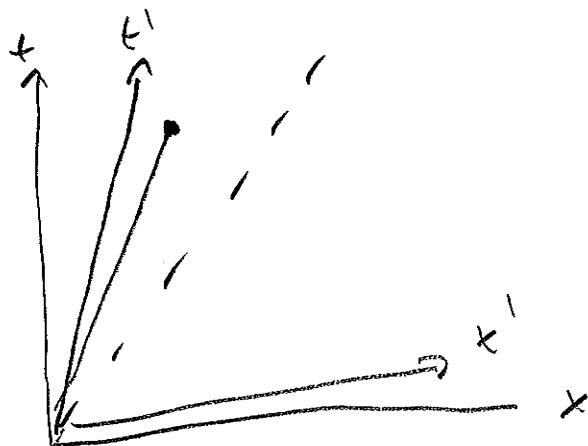
In this frame, B happens before it, cause... impossible.

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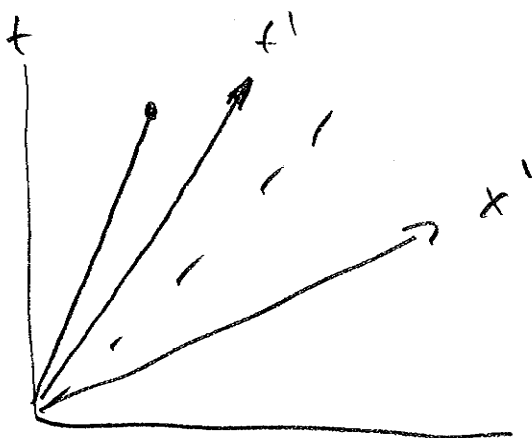
What about event with causal influence less than "c"?



Find a Frame where C is before A ?



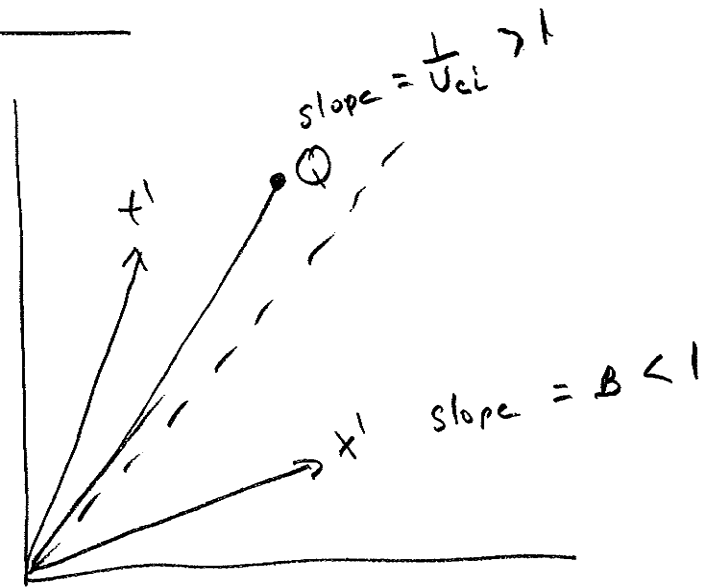
Nope.



Nope

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Figure 8.4



$$B < 1 < \frac{1}{U_{cl}} \Rightarrow t_0' > 0$$

We define 3 categories:

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$$\Delta S^2 > 0$$

time-like

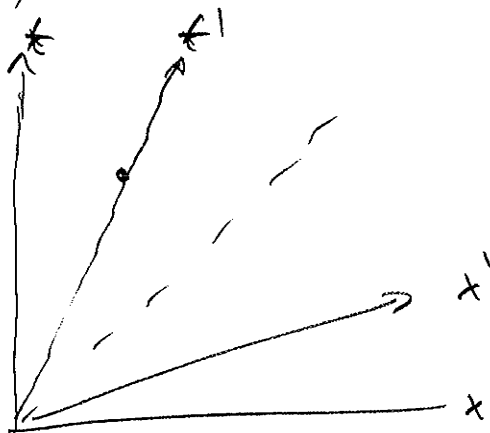
$$\Delta S^2 = 0$$

light-like

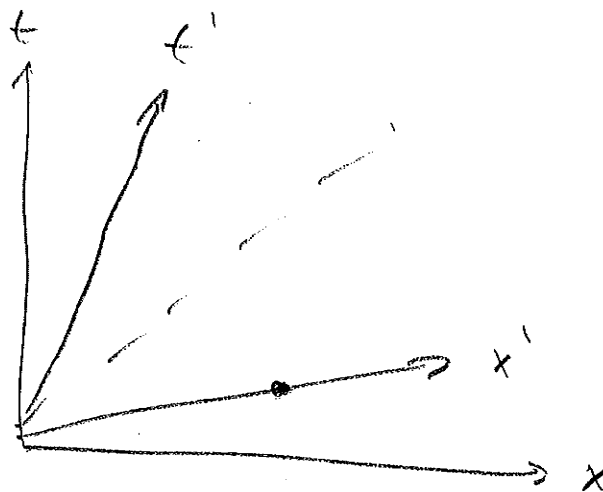
$$\Delta S^2 < 0$$

space-like

Q: Given a time-like interval, draw frame where they occur at same space position

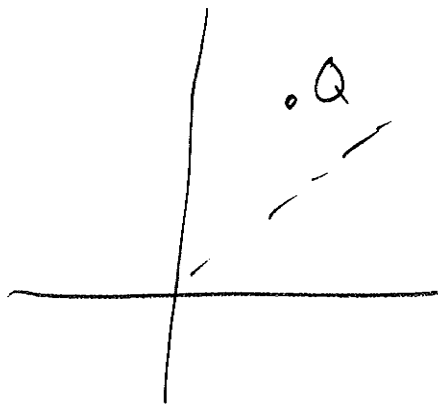


Q: Give a space-like interval ...



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So, how can we define class of events that can be causally connected, in terms of x and t ?



$$\frac{|\Delta x_Q|}{|\Delta t_Q|} < 1$$

$$|\Delta x_Q| < |\Delta t_Q|$$

Q: Can two frames differ as to whether events O and Q are causally connected?

No?

Must be frame invariant quantity

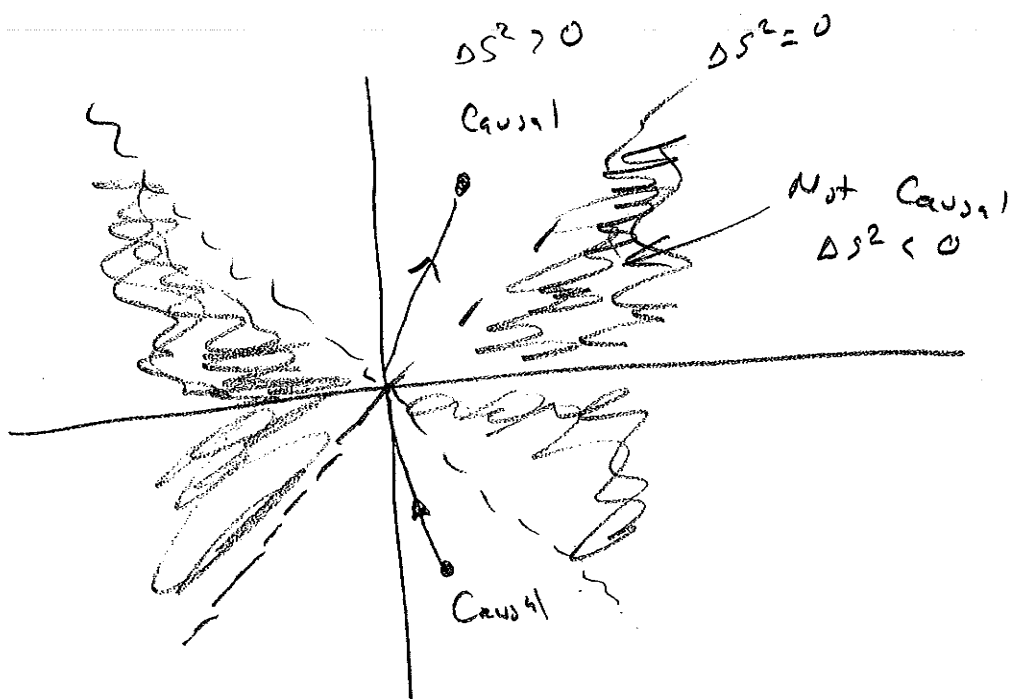
$$|\Delta x_Q|^2 < |\Delta t_Q|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \Delta t_Q^2 - \Delta x_Q^2 = \Delta S_Q^2$$

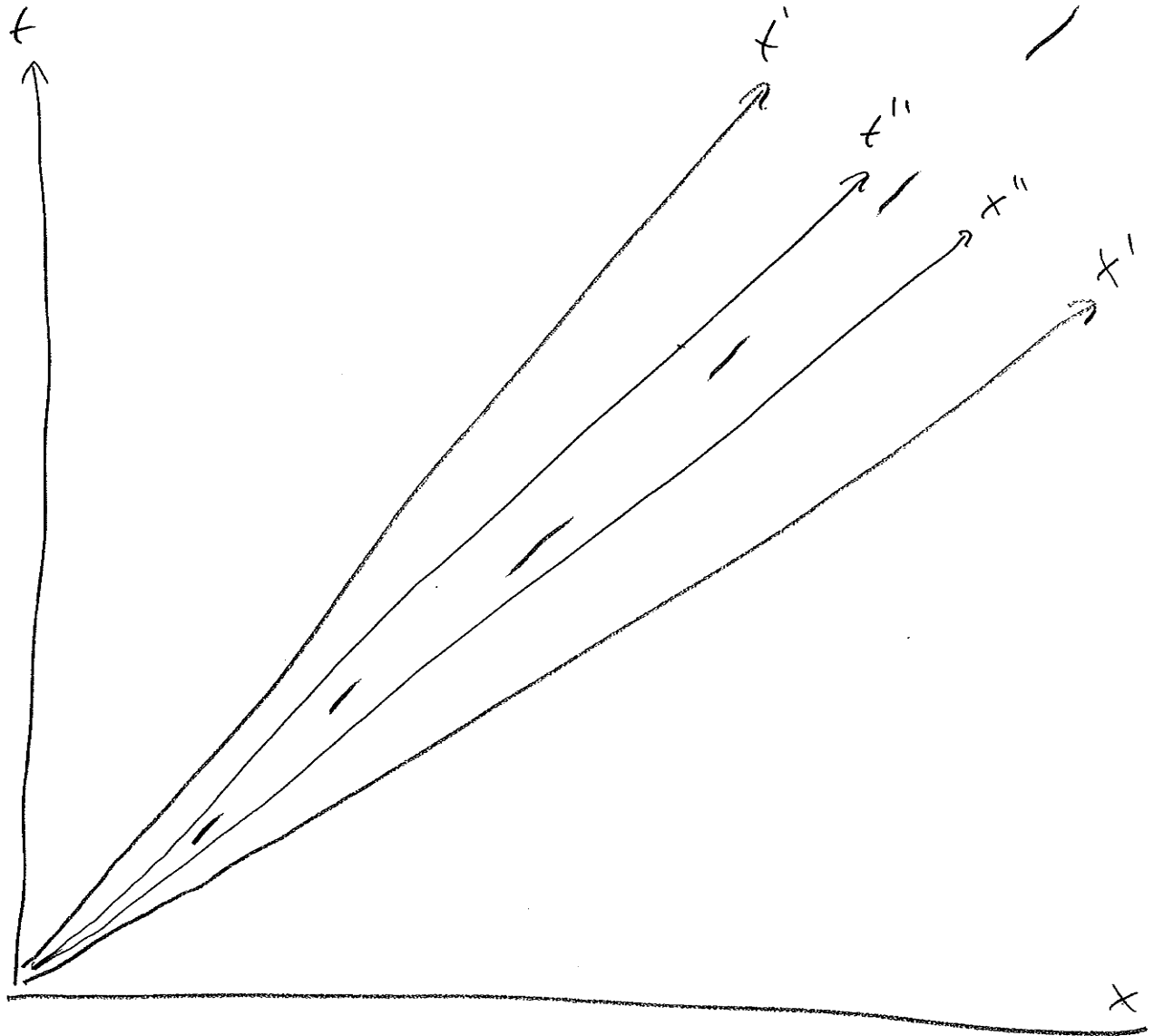
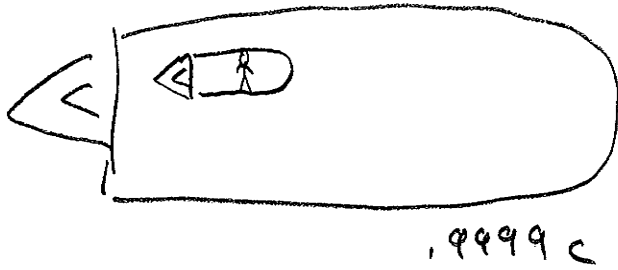
To be causally connected

$$0 < \Delta S^2 \quad (\text{time-like})$$

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Maybe we can still go faster than "c"! ⑧



You can't fight it!

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$$\begin{aligned}
 u_x &\equiv \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\gamma(dx' + B dt')}{\gamma(dt' + B dx')} \\
 &= \frac{B + u_x'}{1 + B u_x'}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$u_y = \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy'}{\gamma(dt' + B dx')} = \frac{u_y' \sqrt{1-B^2}}{1 + B u_x'^2}$$

$$u_z = \frac{u_z' \sqrt{1-B^2}}{1 + B u_x'^2}$$

e.g., $B = 1 - \delta \quad u_x' = 1 - \delta$

$$u_x = \frac{(1-\delta) + (1-\delta)}{1 + (1-\delta)(1-\delta)}$$

$$= \frac{2(1-\delta)}{1 + 1 - 2\delta + \delta^2} = \frac{2(1-\delta)}{2(1-\delta) + \delta^2} < 1$$

$$B = ?$$

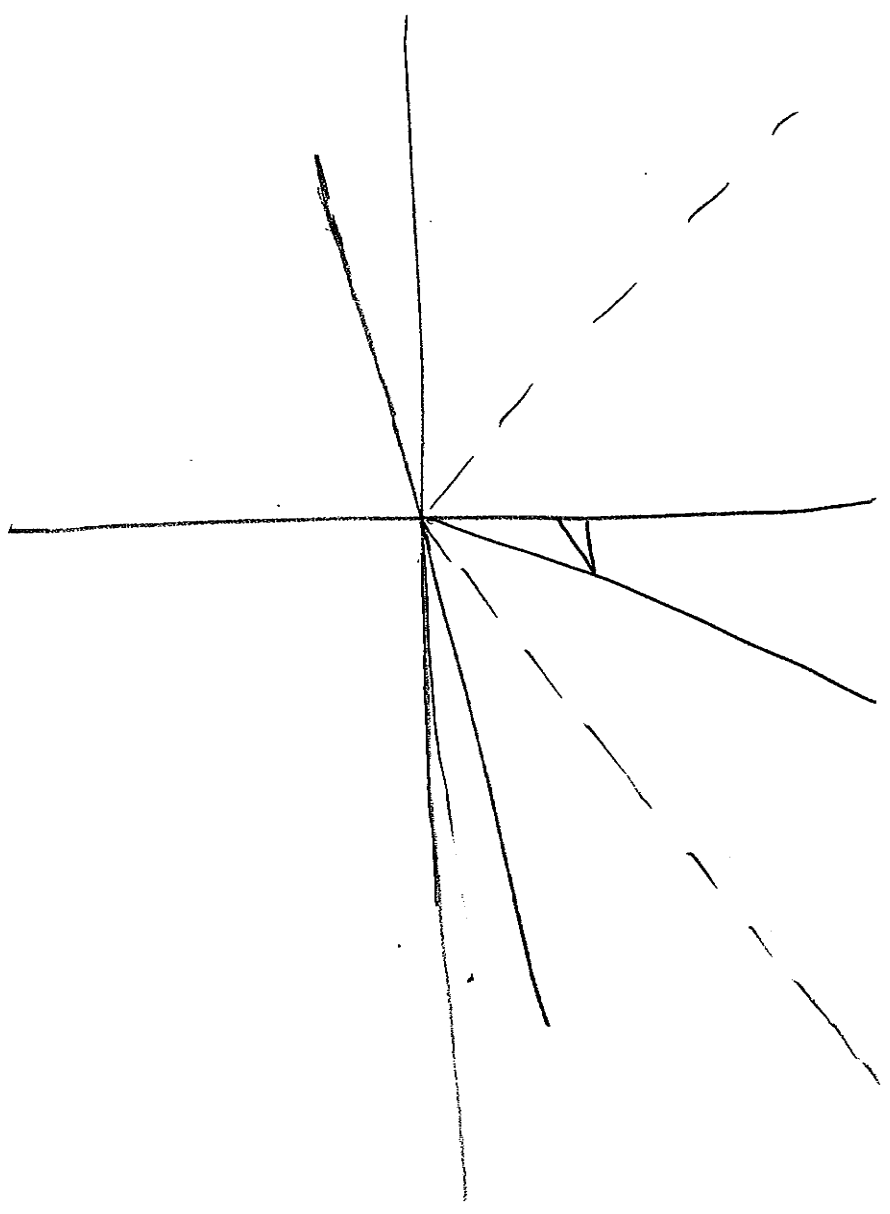
$$u_x = 1$$

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$$u_x = \frac{B + 1}{1 + B} = 1$$

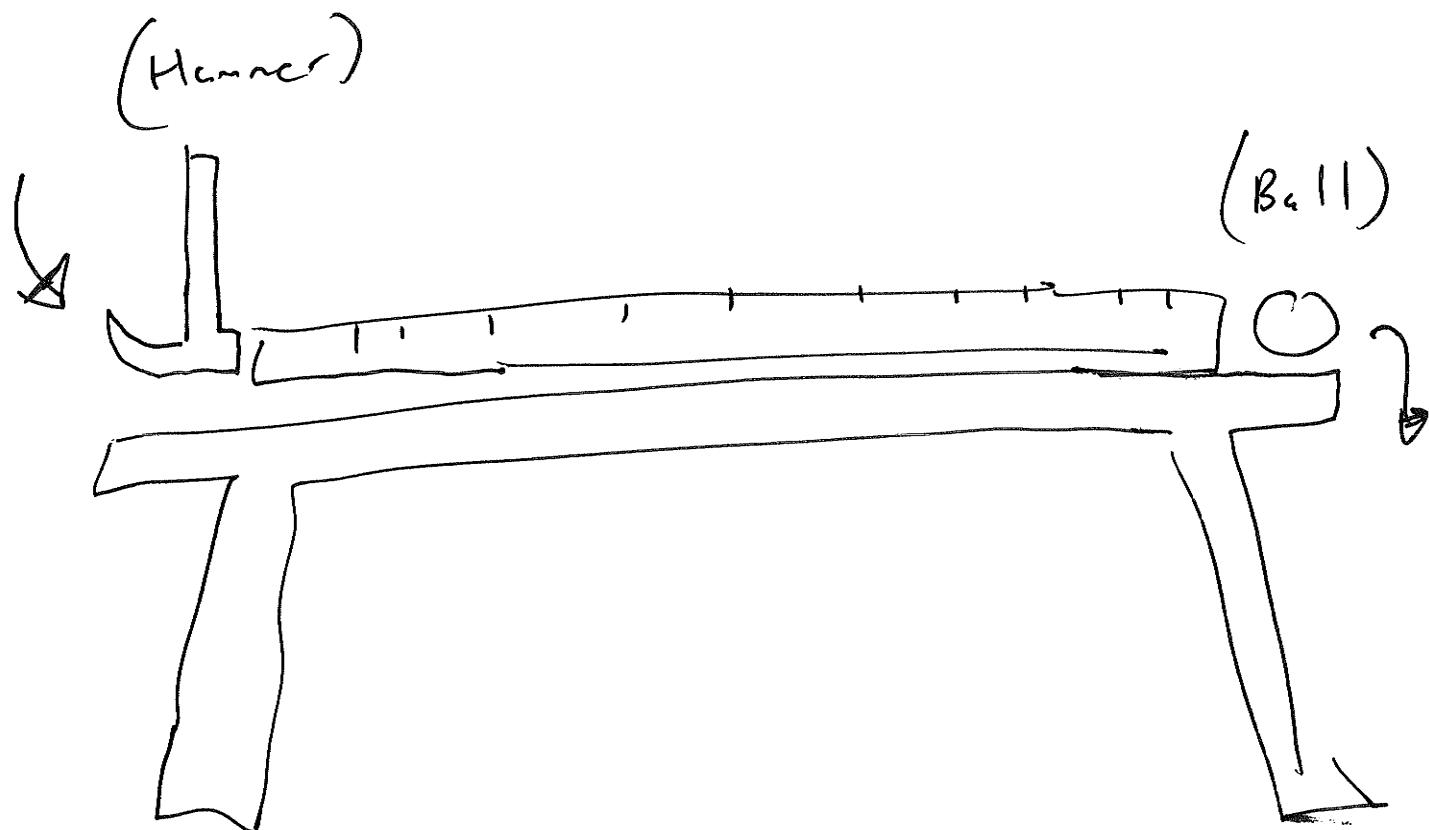
R85.4

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New ∞ speed, follow the x' axis

(R8 Paradox Idea)



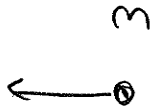
R8S8 - R8S9

$$\beta = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$m_U = 0.6 = \frac{3}{5}$$



$$U_1 = U$$



$$U_2 = -U$$

$$B = U$$

$$U_1' = \frac{U_1 - U}{1 - U_1 U} = 0$$

$$U_2' = \frac{-U - U}{1 - (-U)U} = -\frac{2U}{1 + U^2}$$

Motivation for Q9

Lecture R9

- 1) Conservation of classical momentum is not a frame invariant law of nature OR S.R. is wrong.

Why?

$$(p_1 + p_2)' \neq p_1' + p_2'$$

Is same true for spatial four-vectors?

$$(x_1 + x_2)' \neq x_1' + x_2'$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 + x_2)' &= \gamma((x_1 + x_2) - B(t_1 + t_2)) \\ &= \gamma(x_1 - Bt_1) + \gamma(x_2 - Bt_2) \\ &= x_1' + x_2' \end{aligned} \quad \begin{matrix} // \\ // \\ // \end{matrix}$$

(The sum of 4-vectors is itself a four vector.)

Problem: Classical momentum is not a four-vector

②

Why isn't p a four-vector ???

$$p_x = m \frac{dx}{dt} = m \frac{\gamma(dx' + \beta dt')}{\gamma(dt' + \beta dx')}$$

p_x does not transform like x ---

What if?

$$p_x = \Sigma dx$$

$$\text{where } \Sigma = \Sigma'$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_x' &= \Sigma' dx' = \Sigma (\gamma(dx - \beta dt)) \\ &= \gamma(\underbrace{\Sigma dx}_{p_x} - \underbrace{\beta \Sigma dt}_{p_0}) \end{aligned}$$

So do we have something frame invariant like dt ?

$$p_x = m \frac{dx}{d\tau}, \quad p_y = m \frac{dy}{d\tau}, \quad p_z = m \frac{dz}{d\tau}$$

$$p_0 = m \frac{dt}{d\tau}$$

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$$p_x' = m \frac{dx'}{d\tau} = m \frac{\gamma(dx - \beta dt)}{d\tau}$$

$$= \gamma \left(m \frac{dx}{d\tau} - \beta m \frac{dt}{d\tau} \right)$$

$$= \gamma (p_x - \beta p_0) \quad ! ! !$$

$$p_y' = m \frac{dy'}{d\tau} = m \frac{dy}{d\tau} = p_y$$

$$p_z' = p_z$$

$$p_0' = m \frac{dt'}{d\tau} = m \frac{\gamma(dt - \beta dx)}{d\tau}$$

$$= \gamma \left(m \frac{dt}{d\tau} - \beta m \frac{dx}{d\tau} \right)$$

$$= \gamma (p_0 - \beta p_x) \quad ! ! !$$

$$p \equiv m \frac{d}{d\tau} (t, x, y, z)$$

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Now

$$p = m \frac{d}{d\tau} (t, x, y, z)$$

is a 4-vector ...

$$Q: \text{ Does } (p_1 + p_2)' = p_1' + p_2' ?$$

Yes ...

Q: $\frac{dx}{d\tau}$, $\frac{dt}{d\tau}$, ... etc are not convenient...

not in terms of easily accessible frame dependent quantities we are familiar with. How to calculate $d\tau$ in terms of frame-dep quantities?

$$d\tau = \sqrt{1 - v^2} dt = \frac{1}{\gamma} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow p = m \frac{d}{d\tau} (x, y, z, t) \\ = \frac{m}{(1-v^2)^{1/2}} \frac{d}{dt} (x, y, z, t)$$

$$p = \left(\frac{m v_x}{(1-v^2)^{1/2}}, \frac{m v_y}{(1-v^2)^{1/2}}, \frac{m v_z}{(1-v^2)^{1/2}}, \frac{m}{(1-v^2)^{1/2}} \right)$$

Q: Why not write

$$p = \gamma m v ?$$

$\gamma \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$
 γv ?

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To recap:

What do we like about new definition of "p"?

1) It's a 4-vector, know how to transform it.

2) From (1), $(p_1 + p_2)' = p_1' + p_2'$

so conservation of momentum

in one frame implies c.o. in

in all inertial frames

3) What if at low v , reproduces classical p ?

Note: Haven't proven that relativistic momentum as defined

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At low u , $u \ll 1$?

$$p_x = \frac{m u_x}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \sim 1 + \frac{1}{2}u^2$$

$$p_x = m u_x + \mathcal{O}(u^3)$$

Nice! At low u , approaches classical definition.

Q: We have lots of low u data showing conservation of classical momentum. What does this tell us about conservation of relativist momentum at low speeds?

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$$p_0 = \frac{m}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}$$

$$= \underbrace{m}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ ?}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m u^2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Kinetic Energy}}} + \dots$$

? $\{ \boxed{E=mc^2}, \text{ rest energy, } \dots \}$

$$E \equiv \frac{m}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \sim m + \frac{1}{2} m u^2 + \dots$$

$$K \equiv E - m = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} - 1 \right) m$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{2} m u^2$$

(In classical mechanics mass is conserved, so adding $m + E_{\text{classical}}$ is invariable.)

Q: Why is this identification $p_0 = E$ a big deal?

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Important Trick:

Don't parameterize in B, γ ...

Use E , and p , then calculate

$$B = E/p, \quad \gamma = E/m, \quad \dots$$

Energy Units

$$1 \text{ GeV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J} = 1.8 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

Why GeV?

Mass of proton: 0.938 GeV

$$(E, p_x, p_y, p_z) = (3, 2, 0, 0) \text{ GeV}$$

What is $B_n = \frac{2}{3}$

$$m^2 = 3^2 - 2^2 = 9 - 4 = 5$$

$$n = \sqrt{5} \text{ GeV}$$

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No need for calculator...

Leave your answer in form of proper fraction:

$$\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}, \quad \frac{5}{7}, \quad \sqrt{5}$$

Recap:

$$\begin{aligned} [E, p_x, p_y, p_z] &= m \left[\frac{dt}{d\tau}, \frac{dx}{d\tau}, \frac{dy}{d\tau}, \frac{dz}{d\tau} \right] \\ &= \frac{m}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} [1, u_x, u_y, u_z] \end{aligned}$$

For low momentum:

$$\vec{p} \rightarrow m\vec{u}$$

$$E \rightarrow \underbrace{m}_{\text{Rest Energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m u^2}_{\text{Newtonian Kinetic}} + \underbrace{\dots}_{\text{Relativistic H.O.T.}}$$

$$K \equiv E - m \quad (\text{Kinetic Energy})$$

Tools:

$$\boxed{m^2 = E^2 - p^2} \quad \sim \quad \Delta s^2 = \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} = E/m$$

$$u_x = p_x/E, \quad u_y = p_y/E, \quad u_z = p_z/E$$

Trick:

Work in E, p, m (need 2)

NOT in u, m (need 2)

Mass of System of Particles



Q: What is mass of combined system?
 $2m$?

$$P_1 = (\sqrt{m^2 + p^2}, p) \quad P_2 = (m, 0)$$

$$P_1 + P_2 = (m + \sqrt{m^2 + p^2}, p)$$

$$(P_1 + P_2)^2 = (m + \sqrt{m^2 + p^2})^2 - p^2$$
$$m^2 + 2m\sqrt{m^2 + p^2} + m^2 + p^2 - p^2$$

$$= 2m^2 + 2m\sqrt{m^2 + p^2}$$

$$M^2 = 2m(m + \sqrt{m^2 + p^2})$$

$$p = 0$$

$$M = 2m$$

Light

Ans 1

photons travel at speed of light ... $v=1$

$$P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} m v$$

$$E = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} m$$

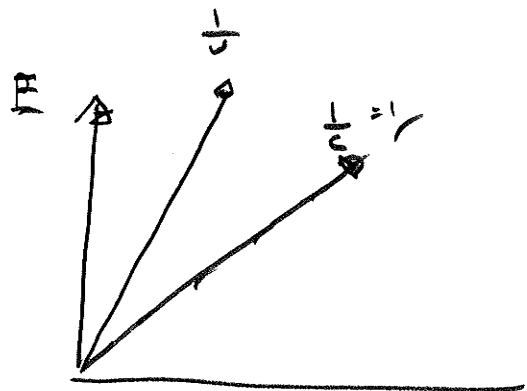
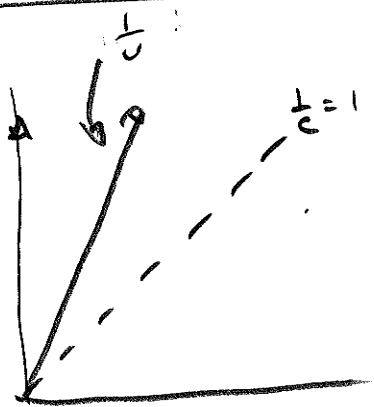
$$\text{As } v \rightarrow 1$$

$$P \rightarrow E$$

If m were positive, $P \rightarrow E \rightarrow \infty$

But $P \rightarrow E$ suggests $m^2 = P^2 - E^2 \Rightarrow 0$

Ans 2



$$\text{Light has } \Delta s^2 = \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 = 0 \quad \text{AND} \quad \Delta m^2 = \Delta E^2 - \Delta P^2 = 0$$

For light

$$P = E$$

Relativistic mass

$$\Delta s^2 = \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 \quad (\text{frame invariant})$$

Since momentum is a 4-vector, this quantity

$$E^2 - p^2$$

must also be frame invariant ...

$$\text{Use } E = \frac{m}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \quad p_x = \frac{m u_x}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}, \quad p_y = \frac{m u_y}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}, \dots$$

$$E^2 = \frac{m^2}{1-u^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 &= \frac{m^2 (u_x^2 + u_y^2 + u_z^2)}{1-u^2} \\ &= \frac{m^2 u^2}{1-u^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{E^2 - p^2 = m^2}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} u = -\frac{12}{13} & \textcircled{m} & u = \frac{12}{13} \\ \leftarrow E_a & & \xrightarrow{E_b} \end{array}$$

$$(m, 0, 0, 0) = (E_a, p_a, 0, 0) + (E_b, p_b, 0, 0)$$

$$p_a = -p_b, \quad E_a = E_b$$

$$m = E_a + E_b = 2E_a = 2\gamma m_a$$

$$m_a = \frac{1}{2} m \sqrt{1 - u^2}$$

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M

E_a
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$\textcircled{M} \xrightarrow{u}$   
 $P_b, E_b$

$$P_b = \gamma m_b u$$

$$E_b = m_b$$

$$(M, 0, 0, 0) = (E_b, P_b, 0, 0) + (E_a, -E_a, 0, 0)$$

$$M = E_b + E_a$$

$$0 = P_b - E_a$$

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$$M = E_b + P_b$$

$\hookrightarrow$

$$M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} m (1+u)$$

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$E_a$   
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E_b
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$$(E, p, 0, 0) = (E_a, -E_a, 0, 0) + (E_b, +E_b, 0, 0)$$

$$E = E_a + E_b$$

$$p = E_b - E_a$$

$$E^2 - p^2 = (E_a + E_b)^2 - (E_b - E_a)^2$$

$$= E_a^2 + 2E_a E_b + E_b^2 - (E_a^2 - 2E_a E_b + E_b^2)$$

$$E^2 - p^2 = 4E_a E_b$$

→ Higgs Rift