

Relativity

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Reference Frame 1- It is a space in which we are making observation and measuring physical quantities.

There are two types of reference frames.

Inertial Reference Frame:-

It is a reference frame in which Newton's first law of motion holds good. That is an object at rest remains at rest and ~~and~~ an object in motion remains in ~~in~~ motion, unless acted upon by a net force. A inertial reference frame is either at rest or moves with constant velocity.

Non-~~inertial~~ reference frame:-

It is a reference frame that is accelerating, either in a linear fashion or rotating around some axis.

Label the types of reference frame

- 1) Train moving with constant velocity (Inertial)
- 2) A rotating merry-go-round (Non Inertial)
- 3) A turning car moving with constant speed (Non Inertial)
- 4) The rotating Earth. (Non inertial)

Principle of Relativity :-

states that the ^{basic} laws of Physics are same in all inertial ^{reference} frames. That is as you go from one reference frame to another, things like forces, mass, length and time does not change.

These quantities are said to be absolute.

Since the laws of mechanics do not change for different inertial reference frames, no one inertial reference frame is special in any sense.

Therefore we conclude that

"All inertial reference frames are equivalent".

Einstein Postulates

- 1) All laws of Physics including Maxwell's theory or electromagnetism, hold in all inertial reference frames. This is an extension of principle of relativity.
- 2) Light can move through empty space and without the presence of a medium. In fact, light travels through empty space with a constant velocity c that is independent of the speed of observer or source of light.

Considerations Galilean Transformation Equation

S Frame of reference \rightarrow stationary (Rest)

S' \rightarrow nonstationary (moving along x axis)

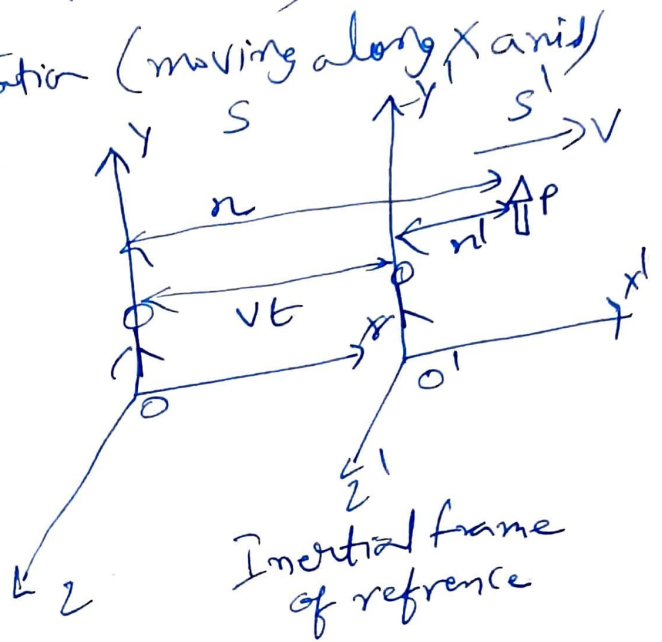
$V \rightarrow$ constant velocity

O or $O' \rightarrow$ observer

(P) event observed by O and O'

$x \rightarrow$ distance from observer to P

same clock



from fig for S' frame for O' observer

$$x' = x - vt$$

$$y' = y \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{No motion along y and z axis} \end{array} \right.$$

$$z' = z$$

$$t' = t$$

Galilean Transformation equation

from fig for S frame for O observer

$$x = x' + vt'$$

$$y = y' \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{No variation along y and z axis} \end{array} \right.$$

$$z = z'$$

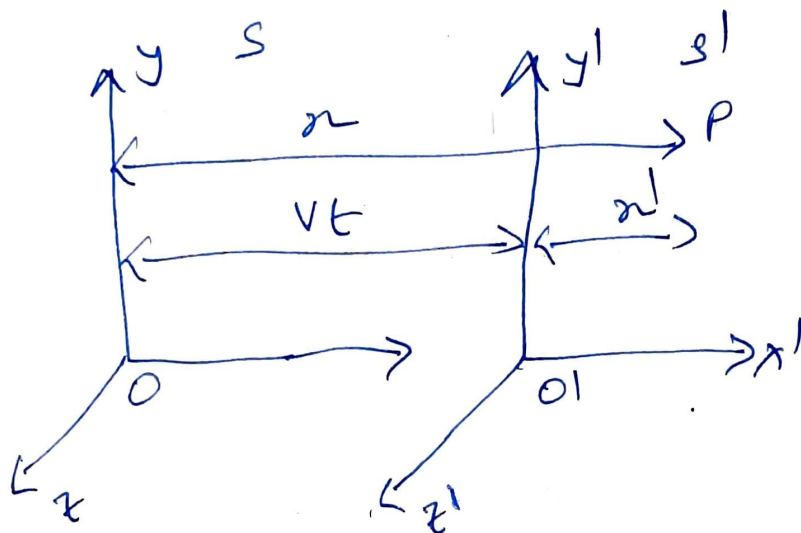
$$t = t'$$

Galilean inverse Transformation equation

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Lorentz Transformation

According to Lorentz Transformation equation the measurement in x direction made in frame S' must be linearly proportional to that made in S frame. Hence a constant K should be there so,



Considerations

$S \rightarrow$ rest frame

$S' \rightarrow$ moving frame with velocity v along x axis

O & $O' \rightarrow$ Two observers S & S' from of ref

$$x' = x - vt$$

$$x' = K(x - vt) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x = K(x' + vt') \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Using Einstein I Postulate

Principle of equivalence: All physical laws are valid and same for all inertial frame of reference
So put value of x' in eq (2)

$$x = K[K(x - vt) + vt']$$

$$\frac{x}{k} = kx - kv t + vt' \quad (2)$$

$$vt' = \frac{x}{k} - kx + kv t$$

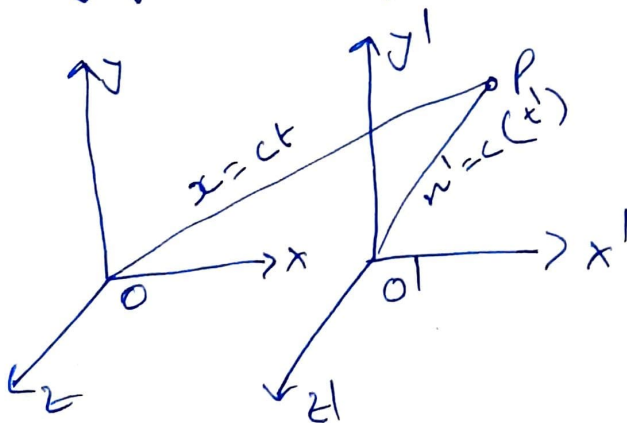
$$t' = \frac{x}{kv} - \frac{kx}{v} + \frac{ktv}{v}$$

$$t' = \frac{x}{kv} - \frac{kx}{v} + kt$$

$$t' = kt - \frac{kx}{v} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \quad (3)$$

Using Einstein II Postulate (for finding k)

constancy of speed of light:



laser light
from O to P

When two high light beam flashes according to fig.

$$x = ct \quad \& \quad x' = ct'$$

Put these values in eq (1) and (2)
from eq (1)

$$ct' = k(ct - vt) \quad (5)$$

from eq (2)

$$ct = k(ct' + vt') \quad (6)$$

③ To find the value of constant k
multiply eq(4) and (5)

$$c^2 t t' = k(c t - v t) \cdot k(c t' + v t')$$

$$= (k c t - k v t) (k c t' + k v t')$$

$$\cancel{c^2 t t'} = k^2 \cancel{t} (c - v) \cancel{t'} (c + v)$$

$$c^2 = k^2 (c - v) (c + v)$$

$$k^2 = \frac{c^2}{(c - v) (c + v)}$$

$$= \frac{c^2}{c^2 - v^2} = \frac{\cancel{c^2}}{c^2 (1 - v^2/c^2)}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{k^2} = 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$k = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Put values from (6) and (7) into (1) and (5)

$$x' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} (x - v t) = \frac{x - v t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$$t' = k \left[t - \frac{x}{v} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2} \right) \right]$$

(4)

$$t' = \frac{t - \frac{v}{c^2} (x - y + \frac{v^2}{c^2})}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$t' = \frac{t - \frac{v}{c^2} (\frac{v^2}{c^2})}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{t - \frac{v^3}{c^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\boxed{t' = \frac{t - \frac{v}{c^2} x}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \frac{x - vt}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

As there is no motion along y and z axis

hence $y' = y$

$z' = z$

Inverse Lorentz Transformation

$$x = \frac{x' + vt'}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$y = y'$$

$$z = z'$$

$$t = \frac{t' + \frac{v}{c^2} x'}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Time Dilation

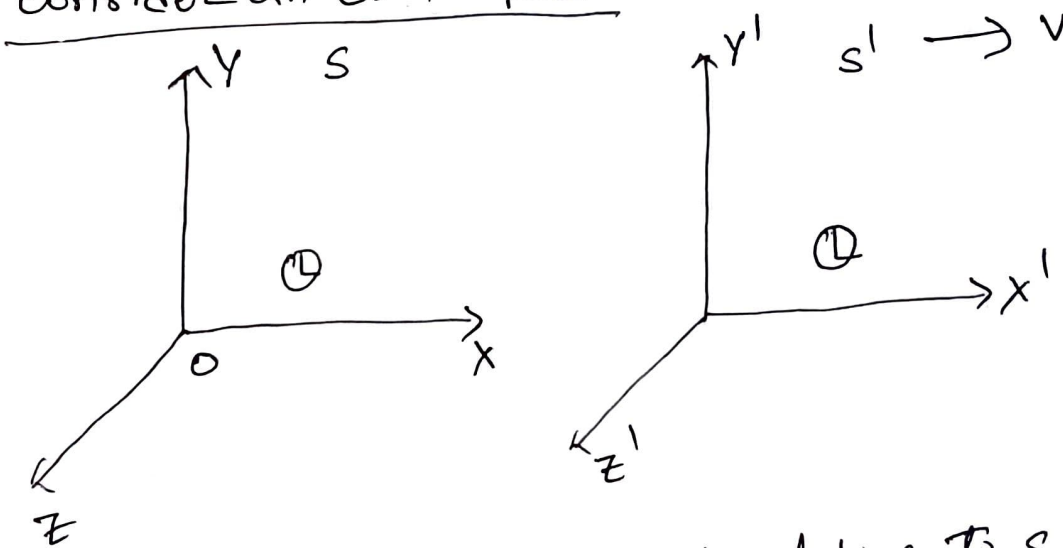
Time Dilation :- A clock in a moving frame of reference measures a longer time interval between two events while for the same event the clock in the stationary frames measures short time interval.

$$t = \frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \gamma t_0$$

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

$$t = \gamma t_0$$

Consider an example



S' is moving with velocity 'v' relative to S.

The person in S' observes ~~an event~~ that the time difference between two events is 10 sec. The same two events when observed by a person from S frame feels that the time difference between two events is 15 sec. The difference in time is called Time dilation.

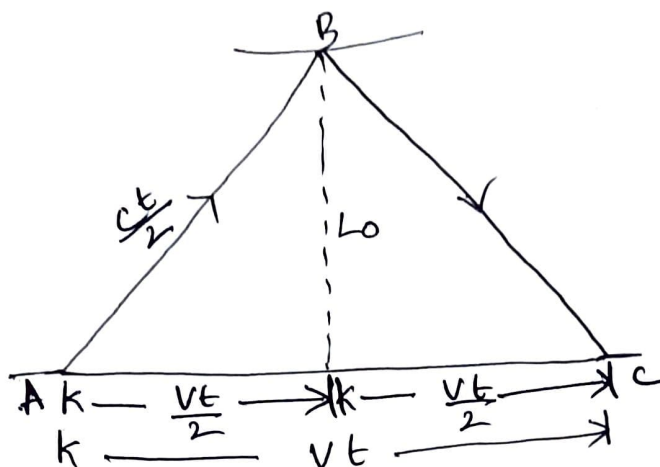


fig 2

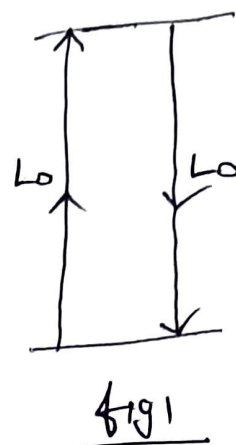


fig 1

Derivation:- Consider that a person in frame S' throws ball up to a distance L_0 then the time taken to reach the point of throw is shown in fig 1

total distance travelled is $L_0 + L_0 = 2L_0$

Velocity = c

\therefore for S' frame

$$t_0 = \frac{2L_0}{c} \text{ (proper time)}$$

Event observed from S frame

Now the same event when observed from the frame S the person feels that the distance travelled by the ball to go up and down is time ' t ' as shown in fig 2

The person feels that the ball has travelled from A to B and from B to C. The total time taken as ' t '.

so the ~~time~~ for going from A to B is $\frac{ct}{2}$

Apply Pythagoras theorem in fig 2

$$\left(\frac{ct}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{vt}{2}\right)^2 + L_0^2$$

(2)

$$\frac{c^2 t^2}{4} = \frac{v^2 t^2}{4} + L_0^2$$

$$\frac{c^2 t^2}{4} - \frac{v^2 t^2}{4} = L_0^2$$

$$\frac{t^2}{4} (c^2 - v^2) = L_0^2$$

$$t^2 = \frac{4 L_0^2}{c^2 - v^2} = \frac{4 L_0^2}{c^2 (1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2})}$$

$$t^2 = \frac{4 L_0^2}{c^2 (1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2})}$$

$$t = \frac{2 L_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{2 t_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$t = \frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \gamma t_0$$

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

$$\boxed{t = \gamma t_0}$$

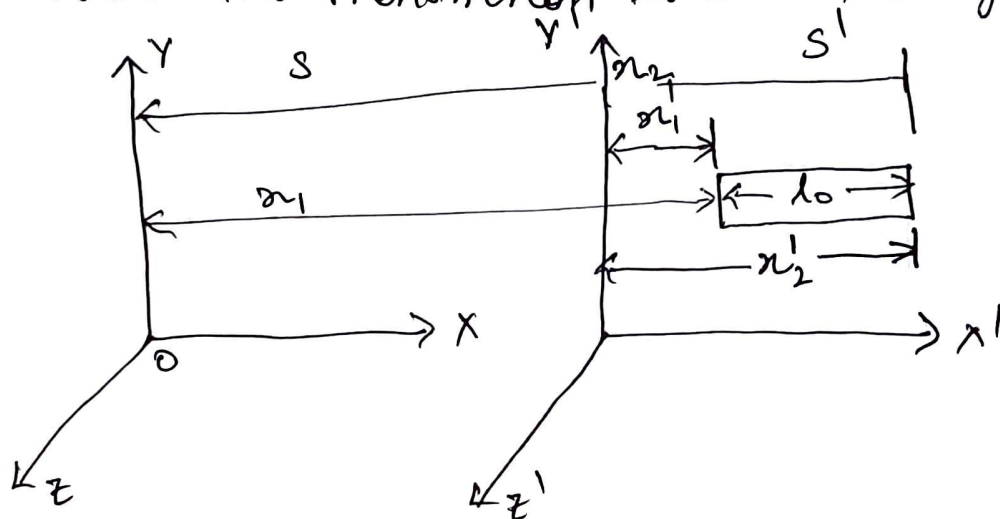
$v \ll c$ so $\beta < 1$ then so $\gamma > 1$
then $t > t_0$

'Speed of the light is same'

Length contraction

Proper Length :- The length of any object measured by an observer at rest wrt object is called Proper length.

Length Contraction :- The length of any object moving with high velocity (approachable to c) relative to an observer is measured contracted in the direction of motion while no change in other directions \perp or to motion. This phenomenon is called length contraction.



$S \rightarrow$ rest ref. frame

$S' \rightarrow$ moving ref. frame with velocity ' v ' along x

$L_0 \rightarrow$ Proper length

$L \rightarrow$ length contraction

In the frame S'

$$L_0 = x'_2 - x'_1 \text{ (Proper length)}$$

From the frame S

$$L = x_2 - x_1 \text{ (contracted length)}$$

From Lorentz Transformation

$$x_1' = \frac{x_1 - vt}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$x_2' = \frac{x_2 - vt}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_0 &= \frac{x_2 - vt}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} - \frac{x_1 - vt}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} (x_2 - vt - x_1 + vt) \end{aligned}$$

$$L_0 = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$L_0 = \frac{L}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$L = L_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

condition 1) $v \ll c \Rightarrow \frac{v}{c} \ll 1$

$$L = L_0 \sqrt{1 - 0}$$

$$\boxed{L = L_0} \quad \underline{\text{No contraction}}$$

Condition 2 :- ~~where~~ $v = c$

$$L = L_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

~~where~~ $L = 0$ Not valid

Condition 3: v is near c
 $v \approx c$

$$L = L_0 \sqrt{1 - 0.1}$$

$$L < L_0$$

