

Exercise 2.1: 4-velocity and 4-acceleration in SR

Prove the formulas of the four-velocity and four-acceleration of a particle measured in some inertial frame,

$$U^\alpha = \{\gamma(v), \gamma(v)\mathbf{v}\} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^\mu &= \frac{dU^\mu}{d\tau} = \{\gamma(v)\dot{\gamma}(v), \gamma^2(v)\mathbf{a} + \gamma(v)\dot{\gamma}(v)\mathbf{v}\} \\ &= \gamma^4(v)\{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a})\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2) \quad (3)$$

with $\mathbf{v} = \frac{dx}{dt}$, $\mathbf{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt}$ the three-velocity and three-acceleration measured in that frame, respectively, and the dots being derivatives with respect to the time t . Hint: In the system that is comoving to the particle $\vec{U} = \vec{e}_0$. Use the Lorentz transformations to write \vec{U} in the system in which the particle moves at speed v , i.e. (1), and then perform the derivative of the resulting expression with respect to the proper time τ to obtain the four-acceleration (2). Some geometrical reasoning is needed to write (2) as (3). (2 pt)

→ The four-velocity can be written as follows in the comoving frame of the particle ($\bar{\mathcal{O}}$),



→ In the basis of the inertial frame where the particle moves with velocity \mathbf{v} (\mathcal{O}) the four-velocity reads,

$$\vec{U} = \vec{e}_0 = \Lambda_0^\alpha(\mathbf{v}) \vec{e}_\alpha,$$

with $\Lambda_0^\alpha(\mathbf{v}) = (\Lambda^{-1})_0^\alpha(\mathbf{v}) = \Lambda_0^\alpha(-\mathbf{v})$. The matrix

$\gamma - \gamma \beta \ 0 \ 0$	$\gamma \beta \ \gamma \ 0 \ 0$
$\gamma \beta \ \gamma \ 0 \ 0$	$0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1$
$0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1$	$0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx^\mu}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt}(t, \bar{x}) \\ &= (1, \bar{v}) \\ (x^0)' &= \gamma(x^0 - \frac{|\bar{x}|}{c^2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Lambda_{\alpha}^{\bar{\mu}}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma(v) & -\gamma(v)v n_x & -\gamma(v)v n_y & -\gamma(v)v n_z \\ -\gamma(v)v n_x & 1 + [\gamma(v) - 1]n_x^2 & [\gamma(v) - 1]n_x n_y & [\gamma(v) - 1]n_x n_z \\ -\gamma(v)v n_y & [\gamma(v) - 1]n_x n_y & 1 + [\gamma(v) - 1]n_y^2 & [\gamma(v) - 1]n_y n_z \\ -\gamma(v)v n_z & [\gamma(v) - 1]n_x n_z & [\gamma(v) - 1]n_y n_z & 1 + [\gamma(v) - 1]n_z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is the Lorentz matrix, with $n_i = v_i/v$. Thus, we have,

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{1}{\gamma}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u^\alpha &= \frac{d}{dt}(t, \bar{x}) \\ &= \left(\frac{dt}{dz}, \frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} \frac{dt}{dz} \right) = (\gamma, \bar{v}, \gamma) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{U} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} \{\gamma(v), \gamma(v)\mathbf{v}\}$$

$$a^\mu = \frac{dU^\mu}{d\tau} = \{\gamma(v)\dot{v}, \gamma^2(v)\mathbf{a} + \gamma(v)\dot{v}\mathbf{v}\} \quad (2)$$

$$= \gamma^4(v)\{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a})\}, \quad (3)$$

$\rightarrow \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{U}}{d\tau} = \frac{dU^\mu}{d\tau} \vec{e}_\mu + \cancel{\frac{dU^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{d\vec{e}_\mu}{d\tau}} = \left(\frac{dU^\mu}{d\tau} \right) \vec{e}_\mu, \quad \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha = 0 \quad 2\checkmark$

$\vec{U} = U^\mu \vec{e}_\mu$

$A_\mu = (A_\mu) \vec{e}^\mu$

$a^\mu = \left(\frac{dU^\mu}{d\tau} \right) = \frac{dU^\mu}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \gamma(v) \frac{dU^\mu}{dt} = \{\gamma(v)\dot{v}, \gamma(v)\dot{v}\mathbf{v} + \gamma^2\mathbf{a}\}.$

$\downarrow \text{Road to 3}$

$$\dot{v} = \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(1-v^2)^{3/2}} \left(-2\bar{v} \cdot \frac{dv}{dt} \right) = \gamma^3(v) \bar{v} \cdot \bar{a}$$

Giving us:

$$\begin{aligned} a^\mu &= \left\{ \gamma^1 \bar{a} \cdot \bar{v}, \gamma^2 \bar{a} + \gamma^3 \bar{a} \bar{v}^2 \right\} = \gamma^1(v) \left\{ \bar{a} \cdot \bar{v}, \frac{\bar{a}}{\gamma^2} + \bar{a} \bar{v}^2 \right\} \\ &= \gamma^1(v) \left\{ \bar{a} \cdot \bar{v}, \bar{a} - \bar{a} v^2 + (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{v}) \bar{v} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Identity: $\bar{v} \times (\bar{v} \times \bar{a}) = (\bar{v} \cdot \bar{a}) \bar{v} - (\bar{v} \cdot \bar{v}) \bar{a}$

$$a^\mu = \gamma^1(v) \left\{ \bar{a} \cdot \bar{v}, \bar{a} + \bar{v} \times (\bar{v} \times \bar{a}) \right\} \quad 3\checkmark$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{U}^\mu}{d\tau} \vec{e}_\mu$$

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

Exercise 2.2: Rindler coordinates

The world line of a particle is described by the parametric equations in some Lorentz frame

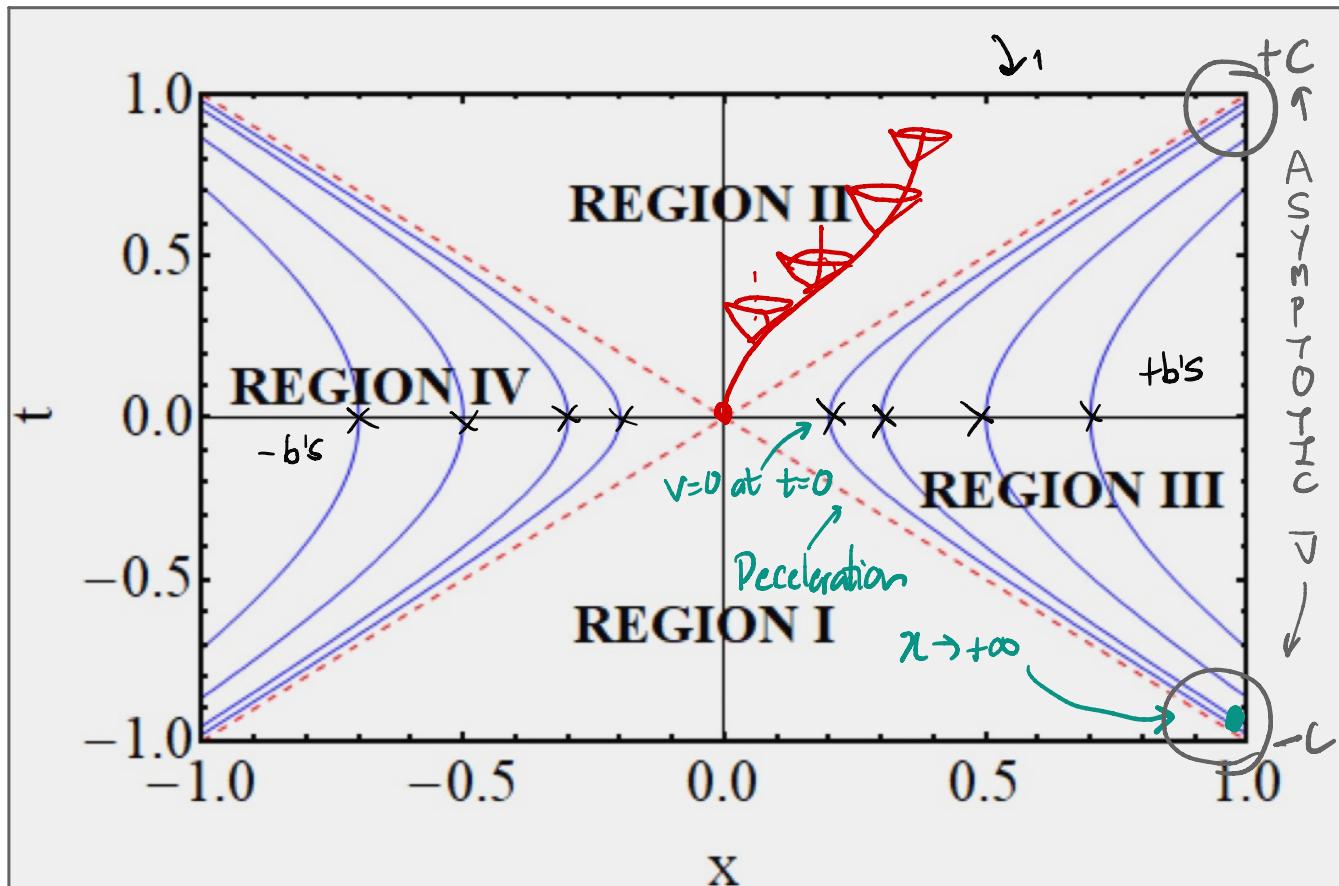
$$t(\lambda) = b \sinh\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right) \quad ; \quad x(\lambda) = b \cosh\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right), \quad (15)$$

where λ is the parameter and b is a constant. Describe the motion and compute the particle's four velocity and acceleration components. Show that λ is the proper time along the world line and that the proper acceleration is constant. Interpret b . (2 pt)

World line in inertial frame (0)

$$\rightarrow x^2 - t^2 = b^2, \\ x^2 - y^2 = (\text{const})$$

Describe the motion



$$\begin{aligned}
 dz^2 &= -ds^2 \\
 &= (dt)^2 - (dx)^2 \\
 &= \left(b \cosh\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right) d\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right) \right)^2 \\
 &= \left(b \cosh\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{b} d\lambda \right)^2 \\
 &= \left(\sinh\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right) d\lambda \right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

→ The 3-velocity measured by an observer in \mathcal{O} :

$$dt = \cosh\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right) d\lambda \quad ; \quad dx = \sinh\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right) d\lambda.$$

Divide

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \tanh\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right) \quad ; \quad \frac{dt}{d\lambda} = \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} = \cosh\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right).$$

3-velocit

$$\frac{dt}{dz}$$

$$d\tau = dz$$

i.e. λ is the proper time measured in the comoving frame of the particle

→ The relation between the time measured in \mathcal{O} and the proper time of the particle is just

$$d\tau = \frac{dt}{\gamma(v)}$$

$$dt = \gamma(v)d\tau = \cosh\left(\frac{\lambda}{b}\right)d\tau.$$



Using:

$$(i) \quad U^\alpha = \{\gamma(v), \gamma(v)\mathbf{v}\}$$

3-acceleration

$$(ii) \quad a^\mu = \frac{dU^\mu}{d\tau} = \{\gamma(v)\dot{\gamma}(v), \gamma^2(v)\mathbf{a} + \gamma(v)\dot{\gamma}(v)\mathbf{v}\} \\ = \gamma^4(v)\{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{v} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a})\},$$

$$(iii) \quad a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{d\tau} \frac{d\tau}{dt} = \gamma(v) \frac{dv}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{b \cosh^3\left(\frac{\tau}{b}\right)}.$$



$$U^\mu = \left\{ \cosh\left(\frac{\tau}{b}\right), \sinh\left(\frac{\tau}{b}\right) \right\} \quad ; \quad a^\mu = \frac{1}{b} \left\{ \sinh\left(\frac{\tau}{b}\right), \cosh\left(\frac{\tau}{b}\right) \right\},$$



In order to understand the physical meaning of b let us express the four-acceleration in the comoving frame.

→ As in that frame $\vec{U} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ and $\vec{U} = \vec{e}_0$ we have that $a^0 = 0$, so

$$\rightarrow \vec{a}^2 = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = \eta_{\mu\nu} a^\mu a^\nu = \frac{1}{b^2} = (a^1)^2 \rightarrow a^1 = \frac{1}{b}.$$

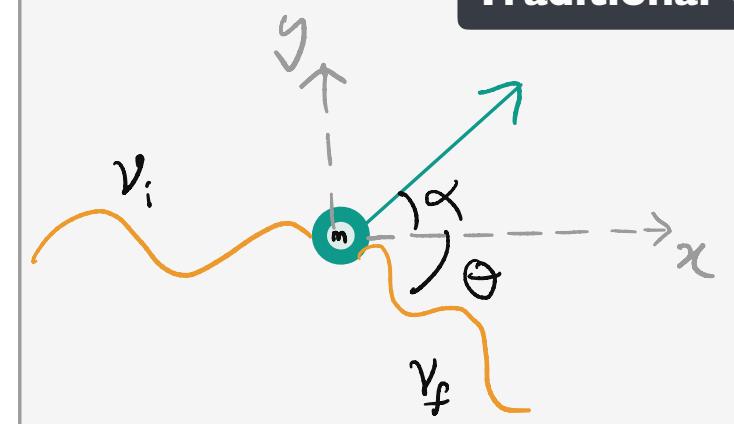
b is the inverse of the proper acceleration & is a constant.

$$\vec{U} \cdot \vec{a} = -a^0 a^0 + a^1 a^1 + a^2 a^2 + a^3 a^3 = 0$$
$$\vec{a}^\mu = (a^0, a^1, \cancel{a^2}, \cancel{a^3})$$

Exercise 2.3

(a) Let a particle of charge e and rest mass m , initially at rest in the laboratory, scatter a photon of initial frequency ν_i . This is called *Compton scattering*. Suppose the scattered photon comes off at an angle θ from the incident direction. Use the conservation of four-momentum to deduce that the photon's final frequency ν_f is given by

$$\frac{1}{\nu_f} = \frac{1}{\nu_i} + \frac{h}{m}(1 - \cos \theta) \quad (1\text{pt}) \quad (23)$$



Conservation equations

E_i	$h\nu_i + m$	$=$	$h\nu_f + \sqrt{m^2 + p^2}$	⊕
$(P_x)_i$	$h\nu_i$	$=$	$p \cos \alpha + h\nu_f \cos \theta$	
$(P_y)_i$	0	$=$	$-p \sin \alpha + h\nu_f \sin \theta,$	

(Before) **(After)**

$$\begin{aligned} h(\nu_i - \nu_f \cos \theta) &= p \cos \alpha \\ h\nu_f \sin \theta &= p \sin \alpha, \end{aligned}$$

c=1

↓ Squaring & summing

$$h^2(\nu_i^2 + \nu_f^2 - 2\nu_i\nu_f \cos \theta) = p^2.$$

↓ Substitute p^2 from ⊕

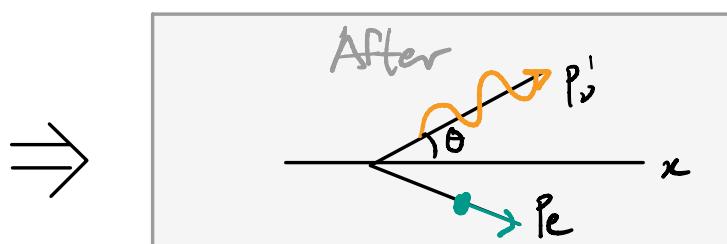
$$h^2(\nu_i^2 + \nu_f^2 - 2\nu_i\nu_f \cos \theta) = h^2(\nu_i - \nu_f)^2 + 2mh(\nu_i - \nu_f).$$

↓ Rearrange

$$\frac{1}{\nu_f} = \frac{1}{\nu_i} + \frac{h}{m}(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$\hbar=1$

4 Vector Way



$$P^\mu = (\text{Energ, Momen})$$

$$P_\mu^r = (\gamma, \vec{k}) \quad (P_\mu^e)$$

$$P_\mu^{r'} = (\gamma', \vec{k}') \quad P_\mu^{e'}$$

→ Conservation of 4-momentum : $P_\mu^r + P_\mu^e = P_\mu^{r'} + P_\mu^{e'}$

$$\Rightarrow P_\mu^r + P_\mu^e - P_\mu^{r'} = P_\mu^{e'}$$

↓ Scalar product with itself.

$$(P_\mu^r + P_\mu^e - P_\mu^{r'}) (P_\mu^r + P_\mu^e - P_\mu^{r'}) = P_\mu^{e'} P_\mu^{e'}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_\mu^r P_\mu^r + P_\mu^e P_\mu^e + P_\mu^{r'} P_\mu^{r'} + 2 P_\mu^r P_\mu^e \\ - 2 P_\mu^r P_\mu^{r'} - 2 P_\mu^e P_\mu^{r'} = P_\mu^{e'} P_\mu^{e'} \end{aligned}$$

(Each term here is relativistically invariant &
can be computed in any initial frame)

- $P_\mu^r P_\mu^r = (\gamma, \vec{k})(\gamma, \vec{k}) = m^2 = 0$

- $P_\mu^{r'} P_\mu^{r'} = (\gamma', \vec{k}')(\gamma', \vec{k}') = m^2 = 0$

- Evaluate $P_\mu^e P_\mu^e$ & $P_\mu^{e'} P_\mu^{e'}$ in their respective rest frames where $P_\mu^e = (m, 0)$

$$P_\mu^e P_\mu^e = m^2 ; \quad P_\mu^{e'} P_\mu^{e'} = m^2$$

- $P_\mu^r P_\mu^e = \gamma m$; $P_\mu^{r'} P_\mu^e = \gamma' m$
- $P_\mu^r P_\mu^{r'} = \gamma \gamma' - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'$

Verify

\oplus becomes :

$$m^2 + 2\nu m - 2\nu' m - 2\nu\nu' + 2\bar{k}\cdot\bar{k}' = m^2$$

$$\bar{k}\cdot\bar{k}' = \bar{k}\bar{k}' \cos\theta$$



$$2m(\nu - \nu') - 2\nu\nu' (1 - \cos\theta) = 0$$



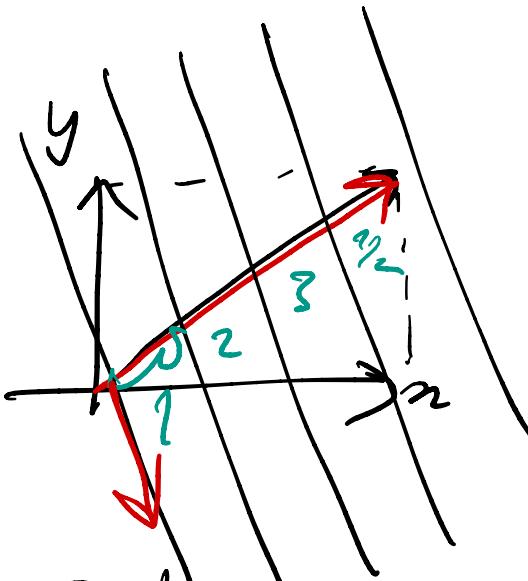
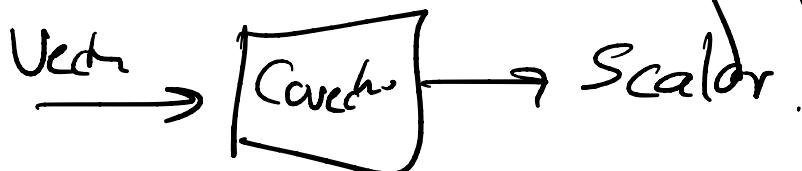
$$\frac{(\nu - \nu')}{\nu\nu'} = \frac{1}{m} (1 - \cos\theta)$$

$$(\lambda - \lambda') = \frac{1}{m} (1 - \cos\theta) = \lambda_c (1 - \cos\theta)$$

Form / Cach

$$P_\mu = (E, P_x, P_y, P_z)$$

(0,1) Team



Vector. (1,0) team

$$A^\mu = (A^0, A^1, A^2, A^3)$$

$$A^\mu B_\mu = 3.5$$

Exercise 2.4: One-forms I

Given the following vectors in \mathcal{O} :

$$\vec{A} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (2, 1, 1, 0), \vec{B} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (1, 2, 0, 0), \vec{C} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (0, 0, 1, 1), \vec{D} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (-3, 2, 0, 0).$$

(a) Show that they are linearly independent. (0.5 pt)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -8 \neq 0$$

This means that the vectors $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}, \vec{D}$, are linearly independent.

(b) Find the components of \tilde{p} if: $\tilde{p}(\vec{A}) = 1, \tilde{p}(\vec{B}) = -1, \tilde{p}(\vec{C}) = -1, \tilde{p}(\vec{D}) = 0$. (0.5 pt)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{p}(\vec{A}) &= p_\alpha A^\alpha = 1 = 2p_0 + p_1 + p_2 \\ \tilde{p}(\vec{B}) &= p_\alpha B^\alpha = -1 = p_0 + 2p_1 \\ \tilde{p}(\vec{C}) &= p_\alpha C^\alpha = -1 = p_2 + p_3 \\ \tilde{p}(\vec{D}) &= p_\alpha D^\alpha = 0 = -3p_0 + 2p_1 \end{aligned}$$

or, equivalently,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution of this linear system reads: $\tilde{p} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (-1/4, -3/8, 15/8, -23/8)$.

(c) Find the value of $\tilde{p}(\vec{E})$ for $\vec{E} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (1, 1, 0, 0)$. (0.5 pt)

$$\tilde{p}(\vec{E}) = p_\alpha E^\alpha = \tilde{p}_0 + \tilde{p}_1 = -5/8.$$

(d) Determine whether the one-forms $\tilde{p}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{r}$ and \tilde{s} are linearly independent if $\tilde{q}(\vec{A}) = \tilde{q}(\vec{B}) = 0, \tilde{q}(\vec{C}) = 1, \tilde{q}(\vec{D}) = -1, \tilde{r}(\vec{A}) = 2, \tilde{r}(\vec{B}) = \tilde{r}(\vec{C}) = \tilde{r}(\vec{D}) = 0, \tilde{s}(\vec{A}) = \tilde{s}(\vec{B}) = -1, \tilde{s}(\vec{C}) = \tilde{s}(\vec{D}) = 0$. (1 pt)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_0 \\ q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (36)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_0 \\ r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (37)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_0 \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (38)$$

We find: $\tilde{q} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (1/4, -1/8, -3/8, 11/8)$, $\tilde{r} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (0, 0, -2, -2)$, and $\tilde{s} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (-1/4, -3/8, -1/8, 1/8)$. Now we can compute the determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1/4 & -1/8 & -3/8 & 11/8 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ -1/4 & -3/8 & -1/8 & 1/8 \\ -1/4 & -3/8 & 15/8 & -23/8 \end{vmatrix} = -1/4 \neq 0 \quad (39)$$

The one-forms $\tilde{p}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{r}$ and \tilde{s} are linearly independent.

Exercise 2.5: One-forms II

Consider the basis $\{\vec{e}_\alpha\}$ of a frame \mathcal{O} and the basis $(\tilde{\lambda}^0, \tilde{\lambda}^1, \tilde{\lambda}^2, \tilde{\lambda}^3)$ for the space of one-forms, where we have

$$\tilde{\lambda}^0 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (1, 1, 0, 0)$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}^1 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (1, -1, 0, 0)$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}^2 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (0, 0, 1, -1)$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}^3 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (0, 0, 1, 1)$$

Note that $\{\tilde{\lambda}^\beta\}$ is not the basis dual to $\{\vec{e}_\alpha\}$.

(a) Show that $\tilde{p} \neq \tilde{p}(\vec{e}_\alpha)\tilde{\lambda}^\alpha$ for arbitrary \tilde{p} . (1 pt)

The set of vectors $\{\tilde{\lambda}^\beta\}$ constitutes a basis, since they are linearly independent (you can check that). This means that an arbitrary one-form \tilde{p} can be expressed as

$$\tilde{p} = b_\alpha \tilde{\lambda}^\alpha. \quad (40)$$

The vectors $\{\tilde{\lambda}^\beta\}$ can be expressed in terms of the dual vectors $\{\tilde{\omega}^\beta\}$ (the ones that satisfy $\omega^\alpha(\vec{e}_\beta) = \delta_\beta^\alpha$) as $\tilde{\lambda}^\beta = \lambda_\alpha^\beta \tilde{\omega}^\alpha$, so

$$\tilde{p} = b_\alpha \tilde{\lambda}^\alpha = b_\alpha \lambda_\kappa^\alpha \tilde{\omega}^\kappa. \quad (41)$$

On the other hand we have:

$$\tilde{p}(\vec{e}_\beta) = b_\alpha \lambda_\kappa^\alpha \delta_\beta^\kappa = b_\alpha \lambda_\beta^\alpha. \quad (42)$$

Comparing (41) and (42) we see that $b_\alpha \neq \tilde{p}(\vec{e}_\alpha)$.

(b) Let $\tilde{p} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (1, 1, 1, 1)$. Find numbers l_α such that $\tilde{p} = l_\alpha \tilde{\lambda}^\alpha$. These are the components of \tilde{p} on $\{\tilde{\lambda}^\alpha\}$. (1 pt)

$$\tilde{p} = a_\alpha \tilde{\omega}^\alpha = l_\beta \lambda_\alpha^\beta \tilde{\omega}^\alpha \rightarrow a_\alpha = l_\beta \lambda_\alpha^\beta. \quad (43)$$

This means that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_0 \\ l_1 \\ l_2 \\ l_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (44)$$

Where the columns of the matrix are just the vectors $\{\tilde{\lambda}^\beta\}$. From here we obtain: $(l_0, l_1, l_2, l_3) = (1, 0, 0, 1)$. One can check that:

$$\tilde{p} = l_\alpha \tilde{\lambda}^\alpha = \tilde{\lambda}^0 + \tilde{\lambda}^3 = \tilde{\omega}^0 + \tilde{\omega}^1 + \tilde{\omega}^2 + \tilde{\omega}^3 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{O}} (1, 1, 1, 1). \quad (45)$$

