

Problem 1.

Show that $\partial\phi/\partial x^\mu$ is a covariant four-vector (ϕ is a scalar function of x, y, z, and t).

Hint: First determine (from Equation 3.8) how covariant four-vectors transform; then use $\partial\phi / \partial x^{\mu'} = (\partial\phi / \partial x^\nu)(\partial x^\nu / \partial x^{\mu'})$ transforms.

Solution

Equation (3.8)

$$\begin{aligned}x^{0'} &= \gamma(x^0 - \beta x^1) \\x^{1'} &= \gamma(x^1 - \beta x^0) \\x^{2'} &= x^2 \\x^{3'} &= x^3 \\x^{\mu'} &= \sum_{\nu=0}^3 \Lambda_\nu^\mu x^\nu \quad (\nu = 0, 1, 2, 3) = \Lambda_\nu^\mu x^\nu\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial\phi / \partial x^{\mu'} &= (\partial\phi / \partial(\Lambda_\nu^\mu x^\nu)) \\ \Lambda &= \end{aligned}$$

(will continue)