

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)

$$x^{0'} = \gamma(x^0 - \beta x^1)$$

$$x^{1'} = \gamma(x^1 - \beta x^0)$$

$$x^{2'} = x^2$$

$$x^{3'} = x^3$$

$$x^{\mu'} = \sum_{\nu=0}^3 \Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu} x^{\nu} \quad (\nu = 0, 1, 2, 3) = \Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu} x^{\nu}$$

$$\partial\phi / \partial x^{\mu'} = (\partial\phi / \partial(\Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu} x^{\nu}))$$

$$\Lambda =$$

(will continue)