

# 1 Lorentz Transformation

## Galilean Transform

$$\begin{aligned} t' &= t & t &= t' \\ x' &= x - vt & x &= x' + vt' \\ m' &= m & \begin{bmatrix} m'c \\ p' \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\beta & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sum_i \begin{bmatrix} m_i c \\ \beta_i m_i c \end{bmatrix} \\ p' &= m(v_0 - v) \end{aligned}$$

$x$  is the position of a point/event occurring on the number line, and  $t$  is the time on a clock at  $x$ .

$x'$  is the position of the same point/event on the other number line, and  $t'$  is the time on the clock at  $x'$ .

$x = 0$  and  $x' = 0$  are the positions of the line/reference frame origins, and  $t_0$  and  $t'_0$  are the times on the origin clocks.

At  $t_0 = t'_0 = 0$ , both origin's coincide at  $x = x' = 0$ .

All points at  $x$  see their clock run the same as  $t = t_0$ , but see a different  $t'$  at the adjacent  $x'$ .

Time Slows:  $\Delta t' = \Delta t / \gamma$

1.)  $t'(x, t_0)$  for a Clock at  $x = X_0 + vt$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow ct' &= \gamma(ct - \beta[X_0 + vt]) \\ &= (\gamma ct(1 - \beta^2) - \gamma\beta X_0) \\ &= \left(\frac{ct}{\gamma} - \gamma\beta X_0\right) = \left(\frac{ct}{\gamma} + cT_0\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} t'(X_0, t) &= \frac{t}{\gamma} + T_0 \\ &= \frac{t}{\gamma} - \gamma\beta X_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_0 > 0: & X_0 < 0 \\ T_0 < 0: & X_0 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

(No  $t'$  is simultaneous to  $x$  unless in same position)

(for each  $\Delta t$ , then  $\Delta t' = \frac{\Delta t}{\gamma}$ )  
(Clocks at  $x'$  look like they tick slower by factor  $\gamma$ )

$$\frac{dt'}{dt} = \frac{dt'}{dt_0} = \frac{1}{\gamma}$$

2.)  $\Delta t'_0$  given  $\Delta t_0$

$$\Rightarrow c\Delta t_0 = \gamma(c\Delta t'_0 - \cancel{\beta x'_{=0}}) \Rightarrow \Delta t'_0 = \Delta t_0 / \gamma \quad (\text{Same conclusion of slowed clocks})$$

Length Contraction:  $\Delta x' = \gamma \Delta x$

$$\begin{aligned} 1.) \Delta x' &= x'_2 - x'_1 = \gamma(x_2 - \cancel{\beta ct}) - \gamma(x_1 - \cancel{\beta ct}) \\ &= \gamma(x_2 - x_1) = \gamma \Delta x \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Velocity Addition (1-D):

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= \frac{\gamma_u(v_1 + u)}{\gamma_u(1 + v_1 u / c^2)} = t/t' = \gamma_v / \gamma_w \quad \leftarrow [L_{-u}] \begin{bmatrix} ct \\ vt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ct' \\ wt' \end{bmatrix} \\ \tanh(\phi_1 + \phi_2) &= \frac{\tanh \phi_1 + \tanh \phi_2}{1 + \tanh \phi_1 \tanh \phi_2} \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$  Lorentz Transform  $\gamma \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= \gamma(x - \beta ct) & x &= \gamma(x' + \beta ct') \\ ct' &= \gamma(ct - \beta x) & ct &= \gamma(ct' + \beta x') \end{aligned}, \quad \beta^2 = \frac{\gamma^2 - 1}{\gamma^2}$$

Transform Matrix (Hermitian for boosts)

$$\gamma = \cosh \phi, \quad \gamma\beta = \sinh \phi, \quad \beta = \tanh \phi$$

$$x^{\mu'} = \begin{pmatrix} x^{0'} \\ x^{1'} \\ x^{2'} \\ x^{3'} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x^\mu = \Lambda^{\mu'}_\mu x^\mu = \frac{\partial x^{\mu'}}{\partial x^\mu} x^\mu$$

Weyl Matrices:  $\cosh \frac{\phi}{2} I - \sinh \frac{\phi}{2} \cancel{\sigma_x}$  (Hermitian)

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^{0'} \\ -x^{1'} \\ -x^{2'} \\ -x^{3'} \end{pmatrix} = \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ -x_1 \\ -x_2 \\ -x_3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x'_\mu = \Lambda^{-1} x_\mu = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} x_\mu$$

Pythag. Triples

$$\beta = 3/5 : \gamma = 5/4 = 1.25$$

$$\beta = 4/5 : \gamma = 5/3$$

$$\beta = 5/13 : \gamma = 13/12$$

$$\beta = 7/25 : \gamma = 25/24$$

Doppler Shift

$$f_{\text{rec}} = \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}} f_{\text{emit}} \quad (v \text{ is } [+]) \text{ if } \rightarrow \leftarrow$$

## 2 4-Vectors

### 3-Vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{p} &= \boxed{\gamma m \vec{v}} \\ \vec{F} &= \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = m \frac{d(\gamma \vec{v})}{dt} \\ &= \gamma m \vec{a} + \gamma^3 \frac{(\vec{m} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}) \vec{v}}{c^2} \\ &= \boxed{\gamma^3 m \left( \vec{a} - \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}{c^2} \vec{a} + \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}}{c^2} \vec{v} \right)}\end{aligned}$$

### Scalars

$$\begin{aligned}E &= \boxed{\sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4} = \gamma m c^2} \\ T &= E - E_0 = \boxed{(\gamma - 1) m c^2} \\ P_{\text{ow}} &= \frac{dE}{dt} = m c^2 \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \cdot \vec{v} \\ &= \boxed{\vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} = \gamma^3 m \vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}} \\ W &= \int \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} dt = \boxed{\int \gamma^3 m \vec{a} \cdot \vec{v} dt}\end{aligned}$$

### 2.1 Position

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}^\mu &= (x^0, \vec{x}) \\ &= (ct, \vec{r})\end{aligned} \Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta \mathbf{x}^\mu = \mathbf{x}_A^\mu - \mathbf{x}_B^\mu} \quad (\text{for Event } A, B)$$

$$\begin{aligned}(\Delta \mathbf{x}^\mu)^2 &= (\Delta \mathbf{x}^\mu)(\Delta \mathbf{x}_\mu) \\ &= c^2 \tau^2 \\ &= \boxed{ct^2 - \vec{r}^2}\end{aligned} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Timelike : } (\Delta \mathbf{x}^\mu)^2 > 0 & (\exists \text{ an inertial frame where } A, B \text{ occur at the same spacial place but diff. time, e.g., } (c\Delta t, 0, 0, 0) \rightarrow (\Delta x)^2 = c^2(\Delta t)^2 > 0) \\ \text{Spacelike : } (\Delta \mathbf{x}^\mu)^2 < 0 & (\exists \text{ an inertial frame where } A, B \text{ occur at the same time but non-casual space}) \\ \text{Lightlike : } (\Delta \mathbf{x}^\mu)^2 = 0 & (A \text{ and } B \text{ lie on a trajectory moving at } c) \end{array} \right.$$

Relativistic Dot Products are Ref. Frame Invariant (not necessarily Conserved)

### 2.2 Momentum

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{p}^\mu &= (p^0, \vec{p}) \quad \boxed{\frac{\vec{p}c}{E} = \vec{\beta}} \\ &= m \frac{d\mathbf{x}^\mu}{d\tau} = m \boldsymbol{\eta}^\mu \\ &= \boxed{(\gamma mc, \gamma m \vec{v}) = \left( \frac{E}{c}, \vec{p} \right)}\end{aligned} \quad \pm \mathbf{p}^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu = \boxed{\mathbf{p}^2 = m^2 c^2 = \left( \frac{E}{c} \right)^2 - \vec{p}^2}$$

Momentum Conservation means each vector component is individually conserved

Decay from Rest  $M_1$ :  $M_1 \rightarrow m_2 + m_3$

$$\begin{aligned}P_3^2 &= (P_1 - P_2)^2 \\ &= P_1^2 + P_2^2 - 2P_1 \cdot P_2 \\ m_3^2 c^2 &= M_1^2 c^2 + m_2^2 c^2 - 2(M_1 c, 0) \cdot (E_2/c, p_2) \\ &= M_1^2 c^2 + m_2^2 c^2 - 2M_1 E_2\end{aligned} \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{aligned}E_2 &= \frac{M_1^2 c^2 + m_2^2 c^2 - m_3^2 c^2}{2M_1} \\ E_3 &= \frac{M_1^2 c^2 + m_3^2 c^2 - m_2^2 c^2}{2M_1}\end{aligned}}$$

Decay from Rest  $m_a$  to Maximum  $E_b$  (same as first):  $m_a \rightarrow m_b + M$

$$(m_a, 0) = (E_b, p_b) + (E_M, -p_b)$$

$$* \boxed{(P_M)^2 = (P_a - P_b)^2 = P_a^2 + P_b^2 - 2P_a \cdot P_b} \Rightarrow E_b = \frac{m_a^2 + m_b^2 - M^2}{2m_a} c^2$$

$$M^2 = m_a^2 + m_b^2 - 2E_b m_a$$

Min. Threshold  $E_a$  to Create  $M_{rest}$ :  $m_a + m_{b=rest} \rightarrow M_{rest} = \sum m$

$$[(E_a, p_a) + (m_b, 0)]^2 = (M, 0)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{E_a}{c}\right)^2 + m^2 c^2 + 2E_a m_b - \underline{p_a^2} = M^2 c^2 \Rightarrow E_a = \boxed{\frac{M^2 - m_a^2 - m_b^2}{2m_b} c^2}$$

Min. Threshold  $E_a$  to Create  $E_m$ :  $m_{a \rightarrow} + m_{b=rest} \rightarrow M_{\leftarrow} + m_{\rightarrow}$

$$(E_a, p_a) + (m_b, 0) \rightarrow (E_M, -p_m + p_a) + (E_m, p_m)$$

$$* \boxed{(P_a - P_m)^2 = (P_M - P_b)^2 = P_M^2 + P_b^2 - 2P_m \cdot P_b}$$

$$m_a^2 + m^2 - 2(E_a E_m - p_a \cdot p_m) = M^2 + m_b^2 - 2E_M m_b$$

$$4p_a^2 p_m^2 \cos^2 \phi_{am} = ([M^2 + m_b^2 - m_a^2 - m^2] + 2E_a E_m - 2(E_a + m_b - E_m)m_b)^2$$

$$4(E_a^2 - m_a^2)p_m^2 \cos^2 \phi = (E_a[Y = 2E_m - 2m_b] + X)^2 = E_a^2 Y^2 + X^2 + 2XY E_a$$

$$0 = \underline{(Y^2 - 4p_m^2 \cos^2 \phi)E_a^2 + 2XY E_a + (X^2 + 4m_a^2 \cos^2 \phi)} \Rightarrow E_a = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

(Compton Scattering)  $\lambda'$  from  $\lambda$  and  $\theta$ :  $\gamma + e_{rest} \rightarrow \gamma + e$

$$(E_\gamma, p_\gamma, 0) + (m_e, 0, 0) = (\underline{E'_\gamma}, p'_\gamma \cos \theta, p'_\gamma \sin \theta) + (\underline{E'_e}, p'_e \cos \phi, p'_e \sin \phi)$$

$$* (P_1 - P_3)^2 = (P_4 - P_2)^2 \Rightarrow E_\gamma E'_\gamma - E_\gamma E'_\gamma \cos \theta = m(E'_\gamma - E_\gamma)$$

$$\Rightarrow E'_\gamma = \frac{E_\gamma m_e}{m + (1 - \cos \theta) E_\gamma} \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda' = \lambda + \frac{h}{mc}(1 - \cos \theta)}$$

Scattering Angle:  $m_1 + m_2 \rightarrow m_3 + m_4$

$$* (P_1 - P_3)^2 = (P_4 - P_2)^2$$

$$\boxed{\begin{vmatrix} p_1 & p_2 \\ p_4 & p_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} E_1 & E_2 \\ E_4 & E_3 \end{vmatrix} - \frac{(m_1^2 - m_2^2) + (m_3^2 - m_4^2)}{2}}$$

Scattering of  $E_a, \theta$  in CM Frame to  $E'_a$  in Breit Frame ( $p'_a \rightarrow -p'_a$ ):  $A + B \rightarrow A + B$

$$(CM) (E_a, p_a, 0) + (E_b, -p_a, 0) = (\underline{E_a}, p_a \cos \theta, p_a \sin \theta) + (E_b, -p_a \cos \theta, -p_a \sin \theta) \equiv (P_1 + P_2 = P_3 + P_4)$$

$$(Breit) (\underline{E'_a}, p'_a, 0) + (E'_b, -p'_b \cos \phi, -p'_b \sin \phi) = (\underline{E'_a}, -p'_a) + (E'_b, p'_a - p'_b \cos \phi, -p'_b \sin \phi) \equiv (Q_1 + Q_2 = Q_3 + Q_4)$$

$$* P_1 \cdot P_3 = Q_1 \cdot Q_3$$

$$E_a^2 - p_a^2 \cos \theta = E_a'^2 + p_a'^2 = 2E_a'^2 - m_a^2 \Rightarrow E'_a = \sqrt{\frac{m_a^2(1 + \cos \theta) + E_a^2(1 - \cos \theta)}{2}} = \boxed{\sqrt{m_a^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + E_a^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}}$$

CM Frame = Individual Particle Energy/Momentum is Conserved

$$\boxed{\text{CM} \rightarrow \text{Breit Frame} = \text{Rot}\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \left[\beta_{shift} = \frac{p_a c \cos(\theta/2)}{E_a} = \frac{\sqrt{E_a^2 + m_a^2} \cos(\theta/2)}{E_a}\right]}$$

## 2.3 Acceleration and Force

$$\begin{aligned}
K^\mu &= (K^0, \vec{K}) \\
&= m\alpha^\mu = m \frac{d\eta^\mu}{d\tau} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}^\mu}{d\tau} = \gamma \frac{d\mathbf{p}^\mu}{dt} \\
&= \left( \gamma \frac{d(\gamma mc)}{dt}, \gamma \frac{d(\gamma m \vec{v})}{dt} \right) \\
&= \left( \frac{\gamma P_{\text{ow}}}{c}, \gamma \vec{F} \right) = \left( \frac{\gamma \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}}{c}, \gamma \vec{F} \right) \\
&= \left( \gamma^4 \frac{m \vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}}{c}, \gamma^2 m \vec{a} + \gamma^4 \frac{(m \vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}) \vec{v}}{c^2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mp \alpha^\mu \alpha_\mu &= \gamma^6 \frac{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{v})^2}{c^2} + \gamma^4 \vec{a}^2 \\
\mp K^\mu K_\mu &= -\gamma^2 \frac{(\vec{F} \cdot \vec{v})^2}{c^2} + \gamma^2 \vec{F}^2 \\
&= \gamma^2 \vec{F}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}}{c^2} \cos^2 \theta_{v,F} \right) \\
\alpha^\mu \eta_\mu &= \frac{d\eta^\mu}{d\tau} \eta_\mu = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d(\eta^\mu \eta_\mu)}{d\tau} = 0 \\
K^\mu p_\mu &= m^2 \alpha^\mu \eta_\mu = 0
\end{aligned}$$

## 2.4 Current Density and Vector Potential

$$\begin{aligned}
J^\mu &= (J^0, \vec{J}) \\
&= \rho_0 \frac{d\mathbf{x}^\mu}{d\tau} = \rho_0 \eta^\mu \\
&= (\gamma c \rho_0, \gamma \rho_0 \vec{v}) = (c\rho, \vec{J})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
A^\mu &= (A^0, \vec{A}) = \left( \frac{V}{c}, \vec{A} \right) \\
&= \mathbf{A}^\mu + \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \mathbf{x}^\mu}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial J^\mu}{\partial \mathbf{x}^\mu} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}^\mu} \cdot \mathbf{J}^\mu = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

$$\Box^2 A^\mu = \left( \nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) A^\mu = -\mu_0 J^\mu$$