

# 1 Lorentz Transformation

Galilean Transform

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Lorentz Transform

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

$$\begin{aligned} t'_0 &= t_0 & t_0 &= t'_0 \\ x'_0 &= x_0 - vt_0 & x_0 &= x'_0 + vt'_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= \gamma(x - \beta ct) & x &= \gamma(x' + \beta ct') \\ ct' &= \gamma(ct - \beta x) & ct &= \gamma(ct' + \beta x') \end{aligned}$$

$x$  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  $x'$ .

Transform Matrix

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

Time Slows:

$$\Delta t' = \Delta t / \gamma$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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):

$$w = \frac{v + u}{1 + vu/c^2}$$

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

$$\vec{p} = \boxed{\gamma m \vec{v}}$$

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

### Scalars

$$E = \boxed{\sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4} = \gamma m c^2}$$

$$T = E - E_0 = \boxed{(\gamma - 1) m c^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P_{\text{ow}} &= \frac{dE}{dt} = m c^2 \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \cdot \vec{v} \\ &= \boxed{\vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} = \gamma^3 m \vec{a} \cdot \vec{v}}\end{aligned}$$

$$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} dt = \boxed{\int \gamma^3 m \vec{a} \cdot \vec{v} dt}$$

### 2.1 Position

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

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

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

### 2.2 Momentum

$$\mathbf{p}^\mu = (p^0, \vec{p})$$

$$= m \frac{d\mathbf{x}^\mu}{d\tau} = m \boldsymbol{\eta}^\mu$$

$$= \boxed{(\gamma m c, \gamma m \vec{v}) = \left( \frac{E}{c}, \vec{p} \right)}$$

$$\pm \mathbf{p}^\mu \mathbf{p}_\mu = \boxed{\mathbf{p}^2 = m^2 c^2 = \left( \frac{E}{c} \right)^2 - \vec{p}^2}$$

Momentum Conservation means each vector component is individually conserved

Particle Decay Example: Rest  $M_1 \rightarrow m_2 + m_3$

$$\begin{aligned}p_3^2 &= (p_1 - p_2)^2 \\ &= p_1^2 + p_2^2 - 2p_1 \cdot p_2 \\ m_3^2 c^2 &= M_1^2 c^2 + m_2^2 c^2 - 2(M_1 c, 0) \cdot (E_2/c, \vec{p}_2) \\ &= M_1^2 c^2 + m_2^2 c^2 - 2M_1 E_2\end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}E_2 &= \frac{M_1^2 c^2 + m_2^2 c^2 - m_3^2 c^2}{2M_1} \\ E_3 &= \frac{M_1^2 c^2 + m_3^2 c^2 - m_2^2 c^2}{2M_1}\end{aligned}$$

## 2.3 Acceleration and Force

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

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

## 2.4 Current Density and Vector Potential

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

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

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

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