

Recall:

$$\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2$$

Invariant!

Frame:

F (stationary)

$$\Delta x = 8 \text{ m}$$

$$c \Delta t = 10 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta s^2 = 10^2 - 8^2$$

$$= 100 - 64$$

$$\Delta s^2 = 36 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\boxed{\Delta s = 6 \text{ m}}$$

F' (moving)

$$\Delta x' = 0 \text{ m}$$

$$c \Delta t' = 6 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta s'^2 = 6^2 - 0^2$$

$$= 36 - 0$$

$$\Delta s'^2 = 36$$

$$\boxed{\Delta s' = 6 \text{ m}}$$

Same!

Also: the velocity of the moving frame is just

$$U = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{U = \frac{8 \text{ m}}{10 \text{ s}}}$$

• In algebra equating Δs & $\Delta s'$ for this case

$$c^2 \Delta t'^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2$$

$$\Delta t'^2 = \Delta t^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \Delta x^2$$

$$= \Delta t^2 \left(1 - \frac{\Delta x^2}{\Delta t^2 c^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta t' = \Delta t \sqrt{1 - \frac{U^2}{c^2}}}$$

Time dilation

- the time passing on a moving object is called proper time, and denoted τ .

- infinitesimally we have

$$d\tau = dt \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

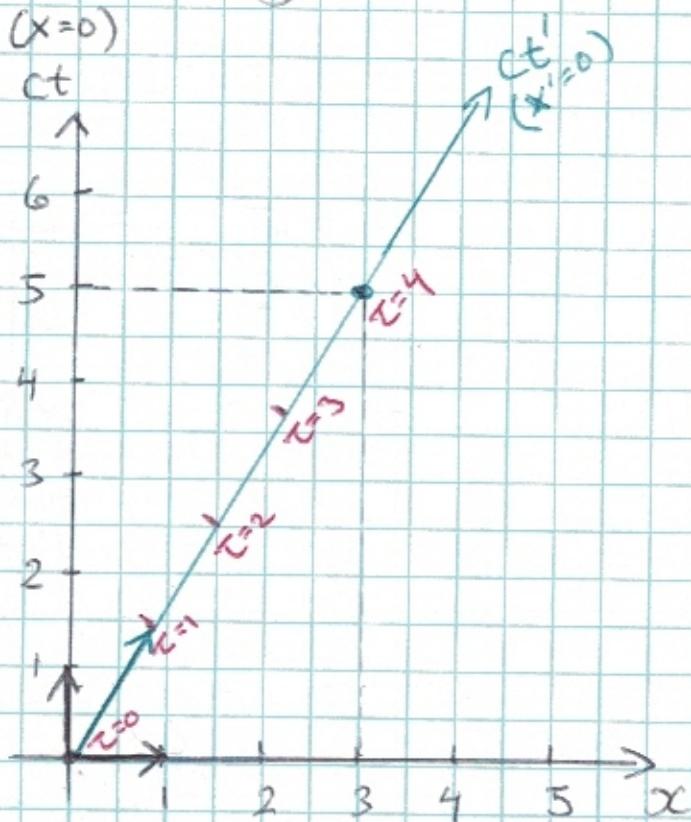
or //

$$dt = \gamma d\tau$$

~~note $\Delta\tau$~~ Note: $d\tau < dt$ always

→ moving clocks run slower!

Example: Moving frame is travelling at $v = \frac{3}{5}c$



$$\text{So } \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}}} \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16/25}}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{5}{4}$$

∴ $\Delta\tau = \frac{4}{5} \Delta t$

So: In 5 time steps of t in the stationary frame, τ only passes 4 time steps in the moving frame.

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$$\therefore \frac{A(v_1)}{A(v_2)} = A(v_{12}) . \leftarrow \text{notice: LHS depends on } v_1, v_2 \text{ and the relative angle between the two.}$$

LHS does not depend on the angle.

$$\therefore \boxed{A = \text{const}}$$

(S separation of variables.)

$$\frac{X'(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{Y'(y)}{Y(y)} \Rightarrow \text{LHS=RHS=const}$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = 1 = A \text{ (or RHS).}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{ds^2 = ds'^2} \text{ for infinitesimal intervals.}$$

$$\therefore S^2 = S'^2 \text{ for finite intervals} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{AN INVARIANT}}$$

$$\text{i.e. } c^2 t^2 - \vec{x}^2 = c^2 t'^2 - \vec{x}'^2 \text{ for all inertial frames.}$$

Proper Time (Dilation)

- suppose a clock in the S' -coords is moving relative to S .
- in infinitesimal time dt in the S -system it moves distance $\sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2} = |d\vec{x}|$
- in S' it hasn't moved at all in time dt'

$$\therefore ds^2 = c^2 dt'^2 = c^2 dt^2 - |d\vec{x}|^2$$

$$\therefore dt'^2 = \frac{c^2}{c^2} (c^2 dt^2 - |d\vec{x}|^2) \quad (*)$$

$$dt' = dt \sqrt{1 - \frac{|d\vec{x}|^2}{c^2}} \frac{dt^2}{dt^2}$$

$$\boxed{dt' = dt \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

• integrating $t_2' - t_1' = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} dt$ (This holds for non-uniform motion too.)

This is called proper time, τ .

- note $\Delta\tau \leq \Delta t$. \rightarrow moving clocks run slow.
- it's also invariant

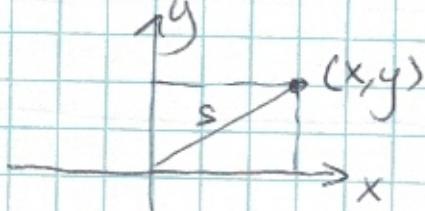
$$\therefore ds^2 = c^2 dt'^2 = c^2 d\tau^2 \text{ in the moving frame}$$

Relation Between (x, t) & (x', t') given v .

Recall Euclidean case:

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2$$

- look at distance from origin

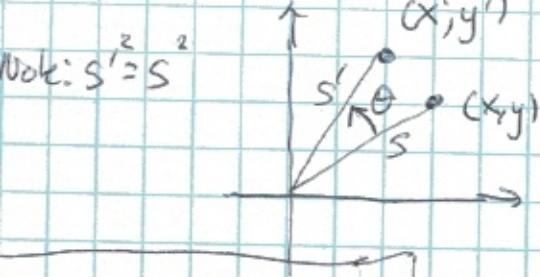


$$s^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

Why Linear?

- an object moving at constant velocity in one IF must appear the same in all others.
- \rightarrow map lines in (ct, x) to lines in (ct', x') .

- linear transformations that preserve this distance are rotations.



- use the rot² matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore x' = cx - sy \\ y' = sx + cy$$

Trig-Identity

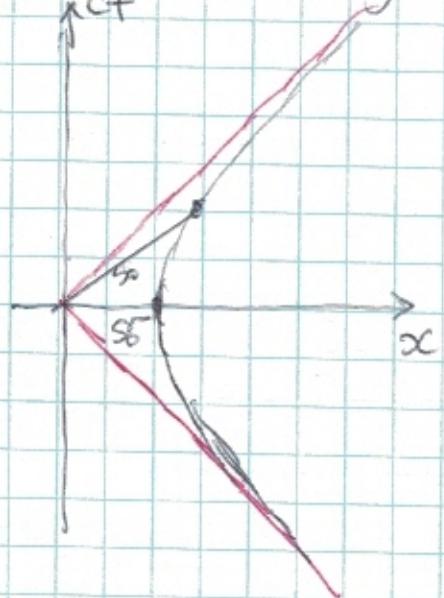
$$\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$$

$$\cosh^2\theta - \sinh^2\theta = 1 \quad (\text{Hyperbolic})$$

Check invariance:

$$\begin{aligned} x'^2 + y'^2 &= c^2 x'^2 - 2xy \cdot cs + s^2 y^2 \\ &\quad + s^2 x^2 + 2xy \cdot cs + c^2 y^2 \\ &= (c^2 + s^2)x^2 + (s^2 + c^2)y^2 = x^2 + y^2. \end{aligned}$$

In Minkowski space we look for something similar,
but the minus sign changes things a bit.



- now we look for a linear transformation that preserves

$$S^2 = c^2t^2 - x^2$$

- note for a given $S=S_0$ this describes a hyperbola.

- in the Euclidean case we had a nice cancellation of the middle terms. + $\sin^2 + \cos^2 = 1$ identity

- that won't work here because of the $(-)$ in the metric
- but hyperbolic $\sinh = \text{sh}$ & $\cosh = \text{ch}$ have the identity

$$\text{ch}^2\theta - \text{sh}^2\theta = 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{a minus!}$$

- try it . . .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ ct' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{ch}\theta & \text{sh}\theta \\ \text{sh}\theta & \text{ch}\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ t \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x' &= \text{ch}\cdot x + \text{sh}\cdot ct \\ ct' &= \text{sh}\cdot x + \text{ch}\cdot ct \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow c^2t'^2 - x'^2 &= c^2(\text{sh}\cdot x + \text{ch}\cdot ct)^2 - (\text{ch}\cdot x + \text{sh}\cdot ct)^2 \\ &= \cancel{\text{sh}^2 x^2} + 2\cancel{\text{sh}\cdot \text{ch}\cdot x\cdot ct} + \cancel{\text{ch}^2 c^2 t^2} \\ &\quad - \cancel{\text{ch}^2 x^2} - 2\cancel{\text{ch}\cdot \text{sh}\cdot x\cdot ct} + \cancel{\text{sh}^2 c^2 t^2} \\ &= (\text{sh}^2 - \text{ch}^2)x^2 + (\text{ch}^2 - \text{sh}^2)c^2 t^2 \\ &= c^2t^2 - x^2 \end{aligned}$$

- the angle θ can only depend on v , the rel velocity of S & S' .
- consider the motion of the origin of S' as it moves through S .
- it has co-ord $x' = 0$. What does it look like in S ?

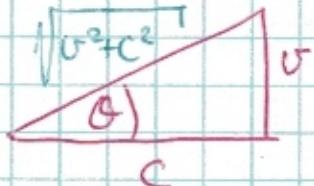
$$x' = 0 \Rightarrow x = ct' \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$ct = ct' \cdot \cosh(\theta).$$

$$\text{dividing: } \frac{x}{ct} = \tanh(\theta).$$

or
$$\tanh(\theta) = \frac{v}{c}$$

Recall trig.:



hypotenuse = $\sqrt{v^2 + c^2}$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{v}{\sqrt{v^2 + c^2}} = \frac{v/c}{\sqrt{1 + v^2/c^2}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{c}{\sqrt{v^2 + c^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + v^2/c^2}}$$

using analogous trig identities:

$$\sinh(\theta) = \frac{v/c}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$$

$$\cosh(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$$

Sub'ing into (*) pg. 81¹⁴ we get the Lorentz transformations:

$$x' = \frac{x - vt}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$$

$$t' = \frac{t - v/c \cdot x}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$$

• do a check using proper time, t' .

→ a clock stationary in the S' system sitting at the
 $\xrightarrow{P} x'_0$

→ setting $v \rightarrow -v$ to get t in terms of t' :

$$t = t' + \frac{v/c^2 x'_0}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$$

• consider two time instances of the clock, t_1 & t_2 .

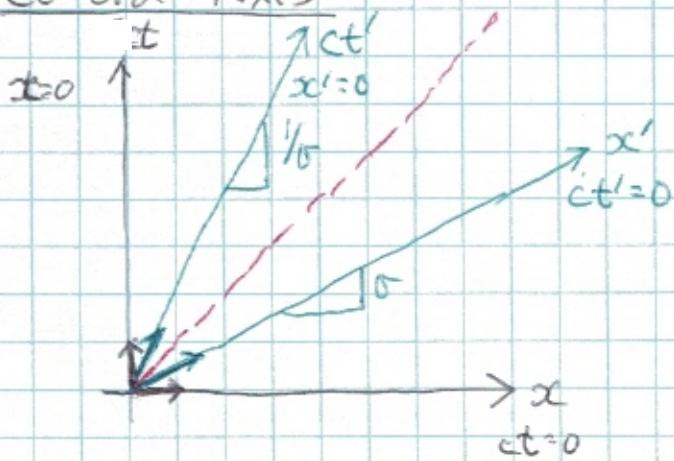
$$\Rightarrow t_1 = \frac{t'_1 + v/c^2 x'_0}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$$

$$t_2 = \frac{t'_2 + v/c^2 x'_0}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$$

$$\therefore t_2 - t_1 = \boxed{\Delta t = \frac{\Delta t'}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}}$$

⇒ agrees \bar{c} (*) on pg 12.

Co-ord Axis



Recall coord transforms:

$$\boxed{x = x' \cdot \text{ch}(\theta) + ct' \cdot \text{sh}(\theta)}$$

$$\boxed{ct' = x' \cdot \text{sh}(\theta) + ct' \cdot \text{ch}(\theta)}.$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{ct}'\text{-axis} \Rightarrow x' = 0$$

$$\therefore x = ct' \cdot \text{sh}(\theta)$$

$$ct = ct' \cdot \text{ch}(\theta).$$

$$\textcircled{2} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{ct}{x} = \frac{\text{ch}(\theta)}{\text{sh}(\theta)} = \frac{1}{\text{th}(\theta)}} = \frac{c}{v}$$

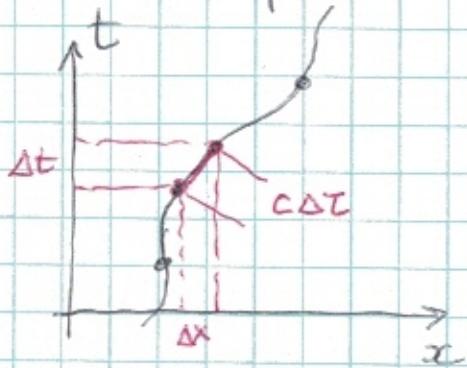
$$\textcircled{3} \quad x' = x' \cdot \text{ch}(\theta) \quad \text{ct}' = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= x' \cdot \text{ch}(\theta) \\ ct &= ct' \cdot \text{sh}(\theta) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \boxed{\frac{ct}{x} = \frac{\text{sh}(\theta)}{\text{ch}(\theta)} = \text{th}(\theta)} = v/c$$

4-Vectors

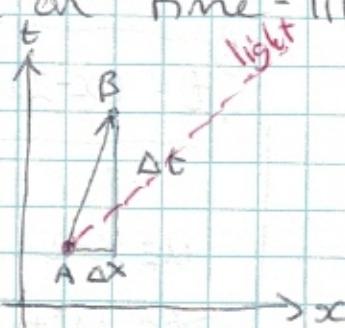
- an event is specified by a time & 3-dim pos^c which we've packaged in a 4-dim vector:

- idea of the path of a particle moving thru space-time



- particles move on time-like trajectories.

That is,



- the (invariant) proper time elapse in moving from $A \rightarrow B$ is:

$$\Delta\tau^2 = \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2$$

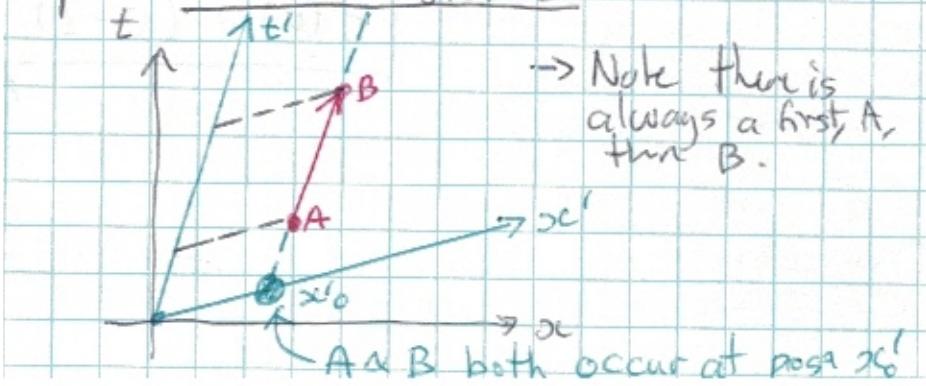
Note ~~$\Delta\tau^2 < 0$~~ if $\Delta t^2 > \Delta x^2$, i.e., the slope of \overrightarrow{AB} is greater than 1 $\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} > 1$

Or $\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} < 1$

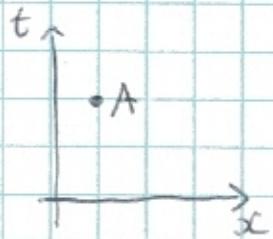
$|v_{AB}| < 1$ is less than the speed of light.

Significance of time-like sep \triangle ?

\Rightarrow Then always exists a moving frame s.t. they are at the same point t in space for that frame?



- the motion of a particle can be thought of as a sequence of small time-like intervals.



• we can write $\underline{A} = a^t \underline{e}_t + a^x \underline{e}_x + a^y \underline{e}_y + a^z \underline{e}_z$

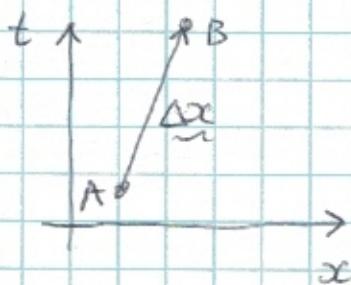
basis vectors

- so \underline{A} is rep'd by the 4-tuple (a^t, a^x, a^y, a^z) ,
or (a^0, a^1, a^2, a^3) or (a^0, \bar{a}) .
- so $\underline{A} = \sum_{\alpha=0}^3 a^\alpha \underline{e}_\alpha$

\uparrow spatial 3-dim part
 \downarrow scalar 1-dim part.

or $= a^x \underline{e}_x$ where we leave the sum^a implied by duplicated upper & lower indices.

- we can have displacement 4-vectors.



$$\Delta \underline{x} = (t_B - t_A, x_B - x_A, y_B - y_A, z_B - z_A)$$

OR, write as:

$$\Delta x^\alpha = x_B^\alpha - x_A^\alpha$$

- scalar (inner product).

$$\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = (a^\alpha \underline{e}_\alpha) \cdot (b^\beta \underline{e}_\beta)$$

$$= a^\alpha b^\beta (\underbrace{\underline{e}_\alpha \cdot \underline{e}_\beta}_{\leftarrow \text{double sum.}})$$

metric

Define this quantity as $\eta_{\alpha\beta} = \underline{e}_\alpha \cdot \underline{e}_\beta$

So $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} a^\alpha b^\beta$

• Recall $\Delta s^2 = \Delta t^2 - \Delta \vec{x}^2$

$$= \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 - \Delta y^2 - \Delta z^2.$$

or $\Delta s^2 = \Delta \underline{x} \cdot \Delta \underline{x}$

$$\Delta s^2 = \eta_{\alpha\beta} \Delta x^\alpha \Delta x^\beta$$

where $\eta_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ → the Minkowski metric

infinitesimally, $[ds^2 = \eta_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta]$

Recall the Lorentz transforms:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} t' &= \frac{t - vx}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}} \\ x' &= \frac{x - vt}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}} \\ y' &= y \\ z' &= z \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$t' = \gamma(t - vx) \quad \text{- setting } c=1$$

$$x' = \gamma(x - vt)$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

So a general 4-vector $A = (a^t, a^x, a^y, a^z)$ transforms to

$$A' = (\tilde{a}^t, \tilde{a}^x, \tilde{a}^y, \tilde{a}^z) \quad \text{in the new basis}$$

(same A !)

when $a^{t'} = \gamma(a^t - va^x)$

$$a^{x'} = \gamma(a^x - vta^t)$$

$$a^{y'} = a^y$$

$$a^{z'} = a^z$$

Example of Invariance of Inner Product.

Say $a^{\alpha} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$

$$b^{\beta} = (0, 1, 0, 0).$$

Then $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} a^{\alpha} b^{\beta} = 0 \rightarrow$ they're orthogonal.

In a primed system we have.

$$a^{\alpha'} = (8, -v8, 0, 0).$$

$$b^{\beta'} = (-v8, 8, 0, 0).$$

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta} a^{\alpha'} b^{\beta'} = 8(-v8) - (-v8)8 + 0 + 0$$

$$= 0. \checkmark \Rightarrow \text{orthogonal in } ' \text{ system.}$$

Recall:

$$t' = \gamma(t - vx)$$

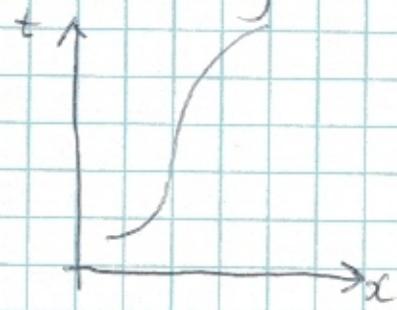
$$x' = \gamma(x - vt)$$

So for 4-vectors:

$$a^{t'} = \gamma(a^{t''} - v a^{x''})$$

$$a^{x'} = \gamma(a^{x''} - v a^{t''})$$

Parameterizing Motion in Space-Time.



- we could write a particle's path as

$$\underline{x}(t) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$t \mapsto (x(t), y(t), z(t))$$

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 $\underline{x}(t)$.

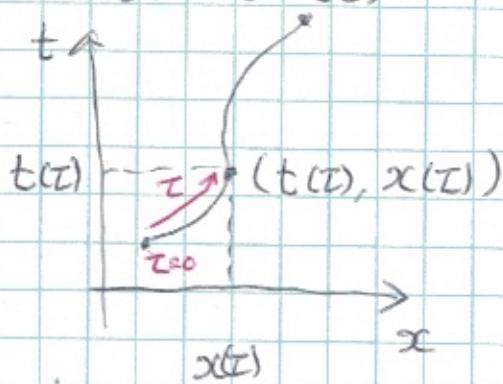
- but t is different from frame to frame as is \underline{x} .
- better to parameterize the path using something that is invariant between frames

\Rightarrow use proper time — the time of a clock moving \parallel the particle.

\rightarrow this is just the arc length \rightarrow Recall $[dt^2 = dt^2 - dx^2]$

\Rightarrow clocks are devices that measure distance along time-like

• so $x^\alpha = x^\alpha(\tau)$. $\rightarrow x^\alpha = (x^0(\tau), x^1(\tau))$ in 2d (22)



Components:

• now $\frac{dx^\alpha}{d\tau} = \frac{dt}{d\tau}$

$$\boxed{u^0 = \gamma}$$

\rightarrow recall $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta \tau$
and $\gamma = \gamma(|\vec{v}|)$

• $\frac{dx^1}{d\tau} = \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\tau}$ 3-velocity
ordinary
 $= \gamma v_x$

• similarly $\frac{dx^2}{d\tau} = \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \gamma v_y$

$$\frac{dx^3}{d\tau} = \gamma v_z.$$

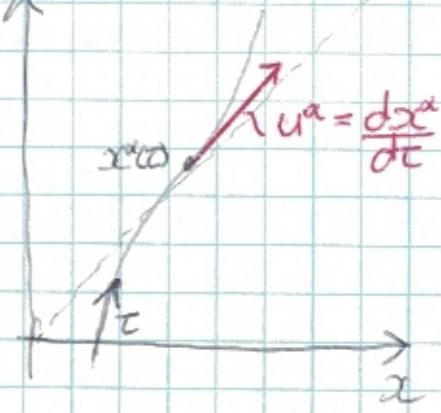
So 4-velocity is given by $\boxed{u^\alpha = (\gamma, \gamma \vec{v}) = (\gamma, \gamma v_x, \gamma v_y, \gamma v_z)}$

• note when stationary in $(x, y, z) \rightarrow \vec{v} = 0 \& \gamma = 1$

$$\boxed{u^\alpha = (1, 0, 0, 0)}$$

\rightarrow note: this is the rest frame of the moving particle

So the 4-velocity in that frame is the time axis for a momentary co-moving frame.



• what is the magnitude of u^α ? $\Rightarrow \underline{u} \cdot \underline{u} = |\underline{u}|^2$.

• recall inner product $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} a^\alpha b^\beta$

• So $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{u} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} u^\alpha u^\beta$

$$|\underline{u}|^2 = \eta_{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx^\alpha}{dt} \frac{dx^\beta}{dt}$$

But we have the invariant $dt^2 = -\eta^{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta$

So $\frac{dt^2}{dt^2} = -\eta_{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx^\alpha dx^\beta}{dt^2}$

$$-1 = \eta_{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx^\alpha}{dt} \frac{dx^\beta}{dt}$$

$\therefore |\underline{u}|^2 = 1$

Always time-like.

You can also see this by $u^\alpha = (1, \underline{u}_x)$

e.g. (1-1 space)

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} U^\nu U^\mu = -v^2 + v^2 v_x^2$$

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 $U^\mu = (1, \vec{v})$ 24

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{-1}{1-v_x^2} + \frac{1}{1-v_x^2} \cdot v_x^2 \\ &= \frac{-1}{1-v_x^2} \\ &= -1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4-Acc^a

Similarly we can define the 4-acc^a.

$$\underline{a}(z) = \frac{du}{dz}$$

Note that since $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{u} = -1$ and diffing both sides:

$$\frac{d}{dz} (\underline{u} \cdot \underline{u}) = \frac{d}{dz} (-1)$$

$$\underline{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dz} + \frac{du}{dz} \cdot \underline{u} = 0$$

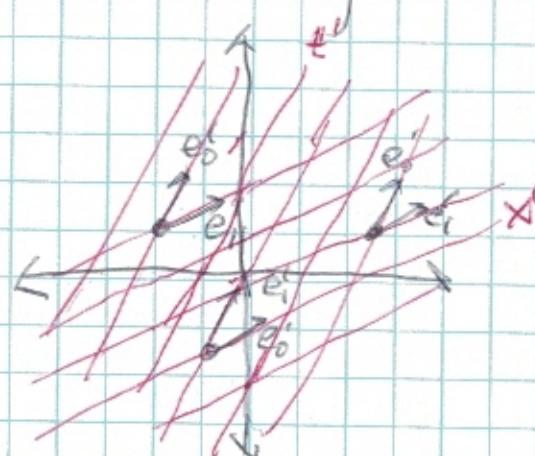
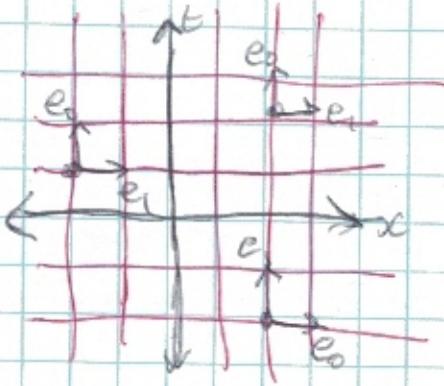
$\curvearrowleft \curvearrowright$ equal by symm. of i.p.

$$2 \underline{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dz} = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{a} = 0}$$

the 4-vel. & 4-acc^a are always orthogonal.

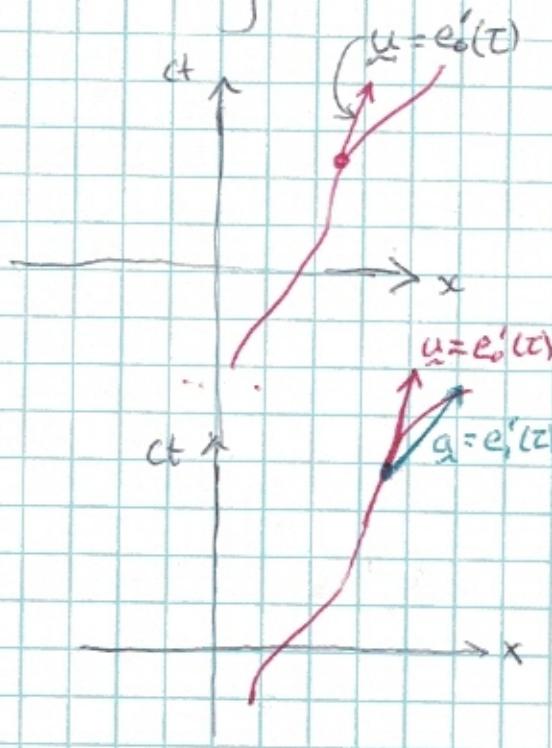
Recall the co-ord frames of a stationary & inertial frame 25



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S'

- the co-ord system's basis are fixed for const. veloci
- when the velocity varies under acc² define the instantaneous rest frame S' for which the moving observer is momentarily at rest.



• So the velocity vector in general defines a local time axis.

$$\boxed{e'_0(t) = \hat{u}(t)}$$

• so in (t, x) 1-1 space we can take the orthogonal $\hat{a}(t)$ to be the spatial basis vector at that pt

$$\boxed{e'_1(t) = \hat{a}(t)}$$

* This forms a (momentarily inertial) co-moving frame along the moving observer's world line *

- note that at a particular point the observer's 4-velocity is $(1, \vec{0}) = u^i (= u^{\mu})$

- Since the 4-acc^t is 1 it must have the form

$a'^\mu = \underline{a} = (0, \vec{a}) \rightarrow \vec{a}$ is the proper (particle's momentum rest frame) acc.

where $\vec{a} = \left(\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}, \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} \right)$ in the comoving frame

$$= \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{v}_x, \vec{v}_y, \vec{v}_z) \quad | \text{ in c.m.f.}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \vec{v} \quad | \text{ in c.m.f.}$$

Relativist Addition of Velocities.

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- consider a moving frame K' at velocity V wrt K .
- a particle is moving at velocity $w = \frac{dx'}{dt'}$ in K'
- what is its velocity $u = \frac{dx}{dt}$ in K ?
- take differentials of the Lorentz transforms:

$$\text{Ans} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} x &= \gamma(x' + Vt') \\ t &= \gamma(t' + \frac{Vx'}{c^2}) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \text{where } V \text{ is a const.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{recall } dx = \frac{\partial(\text{rhs})}{\partial x'} dx' + \frac{\partial(\text{rhs})}{\partial t'} dt'$$

So

$$\left. \begin{aligned} dx &= \gamma(dx' + Vdt') \\ dt &= \gamma(dt' + \frac{Vdx'}{c^2}) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} dx &= dt' \cdot \gamma \left(\frac{dx'}{dt'} + V \right) \\ dt &= dt' \cdot \gamma \left(1 + \frac{V}{c^2} \frac{dx'}{dt'} \right) \end{aligned} \right\} w$$

$$\text{So, } \int dx = dt' \gamma (\omega + V)$$

$$\left\{ dt = dt' \gamma \left(1 + \frac{V\omega}{c^2} \right) \right.$$

divide.

$$\therefore u = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\omega + V}{1 + \frac{\omega V}{c^2}}$$

$$u = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

\Rightarrow Note as $c \rightarrow \infty$

$$u = \omega + V$$

- Galilean result.