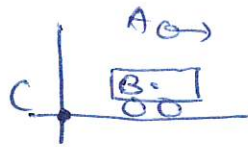


# Principle of Relativity

1. Laws of physics apply in all inertial reference system.
2. Universal speed of light:
  - same light speed for all inertial observers regardless source's motion
  - same light speed in all direction



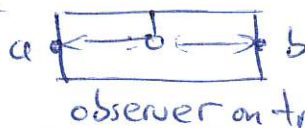
Galileo's vel. addition :  $v_{ac} = v_{ab} + v_{bc}$

Einstein's vel. addition :  $v_{ac} = \frac{v_{ab} + v_{bc}}{1 + \frac{v_{ab}v_{bc}}{c^2}}$

## Geometry of Relativity

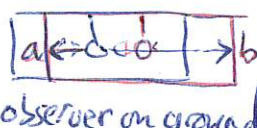
i) Relativity of simultaneity : Two events simultaneous in one inertial sys. are not, in general, simultaneous in another.

ex



observer on train

light reaches a, b simultaneously



observer on ground

light travel long dist to b than a, takes longer time to b than a.

"event (a) occurs first than (b)"  
use light speed as time measurement

ii) Time dilation :  $\gamma \Delta t = \Delta t$   $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$   
dilate



$\Delta t$  clock on train

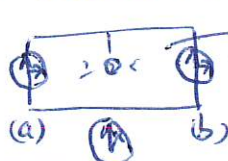
$\Delta t$  clock on ground

$$\Delta t = \frac{h}{c}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{\tau}{\gamma}$$

what it seen on ground take longer dist., time dilate  $\Delta t > \Delta t$

Paradox : Observer on train say clock is slower on ground!



clock syn on train

not syn on ground (being seen)

(a) occurs first than (b) — rel. simultaneity.

iii) Lorentz Contraction :  $\Delta x = \gamma \Delta x$   
contracted



c dist. travel  $2\Delta x$

$$\Delta t = \frac{2\Delta x}{c}$$

$\Delta x$  dist. measure on train

$\Delta x$  dist. measure on ground



dist. from back to mirror take  $\Delta t_1$

dist. from mirror to back take  $\Delta t_2$

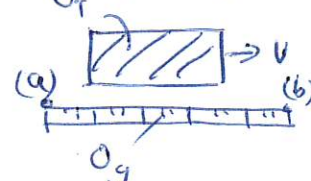
$$\Delta x + v\Delta t_1 \Rightarrow \Delta t_1 = \frac{\Delta x + v\Delta t_1}{c}$$

$$\Delta x - v\Delta t_2 \Rightarrow \Delta t_2 = \frac{\Delta x - v\Delta t_2}{c}$$

$$\Delta t = \Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2$$

$$\Delta x = \gamma \Delta x$$

Paradox : Observer on train see (observer) length contracted on ground!



observer

$O_T$  says  $O_g$  measure (b) first then a moment later (a)!

rel. simult.

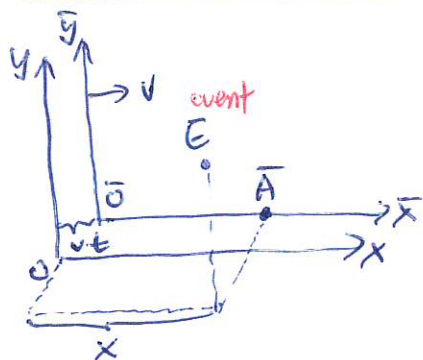
## ex Barn Ladder Paradox

- ladder's end makes it in the door
- ladder's front hit barn end wall.

⇒ framer see (a) first then (b)  
daughter see (b) first then (a)  
rel. simul.

(v) Dimensions  $\perp$  to velocity are not contracted!

## Lorentz transformation.



$\bar{A}X, \bar{x}, \bar{t}, \Delta \bar{t}$  measured at  $\bar{S}$

$AX, x, t, \Delta t$  measured at  $S$

$S = \{x, y, z\}$   $\bar{S} = \{\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}\}$

Find event coord. in  $\bar{S}$

$$\bar{x} = \gamma(x - vt)$$

$$\bar{y} = y$$

$$\bar{z} = z$$

$$\bar{t} = \gamma(t - \frac{v}{c^2}x)$$

$x, vt$  measure in  $S$  exp. contraction  
need correct factor  $\gamma$

In  $\bar{S}$ , then  $x = \gamma(\bar{x} + v\bar{t})$

$$w/ \bar{x} = \gamma(x - vt)$$

solve  $\bar{t}$  in  $t$ .

Event A, B simult. @  $S$  ←

$$\bar{t}_A = \gamma(t - \frac{v}{c^2}x_A) \quad \bar{t}_B = \gamma(t - \frac{v}{c^2}x_B)$$

not simul. @  $\bar{S}$  i.e.  $\bar{t}_A \neq \bar{t}_B$   
necessary.

reverse

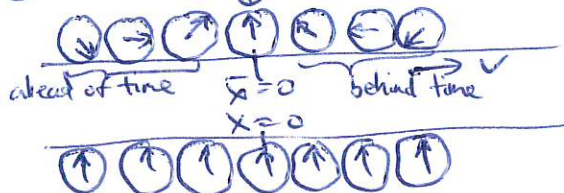
$$x = \gamma(\bar{x} + v\bar{t}) \quad t = \gamma(\bar{t} + \frac{v}{c^2}\bar{x})$$

$$y = \bar{y}$$

$$z = \bar{z}$$

stand at  $\bar{S}$   
 $S$  travels to the  
left of  $\bar{S}$  thus w

Also: Simul., timesyn., @  $t=0$   $x=0$  ( $\bar{t} = -\frac{v}{c^2}\bar{x}$ ,  $t=0 \quad \forall \bar{x}$ )



## Spacetime structure.

$$x^0 \equiv ct \quad \beta \equiv \frac{v}{c}$$

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

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

$$\bar{x}^2 = x^2$$

$$\bar{x}^3 = x^3$$

in matrix form

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

$$\bar{x}^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu$$

Lorentz transformation matrix.

## 4 vectors

covariant

contravariant

$$a_\mu = (a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3) = (-a^0, a^1, a^2, a^3)$$

$$a^\mu = (a^0, a^1, a^2, a^3)$$

only 0th component  $a_0 = -a^0$

Four-dimensional scalar product — invariant under Lorentz transform.

$$a^\mu b_\mu = a_\mu b^\mu = -a^0 b^0 + a^1 b^1 + a^2 b^2 + a^3 b^3$$

## more 4vectors

Displacement  $x^\mu = (ct, \vec{x})$  Velocity  $\eta^\mu = \gamma(c, \vec{v})$

Energy-momentum  $p^\mu = (\frac{E}{c}, \vec{p}) = (\gamma mc, \gamma m\vec{v})$

current density  $j^\mu = (c\rho, \vec{j})$

wave vector  $k^\mu = (\omega, c\vec{k})$

$E = \gamma mc^2$   $\vec{p} = \gamma m\vec{v}$

$\vec{p}$  — rel. mom.



Interval:  $\Delta X^\mu = X_A^\mu - X_B^\mu$ ,  $I = \Delta X^\mu \Delta X_\mu = -c^2 t^2 + d^2$ ;  $t, d$  change  $I$  invariant under Lorentz transform.

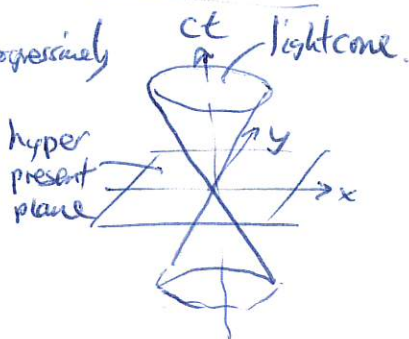
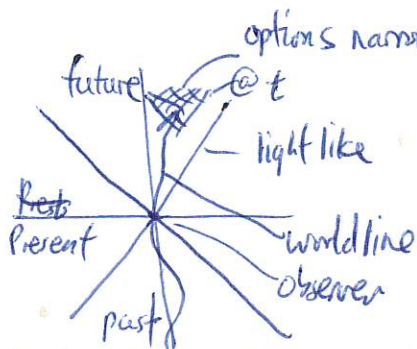
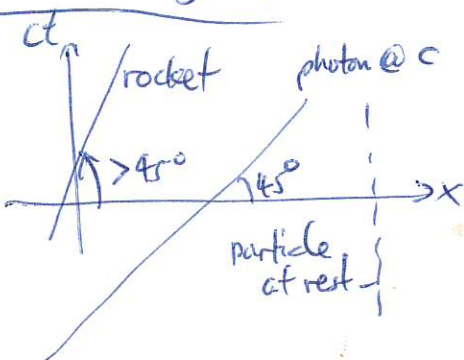
Consider  $I = -c^2 t^2 + d^2$  should be  $I = -c^2 \Delta t^2 + \Delta x^2$

Timelike (separated by time)  $(I < 0)$  ie two events occur at same location.

Spacelike (separated by space)  $(I > 0)$  ie two events occur at same time.

Lightlike  $(I = 0)$   $I = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{c(t_2 - t_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = 1$  ie two events connected by signal travelling at light speed.  
 $\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = c$

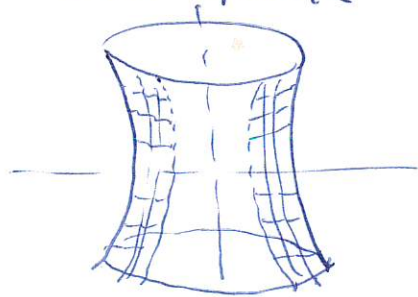
Minkowski diagrams



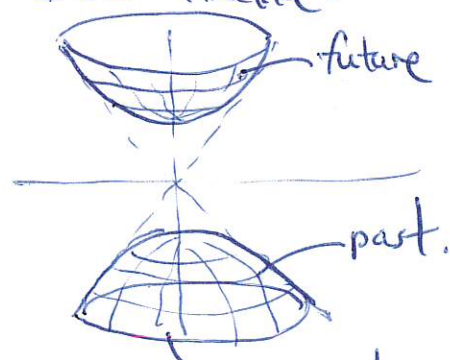
Moving along worldline my watch runs slow as clock  $t$  on wall ticks.

$\gamma d\tau = dt$   
 (proper time "own")

consider  $I = x^2 + y^2 - c^2 t^2$   
 $I > 0$  spacelike



$I < 0$  timelike.



Lorentz transform.  
 coordinate change from  $(x, t)$  to  $(x', t')$   
 new  $(x', t')$  on same hyperbola.

Invariant interval between causally related event is always timelike.  
 Their temporal ordering is same for all inertial observers.

Ordinary velocity:  $\vec{u} = \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt}$  proper velocity:  $\vec{\eta} = \frac{d\vec{x}}{d\tau}$  is 4-velocity  $\eta^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau}$

Lorentz transform.

ordinary transform.

velocity observed at  $\bar{S}$  perspective  $\rightarrow \bar{\eta}^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu \eta^\nu$

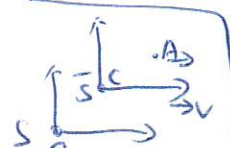
$$\bar{u}_x = \frac{dx}{d\bar{t}} = \frac{u_x - v}{1 - \frac{u_x v}{c^2}}$$

$$\bar{u}_y = \frac{u_y}{\gamma(1 - \frac{u_x v}{c^2})} \quad \bar{u}_z = \frac{u_z}{\gamma(1 - \frac{u_x v}{c^2})}$$

$u_x$  recovers Einstein velocity eqn. b/c:



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u} &= u_{AC} \\ u &= v_{AB} \\ v &= -v_{BC} \end{aligned}$$



4 Momentum:  $p^\mu = (\gamma mc, \gamma m \vec{u})$   $m$  (rest mass).

total rel. energy  $\rightarrow \frac{E_{\text{tot,rel}}}{c}$   $\vec{p}$  - rel. mom.

• Experimental fact that  $E_{\text{tot,rel}}$  &  $\vec{p}$  are conserved in closed sys.

Concepts:

Invariant - same value in all inertial sys.

conserved - same value b4 and af process.

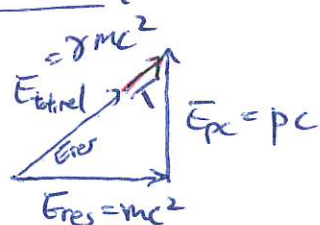
ex mass Invariant ( $\because p^\mu p_\mu = -m^2 c^4$ ) but not conserved ( $\because E = mc^2$ )

energy conserved but not invariant ( $\because k=0$  in one frame,  $k \neq 0$  after boost)

charge both conserved & invariant.

velocity is neither.

Geometry of 4-momentum:



Simplify  $E_{\text{tot,rel}}$

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4$$

$$T = E - mc^2 = (\gamma - 1)mc^2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E = \gamma mc^2 \\ p = \gamma m v \end{array} \right\} \text{ when } m=0 \Rightarrow E = pc \Rightarrow v=c.$$

Lorentz transform:

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

$$\bar{p}^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu p^\nu$$

$$\bar{p}^0 = \gamma(p^0 - \beta p^1)$$

$$\bar{p}^1 = \gamma(p^1 - \beta p^0)$$

$$\bar{p}^2 = p^2$$

$$\bar{p}^3 = p^3$$

Kinematic: App of rel. mom., rel. energy, (conserved property)

ex Two clumps of clay each w/ mass  $m$  collide head-on at  $\frac{3}{5}c$ , then stick together. What is mass  $M$  of the composite lump.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{C} \rightarrow \frac{3}{5}c \\ m \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \text{C} \\ m \end{array}$$

b4

af

(i) momentum zero (trivial)

(ii) energy conserved: b4 each w/  $E = \gamma mc^2 = \frac{5}{4}mc^2$

$$\text{af } E = Mc^2 \Rightarrow M = \frac{5}{2}m$$

(app. 3-4-5 rule)

ex pion decay.  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu$  or  $\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \nu_\mu$   
Final energy of ongoing muon.

$$\text{bf } E = m_\pi c^2 \quad \vec{p} = 0$$

$$\text{af } E_\mu + E_\nu \quad \vec{p}_\mu = -\vec{p}_\nu$$

$$E_\nu^2 = p_\nu^2 c^2 + (m_\nu c)^2 = p_\mu^2 c^2$$

conserved energy

$$E_\mu + E_\nu = E_\pi$$

$$E_\mu^2 = p_\mu^2 c^2 + m_\mu^2 c^4$$

$$\text{sub. } E_\mu + \sqrt{E_\mu^2 - m_\mu^2 c^4} = m_\pi c^2$$

$$E_\mu = \frac{(m_\pi^2 + m_\mu^2) c^2}{2 m_\pi}$$



# Conservation of mom. & energy in classic vs relativistic.

(3)

Classical: mom. & energy conserved always; kinetic ~~doesn't~~ isn't.

Relativistic: total energy, rel. mom conserved always; mass and kinetic ~~aren't~~ aren't.

Elastic collision:

(Kinetic energy always conserved)  $\Rightarrow$  rest energy conserved  $\Rightarrow$  mass also.

physical meaning: particle comes out as it went in

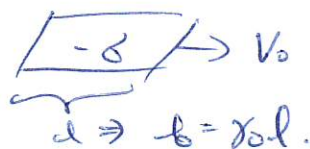
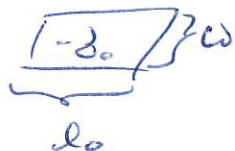
ex Compton scattering.

## Field transformation.

Stationary.

In motion

Capacitor



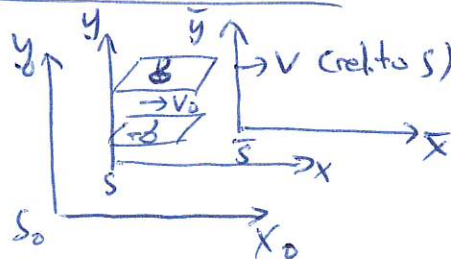
$$\epsilon_0^\perp = \frac{d_0}{\epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \epsilon^\perp = \gamma_0 \epsilon_0^\perp$$

$$\epsilon^\parallel = \epsilon_0^\parallel$$

$$\gamma \begin{vmatrix} \bar{E}_y & \bar{E}_z \\ -v B_y & -v B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \bar{E}_y & \bar{E}_z \\ \bar{B}_y & \bar{B}_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Now w/ Both  $\vec{E}$ -field.



$\vec{v} = \vec{v}$  rel. to  $S_0$

After some algebra:

$$\bar{E}_x = E_x, \bar{E}_y = \gamma(E_y - v B_z), \bar{E}_z = \gamma(E_z + v B_y)$$

$$\bar{B}_x = B_x, \bar{B}_y = \gamma(B_y + \frac{v}{c^2} E_z), \bar{B}_z = \gamma(B_z - \frac{v}{c^2} E_y)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \bar{E}_y & \bar{E}_z \\ \bar{B}_y & \bar{B}_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\gamma \begin{vmatrix} B_y & B_z \\ \frac{v}{c^2} E_y & \frac{v}{c^2} E_z \end{vmatrix}$$

then  $E_y = \frac{d}{\epsilon_0}, B_z = -\mu_0 d v_0$

In  $\bar{S}$   $\bar{E}_y = \frac{\bar{d}}{\epsilon_0}, \bar{B}_z = -\mu_0 \bar{d} \bar{v}$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{v + v_0}{1 + \frac{v v_0}{c^2}}, \bar{\gamma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\bar{v}^2}{c^2}}}, \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

If  $\vec{B} = 0$  in  $S$

$$\vec{B} = -\frac{1}{c^2} (\vec{v} \times \vec{E})$$

If  $\vec{E} = 0$  in  $S$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

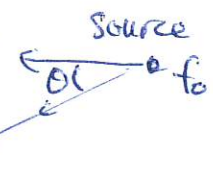
Some invariant dot products

$$\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}' = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$E'^2 - B'^2 = E^2 - B^2$$

# Relativistic Doppler shift

$\beta = \frac{v}{c}$



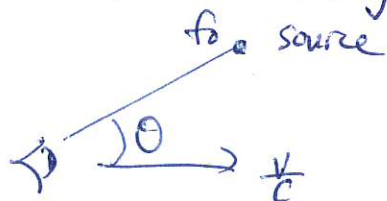
$$f = \frac{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}{1-\beta \cos \theta} f_0$$

$\theta = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$f = f_0 \frac{(1-\beta)(1+\beta)}{(1-\beta)^2}$$

special case,

If observer is moving



$$f = f_0 \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}} \quad \theta = 0 \text{ toward}$$

$$f = f_0 \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}} \quad \theta = \pi \text{ away}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f}$$