

2018 P1 Q1

(i) • Two conditions:

- LAWS OF PHYSICS ARE THE SAME IN ALL INERTIAL FRAMES (ESPECIALLY LENGTH & TIME MEASUREMENTS)
- SPEED OF LIGHT IS CONSTANT IN ALL INERTIAL FRAMES.

When we actually do the Lorentz transform, we have to take care to align our axes correctly.

• EQUATION OF MOTION

Acceleration 4-vector: $a^\mu = \frac{D u^\mu}{D \tau}$ where u^μ is the 4-velocity.

4-VELOCITY & 4-ACCELERATION ARE PERPENDICULAR.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad g_{\mu\nu} a^\mu u^\nu = 0$$

$$\frac{D u^\mu}{D \tau} = \frac{d u^\mu}{d \tau} \quad \text{IN CARTESIAN COORDINATES.}$$

NOTING THAT:

$$u^\mu = \gamma(c, \vec{u})$$

AND THAT:

$$dt = \gamma u d\tau$$

REWRITE:

$$\frac{du^\mu}{dx} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(c \gamma_m, \vec{u} \gamma_m \right)$$

$$= \gamma_m \frac{d}{dt} (c \gamma_m, \vec{u} \gamma_m)$$

EXPAND DERIVATIVE:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \gamma_m = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}}{c^2}}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}}{c^2} \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \frac{-2 \vec{u}}{c^2} \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{\gamma_m^3}}{c^2} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{a}$$

ARRIVE TO:

~~$$\frac{du^\mu}{dx} = \gamma_m \frac{d}{dt}$$~~

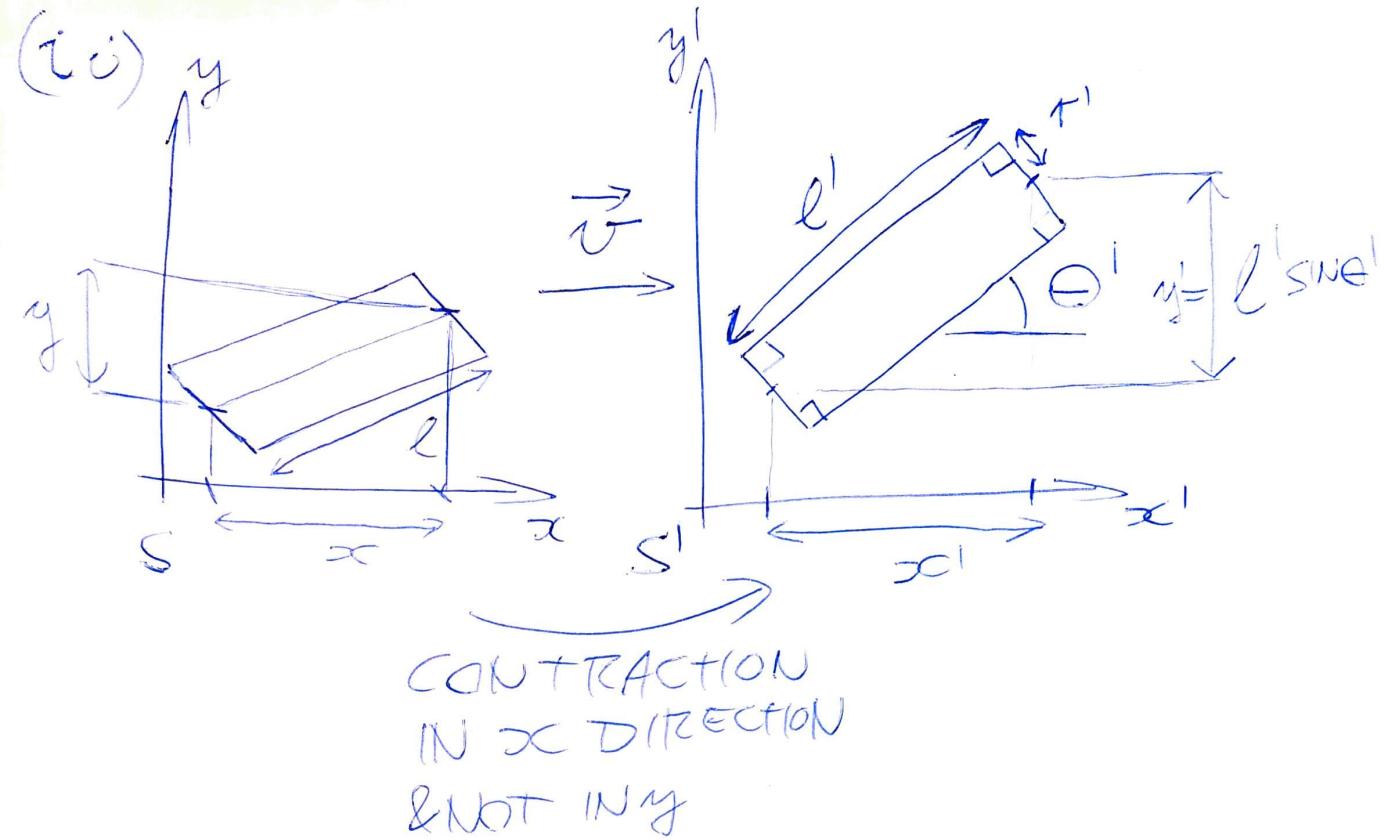
$$= \gamma_m \left(\frac{\cancel{\gamma_m^3}}{c^2} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{a} \cdot c, \gamma_m \vec{a} + \vec{u} \frac{\gamma_m^3}{c^2} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{a} \right)$$

$$= \gamma_m^2 \left(\frac{\gamma_m^2}{c} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{a}, \vec{a} + \frac{\gamma_m^2}{c^2} (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{a}) \vec{u} \right)$$

IF MOVING ALONG x AXIS, $\vec{u} = dx/dt$.

~~$$\frac{du^\mu}{dx}$$~~

IS THIS AN EQUATION OF MOTION THOUGH?



$$l = l(l', \theta, \beta)$$

$$x'y = x$$

CHECK:

x' IS THE LENGTH CONTRACTED,
SO $x' < x$, $\gamma > 1$, SO
SPEED \times GAMMA = BIGGER.

COORDINATE DISTANCES ALONG y
DIRECTION IS INVARIANT.

$$l^2 = (x'y)^2 + (l' \sin \theta')^2$$

$$\Rightarrow l = \left(l'^2 \cos^2 \theta' \left[\frac{1}{1 - \beta^2} \right] + l'^2 \sin^2 \theta' \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

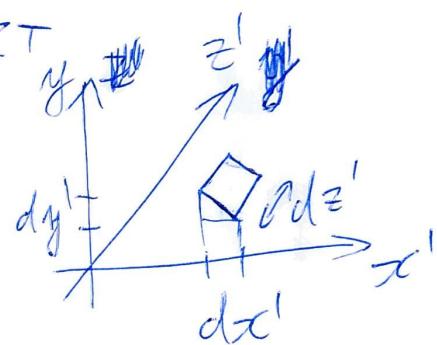
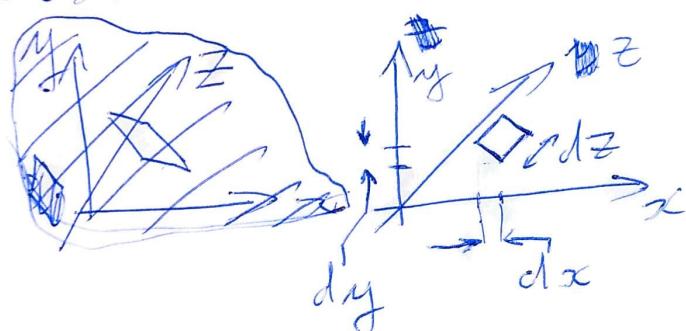
"DRAW THE CYLINDER" BIT:

SEE PREVIOUS PAGE.

Explanation: I elongated it in S along x direction so when it is length contracted in S' , it forms a proper cylinder.

"DERIVE AN EXPRESSION FOR THE AREA"

CONSIDER A SMALL LID PART



$$dy = dy'$$

$$dz = dz'$$

$$dx = dx' \cdot \gamma$$

$$dA = \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2}$$

$$dA' = \sqrt{dx'^2 + dy'^2} dz'$$

$$A = A' \frac{dA}{dA'} = \pi^{1/2} \frac{\sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2}}{\sqrt{dx'^2 + dy'^2}}$$

$$= \pi^{1/2} \pi \frac{\sqrt{dx'^2 + dy'^2}}{\sqrt{dx'^2 + dy'^2}}$$

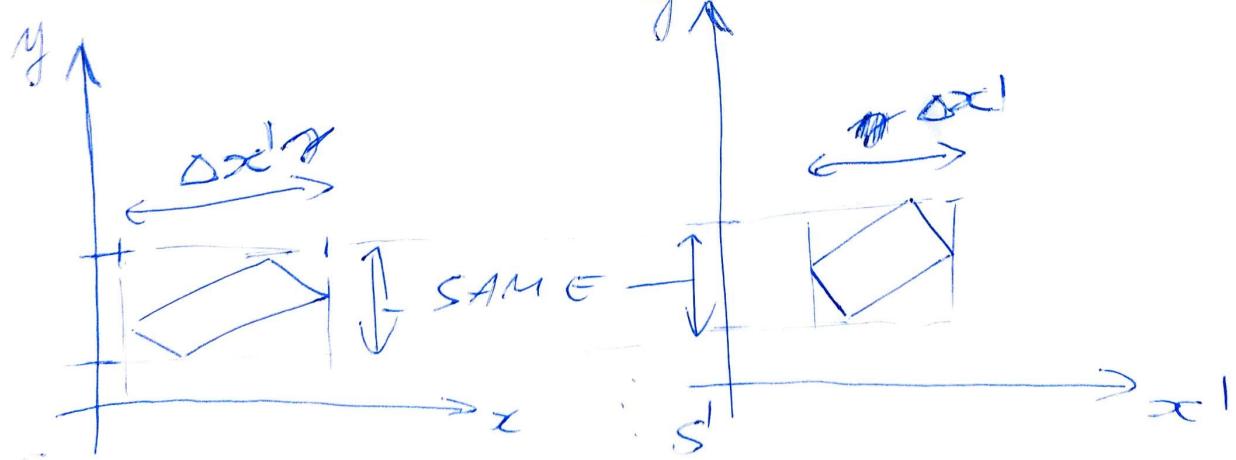
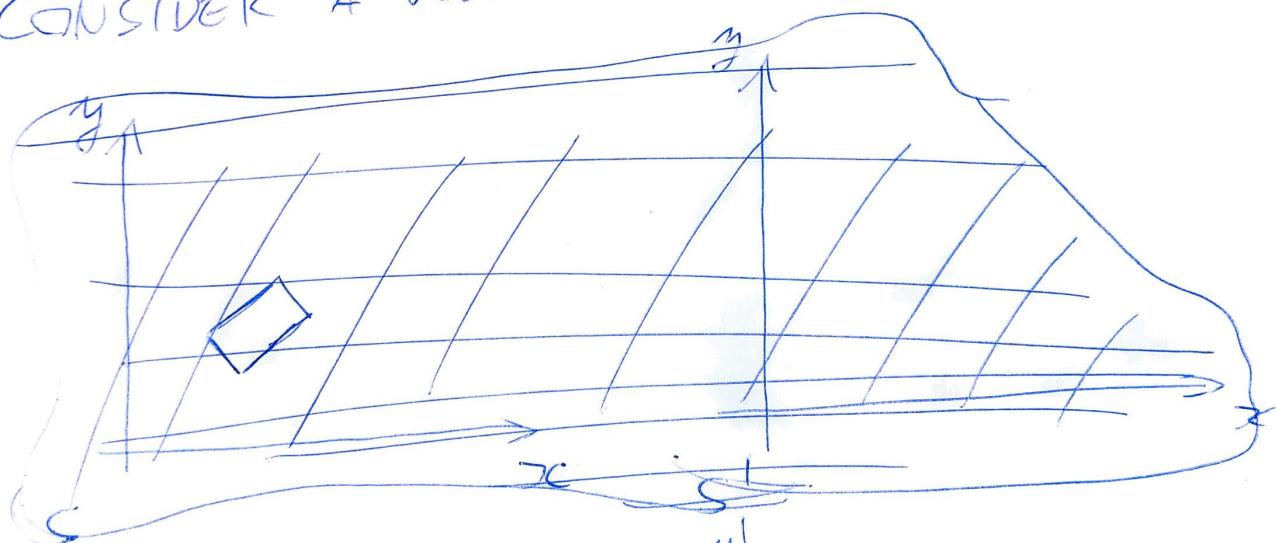
$$= \tau^{1/2} \pi \frac{\sqrt{dx'^2 y^2 + \tan^2 \theta' dx'^2}}{\sqrt{dx'^2 + \tan^2 \theta' dx'^2}}$$

$$= \tau^{1/2} \pi \frac{y^2 + \tan^2 \theta'}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta'}}$$

$$= \tau^{1/2} \pi (y^2 + \tan^2 \theta') \cos \theta'$$

$$= \tau^{1/2} \pi \left(\frac{1}{1 - \beta^2} + \tan^2 \theta' \right) \cos \theta'$$

CONSIDER A VOLUME ELEMENT:



VOLUME ELEMENT FROM THE SIDE.

OUR VOLUME ELEMENT LOOKED FROM THE SIDE
GETS CONTRACTED BY A FACTOR OF γ
IN ONE DIRECTION.

OTHER DIRECTIONS ARE UNCHANGED.



$$V' = \pi r^2 \pi l'$$

$$V = \gamma \pi r^2 \pi l'$$

$$V = \gamma V' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} V'$$

THOUGHTS:

- HAVEN'T USED EXPRESSION IN HINT.
- MY COORDINATE SYSTEM ENDED UP BEING LEFT-HANDED, SORRY.