

201SP1Q1

(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: $a^{\mu} = \frac{Du^{\mu}}{d\tau}$ where u^{μ} is the 4-velocity.

4-VELOCITY & 4-ACCELERATION ARE PERPENDICULAR.

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} a^{\mu} u^{\nu} = 0$$

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

NOTING THAT:

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

AND THAT:

$$dt = \gamma_u d\tau$$

REWRITE:

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

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

EXPAND DERIVATIVE:

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

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

ARRIVE TO:

$$\frac{du^\mu}{dx} = \cancel{\gamma_u \frac{d}{dt}}$$

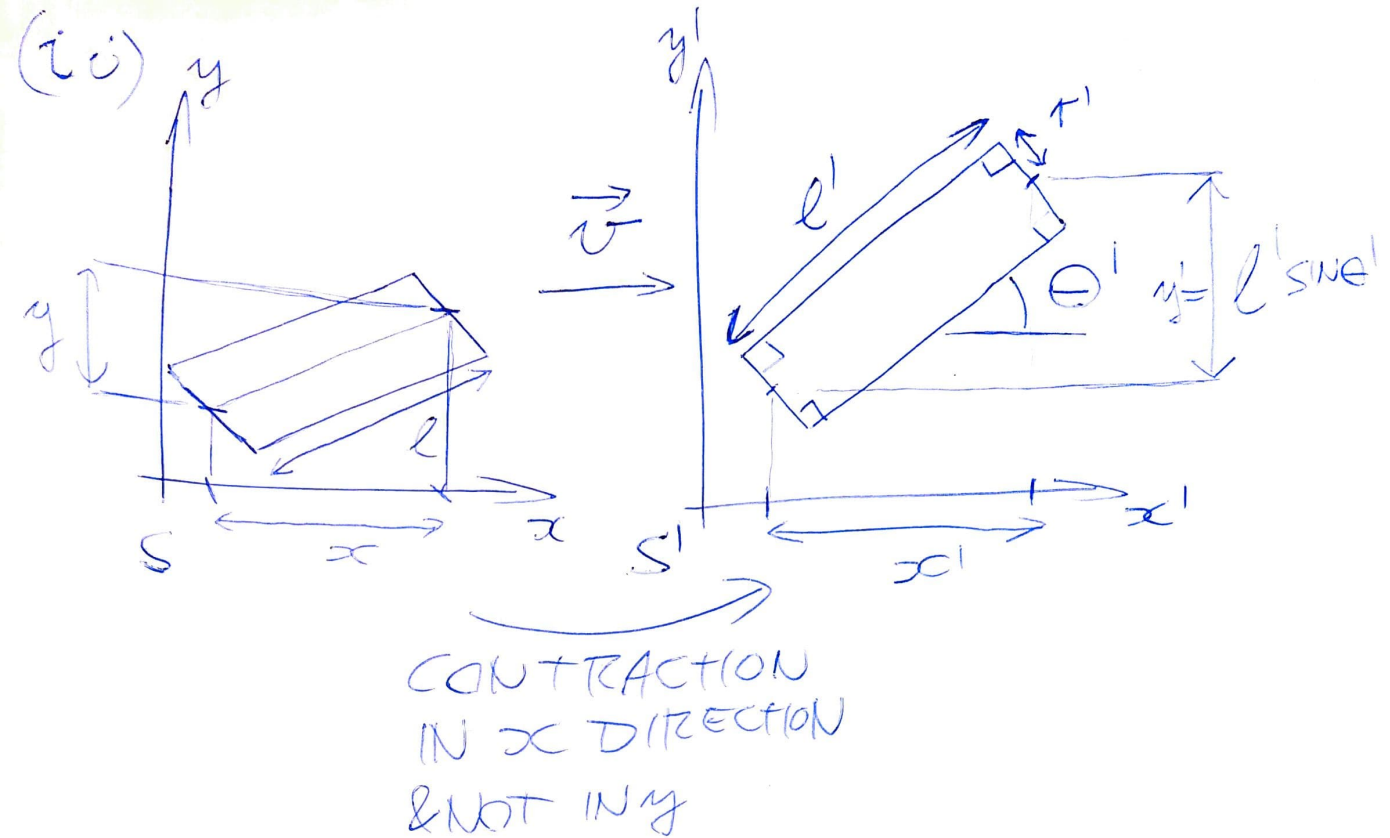
$$= \gamma_u \left(\frac{\gamma_u^3}{c^2} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{a} \cdot c, \gamma_u \vec{a} + \vec{u} \frac{\gamma_u^3}{c^2} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{a} \right)$$

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

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

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

$$x' \gamma = x$$

CHECK:

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

COORDINATE DISTANCES ALONG y
DIRECTION IS INVARIANT.

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

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

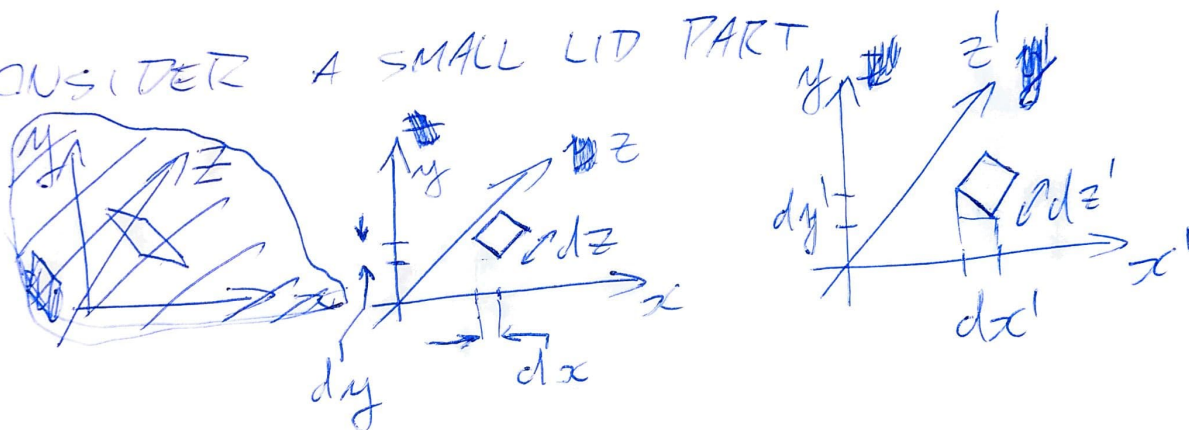
"DRAW THE CYLINDER" BIT:

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



$$\begin{aligned} dy &= dy' \\ dz &= dz' \\ dx &= dx' \cdot \gamma \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} dA &= \sqrt{dx^2 + dy^2} dz \\ dA' &= \sqrt{dx'^2 + dy'^2} dz' \end{aligned} \right.$$

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

$$= r^2 \pi \frac{\sqrt{dx'^2 \gamma^2 + dy'^2}}{\sqrt{dx'^2 + dy'^2}}$$

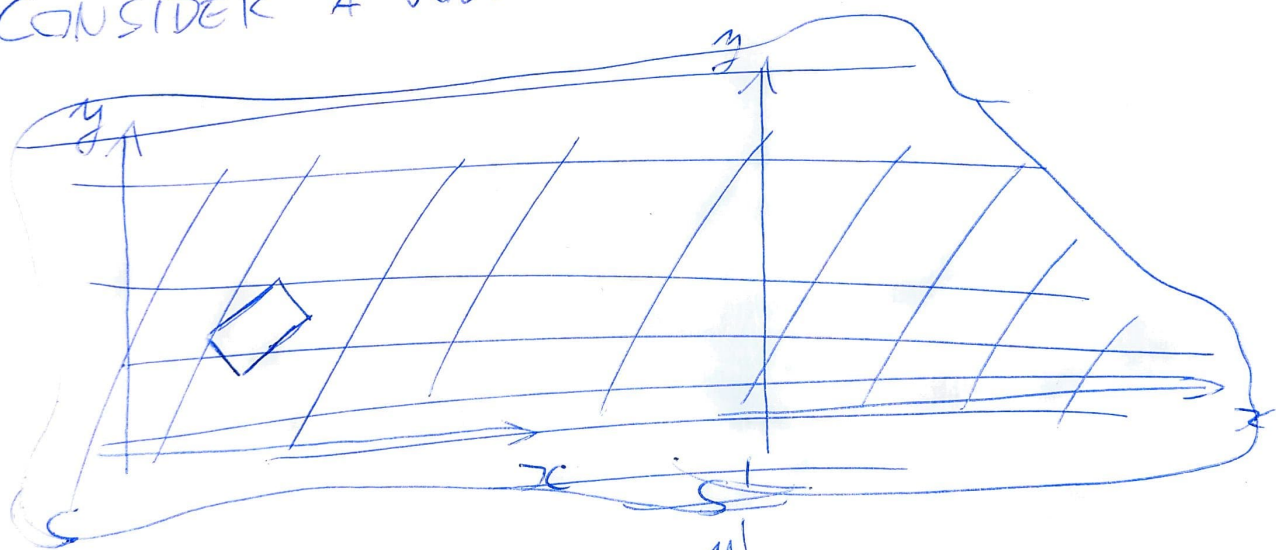
$$= r'^2 \pi \frac{\sqrt{dx'^2 y^2 + \tan^2 \Theta' dx'^2}}{\sqrt{dx'^2 + \tan^2 \Theta' dx'^2}}$$

$$= r'^2 \pi \frac{y^2 + \tan^2 \Theta'}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \Theta'}}$$

$$= r'^2 \pi (y^2 + \tan^2 \Theta') \cos \Theta'$$

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

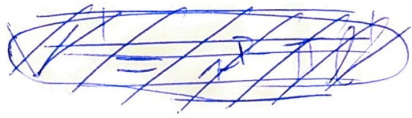
CONSIDER A VOLUME ELEMENT:



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.



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

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

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

THOUGHTS:

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