

# Chapter 12 : Electrodynamics and Relativity

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## § 12.1 Lorentz Transformation

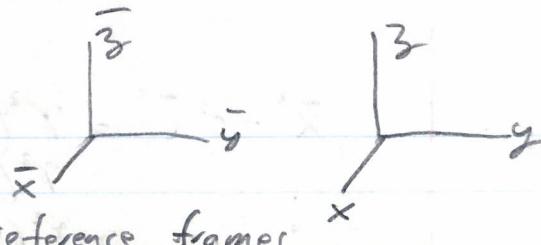
Einstein's 2 Postulates :

① The principle of relativity,

Physical laws are invariant in all inertial reference frames

② The universal speed of light

The speed of light in vacuum is the same in all inertial reference frames.



### GALILEAN Transformation (Newtonian Mechanic's Base)

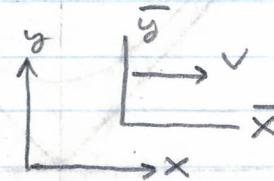
$$\bar{x} = x - vt$$

$$\bar{y} = y$$

$$\bar{z} = z$$

$$\bar{t} = t$$

$$\text{Note: } \frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = \frac{dx - vdt}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} - v$$



Then consider light in  $\bar{S}$ ,  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} + v = c + v$ , we must give up GALILEAN.

### Lorentz Transformation

$$\text{Defn/ } \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}, \quad \beta = \frac{v}{c}$$

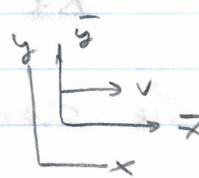
$$\bar{x} = \gamma(x - vt)$$

$$\bar{y} = y$$

$$\bar{z} = z$$

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

Lorentz Transforms



Derive inverse Lorentz transform,

$$\bar{x} = \gamma \left[ x - v \left( \frac{t}{\gamma} + \frac{vx}{c^2} \right) \right] = \gamma \left[ x - \frac{v^2}{c^2} x \right] - vt$$

$$\bar{x} + vt = \gamma \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) x = \frac{x}{\gamma^2}$$

$$x = \gamma(\bar{x} + v\bar{t})$$

$$y = \bar{y}$$

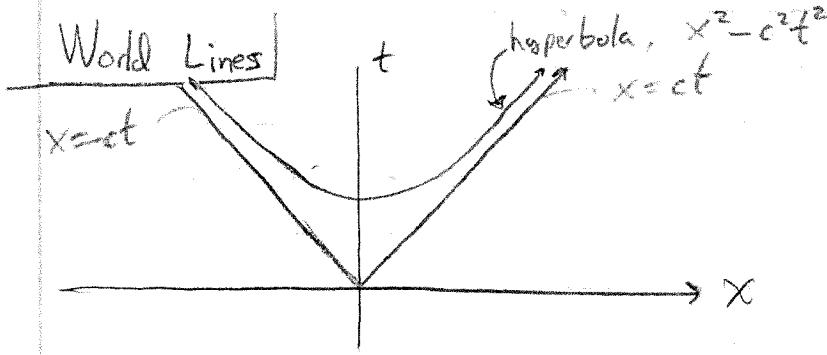
$$z = \bar{z}$$

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

Inverse Lorentz Transforms

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x}^2 - c^2 \bar{t}^2 &= \gamma^2 (x - vt)^2 - c^2 \gamma^2 \left(t - \frac{vx}{c^2}\right)^2 \\&= \gamma^2 (x^2 + v^2 t^2 - 2vt^2 - \frac{v^2 x^2}{c^2}) \\&= \gamma^2 (1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}) x^2 - c^2 \gamma^2 (1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}) t^2 \\&= x^2 - c^2 t^2\end{aligned}$$

This is an invariant!



any point on hyperbola  
can be transformed to  
its corresponding point  
on the hyperbola by a  
Lorentz Transform.

If we have 2 points  $(x_1, t_1)$  and  $(x_2, t_2)$   
defn/  $\Delta x = x_2 - x_1$ , and  $\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \bar{x} &= \gamma(\Delta x - v \Delta t) \\ \Delta \bar{t} &= \gamma(\Delta t - \frac{v \Delta x}{c^2})\end{aligned}$$

By the same Algebra as above,

$$(\Delta \bar{x})^2 - c^2 (\Delta \bar{t})^2 = \boxed{(\Delta x)^2 - c^2 (\Delta t)^2}$$

This is the  
distance between  
2 points in the  
4 dimensional space

Defn/  $I = (\Delta x)^2 - c^2 (\Delta t)^2 = \text{Interval}$

Note:  $I > 0$ , we can always find a coord. system with  $\Delta t = 0$   
there is 1 system in which  $\Delta t = 0$ , the event is  
simultaneous in that system

$I < 0$ , then it's possible to find  $\Delta x = 0$ , that is there  
is some system where these events occur at  
the same place.

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Due wednesday.

## Relativistic Velocity Addition

$$\bar{x} = \gamma(x - vt) \Rightarrow d\bar{x} = \gamma(dx - vdt)$$

$$\bar{t} = \gamma(t - vx/c^2) \Rightarrow d\bar{t} = \gamma(dt - \frac{vdx}{c^2})$$

$$\frac{d\bar{x}}{d\bar{t}} = \frac{dx - vdt}{dt - \frac{vdx}{c^2}} = \frac{\frac{dx}{dt} - v}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2}}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\frac{d\bar{x}}{d\bar{t}} + v}{1 + v \frac{d\bar{x}}{d\bar{t}} / c^2} = \frac{u + v}{1 + vu/c^2}, \text{ note if } u = c \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = c.$$

## § 12.2 RELATIVISTIC MECHANICS

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{t}_1 &= \gamma(t_1 - \frac{vx_1}{c^2}), \quad dx = 0 \Rightarrow d\bar{t} = \gamma dt \quad || dt = \sqrt{1-\beta^2} dt \\ \bar{t}_2 &= \gamma(t_2 - \frac{vx_2}{c^2}) \\ d\bar{t} &= \gamma(dt - \frac{vdx}{c^2})\end{aligned}$$

$dt < d\bar{t} = \text{proper time}$

time dialation,  $d\bar{t} > dt = d\tau \equiv \text{proper time}$   
 $d\tau < d\bar{t} \Rightarrow \text{time dilated.}$

ordinary velocity,

$$\vec{u} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \quad - \text{not a vector under Lorentz Trans.}$$

proper velocity,

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{d\tau} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2} dt} = \frac{\vec{u}}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} = \gamma \vec{u}$$

Thus we define

$$\eta^\nu = \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} \quad \nu = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\eta^0 = \frac{dx^0}{d\tau} = \frac{cdt}{dt} = c/\sqrt{1-\beta^2} = c\gamma$$

$$\eta^\nu = (c\gamma, u^1, u^2, u^3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\eta}^0 &= \gamma(\eta^0 - \beta\eta^1) \\ \bar{\eta}' &= \gamma(\eta' - \beta\eta^0) \\ \bar{\eta}^2 &= \eta^2 \\ \bar{\eta}^3 &= \eta^3\end{aligned}$$

contrast with  $\vec{u}$  transformation from  $S \rightarrow S'$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}_x &= (u_x - v) / (1 - \frac{vu_x}{c^2}) \\ \bar{u}_y &= (u_y) / (1 - \frac{vu_x}{c^2}) \\ \bar{u}_z &= (u_z) / (1 - \frac{vu_x}{c^2})\end{aligned}$$

## Length Contraction

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

$$\Delta\bar{x} = \gamma(\Delta x - v\Delta t)$$

$$\Delta t = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta\bar{x} = \gamma\Delta x \Rightarrow \Delta x = \sqrt{1-\beta^2} \Delta\bar{x}$$

space contraction.

## Relativistic Momentum

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{\eta} = \frac{m\vec{u}}{\sqrt{1-u^2/c^2}}$$

$$p^\mu = m\eta^\mu, \mu = 1, 2, 3$$

$$p^0 = m\eta^0 = \frac{mc}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$$

$$m_{\text{relativistic}} = \frac{m}{\sqrt{1-u^2/c^2}} \quad m \text{ is the rest mass}$$

If we define  $p^0 c$  as the energy,  $E = p^0 c$  then

$$E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \quad \text{then if } \beta=0 \Rightarrow E=mc^2$$

$$\approx mc^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 + \frac{3}{8}\beta^4 + \dots \right]$$

$$mc^2 \times \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

3 term  $mc^2 \times \frac{3}{8}\beta^4 = \frac{3}{8}m\frac{v^4}{c^2} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \left( \frac{3}{4}\frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)$ , shows extreme closeness of Newtonian Mechanics to relativity for  $v \ll c$ .

Note that

$$p^\mu p_\mu = -p^0{}^2 + \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p} = -\frac{m^2 c^2}{1-\beta^2} + \frac{m^2 u^2}{1-\beta^2} = \frac{m^2(u^2 - c^2)}{1-\beta^2}$$

$$= \frac{m^2 c^2 (\beta^2 - 1)}{1-\beta^2} = -m^2 c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{E^2}{c^2} + p^2 = -m^2 c^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{E^2 - p^2 c^2 = m^2 c^4}$$

Ex// Pion at rest decays,



find the energy and velocity of muon( $\nu$ ) in terms of  $m_\pi$  and  $m_\nu$  ( $m_\nu = 0$ )

$$E_{\text{before}} = m_\pi c^2$$

$$\vec{P}_{\text{before}} = 0$$

$$E_{\text{after}} = E_\nu + E_{\bar{\nu}}$$

$$\vec{P}_{\text{after}} = \vec{P}_\nu + \vec{P}_{\bar{\nu}}$$

$$\vec{P}_\nu + \vec{P}_{\bar{\nu}} = 0$$

$$E_\nu + E_{\bar{\nu}} = m_\pi c^2 \Rightarrow E_\nu = m_\pi c^2 - E_\nu$$

$$E_\nu^2 - P_\nu^2 c^2 = 0 \Rightarrow E_\nu = P_\nu c$$

$$P_\nu = \frac{E_\nu}{c} = \frac{m_\pi c^2 - E_\nu}{c}$$

$$E_\nu^2 - P_\nu^2 c^2 = m_\nu^2 c^4$$

$$E_\nu^2 - (m_\pi c^2 - E_\nu)^2 = m_\nu^2 c^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2E_\nu m_\pi c^2 = m_\pi^2 c^4 + m_\nu^2 c^4$$

$$\Rightarrow E_\nu = \left( \frac{m_\pi^2 c^2 + m_\nu^2 c^2}{2m_\pi} \right) c^2$$

$$P_\nu = \left[ m_\pi c^2 - \frac{m_\pi^2 + m_\nu^2}{2m_\pi} c^2 \right] / c = \left( \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_\nu^2}{2m_\pi} \right) c$$

$$P_\nu = \frac{m_\nu v}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} = \left( \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_\nu^2}{2m_\pi} \right) c$$

$$P_\nu = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} = \left( \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_\nu^2}{2m_\pi m_\nu} \right) c = \alpha$$

$$\frac{\beta^2}{1-\beta^2} = \alpha^2 \Rightarrow \beta^2 = \alpha^2 - \alpha^2 \beta^2 \Rightarrow \beta^2 = \frac{\alpha^2}{1+\alpha^2}$$

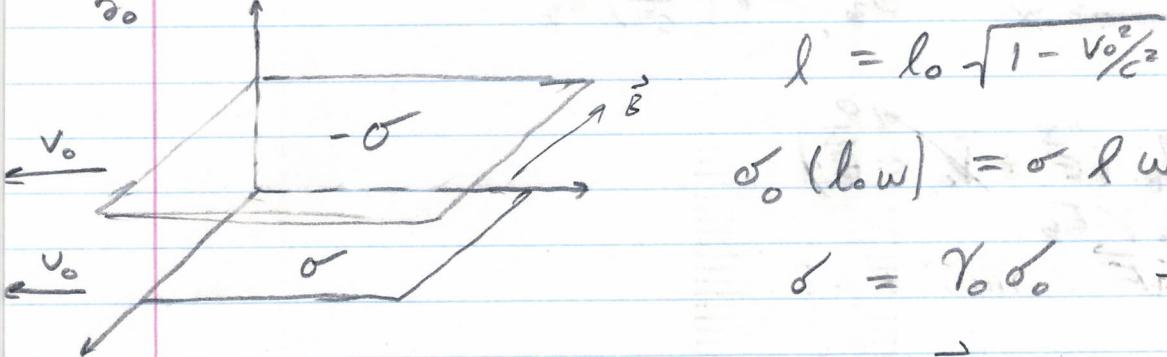
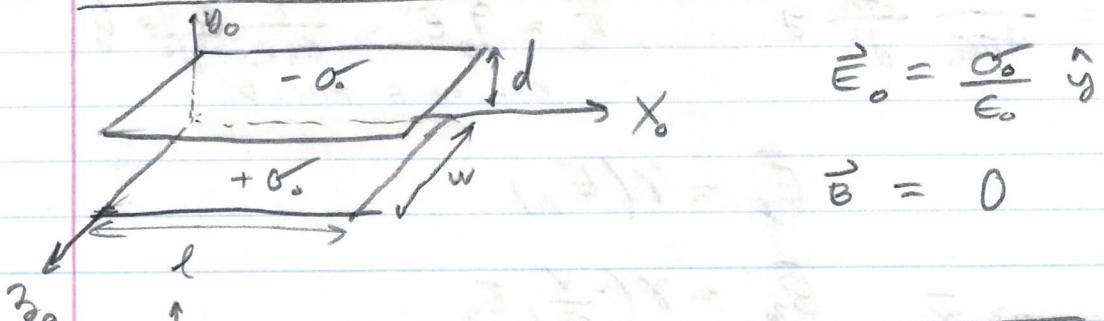
$$\beta = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^2}{1+\alpha^2}} = \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_\nu^2}{m_\pi^2 + m_\nu^2}$$

$$V = \left( \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_\nu^2}{m_\pi^2 + m_\nu^2} \right) C$$

Alex's Lecture

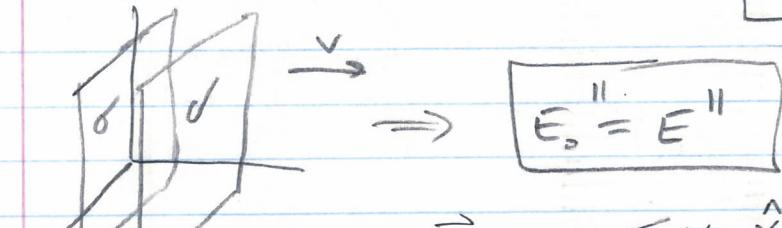
$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^0 = \dots \quad x^3 = 3, \text{ Lorentz trans.} \Rightarrow N$$

### FIELD TRANSFORMATIONS



$$\delta = \gamma_0 \delta_0 \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{\gamma_0 \delta_0}{\epsilon_0} \hat{y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E} &= \gamma_0 \vec{E}_0 \\ E^\perp &= \gamma_0 E_0^\perp \end{aligned}$$



$$\vec{K}_+ = -\sigma_0 v_0 \hat{x} \Rightarrow \vec{B} = -\mu_0 \sigma_0 v_0 \hat{z}$$

We see by just  $\Delta$  to a moving frame we convert a purely  $\vec{E}$  to an  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  field.

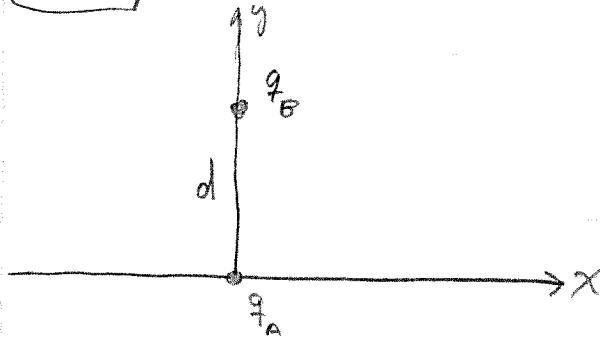
# FIELD TRANSFORMS

$$\begin{matrix} \bar{E}_x = E_x \\ \bar{B}_x = B_x \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \bar{E}_y = \gamma(E_y - vB_z) \\ \bar{B}_y = \gamma(B_y - \frac{v}{c^2}E_z) \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \bar{E}_z = \gamma(E_z + vB_y) \\ \bar{B}_z = \gamma(B_z - \frac{v}{c^2}E_y) \end{matrix}$$

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$$(a) \quad E_A = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_A}{d^2} \hat{y}, \quad \vec{F}_A = q_B \vec{E}_A = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_A q_B}{d^2} \hat{y}$$

Coulomb FIELD.

$$(b) \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow q_B \\ \leftarrow v \quad q_A \end{matrix} \quad \bar{E}_y = \gamma(E_y) \quad \bar{B}_z = \gamma(-\frac{v}{c^2}) E_y$$

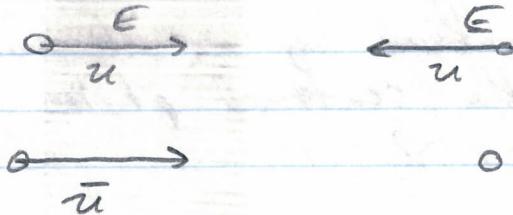
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F} &= q_B (\vec{E} + \vec{v}_0 \times \vec{B}) \\ &= q_B \gamma E_y \vec{E} \\ &= \gamma F \end{aligned}$$

## EXAMPLE. ACCELERATOR - EXPERIMENT

CLASSICALLY



RELATIVISTICALLY



$$\bar{u} = \frac{u+u}{1+u^2/c^2}$$

$$\beta = u/c$$

$$E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$$

$$\bar{\beta} = \frac{\partial \beta}{1+\beta^2} = \quad \bar{E} = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} = \frac{mc^2}{1-\beta^2} (1+\beta^2)$$

$$1-\bar{\beta}^2 = 1 - \frac{4\beta^2}{(1+\beta^2)^2} = \frac{(1+\beta)^2 - 4\beta^2}{(1+\beta^2)^2} = \frac{1-2\beta^2+\beta^4}{(1+\beta^2)^2} = \frac{(1-\beta^2)^2}{(1+\beta^2)^2}$$

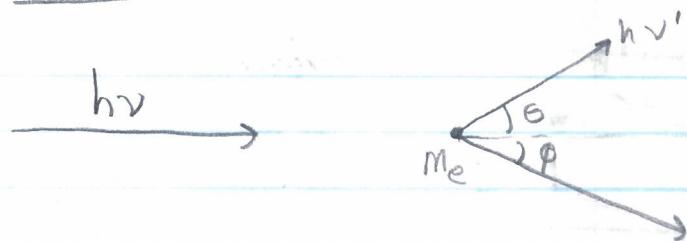
$$\bar{E} = \frac{mc^2}{1-\beta^2} (1+\beta^2-1) = \frac{\partial mc^2}{1-\beta^2} - mc^2 =$$

$$\boxed{\bar{E} = \frac{\partial E^2}{mc^2} - m^2}$$

For proton  $mc^2 \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$  if  $E \approx 30 \text{ GeV}$

$$\bar{E} = \frac{20 \cdot (30)^2}{1} - 1 = 1799 \text{ GeV}$$

## Example // COMPTON SCATTERING



A photon is scattered by an electron at rest. Find the energy of the scattered photon as a function of  $\theta$ ,  $m_e$ , and  $\nu$ .

$$P_e \sin \phi = P_{\gamma'} \sin \theta$$

$$P_\gamma = P_{\gamma'} \cos \theta + P_e \cos \phi$$

$$m_e c^2 + E_\gamma = E_{\gamma'} + E_e$$

Vertical  $\vec{P}_{\text{cons.}}$

horiz  $\vec{P}_{\text{cons.}}$

energy conservation

$$\bullet E_\gamma = h\nu \quad \text{also} \quad E^2 - c^2 p^2 = m^2 c^4 \Rightarrow P_\gamma = \frac{h\nu}{c}$$

$$P_e^2 \sin^2 \phi = P_{\gamma'}^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$P_e^2 \cos^2 \phi = (P_\gamma - P_{\gamma'} \cos \theta)^2$$

$$P_e^2 = P_{\gamma'}^2 + P_\gamma^2 - 2 P_\gamma P_{\gamma'} \cos \theta$$

$$E_e^2 = (E_\gamma - E_{\gamma'} + m_e c^2)^2$$

$$E_e^2 - P_e^2 c^2 = m_e^2 c^4$$

$$m_e^2 c^4 = (E_\gamma - E_{\gamma'})^2 + 2 m_e c^2 (E_\gamma - E_{\gamma'}) + m_e^2 c^4 - (P_{\gamma'}^2 + P_\gamma^2 - 2 P_\gamma P_{\gamma'} \cos \theta) c^2 - 2 E_\gamma E_{\gamma'} + 2 P_\gamma P_{\gamma'} \cos \theta c^2 + 2 m_e c^2 (E_\gamma - E_{\gamma'}) = 0$$

$$\therefore E_\gamma E_{\gamma'} - E_\gamma E_{\gamma'} \cos \theta + m_e c^2 E_{\gamma'} = m_e c^2 E_\gamma$$

$$E_{\gamma'} = \frac{m_e c^2 E_\gamma}{E_\gamma (1 - \cos \theta) + m_e c^2} = \frac{1}{(1 - \cos \theta)/m_e c^2 + 1/E_\gamma} = E'_\gamma = \frac{hc}{\lambda'}$$

$$E_\gamma = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda' = \lambda + \frac{h}{mc} (1 - \cos \theta)}$$