

18. Given that  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$  and  $x' = \gamma(x - \beta t)$ ,  $x = \gamma(x' - \beta t')$ , show that these equations can be solved to yield  $t' = \gamma(t - \beta x)$ .

- Since we need to solve for  $t'$ , let's start by rearranging  $x = \gamma(x' - \beta t')$  in terms of  $t'$ .

$$x = \gamma(x' - \beta t') \rightarrow t' = \frac{x}{\gamma\beta} - \frac{x'}{\beta}$$

- Now substitute the equation for  $x'$  into the equation for  $t'$ .

$$t' = \frac{x}{\gamma\beta} - \frac{x'}{\beta} \rightarrow t' = \frac{x}{\gamma\beta} - \frac{\gamma(x - \beta t)}{\beta} \rightarrow t' = \frac{x}{\gamma\beta} - \frac{\gamma x - \gamma\beta t}{\beta}$$

$$t' = \frac{x}{\gamma\beta} - \frac{\gamma x}{\beta} + \frac{\gamma\beta t}{\beta} \rightarrow t' = \frac{x}{\gamma\beta} - \frac{\gamma x}{\beta} + \gamma t \rightarrow t' = \gamma t - \left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta} - \frac{1}{\gamma\beta}\right)x$$

- Need to show that  $\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta} - \frac{1}{\gamma\beta}\right)$  simplifies down to  $\gamma\beta$  in order to obtain  $t' = \gamma(t - \beta x)$ .

$$\frac{\gamma}{\beta} - \frac{1}{\gamma\beta} \rightarrow \frac{\gamma \cdot \gamma}{\gamma \beta} - \frac{1}{\gamma\beta} \rightarrow \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma\beta} - \frac{1}{\gamma\beta} \rightarrow \frac{\gamma^2 - 1}{\gamma\beta}$$

- Given that  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$ ,

$$\gamma^2 = \frac{1}{1-\beta^2} \rightarrow \gamma^2(1-\beta^2) = 1 \rightarrow \gamma^2 - \gamma^2\beta^2 = 1$$

- Substitute the new value for 1 into  $\frac{\gamma^2 - 1}{\gamma\beta}$ .

$$\frac{\gamma^2 - 1}{\gamma\beta} \rightarrow \frac{\gamma^2 - (\gamma^2 - \gamma^2\beta^2)}{\gamma\beta} \rightarrow \frac{\gamma^2 - \gamma^2 + \gamma^2\beta^2}{\gamma\beta} \rightarrow \frac{\gamma^2\beta^2}{\gamma\beta} \rightarrow \gamma\beta$$

- Thus,  $\frac{\gamma}{\beta} - \frac{1}{\gamma\beta}$  can be simplified down to  $\gamma\beta$ . By substitution, we have

$$t' = \gamma t - \left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta} - \frac{1}{\gamma\beta}\right)x \rightarrow t' = \gamma t - \gamma\beta x \rightarrow t' = \gamma(t - \beta x).$$

19. Show that if the matrices below are the matrices of linear transformations on  $R^4$  then they correspond to Lorentz transformations. In other words, show that  $A^T \eta A = \eta$  for each matrix.

$$B_x = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_z = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & - & - & - \\ 0 & R & - & - \\ 0 & - & - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

•  $B_x^T \eta B_x$ :

$$B_x^T \eta = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(B_x^T \eta) B_x = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma^2 + \gamma^2\beta^2 & \gamma^2\beta - \gamma^2\beta & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma^2\beta - \gamma^2\beta & -\gamma^2\beta^2 + \gamma^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$ , then  $\gamma^2 = \frac{1}{1-\beta^2} \rightarrow \gamma^2(1-\beta^2) = 1 \rightarrow \gamma^2 - \gamma^2\beta^2 = 1$

and thus  $-\gamma^2 + \gamma^2\beta^2 = -1$ . Therefore,

$$B_x^T \eta B_x = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma^2 + \gamma^2\beta^2 & \gamma^2\beta - \gamma^2\beta & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma^2\beta - \gamma^2\beta & -\gamma^2\beta^2 + \gamma^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \eta$$

$\rightarrow$  Thus,  $B_x^T \eta B_x = \eta$ .

•  $B_z^T \eta B_z$ :

$$B_z^T \eta = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma & 0 & 0 & -\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(B_z^T \eta) B_z = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma & 0 & 0 & -\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma^2 + \gamma^2 \beta^2 & 0 & 0 & \gamma^2 \beta - \gamma^2 \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \gamma^2 \beta - \gamma^2 \beta & 0 & 0 & -\gamma^2 \beta + \gamma^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_z^T \eta B_z = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma^2 + \gamma^2 \beta^2 & 0 & 0 & \gamma^2 \beta - \gamma^2 \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \gamma^2 \beta - \gamma^2 \beta & 0 & 0 & -\gamma^2 \beta + \gamma^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \eta$$

→ Thus,  $B_z^T \eta B_z = \eta$

•  $\tilde{R}^T \eta \tilde{R}$ :

$$\tilde{R}^T \eta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & R^T & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & R^T I & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\tilde{R}^T \eta) \tilde{R} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & R^T I & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & R & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & R^T I R & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $R \in O(3)$ , then  $R^T R = I$ , so  $R^T I R = I$ , which gives the following matrix:

$$\tilde{R}^T \eta \tilde{R} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & R^T I R & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \eta$$

→ Thus,  $\tilde{R}^T \eta \tilde{R} = \eta$

22. Consider a rod which is measured to have length  $L_o$  when at rest. Put the rod in motion such that it resides at the origin of the  $\bar{\chi}$  which makes  $\bar{\chi}$  the x-boosted frame w.r.t.  $x$ . Now measure the length of the rod w.r.t.  $x$ . We assume

$$\bar{\chi}(A) = (\bar{t}_A, 0) = (\bar{t}_A, \bar{x}_A) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\chi}(B) = (\bar{t}_B, L_o) = (\bar{t}_B, \bar{x}_B)$$

When measuring the length we find  $\chi^1(A)$  and  $\chi^1(B)$  at the same time  $t$ , this means that

$$t = \gamma(\bar{t}_A + \beta\bar{x}_A) = \gamma(\bar{t}_B + \beta\bar{x}_B) \quad \bar{t}_A = \bar{t}_B + \beta L_o$$

Note  $\chi^1(A) = \gamma(\bar{x}_A + \beta\bar{t}_A)$  and  $\chi^1(B) = \gamma(\bar{x}_B + \beta\bar{t}_B)$ . Show  $\chi^1(B) - \chi^1(A) = \frac{L_o}{\gamma}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^1(B) - \chi^1(A) &= \gamma(\bar{x}_B + \beta\bar{t}_B) - \gamma(\bar{x}_A + \beta\bar{t}_A) \\ &= \gamma\bar{x}_B + \gamma\beta\bar{t}_B - \gamma\bar{x}_A - \gamma\beta\bar{t}_A \\ &= \gamma\bar{x}_B + \gamma\beta\bar{t}_B - \gamma\bar{x}_A - \gamma\beta(\bar{t}_B + \beta L_o) && \text{Substitute for } \bar{t}_A \\ &= \gamma\bar{x}_B + \gamma\beta\bar{t}_B - \gamma\bar{x}_A - \gamma\beta\bar{t}_B - \gamma\beta^2 L_o \\ &= \gamma\bar{x}_B - \gamma\bar{x}_A - \gamma\beta^2 L_o && \text{Cancel out the } \gamma\beta\bar{t}_B \text{ terms} \\ &= \gamma(\bar{x}_B - \bar{x}_A) - \gamma\beta^2 L_o \\ &= \gamma(L_o - 0) - \gamma\beta^2 L_o && \text{Since } \bar{x}_B = L_o \text{ \& } \bar{x}_A = 0 \\ &= \gamma L_o - \gamma\beta^2 L_o \\ &= \gamma L_o (1 - \beta^2) \\ &= \gamma L_o \left( \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \right) && \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \rightarrow \gamma^2 = \frac{1}{1 - \beta^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\gamma^2} = 1 - \beta^2 \\ &= \frac{L_o}{\gamma} \end{aligned}$$

23. Consider a fixed point in the moving  $\bar{\chi}$ -frame as in problem 22. Suppose a clock at  $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_o$  ticks from  $\bar{t}_1$  to time  $\bar{t}_2$ . We label these two "events" by  $\bar{\chi}(A) = (\bar{t}_1, \bar{x}_o)$  and  $\bar{\chi}(B) = (\bar{t}_2, \bar{x}_o)$ .

Show that  $\chi^o(B) - \chi^o(A) = \gamma(\bar{t}_2 - \bar{t}_1)$ .

Since time is varying, we have  $\chi^o(A) = \gamma(\bar{t}_1 + \beta\bar{x}_o)$  and  $\chi^o(B) = \gamma(\bar{t}_2 + \beta\bar{x}_o)$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^o(B) - \chi^o(A) &= \gamma(\bar{t}_2 + \beta\bar{x}_o) - \gamma(\bar{t}_1 + \beta\bar{x}_o) \\ &= \gamma\bar{t}_2 + \gamma\beta\bar{x}_o - \gamma\bar{t}_1 - \gamma\beta\bar{x}_o \\ &= \gamma\bar{t}_2 - \gamma\bar{t}_1 && \text{Cancel out the } \gamma\beta\bar{x}_o \text{ terms} \\ &= \gamma(\bar{t}_2 - \bar{t}_1) \end{aligned}$$

24. Find a counter-example to the triangle-inequality for the Minkowski metric. In particular, find  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $\overline{AB} = (B^0 - A^0, B^1 - A^1, B^2 - A^2, B^3 - A^3)$  and  $\langle \overline{AB}, \overline{AB} \rangle + \langle \overline{BC}, \overline{BC} \rangle \leq \langle \overline{AC}, \overline{AC} \rangle$ .

Let  $A = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $B = (1, 2, 0, 0)$ , and  $C = (3, 5, 0, 0)$

$$\text{Then, } \overline{AB} = (1 - 0, 2 - 0, 0 - 0, 0 - 0) = (1, 2, 0, 0)$$

$$\overline{BC} = (3 - 1, 5 - 2, 0 - 0, 0 - 0) = (2, 3, 0, 0)$$

$$\overline{AC} = (3 - 0, 5 - 0, 0 - 0, 0 - 0) = (3, 5, 0, 0)$$

$$\langle \overline{AB}, \overline{AB} \rangle = -\overline{AB}^0 \cdot \overline{AB}^0 + \overline{AB}^1 \cdot \overline{AB}^1 + \overline{AB}^2 \cdot \overline{AB}^2 + \overline{AB}^3 \cdot \overline{AB}^3 = -1^2 + 2^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 = -1 + 4 = 3$$

$$\langle \overline{BC}, \overline{BC} \rangle = -\overline{BC}^0 \cdot \overline{BC}^0 + \overline{BC}^1 \cdot \overline{BC}^1 + \overline{BC}^2 \cdot \overline{BC}^2 + \overline{BC}^3 \cdot \overline{BC}^3 = -2^2 + 3^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 = -4 + 9 = 5$$

$$\langle \overline{AC}, \overline{AC} \rangle = -\overline{AC}^0 \cdot \overline{AC}^0 + \overline{AC}^1 \cdot \overline{AC}^1 + \overline{AC}^2 \cdot \overline{AC}^2 + \overline{AC}^3 \cdot \overline{AC}^3 = -3^2 + 5^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 = -9 + 25 = 16$$

Since  $3 + 5 \leq 16$ , we have found a counter-example to the triangle inequality such that

$$\langle \overline{AB}, \overline{AB} \rangle + \langle \overline{BC}, \overline{BC} \rangle \leq \langle \overline{AC}, \overline{AC} \rangle.$$

(correct, but my problem is too easy instead should look at  $\sqrt{|K|, > 1}$ )

25. If we have two events  $A = (t_A, x_A, y_A, z_A)$  and  $B = (t_B, x_B, y_B, z_B)$  which are separated by a timelike vector ( $\langle B - A, B - A \rangle < 0$ ) then show  $t_A < t_B \Rightarrow \bar{t}_A < \bar{t}_B$  where  $\bar{t}$  is the time in the x-boosted frame relative to the frame where we have described  $A$  and  $B$ ,  
 $\bar{t} = \gamma(t - \beta x)$ ,  $\bar{x} = \gamma(x - \beta t)$ ,  $\bar{y} = y$ ,  $\bar{z} = z$ .

Given  $\bar{t} = \gamma(t - \beta x)$ , then  $\bar{t}_A = \gamma(t_A - \beta x_A)$  and  $\bar{t}_B = \gamma(t_B - \beta x_B)$ . We let  $A = (t_A, 0, 0, 0)$  and  $B = (t_B, 0, 0, 0)$  which means that our equations become  $\bar{t}_A = \gamma t_A$  and  $\bar{t}_B = \gamma t_B$ .

We start with  $t_A < t_B$ .

Since  $\gamma > 0$ , then we can multiply both sides of the inequality by  $\gamma$  without changing it.

$$t_A < t_B \rightarrow \gamma t_A < \gamma t_B$$

From above, we found that  $\bar{t}_A = \gamma t_A$  and  $\bar{t}_B = \gamma t_B$ . Thus, by substitution,

$$\gamma t_A < \gamma t_B \rightarrow \bar{t}_A < \bar{t}_B$$

Therefore,  $t_A < t_B \Rightarrow \bar{t}_A < \bar{t}_B$ .

26. Prove proposition 7.10.6: The relativistic force,  $\vec{F} = \frac{1}{c^2}(\vec{F} \cdot \vec{u})\vec{u} + m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt}$ , reduces as follows in the special case that (1.) the  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{F}$ ,  $\vec{u}$  are parallel, and (2.) the force is perpendicular to  $\vec{u}$ , a.k.a.  $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ .

$$(1.) \vec{F}_{\parallel} = m_o \gamma^3(u) \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \quad (2.) \vec{F}_{\perp} = m_o \gamma(u) \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt}$$

- (1.) If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{F}$ ,  $\vec{u}$  are parallel, then  $(\vec{F} \cdot \vec{u}) = F u$  and: *(need to drop vectors throughout, just look at magnitudes)*  

$$\vec{F} = \frac{1}{c^2} F u \vec{u} + m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \rightarrow \vec{F} = \frac{1}{c^2} F u^2 + m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \rightarrow \vec{F} = F \frac{u^2}{c^2} + m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt}$$

$$\vec{F} - F \frac{u^2}{c^2} = m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \rightarrow \vec{F} \left( 1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2} \right) = m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \rightarrow \vec{F} \left( \frac{1}{\gamma^2(u)} \right) = m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt}$$

$$\vec{F} = \gamma^2(u) \cdot m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \rightarrow \vec{F} = \gamma^2(u) \cdot m_o \gamma(u) \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} \rightarrow \vec{F}_{\parallel} = m_o \gamma^3(u) \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt}$$

- (2.) If the force is perpendicular to  $\vec{u}$ , a.k.a.  $\vec{F} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ , then:

$$\vec{F}_{\perp} = \frac{1}{c^2}(0)\vec{u} + m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt}$$

By definition 7.10.1,  $m = m_o \gamma(u)$ . Thus, by substitution, ✓

$$\vec{F}_{\perp} = m_o \gamma(u) \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt}$$

27. Prove proposition 7.10.7 –

*Relativistic Charged Particle in Circular Motion:* Let us suppose we have a charge  $q$  moving with initial velocity  $(0, -v_0, 0)$  subject to the constant magnetic field  $\vec{B} = (0, 0, B)$ . Everything is the same as before except now let the initial position be  $(mv_0/qB, 0, 0)$  where  $m = \gamma(v_0)m_0$  is the relativistic mass. It can be shown that the particle travels in a circle of radius  $R = \gamma(v_0)m_0v_0/qB$  centered at the origin lying in the  $z = 0$  plane.

$$\text{Start with } F = q\vec{u} \times \vec{B} = m \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = m_0\gamma \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt}$$

$$m_0\gamma \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$m_0\gamma \left( \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}, \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} \right) = qB \left( \frac{dy}{dt}, -\frac{dx}{dt}, 0 \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}, \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} \right) = \frac{qB}{m_0\gamma} \left( \frac{dy}{dt}, -\frac{dx}{dt}, 0 \right)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \alpha \frac{dy}{dt} \\ \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -\alpha \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ where } \alpha = \frac{qB}{m_0\gamma}$$

$$\text{Notice that } \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d^3x}{dt^3} = -\alpha \frac{dx}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{d^3x}{dt^3} = -\alpha^2 \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\text{Thus, we need to solve } \frac{d^3x}{dt^3} = -\alpha^2 \frac{dx}{dt}, \text{ so we introduce } w = \frac{dx}{dt}.$$

$$\text{Our equation then becomes } \frac{d^2w}{dt^2} = -\alpha^2 w, \text{ which has the known solution of}$$

$$w = \frac{dx}{dt} = c_1 \cos(\alpha t) + c_2 \sin(\alpha t)$$

We can now calculate everything else from this equation.



$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} (-c_1 \alpha \sin(\alpha t) + c_2 \alpha \cos(\alpha t)) = -c_1 \sin(\alpha t) + c_2 \cos(\alpha t)$$

We now integrate both  $dx/dt$  and  $dy/dt$  equations to find  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$ .

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha} (c_1 \sin(\alpha t) - c_2 \cos(\alpha t)) + c_3$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha} (c_1 \cos(\alpha t) + c_2 \sin(\alpha t)) + c_4$$

Finally, apply the initial conditions:

$$\frac{dx}{dt}(0) = 0 = c_1 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt}(0) = -v_0 = c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = -v_0$$

$$x(0) = \frac{m_0 \gamma v_0}{qB} = \frac{v_0}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\alpha} (v_0) + c_3 \Rightarrow c_3 = 0$$

$$y(0) = 0 = \frac{1}{\alpha} (0) + c_4 \Rightarrow c_4 = 0$$

Therefore, since  $\frac{c_2}{\alpha} = \frac{-v_0}{\alpha} = \frac{-m_0 \gamma v_0}{qB}$ , then

$$x(t) = \left( \frac{m_0 \gamma v_0}{qB} \right) \cos\left( \frac{qBt}{m_0 \gamma} \right)$$

$$y(t) = -\left( \frac{m_0 \gamma v_0}{qB} \right) \sin\left( \frac{qBt}{m_0 \gamma} \right)$$

$$z(t) = 0$$

This is the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$  centered at the origin with radius  $R = \left( \frac{m_0 \gamma (v_0) v_0}{qB} \right)$ ,  
 lying in the  $z = 0$  plane.