

# Physics 123 - January 28, 2013

- Workshops begin this week
- P.S. 2 updated due Thurs (Fri)
- Owe you P.S. 1 solns
- Will post relativity chapter from  
Griffiths - Intro to Electrodynamics  
on Black Board

Last  
Time

## Lorentz Transformations

$S \rightarrow S'$

$$x' = \gamma(x - vt)$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

$$t' = \gamma\left(t - \frac{v}{c^2}x\right)$$

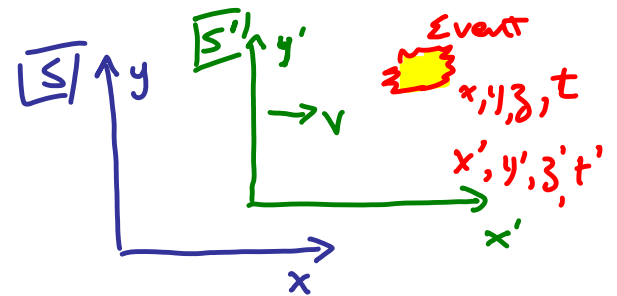
$S' \rightarrow S$

$$x = \gamma(x' + vt')$$

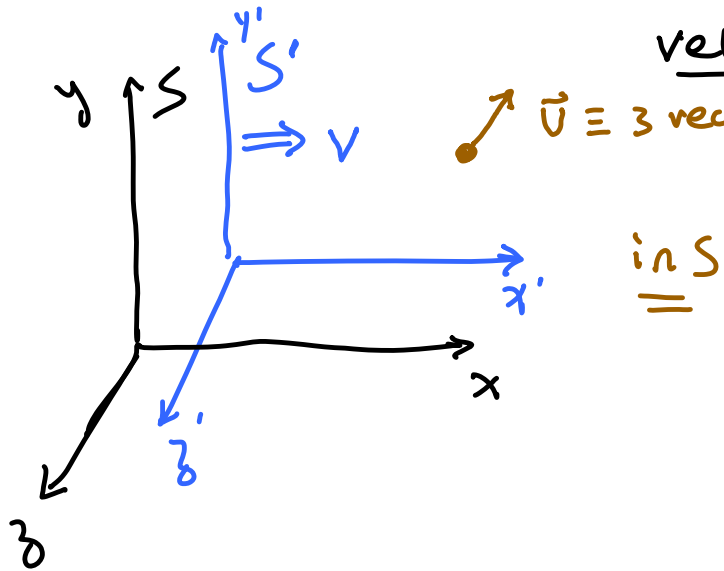
$$y = y'$$

$$z = z'$$

$$t = \gamma\left(t' + \frac{v}{c^2}x'\right)$$



## Velocity Transformations



$\vec{U} \equiv 3$  vector velocity in S

in S

$$U_x = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$U_y = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$U_z = \frac{dz}{dt}$$

$$U_x' = \frac{U_x - v}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} U_x}$$

$$U_y' = \frac{U_y}{\gamma(1 - U_x \frac{v}{c^2})}$$

$$U_z' = \frac{U_z}{\gamma(1 - U_x \frac{v}{c^2})}$$

We looked briefly at proper velocity

$$\frac{dx}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\tau}$$

will come back to this...

## Matrix multiplication

$A_{\mu\nu}$  = Element in row  $\mu$ , column  $\nu$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21}) & (A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22}) \\ (A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21}) & (A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ \end{pmatrix}$$

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EXAMPLE

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6+9 & -6+12 \\ 4+6 & -4+8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 15 & 6 \\ 10 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$



## Vector dot product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (A_x & A_y & A_z) \\ 1 \times 3 & & \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \left( \begin{array}{c} B_x \\ B_y \\ B_z \end{array} \right) \\ 3 \times 1 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z \\ 1 \times 1 \end{array}$$



# Relativity and 4-vectors

$$x_0 \equiv ct \quad x_1 \equiv x \quad x_2 \equiv y \quad x_3 \equiv z$$

4-vector  $x_\mu$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_0 \\ x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

choices made:

- relative motion along  $x$
- 0 component is the 4<sup>th</sup> one

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Form of  $L_{\mu\nu}$  depends on this... called the Metric

Lorentz transformation Matrix  
usually called  $L_{\mu\nu}$

look at  
1st  
component  
\*  $\sum_{\nu=1}^4 L^{1\nu} x_\nu$

$$x'_0 = \gamma x_0 - \gamma\beta x,$$

$$ct' = \gamma ct - \gamma\beta x$$

$$t' = \gamma \left( t - \frac{v}{c^2} x \right)$$

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

$$\frac{\beta}{c} = \frac{v}{c^2}$$

2nd  
component  
\*  $\sum_{\nu=1}^4 L^{2\nu} x_\nu$

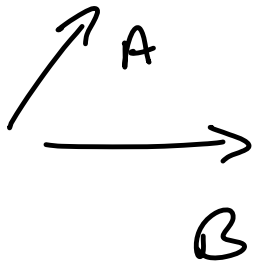
$$x'_1 = -\gamma\beta x_0 + \gamma x,$$

$$x' = -\gamma\beta ct + \gamma x = \gamma(x - vt)$$

recall 3-vector  
dot product

$$(A_x \ A_y \ A_z) \begin{pmatrix} B_x \\ B_y \\ B_z \end{pmatrix} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

Scalar  $\rightarrow$  invariant under  
transformations like  
rotations  
or  
translations



$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta$$

For 4 vectors  
we have a similar  
beast ... This is  
invariant under  
Lorentz transformations

$$a \cdot b = -a_0 b_0 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$$

dot product of  
two 4-vectors  $a, b$   
often written  $a^\mu b_\mu$  ...  $\mu$  runs from 0 to 3 for us

Note the negative sign here

$a_\mu, b_\mu$

$$\Delta x_\mu = a_\mu - b_\mu \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_0 - b_0 \\ a_1 - b_1 \\ a_2 - b_2 \\ a_3 - b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\Delta x)_\mu (\Delta x)^\mu = -(a_0 - b_0)^2 + (a_1 - b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2 + (a_3 - b_3)^2$$

$$\text{invariant interval} = -c^2 \Delta t^2 + d^2$$

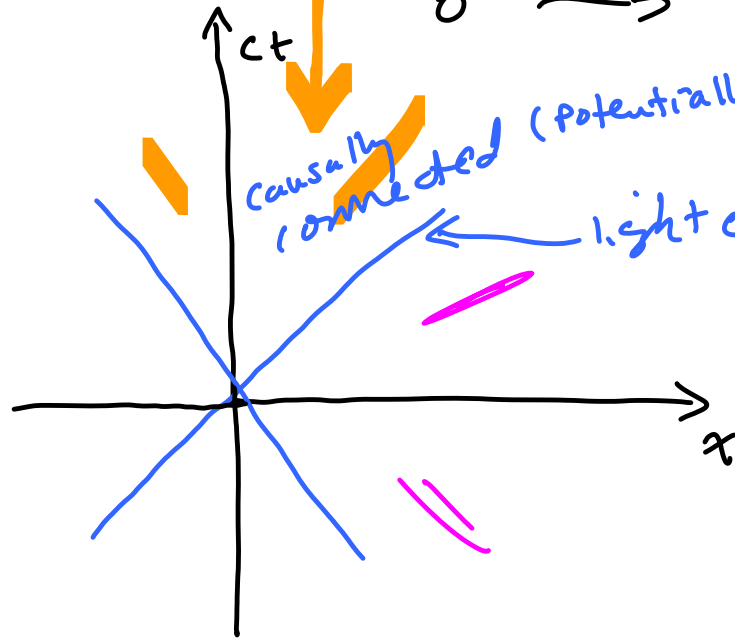
Lorentz invariant

inv. interval is negative  $\rightarrow$  timelike

positive  $\rightarrow$  spacelike

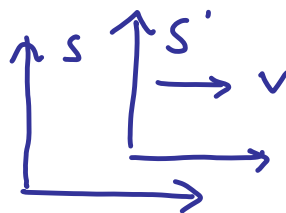
0  $\rightarrow$  "light like"

Spacetime  
diagram



No causal  
connection  
possible

# Momentum Conservation



$$m_A u_A + m_B u_B = m_C u_C + m_D u_D$$

is this true in S' as well? ... i.e. Does momentum conservation work as we move from 1 ref. frame to another?

$$m_A u'_A + m_B u'_B \stackrel{?}{=} m_C u'_C + m_D u'_D$$

$$m_A \left( \frac{u_A - v}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} u_A} \right) + m_B \left( \frac{u_B - v}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} u_B} \right) \stackrel{?}{=}$$

Similar terms  
 $m_C \dots + m_D \dots$

Very messy ... does not work

Def. ne proper velocity 4-vector

$$\eta_0 = c \frac{dt}{d\tau} = c\gamma$$

$$\eta_1 = \frac{dx}{d\tau} = \gamma v_x$$

$$\eta_2 = \frac{dy}{d\tau} = \gamma v_y$$

$$\eta_3 = \frac{dz}{d\tau} = \gamma v_z$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta'_0 \\ \eta'_1 \\ \eta'_2 \\ \eta'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_0 \\ \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \\ \eta_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\eta'_1 = -\gamma\beta\eta_0 + \gamma\eta_1$$

Try momentum conservation using proper velocity instead of regular velocity

$$m_A \gamma_{A_i} + m_B \gamma_{B_i} = m_C \gamma_{C_i} + m_D \gamma_{D_i} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{STATEMENT of} \\ \text{P CONS.} \\ \text{in S} \end{array}$$

What happens in S' frame?

$$m_A \gamma'_{A_i} + m_B \gamma'_{B_i} \stackrel{?}{=} m_C \gamma'_{C_i} + m_D \gamma'_{D_i}$$

$$\gamma'_i = -\gamma\beta\gamma_0 + \gamma\gamma_i$$

(from transformations on last page)

$$m_A (-\gamma\beta\gamma_{A_0} + \gamma\gamma_{A_i}) + m_B (-\gamma\beta\gamma_{B_0} + \gamma\gamma_{B_i}) \\ \stackrel{?}{=} m_C (-\gamma\beta\gamma_{C_0} + \gamma\gamma_{C_i}) + m_D (-\gamma\beta\gamma_{D_0} + \gamma\gamma_{D_i})$$



regroup terms

$$m_A \gamma_{A_1} + m_B \gamma_{B_1}$$

$$- m_A \delta_{\beta} m_{A_0} - m_B \delta_{\beta} m_{B_0}$$

$$= m_C \gamma_{C_1} + m_D \gamma_{D_1}$$

$$- m_C \delta_{\beta} m_{C_0} - m_D \delta_{\beta} m_{D_0}$$

So P cons. in S' works if orange terms are equal.

Know this are equal because true in frame S

$$- m_A \delta_{\beta} m_{A_0} - m_B \delta_{\beta} m_{B_0} =$$

$$- m_C \delta_{\beta} m_{C_0} - m_D \delta_{\beta} m_{D_0}$$

$$m_A m_{A_0} + m_B m_{B_0} = m_C m_{C_0} + m_D m_{D_0}$$

$$m_A c \gamma + m_B c \gamma = m_C c \gamma + m_D c \gamma$$

$$m_A c^2 \gamma + \dots -$$

Define  $\gamma m c^2 \equiv$  Relativistic Energy

Have relativistic momentum-energy conservation

$$P_0 = m \gamma_0 = m \gamma c = \frac{m \gamma c^2}{c} = \frac{E}{c}$$

$$P_1 = m \gamma_1$$

$$P_2 = m \gamma_2$$

$$P_3 = m \gamma_3$$

Momentum-energy  
4-vector