

Minkowski Space

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In classical physics, time - co-ordinate is unaffected by a transformation from one inertial system to another. ($t' = t$)

$t' \rightarrow$ not dependent on space co-ord. (x, y, z).

In relativity

$$t' = \frac{t - \frac{vx}{c^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}, \quad \beta = \frac{v}{c}$$

$v \rightarrow$ velocity of prime frame w.r.t. another inertial frame.

Minkowski first treated space and time together ^{in a geometric representation} ~~in a geometric representation~~ which is called space-time diagram.

The co-ord of an event in relativity is represented by (x, y, z, t) , but for simplicity we take only x -axis as space axis.
 $\therefore (x, t)$

- Take Space - axis horizontal
time - vertical

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- To keep dimension of the co-ord same, we take ct instead of t . $c \rightarrow$ vel. of light

- So, L.T $\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{v}{c}$

$$x' = \frac{x - vt}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \frac{x - \frac{v}{c} \cdot ct}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \frac{x - \beta ct}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

|| by

$$x = \frac{x' + \beta ct'}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

$$x' = \frac{x - \beta ct}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

$$t' = \frac{t - \frac{v}{c^2} x}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \frac{ct - \frac{v}{c} x}{c \sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

$$ct' = \frac{ct - \beta x}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

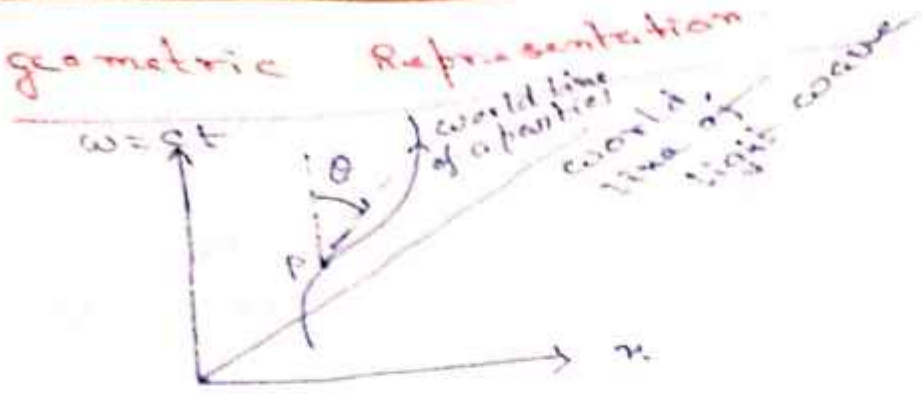
$$\omega' = \frac{\omega - \beta x}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

|| by

$$\omega = \frac{\omega' + \beta x'}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

geometric Representation

Fig 1



$(x-w) \rightarrow S$ frame $(x \perp w)$

- Minkowski referred to space-time as the '~~box~~ The World'.
- So, each event is a world point and collection of events is the motion of a particle in a world line
- The tangent at any pt P in world-line is inclined to time axis at an angle θ . $\theta < 45^\circ$.

because
$$\tan \theta = \frac{dx}{dw} = \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dw} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} w = ct, \quad \frac{dw}{dt} = c \end{array} \right]$$
 material

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = u \rightarrow \text{vel. of a particle}$$

$$u < c$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta < 1, \quad \theta < 45^\circ$$

- For light wave

$$u = c$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = 1, \quad \theta = 45^\circ$$

 (world line of light wave)

- Now consider $S' \rightarrow$ frame axis moves with vel. v w.r.t S frame along $(x - x')$ axis

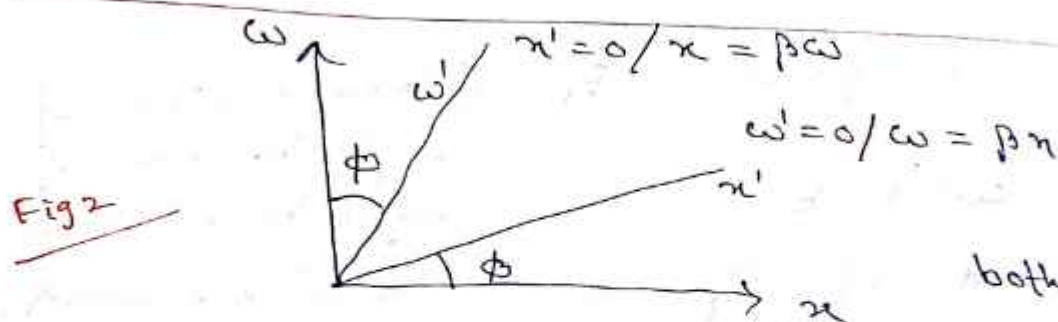
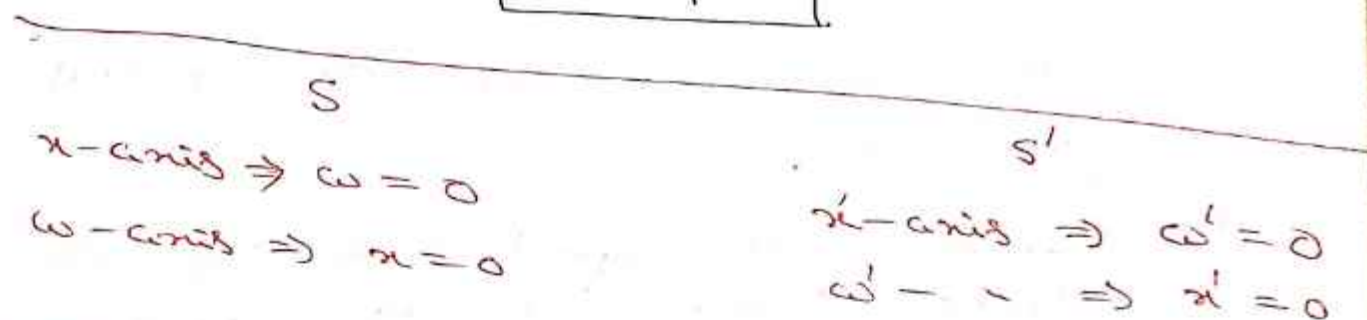
- at $t = 0$, both origin co-incide
 $\therefore x' = 0$

$\therefore$ from (1)

$$x' = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \beta w \\ x = \frac{v}{c} \cdot ct = vt \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{time axis for } S' \text{-frame}$$

Similarly

$$w' = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} w = \beta x \\ w = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Space axis in } S' \end{cases}$$

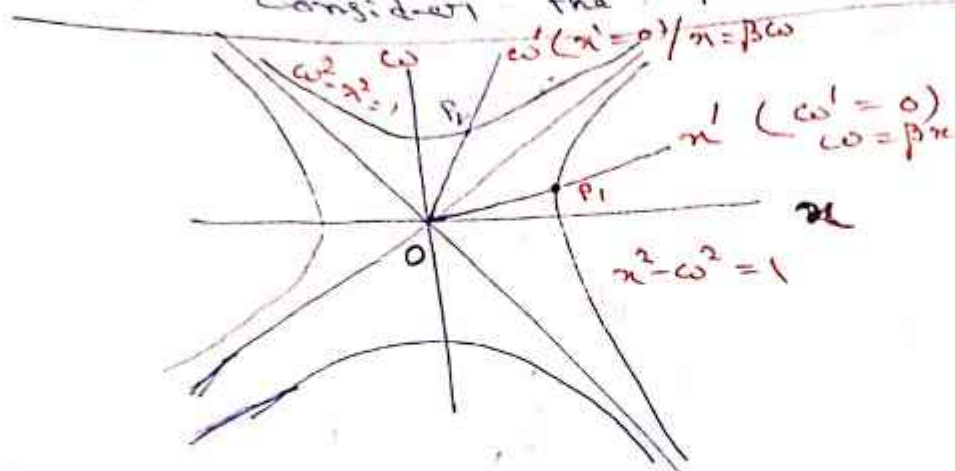


both slope ϕ
 are same.
 $(y = mx$
 $m = \beta)$

$\Rightarrow$ From Fig (2)

L.T $\Rightarrow$ transform from an orthogonal system (x, y, z, t) to a non-orthogonal system (x', y', z', t')

Let us consider the following diagram



we ~~draw~~ ^{draw} two branches of hyperbola $ct^2 - x^2 = 1$

and two branches of hyperbola $x^2 - ct^2 = 1$

in the diagram of $(x-ct)$ and $(x'+ct')$.

These lines will asymptotically approach 45° light cone world-lines,

consider a point P_1 (intersection of right branch of hyperbola $x^2 - ct^2 = 1$ and x' -axis.)

what will be

co-ord of P_1

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} x^2 - ct^2 = 1 \\ x^2 - \beta^2 x^2 = 1 \end{array} \right. , \quad ct' = 0 \Rightarrow ct = \beta x$$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{1-\beta^2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$$

$$ct = \beta x = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$$

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From (1) $\Rightarrow x' = \frac{x - \beta \omega}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$, $\omega' = \frac{\omega - \beta x}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$ 32

(2) $\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$, $\omega = \frac{\cancel{\omega} - \beta x}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$

$$x' = \frac{x - \beta \omega}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} - \beta \cdot \frac{\cancel{\omega}}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = 1$$

$$\omega' = \frac{\omega - \beta x}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \frac{\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} - \beta \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= 1 \\ \omega' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$ s' -frame

$\therefore OP_1 \rightarrow$ gives unit length
along x' -axis.

Similarly

P_2 (on ω' -axis)

is the intersection of $\omega'^2 - x'^2 = 1$
and $x = \beta \omega$

3 $\Leftarrow \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$, $x = \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$

From (3) and (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \omega' &= 1 \\ x' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$OP_2 \rightarrow$ unit time along ω' -axis.

→ At any other point x

$$\omega^2 - x^2 = 1$$

$$c^2 t^2 - x^2 = 1$$

$$c^2 \left(t^2 - \frac{x^2}{c^2} \right) = 1$$

$$c^2 \tau^2 = 1$$

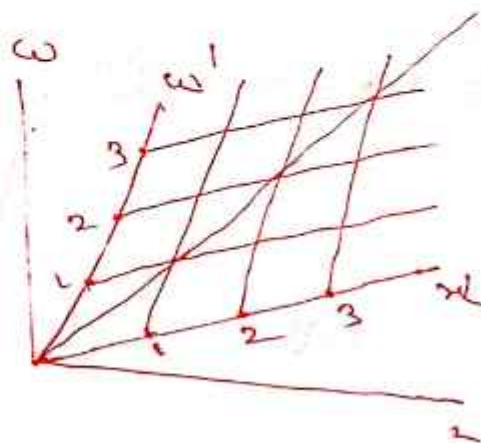
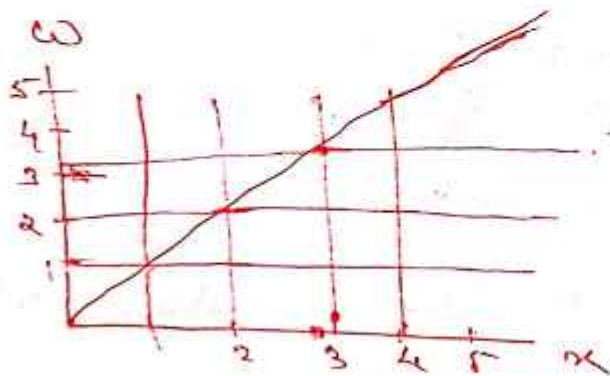
$$c\tau = 1$$

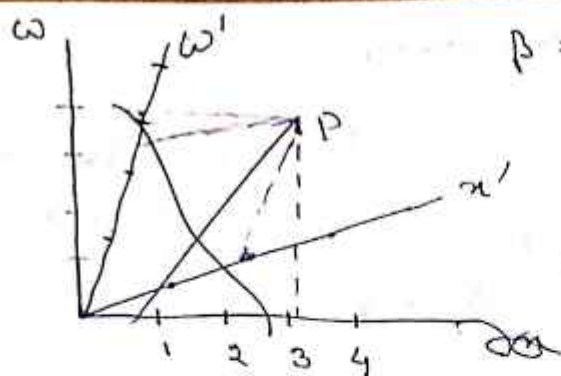
Thus points on the upper hyperbola give unit time on clock at rest in S' -frame.

i.e. proper time in S'

Whatever the relative velocity of S' to S w.r.t S , intersects gives unit time.

Similarly right hyperbola gives unit length.



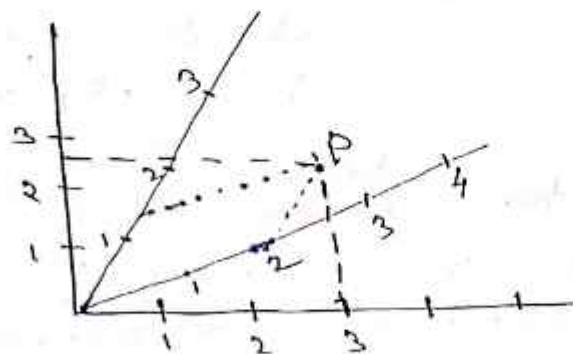


$$\beta = 0.5 \text{ (say)}.$$

$$x = 3, \quad x' = 2.5$$

$$x' = 2, \quad x = 1.5$$

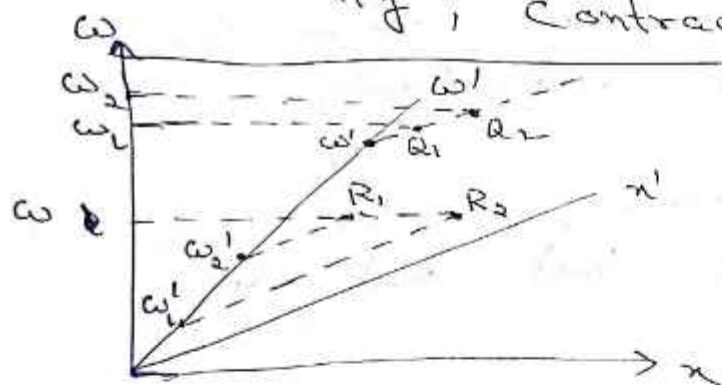
you can check it from eqn (1).



graphical representⁿ
of L.T

(Here unit length and unit time interval on the axis of these frames according to hyperbolic calibration curve.)

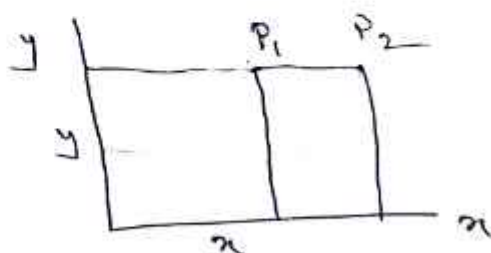
Simultaneity, Contraction, Dilation.



Simultaneity

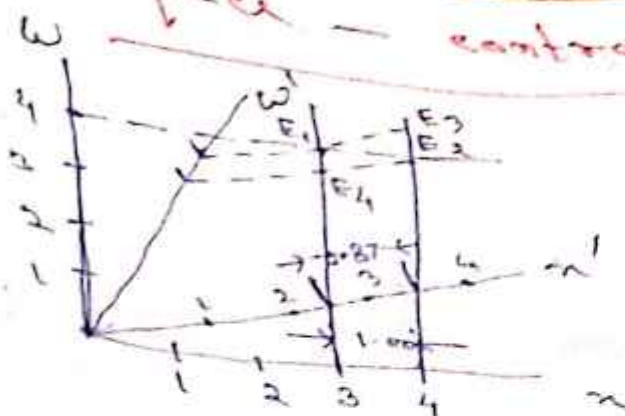
$Q_1, Q_2 \rightarrow$ events
are simultaneous
in S' — frame
($t = x'$)
but not in S —
frame ($t_1 = x_1, t_2 = x_2$)

R_1, R_2 are simultaneous in S — frame,
($t = x$) — ~~but~~, but not in S' — frame
($t'_1 = x'_1, t'_2 = x'_2$)



Space - contraction.

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Let a meter stick
is in S -frame
between $x=2, x=4$

$$\beta = 0.5$$

in S -frame

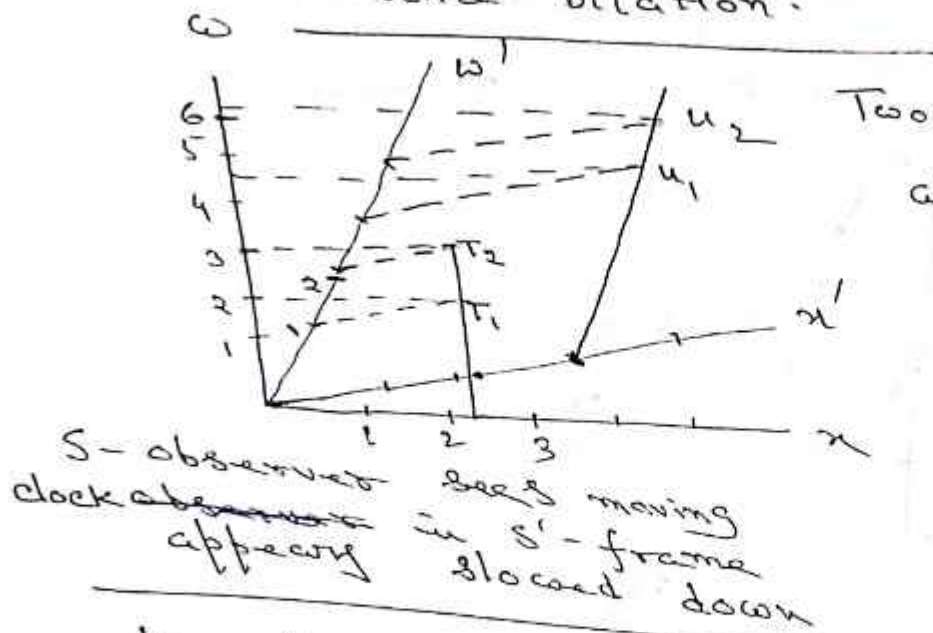
in x' -axis
it is 0.27 m

$E_1, E_2 \rightarrow$ two points ~~events~~ in S -frame
at $x=2$, and $x=4$
two events E_1, E_2 are simultaneous
in S -frame (A observer seen
two event at same
time $t=4$)

But an observer
in S' frame will see these in
 E_3 and E_4 respectively.

So in S -frame, events are
simultaneous but not in
 S' -frame.

Time Dilation.

Two events T_1, T_2 at $x = 2.3$ $t_1 = 2, t_2 = 3$ (S-frame)
 $\Delta t = 1$ unit S' -frame

$\Delta t' > \Delta t$
 $\Delta t'$ greater than unity.

u_1, u_2 events (at same point $x' = 3$)
 in S' -frame, $\Delta t' = 1$

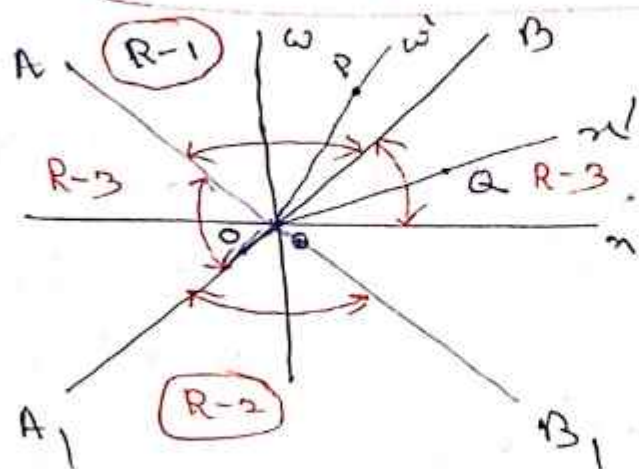
 $\Delta t > 1$

Here S moves with v velocity
 w.r.t S' frame.

S' -observer sees $\Delta t > 1$ (S-frame)
 i.e. moving S -clock appears slowed
 down.

Light cone, causality, (37)

(Present, Past, Future)



consider regions AOB and A_1OB_1 .
Through OP , ω' -axis are drawn
and OQ , ω -axis are drawn.

→ events $O \xrightarrow{(t=0)}$ and $P \xrightarrow{(t=t)}$ occur at same place with a time interval.
So, we can say event P follows O .

→ So, upper half AOB is absolute future.

→ Similarly $A_1OB_1 \rightarrow$ absolute past w.r.t O (present, $t=0$)

→ In this two region (upper cone AOB and lower cone A_1OB_1) has a definite time order of events w.r.t O .

→ Here we always find a frame for events at O and P which

occur at the same place, ⁽³⁸⁾ so, a single clock can measure absolutely the time order of the events at same place.

→ Now consider But for B O B, and A O A, ^(R-3) ^(R-3) region.

→ O, Q are two ~~at~~ space-time pt.

O, Q → same time (x' -axis).
→ or, simultaneous → present in one inertial frame.

→ But not simultaneous in other inertial frame.

→ There is no absolute time-order of these events (relative time-order)

→ This region is present,

→ In region (1) and (2)

absolute future / absolute past
there is no definite space ~~separation~~ order relative to O. These two regions can be said to be "time-like".

→ In region (3) → no definite time order (space separation of two events). This is "space-like".

$OQ \rightarrow$ space like
 $OP \rightarrow$ time like

consider quantity

$$c^2 \tau^2 = c^2 t^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

$$\text{or } \tau^2 = t^2 - \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{c^2}$$

For simplicity we consider only x -co-ord

$$\tau^2 = t^2 - \frac{x^2}{c^2}$$

$$\text{or } c^2 \tau^2 = c^2 t^2 - x^2$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{c^2 \tau^2 = \omega^2 - x^2} \rightarrow \text{invariant}$$

$$\text{or } -c^2 \tau^2 = x^2 - \omega^2$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\Delta^2 = x^2 - \omega^2} \rightarrow \text{invariant}$$

$$\boxed{\omega^2 - x^2 = \omega'^2 - x'^2} \quad \boxed{x^2 - \omega^2 = x'^2 - \omega'^2}$$

in region $R-1, R-2$

$$\omega > x$$

$$c^2 \tau^2 \rightarrow +ve$$

$$\tau \rightarrow \text{real}$$

$\hookrightarrow$ proper time is real

$\downarrow$
Time-like

in region $R-3$,
 $x > \omega$

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$\tau \rightarrow$ real

$z \rightarrow$ imaginary

$\hookrightarrow$ proper time imaginary
(space-like)

World line of light curve.

$$x = \omega$$

$$c^2 \tau^2 = 0, \Rightarrow \text{corresponds to } v = c$$

$\rightarrow$

in the $R-3$ $\rightarrow$ no definite time order.
event a precedes event Q in one frame
event Q " event a in another frame.

(cause $\Rightarrow v > c$ Here)
So, a light pulse, emitted by O -point, reaches a point say Q later.)
in time - diff betw two events is less than the time needed for light pulse to cover the spatial dist). This is not possible according to Einstein's

postulate of maximum velocity c .

No physical signal can travel faster with than c .



$v > c$
 $\rightarrow$ vel. of ball

(Ball reaches before light rays?)

Conclusion

in $R-3$

No ϕ space-time event in $R-3$ exists

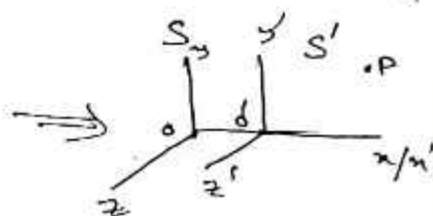
Transformation of velocities 45

$S, S' \rightarrow$ Frames of reference.
 $S' \rightarrow$ moves with v along x -axis

$P \rightarrow$ a moving particle, whose velocity in S -frame is u , and in S' -frame u' .

$\Rightarrow$ our aim is to find out the relation between u and u' .
 motion of P in S

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x(t) \\ y &= y(t) \\ z &= z(t) \end{aligned}$$



in S' ,

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x'(t') \\ y' &= y'(t') \\ z' &= z'(t') \end{aligned}$$

in $S \Rightarrow$ comp. of velocity of the particle in x, y, z direction

$$u_x = \frac{dx}{dt}, \quad u_y = \frac{dy}{dt}, \quad u_z = \frac{dz}{dt}$$

$$u = \sqrt{u_x^2 + u_y^2 + u_z^2}$$

Similarly in S' frame

$$u'_x = \frac{dx'}{dt'}, \quad u'_y = \frac{dy'}{dt'}, \quad u'_z = \frac{dz'}{dt'}$$

$$u' = \sqrt{u'^2_x + u'^2_y + u'^2_z}$$

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

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

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

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_x' &= \frac{dx'}{dt'} = \frac{\gamma(dx - v dt)}{\gamma(dt - \frac{v dx}{c^2})} \\ &= \frac{\frac{dx}{dt} - v}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} u_x} = \frac{u_x - v}{1 - \frac{u_x v}{c^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_y' &= \frac{dy'}{dt'} = \frac{dy}{\gamma \left(dt - \frac{v}{c^2} dx \right)} \\ &= \frac{dy/dt}{\gamma \left(1 - \frac{v}{c^2} \frac{dx}{dt} \right)} \\ &= \frac{u_y}{\gamma \left(1 - \frac{v}{c^2} u_x \right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$u_z' = \frac{u_z}{\gamma \left(1 - \frac{v}{c^2} u_x \right)}$$

$$u' = \sqrt{u_x'^2 + u_y'^2 + u_z'^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{u_x v}{c^2}} \left\{ (u_x - v)^2 + \frac{u_y^2}{\gamma^2} + \frac{u_z^2}{\gamma^2} \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{u_x v}{c^2}} \left[(u_x - v)^2 + (u_y^2 + u_z^2) \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{uv}{c^2}} \left[u_x^2 - 2u_x v + v^2 + u_y^2 + u_z^2 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} (u_y^2 + u_z^2) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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$$u' = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{uv}{c^2}} \left[u^2 - 2u_x v + v^2 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} (u_y^2 + u_z^2) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Now, if particle is moving along x-axis

$$u_x = u, \quad u_y = u_z = 0, \quad u'_y = u'_z = 0$$

$$u' = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{uv}{c^2}} \left[u^2 - 2uv + v^2 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} (0 + 0) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{u - v}{1 - \frac{uv}{c^2}}$$

conversely $u = \frac{u' + v}{1 + \frac{u'v}{c^2}}$

$$v \ll c, \quad \frac{v}{c} \ll 1$$

$$\therefore u' = (u - v) \quad (\text{classical result})$$

if

$$u' = c$$

$$\underline{u = \frac{c + v}{1 + \frac{cv}{c^2}} = c}$$

Variation of mass with velocity

- Mass $\rightarrow$ quantity contained in a body.
 - $\rightarrow$ more correctly, as the resistance it offers to an external force which tends to change its dynamical state. (inertial mass of the given body).
 - $\rightarrow$ may be introduced through the gravitational attraction of two bodies. (gravitational mass).
 - $\rightarrow$ In Newtonian Mechanics, the mass of a body is taken as absolute (not dependant on its state of motion w.r.t the observer).
- According to 2nd law of motion equal forces impressed upon a body would produce in it equal accelerations whatever be the velocity of the body. So, velocity of the body would go on increasing indefinitely with a cont. rate for the continuous application of a force on it. But there is a natural upper limit of the velocity of body i.e. $c \rightarrow$ vel. of light.

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Momentum of the body is .

$$P = m u$$

conservation of momentum

→ vector sum of momenta of mutually interacting bodies remains unchanged.

Principle of relativity →

Laws are valid in all inertial frames.

Using this fact we can calculate $f(u)$

→ Let us consider a system of n -particles.

velocity of i th particle in S, S' frames are u_i, u'_i

$$u_i = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{u'_i v}{c^2}} \left[u_i'^2 + 2 u'_i v + v^2 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} (u_i'^2 - u_{ni}'^2) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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$$\frac{p'_x}{p'_y} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{u'_{xi} v}{c^2}\right)^2} \left[\frac{u_i'^2}{c^2} + \frac{2u'_{xi} v}{c^2} + \frac{v^2}{c^2} - \frac{v^2}{c^4} (u_i'^2 - u_{xi}'^2) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{u'_{xi} v}{c^2}\right)^2} \left[\frac{u_i'^2}{c^2} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) + \frac{2u'_{xi} v}{c^2} + \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \frac{v^2 u_{xi}'^2}{c^4} \right]$$

$$1 - \frac{u_i'^2}{c^2} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{u'_{xi} v}{c^2}\right)^2 - \left[\frac{u_i'^2}{c^2} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) + \frac{2u'_{xi} v}{c^2} + \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \frac{v^2 u_{xi}'^2}{c^4} \right]}{\left(1 + \frac{u'_{xi} v}{c^2}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1 + \frac{2u'_{xi} v}{c^2} + \frac{u_{xi}'^2 v^2}{c^4} - \frac{u_i'^2}{c^2} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) - \frac{2u'_{xi} v}{c^2} - \frac{v^2}{c^2} - \frac{v^2 u_{xi}'^2}{c^4}}{\left(1 + \frac{u'_{xi} v}{c^2}\right)^2}$$

$$1 - \frac{u_i'^2}{c^2} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{u_i'^2}{c^2}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{u'_{xi} v}{c^2}\right)^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u_i'^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{1 + \frac{u_{xi}' v}{c^2}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u_i'^2}{c^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\gamma_i = \gamma_i' \left(1 + \frac{u_{xi}' v}{c^2} \right) \rightarrow (A)$$

we consider S' moves with v along x -axis,

$$\therefore u_{xi}' v = \vec{u}_i' \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$\gamma_i = \gamma_i' \left(1 + \frac{\vec{u}_i' \cdot \vec{v}}{c^2} \right) \rightarrow (A1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}_i &= u_{xi} \hat{i} + u_{yi} \hat{j} + u_{zi} \hat{k} \\ &= \frac{u_{xi}' + v}{1 + \frac{u_{xi}' v}{c^2}} \hat{i} + \frac{u_{yi}'}{\gamma \left(1 + \frac{u_{xi}' v}{c^2} \right)} \hat{j} + \frac{u_{zi}'}{\gamma \left(1 + \frac{u_{xi}' v}{c^2} \right)} \hat{k} \end{aligned} \rightarrow (B)$$

multiply (A) and (B)

$$\gamma_i u_i = \gamma_i' \left(1 + \frac{u_{xi}' v}{c^2} \right) \left[\frac{u_{xi}' + v}{1 + \frac{u_{xi}' v}{c^2}} \hat{i} + \frac{u_{yi}'}{\gamma \left(1 + \frac{u_{xi}' v}{c^2} \right)} \hat{j} + \frac{u_{zi}'}{\gamma \left(1 + \frac{u_{xi}' v}{c^2} \right)} \hat{k} \right]$$

$$= \gamma_i' \left[\gamma (u_{xi}' + v) \hat{i} + u_{yi}' \hat{j} + u_{zi}' \hat{k} \right]$$

$$= \gamma_i' \left[\vec{u}_i' + (\gamma - 1) u_{xi}' \hat{i} + \gamma v \hat{i} \right]$$

$$\gamma_i \vec{u}_i = \gamma_i' \left[\vec{u}_i' + (\gamma - 1) \frac{(u_i' \cdot \vec{v}) \vec{v}}{v^2} + \gamma \vec{v} \right]$$

$$M = \sum_i m_i$$

$$\vec{p} = \sum_i (m_i \vec{u}_i)$$

$$\vec{p} = \sum_i m_i \frac{\gamma_i'}{\gamma_i} \left\{ \vec{u}_i' + (\gamma - 1) \frac{(\vec{u}_i' \cdot \vec{v}) \vec{v}}{v^2} + \gamma \vec{v} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_i m_i' \vec{u}_i' + (\gamma - 1) \vec{v} \frac{\sum_i (m_i' \vec{u}_i' \cdot \vec{v})}{v^2}$$

$$+ \gamma \vec{v} \sum_i m_i'$$

$$\rightarrow (E)$$

$$m_i' = m_i \frac{\gamma_i'}{\gamma_i}$$

$$\frac{m_i'}{\gamma_i'} = \frac{m_i}{\gamma_i} = m_{i0}$$

$m_{i0} \rightarrow$ independent of anything related to S and S'

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$$M = \sum_i m_i = \sum_i m_i' \frac{v_i}{v_i'}$$

[from eqn (A1)]

$$= \sum_i m_i' v \left(1 + \frac{u_i' \cdot v}{c^2} \right)$$

$$= v \left[\sum_i m_i' + \left\{ \sum_i \frac{(\vec{m}_i' \cdot \vec{u}_i') \cdot \vec{v}}{c^2} \right\} \right]$$

Similar transformation
as. general L.T

$$M' = \sum m_i'$$

$$P' = \sum m_i' u_i'$$

$$m_i' = m_i \frac{v_i'}{v_i}$$

$$\frac{m_i'}{v_i'} = \frac{m_i}{v_i} \rightarrow \text{indep of } (u_i', v)$$

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$$\sum_i m_i' = m_{i0} v_i'$$

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$$\sum_i m_i' = m_0 v = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$$