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Chapter 11

Relativity

We have seen:

$$\text{Maxwell} \rightarrow \nabla^2 \Phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} = (-\rho/\epsilon_0)$$

$$\nabla^2 A - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} = (-\mu_0 \vec{J})$$

↪ wave @ speed $v=c$ w/r to ?? as seen by ?!

Newtonian physics ↔ "Galilean Relativity"

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x}' = \vec{x} + \vec{v}t$$

(\vec{v} = constant)

$$t' = t$$

$$m_i \frac{d^2 \vec{x}'_i}{dt^2} = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial \vec{x}'_i} \sum_{j \neq i} V(|\vec{x}'_i - \vec{x}'_j|) \quad \text{unchanged!}$$

$$\Phi(\vec{x} + \vec{v}t, t)$$

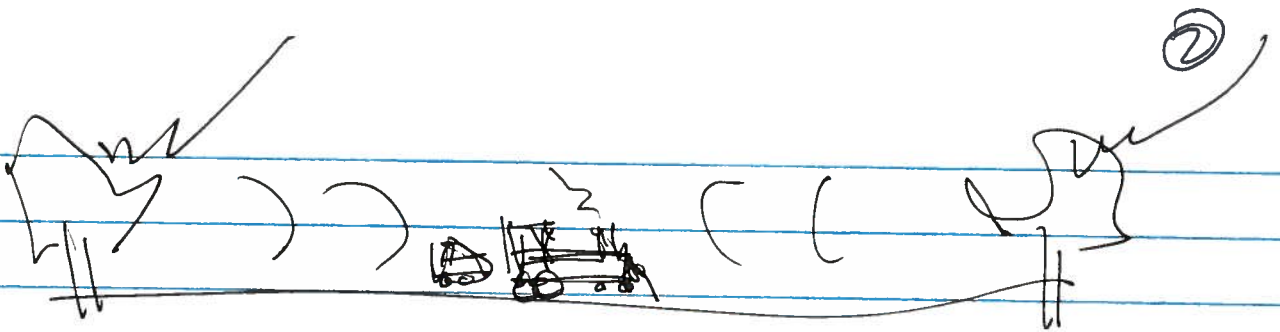
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla$$

$$\nabla'^2 \Phi = \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} + 2\vec{v} \cdot \nabla \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla)^2 \Phi \right)$$

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~~Restricted to Special Observer (Ether at rest)~~

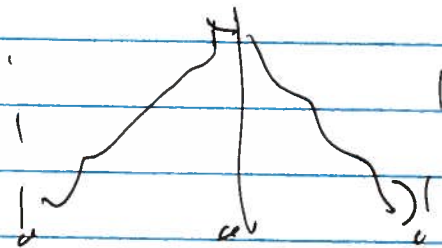
Different transformation



Simultaneous on ground \Rightarrow not on train.
time depends on observer!



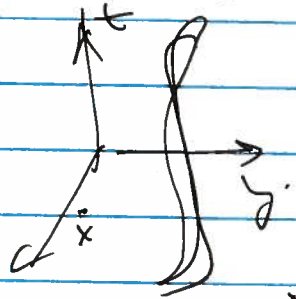
$$\Delta t_0 = \frac{2L}{c}$$



$$c^2 \cdot \Delta t_1^2 = v^2 \Delta t_1^2 + L^2$$

$$\Delta t = 2 \Delta t_1 = \frac{2L}{c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$$

Machinery



Trajectory: $\vec{x}(t) = x^i(t)$

$\rightarrow \vec{x}(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} ct(\lambda) \\ \vec{r}(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$

$x = y^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$

$\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$

$\vec{x} = x^i = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$

$i = 1, 2, 3$

Point in spacetime:

"An event is such a little piece of time-and-space you can mail it through the slotted eye of a cat"

Diane Ackerman, Mystic Communion of clocks

$f(x^\mu)$ = scalar function of scalar x .

$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^\mu} \cdot \frac{dx^\mu}{dx} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^\mu} \right) \frac{dx^\mu}{dx} \leftarrow \text{"vector"}$
 \uparrow "covector"

Transform differently,

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$$\frac{\partial x^m}{\partial x^a} = \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial x^{i'}} \frac{\partial x^{i'}}{\partial x^a}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^a} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i'}} \frac{\partial x^{i'}}{\partial x^a}$$

chain rule

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^a} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i'}} \frac{\partial x^{i'}}{\partial x^a} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i'}} \frac{\partial x^{i'}}{\partial x^a} \right) \left(\frac{\partial x^m}{\partial x^{i'}} \frac{\partial x^{i'}}{\partial x^a} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^{i'}} \right) \left[\frac{\partial x^{i'}}{\partial x^a} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial x^{i'}} \right] \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^a} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^a} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial x^a}$$

$\frac{\partial x^{i'}}{\partial x^a} \frac{\partial x^m}{\partial x^{i'}} = \delta_a^m$

vector $\frac{\partial x^m}{\partial x^a}$ covector $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^a} = df$

transform inversely



$$\begin{cases} |\vec{x}|^2 = c^2 t^2 \\ |\vec{x}'|^2 = c^2 t'^2 \end{cases} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{flash expands at } c \\ \text{for two different} \\ \text{observers.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$c^2 t^2 - |\vec{x}|^2 = c^2 t'^2 - |\vec{x}'|^2 = 0$$

set $x \cdot y = \eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu y^\nu$ $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\eta = g =$ "metric" (signature + ---)
↑ special

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want to find linear transformation

$$\underline{x'} = \Lambda x$$

$$x'^{\alpha} = \Lambda^{\alpha}_{\mu} x^{\mu}$$

$$\sum_{\mu=0}^3$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{x' \cdot y'} &= \eta_{\alpha\beta} x'^{\alpha} y'^{\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} (\Lambda^{\alpha}_{\mu} x^{\mu}) (\Lambda^{\beta}_{\nu} y^{\nu}) \\ &= (\eta_{\alpha\beta} \Lambda^{\alpha}_{\mu} \Lambda^{\beta}_{\nu}) x^{\mu} y^{\nu} = \underline{\eta_{\mu\nu} x^{\mu} y^{\nu}} = x \cdot y \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\eta_{\alpha\beta} \Lambda^{\alpha}_{\mu} \Lambda^{\beta}_{\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}}$$

$$(\Lambda^T)_{\mu}^{\alpha} \eta_{\alpha\beta} \Lambda^{\beta}_{\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\underline{\Lambda^T \eta \Lambda = \eta}$$

For Λ near identity, $\Lambda^{\alpha}_{\mu} = \delta^{\alpha}_{\mu} + \epsilon^{\alpha}_{\mu}$

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta} \Lambda^{\alpha}_{\mu} \Lambda^{\beta}_{\nu} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} (\delta^{\alpha}_{\mu} + \epsilon^{\alpha}_{\mu}) (\delta^{\beta}_{\nu} + \epsilon^{\beta}_{\nu})$$

$$= \eta_{\alpha\beta} \delta^{\alpha}_{\mu} \delta^{\beta}_{\nu} + \eta_{\alpha\beta} \delta^{\alpha}_{\mu} \epsilon^{\beta}_{\nu} + \eta_{\alpha\beta} \epsilon^{\alpha}_{\mu} \delta^{\beta}_{\nu}$$

$$= \eta_{\mu\nu} + \eta_{\mu\beta} \epsilon^{\beta}_{\nu} + \eta_{\alpha\nu} \epsilon^{\alpha}_{\mu}$$

$$= \eta_{\mu\nu} + \epsilon_{\mu\nu} + \epsilon_{\nu\mu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} \quad (+O(\epsilon^2))$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon_{\mu\nu} + \epsilon_{\nu\mu} = 0}$$

Antisymmetric ; 4x4 \rightarrow 6 d.o.f. $\binom{x}{x}$

Basis:

$$(J_1)_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (J_2)_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & & & -1 \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (J_3)_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(K_1)_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \\ -1 & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \quad (K_2)_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \quad (K_3)_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

need Λ^μ_ν $J^\mu_\nu = \eta^{\mu\alpha} J_{\alpha\nu}$ $\Lambda^\mu_\nu = \eta^{\mu\alpha} \Lambda_{\alpha\nu}$

$$\eta^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Top row fixed} \\ \text{other three change sign} \end{array} \right.$$

$$(J_1)^\mu_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (J_2)^\mu_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & & & -1 \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (J_3)^\mu_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\Lambda^\mu_\nu = g^\mu_\nu + A J_1 + B J_2 + C J_3 + D K_1 + E K_2 + F K_3$$

$$\Lambda^\mu_\nu = g^\mu_\nu + (\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{J} + \vec{f} \cdot \vec{K})^\mu_\nu \quad \text{infinitesimal}$$

finite $\rightarrow \Lambda^\mu_\nu = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(g^\mu_\nu + \frac{1}{N} (\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{J} + \vec{f} \cdot \vec{K}) \right)^N = \exp(\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{J} + \vec{f} \cdot \vec{K})$

$$J_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad J_2 = \begin{pmatrix} & 1 & \\ & & 1 \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J_3 = \begin{pmatrix} & & 1 \\ & & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -J_1 \quad J_4 = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & \\ & & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\exp(\theta J_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & e^{-\theta} \end{pmatrix} + \theta \begin{pmatrix} & 1 & \\ & & 1 \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \theta^2 \begin{pmatrix} & & 1 \\ & & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{6} \theta^3 \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & & \\ & & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \dots$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 - \frac{1}{2} \theta^2 + \frac{1}{24} \theta^4 + \dots & \\ & & \theta - \frac{1}{6} \theta^3 + \frac{1}{240} \theta^5 + \dots & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \cosh \theta & \\ & & \sinh \theta & \cosh \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{rotation}$$

$$k_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad k^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad k^3 = k \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$\text{exp}(jk_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} + j \begin{pmatrix} j & \\ & j \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2!} j^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \dots$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{2} j^2 + \frac{1}{24} j^4 + \dots & j + \frac{1}{6} j^3 + \frac{1}{120} j^5 + \dots \\ j + \frac{1}{6} j^3 + \frac{1}{120} j^5 + \dots & 1 + \frac{1}{2} j^2 + \frac{1}{24} j^4 + \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{exp}(jk_1) = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh j & \sinh j & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh j & \cosh j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$x'^{\mu} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} x^{\nu}$$

$$ct' = \cosh j \cdot ct + \sinh j \cdot x$$

$$x' = \sinh j \cdot ct + \cosh j \cdot x$$

(x=0)

$$x' = \sinh j \cdot ct$$

$$ct' = \cosh j \cdot ct$$

$$x' = (c \tanh j) t'$$

$$x' = v t'$$

at rest in O. → moving at speed v in O'

$$\frac{v}{c} = \tanh \eta$$

$$\cosh^2 \eta - \sinh^2 \eta = 1$$

$$1 - \tanh^2 \eta = \frac{1}{\cosh^2 \eta} = 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}$$

$$\cosh \eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad \sinh \eta = \frac{vc}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$ct' = \gamma(ct + \frac{v}{c}x)$$

$$x' = \gamma(x + \frac{v}{c}ct)$$

$$t' = \gamma(t + \frac{vx}{c^2})$$

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