

Last Time: The speed of light is constant in all frames

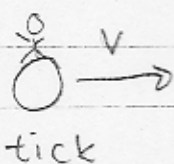
Time dilatation:



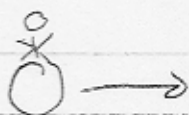
Tick-Tock

$\Delta\tau$ ← A person sitting on clock measures a proper time interval $\Delta\tau$

A person watching the clock move sees



tick



Tock

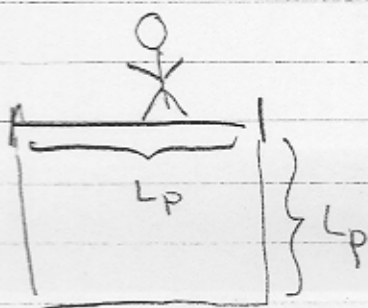
And measures the time between tick and tock is Δt

$$\Delta t = \gamma \Delta\tau$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}} \quad \gamma > 1$$

Length Contraction

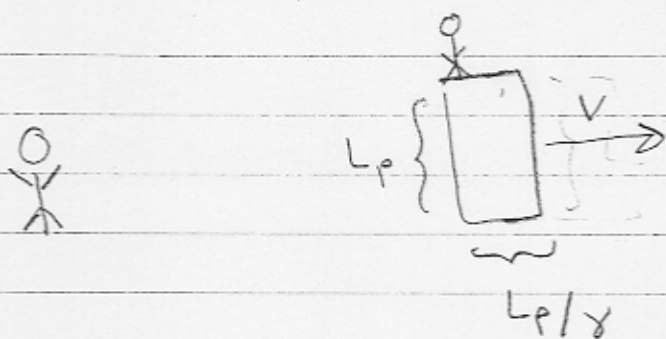
A person sitting on a square stick measures length and width



L_p by L_p

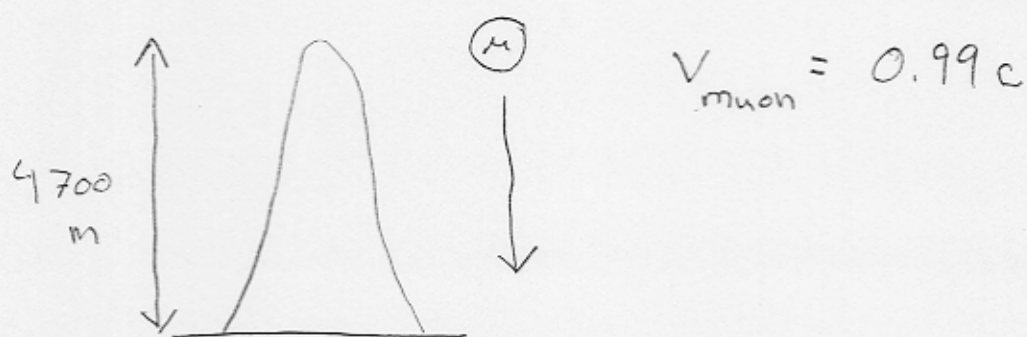
These are proper lengths

While a person sitting on the ground measures one of the sides length contracted



See the last lecture for a discussion of the muon and the mountain

Muon and mountain: Earth Observer



• The μ decays in $2.2 \mu\text{s}$ in its own frame (a proper time)

• To an observer on earth the muon decays in

$$\Delta t = \gamma \Delta \tau \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}} = 7.1$$

$$\Delta t = (7.1) (2.2 \mu\text{s}) \approx 16 \mu\text{s}$$

• The distance travelled is $d = v \Delta t \approx c \cdot 16 \mu\text{s} = 4700$ the muon reaches the bottom!

Muon and mountain: Muon Observer



$$L = L_0 / \gamma = \frac{4700 \text{ m}}{7.1} \approx 650$$

The muon says $x = \Delta \tau v$ amount of mountain passes him

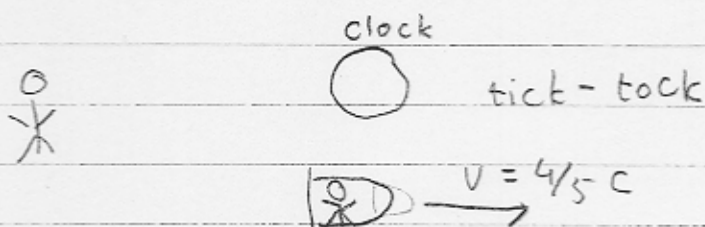
$$x = 2.2 \mu\text{s} (0.99c) \approx 650 \text{ m}$$

The moon agrees he reaches the
bottom

Lorentz Transformations:

Classically: (Not Correct)

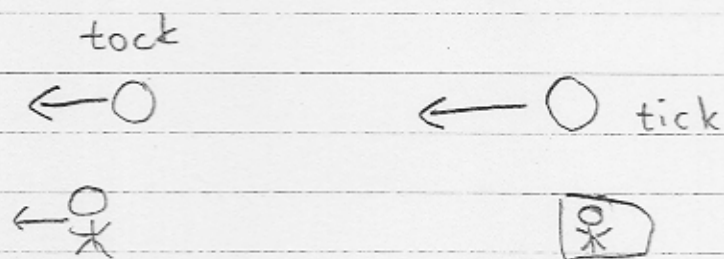
A person on the ground sees a clock at rest and a spaceship moving at $4/5c$. He measures the time between tick and tock to be 1s



$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(v/c)^2}} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\beta = 4/5$$

The person on the space ship sees



Let the two observers agree that "tick" happens at the origin

$$(t, x) = (0, 0) \quad \leftarrow \text{coords as meas. by earth}$$

$$(t', x') = (0, 0) \quad \leftarrow \text{coords as meas. by spaceship}$$

"Tock" happens at according to person on earth,

$$(t, x) = (1s, 0)$$

The coordinates according to someone on space ship

$$t' = t = 1s$$

$$x' = x - vt = (0) - \frac{4}{5}c(1s) = -\frac{4}{5}cs$$

1cs = The distance light travels in a second $\approx 3 \times 10^8 m$

But we know this isn't right:

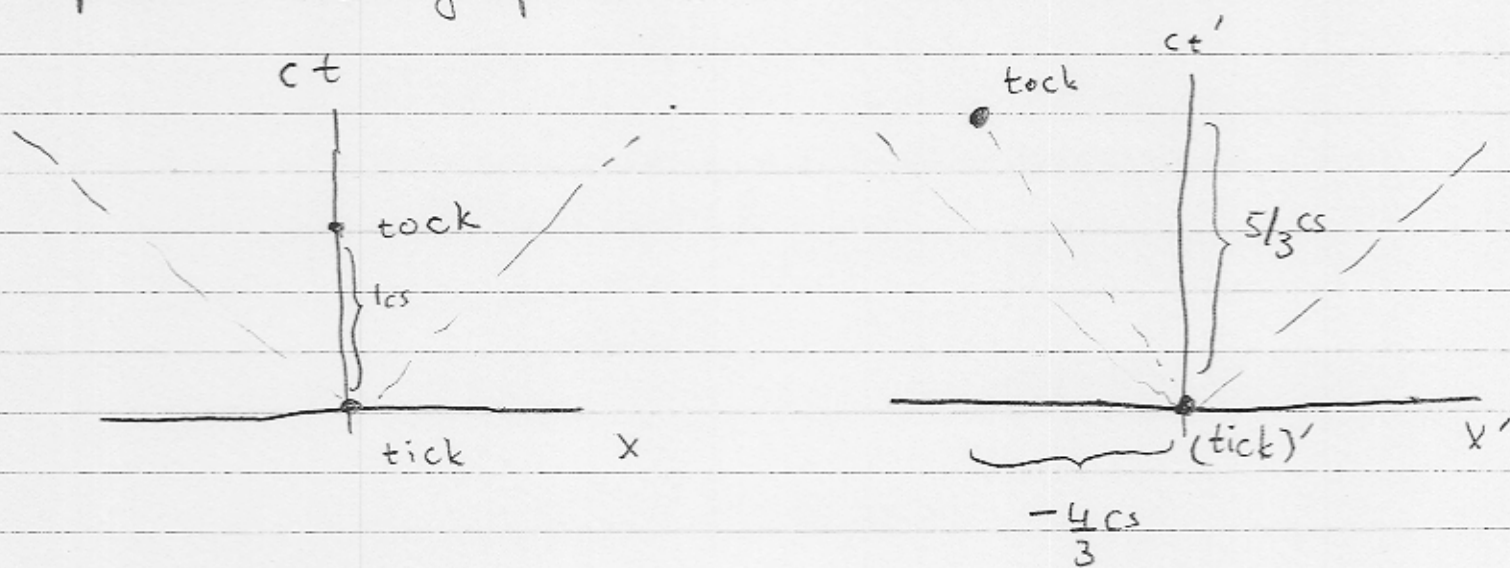
$$t' = \gamma t = \frac{5}{3} \cdot 1s \leftarrow \text{time of tick after tick}$$

In this time interval the

$$x' = -vt'$$

$$x' = -v(\gamma t) = -\frac{4}{5}c \cdot \frac{5}{3} \cdot (1s) = -\frac{4}{3}cs$$

Space-Time graph:



Classically we have the coordinates relations

$$t' = t$$

$$x' = x - vt$$

- Relation between coordinates of someone on ground (t, x) and someone moving to right (t', x')
- But this does not keep the speed of light constant

Lorentz Transformations:

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

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

$$\beta = v/c$$

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

(If you know what a matrix is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} ct' \\ x' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

Don't worry if you don't know what matrix is

- Keeps the speed of light constant as we will show shortly

Review

○ Tick-Tock

⊗ $v = 4/5c$

Observer moving to right sees

←○ tock
←○ tick

Tick and tock events

• tick = $(ct, x) = (0, 0)$

• tick' = $(ct', x') = (0, 0)$

$$ct' = \gamma ct - \gamma\beta x = \gamma(0) - \gamma\beta(0) = 0$$

$$x' = -\gamma\beta ct + \gamma x = -\gamma\beta(0) + \gamma(0) = 0$$

• tock = $(ct, x) = (1s, 0)$

• tock' = (ct', x')

$$ct' = \gamma \cdot (ct) - \gamma\beta x = \gamma(c \cdot 1s) - \cancel{\gamma\beta(0)} = \frac{5}{3} cs$$

$$x' = -\gamma\beta \cdot (ct) - \gamma x = (-\gamma\beta)(c \cdot 1s) = -\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) cs$$

$$= -\frac{4}{3} cs$$

$$(ct', x') = \left(\frac{5}{3} cs, -\frac{4}{3} cs\right) \leftarrow \text{agrees } \textcircled{a} \text{ before}$$

Proof that Speed of Light Const: under Lorentz transformation:

Light travelling to right:

$\implies x = ct$ \leftarrow parametrizes a sequence of events

Want to see that according to an observer moving to right:

$$x' = ct'$$

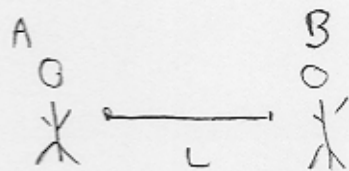
$$ct' = \gamma ct - \gamma\beta \overbrace{(ct)}^x = (\gamma - \gamma\beta) ct$$

$$x' = -\gamma\beta ct + \gamma \underbrace{(ct)}_x = (-\gamma\beta + \gamma) ct$$

So $x' = ct'$

Speed of Light is constant

- Now Consider two guys who measure distances at the same time separated by a distance of 1m , what does the observer moving with speed $v = \frac{4}{5}c$ see.



Solution:

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (4/5)^2}} = \frac{5}{3} \quad \beta = \frac{v}{c} = \frac{4}{5}$$

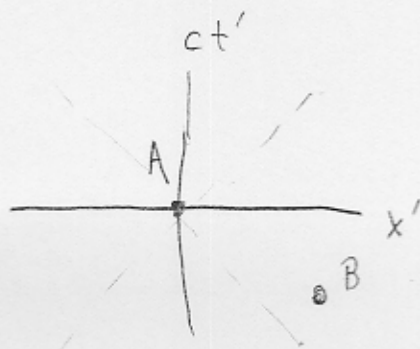
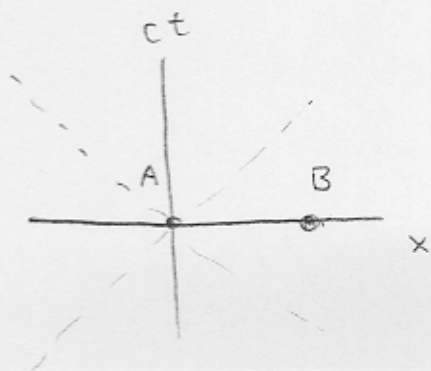
- The event A occurs at the origin, $(ct, x) = (0, 0)$
- The event B " " " " $(ct, x) = (0, 1\text{m})$

Lets See where event B occurs to the right mover

$$ct' = \gamma (ct) + -\gamma\beta (L) = -\gamma\beta L = -\frac{4}{3} \text{m}$$

$$x' = -\gamma\beta (ct) + \gamma (L) = \gamma L = \frac{5}{3} \text{m}$$

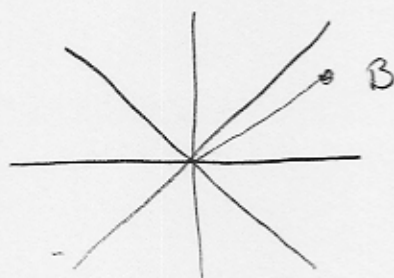
- An observer moving to right sees event B happen before A



- B happens before A
- Order and simultaneity of events depends on the observer

Next consider an observer moving to the left then we have

$$\underbrace{\beta}_{< \frac{1}{c}} \rightarrow -\beta$$

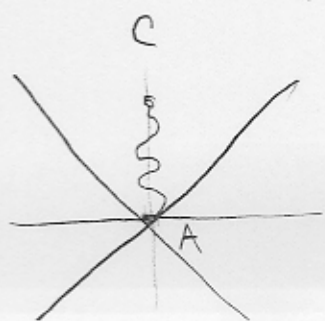
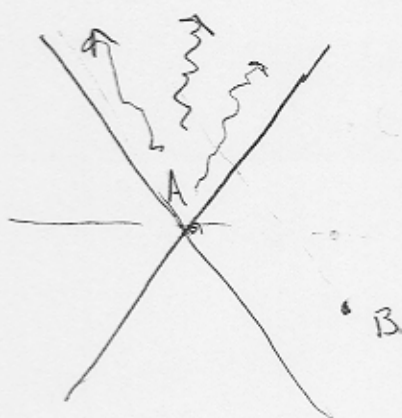


So

$$ct' = +\gamma\beta L = +\frac{4}{3}m$$

$$x' = \gamma L = \frac{5}{3}m$$

Why Does this not matter?



- There is no way for point A to be causally connected to points B. Different observers can disagree about order.
- Point A can influence the events of C. All observers agree C is after A

Addition of Velocities :

- So far we have left out transverse directions (if (ct, x, y, z) are coords in one frame

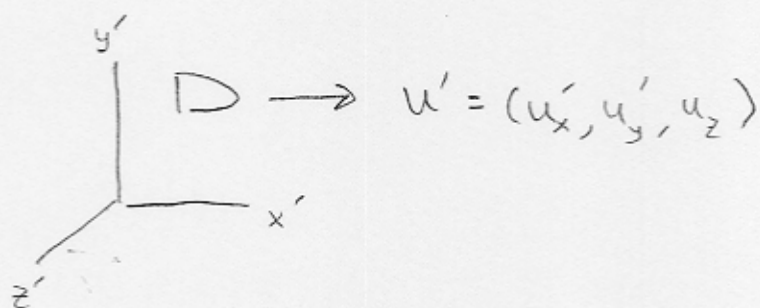
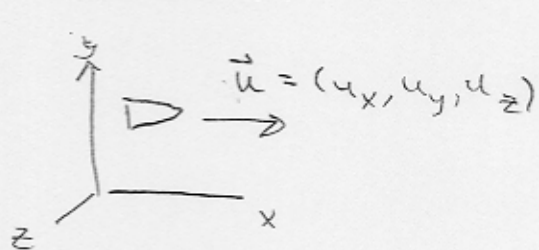
$$ct' = \gamma ct - \gamma\beta x$$

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

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = z$$

Question:



A space-ship moves \odot velocity $\vec{u} = (u_x, u_y, u_z)$ in one frame then according to an observer moving to right with speed v the space-ship moves with velocity $\vec{u}' = (u'_x, u'_y, u'_z)$

$$u'_x = \frac{u_x - v}{1 - u_x v/c^2}$$

$$u'_y = \frac{u_y}{\gamma(1 - u_x v/c^2)}$$

$$u'_z = \frac{u_z}{\gamma(1 - u_x v/c^2)}$$

Proof: (x coords only)

Suppose a ship moves with speed u_x to the right

$$u_x = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

Then:

$$u'_x = \frac{\Delta x'}{\Delta t'}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta t' &= \gamma \Delta t - \gamma \beta \Delta x / c \\ \Delta x' &= -\gamma \beta c \Delta t + \gamma \Delta x \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} u'_x = \frac{\Delta x'}{\Delta t'} &= \frac{-\overbrace{\gamma \beta c}^v \Delta t + \gamma \Delta x}{\gamma \Delta t - \gamma \beta \frac{\Delta x}{c}} && \beta = v/c \\ &= \frac{-v \Delta t + \Delta x}{\Delta t - \frac{v}{c^2} \Delta x} \end{aligned}$$

cancel γ from each term use $\beta = v/c$

$$u'_x = \frac{-v + \overbrace{\Delta x / \Delta t}^{u_x}}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2} \underbrace{\Delta x / \Delta t}_{u_x}} = \frac{u_x - v}{1 - u_x v / c^2}$$

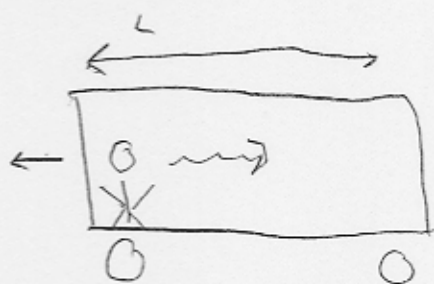
Energy and Momentum;

Rest Energy:

Consider positron + electron which annihilate



Einstein's Box



$$P_{\text{Box}} = P_{\text{Light}}$$

$$Mv = \frac{E}{c} \leftarrow \text{energy of pulse}$$

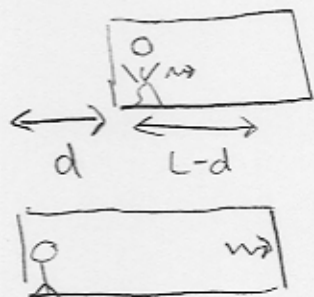
$$v = \frac{E}{Mc}$$

Now the system moves a distance

$$d = vt = v \frac{L}{c} = \frac{E}{Mc} \frac{L}{c} = \frac{E}{Mc^2} L \quad (\text{very small})$$

time it takes ^{light} to move from one end to the other

But there are no external forces
 so the CM can not change.



$$M_{\text{tot}} x_{\text{cm}} = M_1 x_1 + M_2 x_2$$

Einstein's answer:

- photon carries away some of cart's mass as energy

$$(M - \Delta m)(-d) + \Delta m(L - d) = 0$$

$$M d = \Delta m L$$

$$M \frac{E}{Mc^2} L = \Delta m L$$

$$E = \Delta m c^2$$

Energy of matter in its own rest frame