

Problems:

$$2.9, 2.15, 2.21, 2.22, 2.16, 2.31 \quad (1)$$

1. A proton with mass $m_p = 938\text{MeV}/c^2$ is observed with momentum components $p_x = 1\text{GeV}/c$ and $p_y = 0.5\text{GeV}/c$.
 - What is the angle that the proton makes with the x - axis?
 - What is the energy of the proton in this frame?
 - According an observer moving to the left on the x - axis (i.e. the negative x direction) with speed $\frac{12}{13}c$ what is the energy and momentum components of the proton?
 - What is the angle that the proton makes w.r.t. the x - axis in this frame?
2. Suppose that the current is measure to be $I \pm \Delta I$ and the resistance is measured to be $R \pm \Delta R$. Then starting with Eq. (3) show that the uncertainty in the voltage ($V = IR$) is

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta I}{I}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta R}{R}\right)^2} \quad (2)$$

Error Analysis

- If you have have two items $a \pm \Delta a$ and $b \pm \Delta b$, then the uncertainty in a function of a and b

$$F = f(a, b) \pm \Delta F$$

is

$$\Delta F = \sqrt{(\Delta F)_a^2 + (\Delta F)_b^2} \quad (3)$$

where

$$(\Delta F)_a = f(a + \Delta a, b) - f(a, b) \approx \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} \Delta a \quad (4)$$

$$(\Delta F)_b = f(a, b + \Delta b) - f(a, b) \approx \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} \Delta b \quad (5)$$

- Special case (1) : For

$$F = a + b \quad \text{we have} \quad \Delta F = \sqrt{(\Delta a)^2 + (\Delta b)^2}$$

- Special case (2) : For

$$F = ab \quad \text{we have} \quad \frac{\Delta F}{F} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta a}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta b}{b}\right)^2}$$

Dynamics

1. The momentum of a particle moving with velocity \mathbf{u} is

$$\mathbf{p} \equiv \gamma m \mathbf{u} \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}} \quad (6)$$

2. The energy of a particle moving with velocity \mathbf{u} is

$$E \equiv \gamma m c^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}} \quad (7)$$

3. The rest energy is the energy of a particle when it is not moving, and the kinetic energy is the energy minus the rest energy

$$E_{\text{rest}} = mc^2 \quad K = \gamma mc^2 - mc^2 \quad (8)$$

4. The energy and momentum and velocity given above are related by the formulas

$$E^2 = (cp)^2 + (mc^2)^2 \quad \mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{p}}{E} \quad (9)$$

For a photon we have $E = cp$ and $u = c$ (mass is zero)

5. Total energy and momentum (the sum of the energy's and momenta of all the particles) are always conserved before and after the collision

$$E_{\text{tot}}^{\text{before}} = E_{\text{tot}}^{\text{after}} \quad \mathbf{p}_{\text{tot}}^{\text{before}} = \mathbf{p}_{\text{tot}}^{\text{after}} \quad (10)$$

6. If the energy and momentum ($E, c\mathbf{p}$) of a particle according to one observer is known, then according to an observer moving to the right with speed v , the energy and momentum of the particle is ($E', c\mathbf{p}'$) with

$$E' = \gamma E - \gamma\beta (cp_x) \quad (11)$$

$$cp'_x = -\gamma\beta E + \gamma (cp_x) \quad (12)$$

$$cp'_y = cp_y \quad (13)$$

$$cp'_z = cp_z \quad (14)$$

with $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$ and $\beta = v/c$. Of course for a left moving observer we have $v \rightarrow -v$. We multiply c times momentum so that cp has the same units of energy. The change of frames mixes energy and momenta.