

PHYS 410 Homework # 10

15.3.  $v = 8 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s} \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{v}{c} = 2.67 \times 10^{-5}$   
 $\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2} \beta^2 \approx 1 + 3.56 \times 10^{-10}$

$t = \gamma(t' + \beta \frac{x'}{c}) \Rightarrow \Delta t = \gamma \Delta t'$   
 $\Rightarrow \Delta t' - \Delta t = (\frac{1}{\gamma} - 1) \Delta t \approx -3.56 \times 10^{-10} \times 3.6 \times 10^3 \text{ s} = -1.28 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta t' - \Delta t}{\Delta t} \times 100\% = -3.56 \times 10^{-10} \times 100\% = -3.56 \times 10^{-8} \%$

15.6. Because the time interval in different frames depends only on the magnitude of the velocity, so we do not care whether he is out or back, the difference in time interval is:

$\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t'$  (process is same with 15.3)  
 $\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta t'} = 3$   
 $\Rightarrow \beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{9}} \approx 0.94$   
 $\Rightarrow v \approx 0.94c$

15.11.  $x' = \gamma(x - \beta ct) \Rightarrow \Delta x' = \gamma \Delta x$   
 $\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{\Delta x'}{\Delta x} = \frac{100}{80} = \frac{5}{4}$   
 $\Rightarrow \beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}} = \frac{3}{5}$   
 $\Rightarrow v = \frac{3}{5}c$

15.17.  $t_1' = \gamma(t - \beta x_1/c)$   
 $t_2' = \gamma(t - \beta x_2/c)$

(a)  $\beta = \frac{v}{c} > 0$ ,  
 $t_1' - t_2' = \gamma \beta (x_2 - x_1)/c = \gamma \beta a/c > 0$

$$(b) \beta = \frac{v}{c} < 0$$

$$t_1' - t_2' = \gamma \beta (x_2 - x_1) / c = \gamma \beta a / c < 0$$

So we could find that the time order of the two events is not definite, in fact, that's because the two events are in the "elsewhere" or space-like zone relative to each other.

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

$$t = \gamma(t' + \beta x'/c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\gamma(dx' + \beta c dt')}{\gamma(dt' + \beta dx'/c)}$$

$$= \frac{v' + \beta c}{1 + \beta \cdot v'/c}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{4}c + \frac{c}{2}}{1 + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{10}{11} c \doteq 0.91c$$

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$$u = \gamma[\vec{v}, c]$$

$$u \cdot u = \gamma^2 (v^2 - c^2) = -c^2 \cdot \gamma^2 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) = -c^2$$

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Suppose at initial time:

$$p_1 = [\vec{p}, E/c], \quad p_2 = [-\vec{p}, E/c]$$

at final time:

$$p' = [\vec{p}', E'/c]$$

Conservation of 4-momentum gives us:

$$p' = [0, 2E/c]$$

$$\Rightarrow v' = 0, \quad mc^2 = 2E$$

$$\Rightarrow M = \frac{2E}{c^2} = \frac{2\sqrt{P^2 + m^2 c^2}}{c^2} = 2\gamma m = \frac{10}{3} m \approx 3.33m$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F} &= \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \\ &= m \frac{d\gamma \vec{v}}{dt} \\ &= \gamma m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \vec{v} \frac{d\gamma m}{dt} \\ &= \gamma m \vec{a} + \frac{\vec{v}}{c^2} \frac{d(\gamma m c^2)}{dt} = \gamma m \vec{a} + \frac{\vec{v}}{c^2} \frac{dE}{dt} \\ &= \gamma m \vec{a} + (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}) \frac{\vec{v}}{c^2} \end{aligned}$$

15.86 (a) If  $\pi^0$  is at rest,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\pi^0} &= [0, m_{\pi} c^2], \quad P_{\nu_1} = [P_{\nu_1}, E_{\nu_1}/c], \quad P_{\nu_2} = [P_{\nu_2}, E_{\nu_2}/c] \\ P_{\pi^0} &= P_{\nu_1} + P_{\nu_2} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{P}_{\nu_1} + \vec{P}_{\nu_2} = 0 \\ E_{\nu_1} + E_{\nu_2} = m_{\pi} c^2 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow E_{\nu_1} = E_{\nu_2} &= \frac{m_{\pi} c^2}{2} = 67.5 \text{ meV} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $|\vec{P}_{\nu}| = \frac{E_{\nu}}{c}$

Suppose the velocity of  $\pi^0$  is  $v = \beta c$ , then we choose a new frame  $S'$ , which moves with a velocity  $v$ . So in  $S'$ , we reproduce the problem of (a), that is:

$$E_{\nu_1}' = E_{\nu_2}'$$

and from Lorentz transformation:

$$E_{\nu_1}' = \gamma (E_1 - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{P}_1)$$

$$E_{\nu_2}' = \gamma (E_2 - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{P}_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{E_{\nu_1}'}{E_{\nu_2}'} = \frac{E_1 (1 - \beta)}{E_2 (1 + \beta)} = 3 \cdot \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} = \frac{c}{2} \hat{x}$$

15.107. First, note that  $\mathcal{F}$  is antisymmetric, so we could only discuss the elements  $\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}$  with  $\nu > \mu$ .

1° diagonal elements ( $\mu = \nu$ ):

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} = 0 = \square_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \square_{\nu} A_{\mu} = \square_{\mu} (A_{\mu} - A_{\mu})$$

2°  $\nu = 4$ :

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{E_{\mu}}{c} = (\nabla_{\mu} \phi + \frac{\partial A_{\mu}}{\partial t}) / c = \square_{\mu} A_4 - \square_4 A_{\mu} = \square_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \square_{\nu} A_{\mu}$$

3°  $\mu = 1, \nu = 2$ :

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} = B_3 = (\nabla \times \vec{A})_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} A_2 - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} A_1 = \square_1 A_2 - \square_2 A_1 = \square_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \square_{\nu} A_{\mu}$$

Similarly, we could prove this for  $\mu=1, \nu=3$  and  $\nu=3, \mu=2$ .

To sum up, we prove  $\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} = \square_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \square_{\nu} A_{\mu}$ .