

- 1 Zeige explizit, dass die Bedingung für Lorentztransformationen

$$L^T \eta L = \eta$$

zehn unabhängige Gleichungen darstellt (woraus soll es folgen, dass die Lorentztransformationen eine 6-parametrische Gruppe bilden?).

- 2 Betrachte den Minkowski-Raum mit (pseudo)orthonormaler Basis $\{e_0, e_1, e_2, e_3\}$. Betrachte die Vektoren

$$v_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Welcher dieser Vektoren ist zeit/licht/raumartig? Finde einen vierten Vektor, v_3 , der (pseudo)orthogonal auf diese drei Vektoren steht. Ist v_3 zeit/licht/raumartig?

- 3 Seien v und w zeitartig und linear unabhängig. Zeige dass die Gerade $\{v + \lambda w \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\}$ den Lichtkegel in zwei Punkten schneidet.
- 4 A clock C is at rest at the spatial origin of an inertial frame S . A second clock C' is at rest at the spatial origin of an inertial frame S' moving with constant speed v relative to S . The clocks read $t = t' = 0$ when the two spatial origins coincide. When C' reads t'_2 it receives a radio signal from C sent out when C reads t_1 . Draw a space-time diagram describing this process. Determine the space-time coordinates (ct_2, x_2) in S of the point (event) at which C' receives the radio signal. Hence show that

$$t_1 = t'_2 \sqrt{\frac{1 - v/c}{1 + v/c}}.$$

Is there a relationship with the Doppler effect?

- 5 The coordinates (ct, x, y, z) and (ct', x', y', z') in two inertial frames S and S' respectively are related by

$$t' = (\cosh \lambda)t - (\sinh \lambda)c^{-1}x \quad (1a)$$

$$x' = -(\sinh \lambda)ct + (\cosh \lambda)x \quad (1b)$$

$$y' = y \quad (1c)$$

$$z' = z, \quad (1d)$$

for a real number λ . Show that this defines a Lorentz transformation. If the origin in S' has speed V in S , what is V in terms of λ ? A particle has 3-velocity $(a, b, 0)$ as measured in S and $(a', b', 0)$ as measured in S' . Find the relation between these 3-velocities in terms of λ . A light ray γ in S lies in the plane $z = 0$ and makes an angle α with the positive x -axis. Show that γ lies in $z' = 0$ in S' . Show that, if γ makes an angle α' with the positive x' -axis then $\tan(\alpha')/\tan(\alpha)$ is a function of V and $\cos \alpha$, which should be found.