

HW #7

- 11.6 a) K - lab frame (ignore Earth motion)
 K' - instantaneous rest frame of the ship

u - ship velocity in K
 u' - ship velocity in K'
 v - velocity of K' wrt K

Parallel velocities (ship is moving along the z -axis):

$$u = \frac{u' + v}{1 + \frac{vu'}{c^2}} \quad (*)$$

inertial frames

Then
$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{u'v}{c^2}\right) \left(\frac{du'}{dt} + \frac{dv}{dt}\right) - \frac{u'+v}{c^2} \left(\frac{du'}{dt}v + \frac{dv}{dt}u'\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{u'v}{c^2}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}{\left(1 + \frac{u'v}{c^2}\right)^2} \frac{du'}{dt}$$

But $u' = 0$ instantaneously, and

$$\frac{du'}{dt} = \frac{du'}{dt'} \underbrace{\frac{dt'}{dt}}_{1/\gamma}$$

since t' is proper time

Finally,
$$\frac{du}{dt} = \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{3/2} \frac{du'}{dt'}$$

Note that $u = v$ if $u' = 0$ follows from (*)

Then $\int \frac{u}{\left(1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}\right)^{3/2}} du = \int g dt$, or

$$\frac{u}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}} = gt \Rightarrow u = \frac{gt}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{gt}{c}\right)^2}}$$

Now,

$$\int_{t'}^{t'} dt' = \int \frac{dt}{\gamma} = \int \sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}} dt, \text{ or}$$

$$t' = \int_0^t dt \sqrt{1 - \frac{g^2 t^2}{c^2 \left(1 + \frac{g^2 t^2}{c^2}\right)^2}} =$$

$$= \int_0^t dt \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{gt}{c}\right)^2}} = \frac{c}{g} \sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{gt}{c}\right).$$

Finally,

$$t = \frac{c}{g} \sinh\left(\frac{gt'}{c}\right)$$

$$t' = 5 \text{ yr} \Rightarrow t \approx 86 \text{ yr}$$

$$g = 9.86 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

The total journey is $gt = 344 \text{ yr}$.
Thus the year on Earth is

2444

b) In the first leg, the rocket ship traveled:

$$L = \int_0^{t=86\text{yr} \equiv T} u dt = \int_0^T \frac{gt}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{gt}{c}\right)^2}} dt =$$

$$= \frac{c^2}{g} \left[\sqrt{1 + \underbrace{\frac{g^2 T^2}{c^2}}_{\gg 1}} - 1 \right] \approx CT - \frac{c^2}{g} \approx 85 \text{ light-years}$$

The total distance in one dir'n

is $2L = 170 \text{ lyr.}$

Note that a beam of light would travel 172 lyr in 172 yr, not much further!

11.11

$$A_1 = e^L, A_2 = e^{L+\delta L}$$

$$\text{Consider } \begin{cases} A_1(\lambda) = e^{\lambda L} \\ A_2(\lambda) = e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Now, } A(\lambda) = A_2(\lambda) A_1^{-1}(\lambda) = e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} e^{-\lambda L}$$

Consider the Taylor series of $A(\lambda)$:

$$A(\lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} A^{(n)}(0)$$

$$\underline{n=0}: A^{(0)}(0) = 1$$

$$\underline{n=1}: \lambda A^{(1)}(0) = \lambda(L+\delta L) - \lambda L = \lambda \delta L \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{(1)}(0) = \underline{\underline{\delta L}}$$

Proceed by induction:

$$\text{assume } A^{(n)}(0) = [L, A^{(n-1)}(0)]$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{d}{d\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} A^{(n)}(0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \underbrace{A^{(n)}(0)}_{[L, A^{(n-1)}(0)]} \textcircled{=}$$

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 $n=0$ term
is indep. of λ

$$\textcircled{=} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^m}{m!} A^{(m+1)}(0) \Rightarrow A^{(m+1)}(0) = [L, A^{(m)}(0)]$$

Finally,

$$A(\lambda=1) = 1 + \delta L + \frac{1}{2!} [L, \delta L] + \frac{1}{3!} [L, [L, \delta L]] + \dots, \text{ as desired.}$$

12.1

$$a) L = -\frac{m}{2} u_\alpha u^\alpha = \frac{q_0}{c} u_\alpha A^\alpha =$$

$$= -\frac{m}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} u^\beta u^\alpha - \frac{q_0}{c} g_{\alpha\beta} u^\beta A^\alpha$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial L}{\partial u^\sigma} = -\frac{m}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} [\delta^\beta_\sigma u^\alpha + u^\beta \delta^\alpha_\sigma] - \frac{q_0}{c} g_{\alpha\beta} \delta^\beta_\sigma A^\alpha = -\frac{m}{2} [u_\sigma + u_\sigma] - \frac{q_0}{c} A_\sigma,$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\sigma} = -\frac{q_0}{c} g_{\alpha\beta} u^\beta \partial_\sigma A^\alpha = -\frac{q_0}{c} u_\alpha \partial_\sigma A^\alpha$$

$$\text{EL eq's: } \frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u^\alpha} = \partial_\alpha L, \text{ or}$$

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proper time

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left[m u_\sigma + \frac{q_0}{c} A_\sigma \right] = \frac{q_0}{c} u^\alpha \partial_\sigma A_\alpha$$

$$m \frac{du_\sigma}{d\tau} = \frac{q_0}{c} \left[u^\alpha \partial_\sigma A_\alpha - \frac{dA_\sigma}{d\tau} \right],$$

$$\frac{dx^\alpha}{d\tau} \frac{\partial A_\sigma}{\partial x^\alpha} = u^\alpha \partial_\alpha A_\sigma$$

$$\text{or } m \frac{du_\sigma}{d\tau} = \frac{q_0}{c} u^\alpha \left[\partial_\sigma A_\alpha - \partial_\alpha A_\sigma \right] =$$

$$= \frac{q_0}{c} F_{\sigma\alpha} u^\alpha$$

Covariant
Lorentz
force eq'n

$$b) \quad p^\alpha = - \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_\alpha} = m u^\alpha + \frac{q_0}{c} A^\alpha$$

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canonical
momentum

$$H = p^\alpha u_\alpha + L = \frac{m}{2} \overbrace{u^\alpha u_\alpha}^{c^2} =$$

↑ signs consistent
with (12.34)

$$= \frac{1}{2m} (p^\alpha - \frac{q_0}{c} A^\alpha) (p_\alpha - \frac{q_0}{c} A_\alpha)$$

$$H = \frac{mc^2}{2} \leftarrow \text{Lorentz inv}$$

In space-time coordinates,

$$p^\alpha - \frac{q_0}{c} A^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} p^0 - \frac{q_0}{c} \phi \\ \vec{p} - \frac{q_0}{c} \vec{A} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left[(p^0)^2 - \vec{p}^2 + \frac{q_0^2}{c^2} (\phi^2 - \vec{A}^2) + \frac{2q_0}{c} \times \right. \\ \left. \times (\vec{p} \cdot \vec{A} - p^0 \phi) \right]$$