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# Chapter 13 RELATIVITY

## Frame of reference:-

A co-ordinate system with respect to which an observer/experimenter measures position, displacement, velocity and time of a physical event/Phenomenon is called frame of reference.

### Types of Frame of Reference:-

There are two types of frame of reference.

Inertial frame of reference.

Non-Inertial frame of reference.

## Inertial frame of reference:-

A frame of reference which is at rest or moving with uniform velocity along a straight line is called a inertial frame of reference.

It is non-accelerated frame of reference.

Newton's first law of motion holds in inertial frame of reference.

e.g:-

Room in which we are sitting and a car moving with uniform velocity along a straight line are example of inertial frame of reference.

## Non-Inertial frame of reference:-

An accelerated frame of reference is called non-Inertial frame of reference. It is moving with some acceleration. Newton's first law of motion does not act/apply in non-inertial frame of reference.

e.g:-

A car moving with variable velocity on a road is an example of non-Inertial frame of reference.

## Postulates of Special Theory of Relativity

Special theory of relativity is based on two postulates:-

A- Principle of Relativity:-

All laws of physics remain same in all inertial frames of reference. All inertial frame of reference are equivalent. All laws of physics are same and give same results in all inertial frame of reference. On the basis of results of an experiment, we cannot diff b/w any two inertial frame of reference.

B- Constancy of speed:-

Speed of light in vacume/air measured of all inertial reference frames remain constant and appears as  $c = 299,792,458 \text{ m/s}$  (or)

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

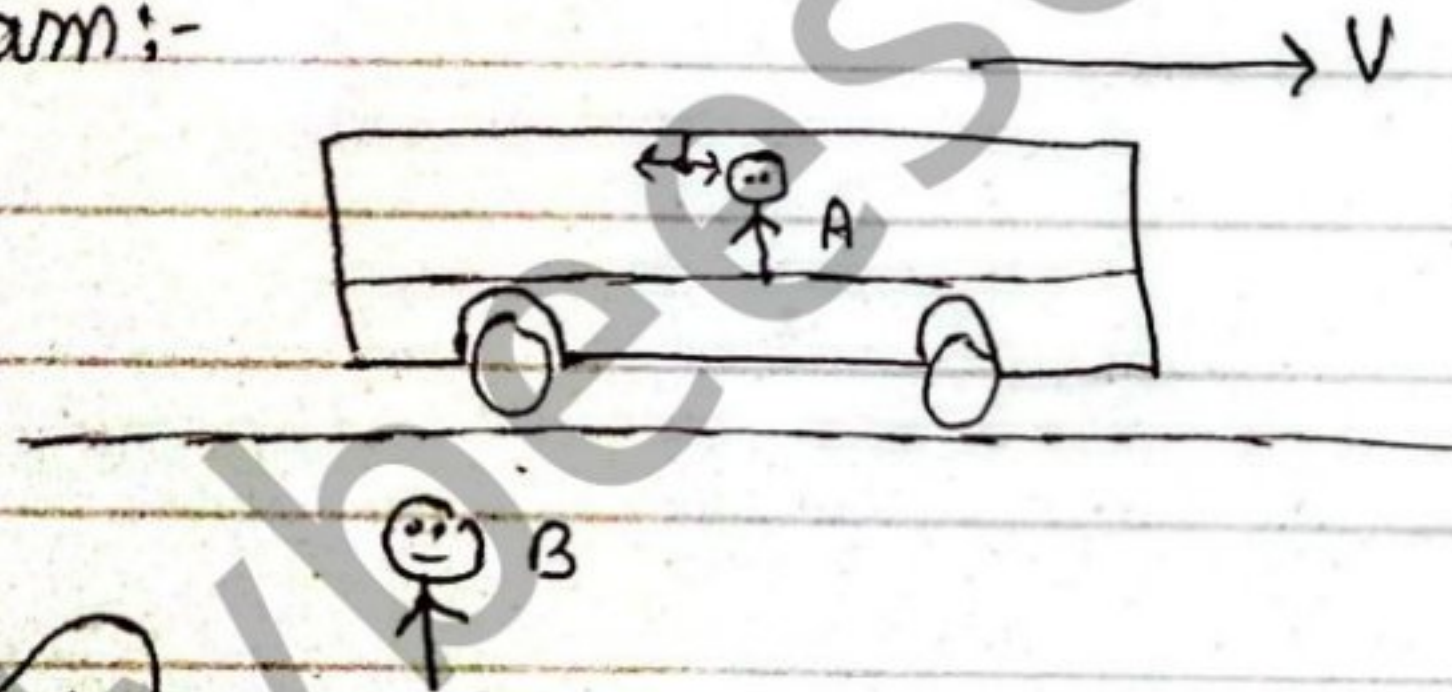
It - does not depend upon the relative motion b/w source of light and observer.

## Consequences of Special Theory of Relativity :-

### 1- Relativity of Simultaneity :-

According to this, two events that are simultaneous in one frame of reference, may not be simultaneous in another frame of reference. It means that, simultaneity is not absolute but relative.

Diagram:-



Explanation:-

According to the observer "A" present inside the train, both photons of light reach the opposite end at the same. Hence, events are simultaneous according to observer "A".

But, according to observer "B", present outside the train, left photon reaches left side earlier than the right photon reaches the right sides. For observer "B", both events are not simultaneous. Hence, Simultaneity is relative.

## Mass Energy equivalence:-

According to Einstein, mass of an object is the condensed form of energy. It means that, mass and energy are equivalent. Mass can be converted into energy and energy can be converted mass.

Rest mass energy:-

Energy equivalent to mass of an object at rest is called rest mass energy. It is represented by  $E_0$  and is given by.

$$E_0 = m_0 c^2 \dots (1)$$

When object is in motion, then.

$$E = mc^2 \dots (2)$$

Subtracting (1) and (2)

$$E - E_0 = mc^2 - m_0 c^2$$

$$\Delta E = (m - m_0) c^2$$

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

$$\Delta m = \frac{\Delta E}{c^2}$$

This is the increase in mass of an object due to its motion. Increase in mass is very small and not noticeable in daily life scenario.

## Length Contraction:-

Definition:-

Length of an object measured in a moving frame is less than the length of same object measured in a frame in which object is at rest. This effect is called length contraction.

Mathematically:-

Relationship b/w rest length (proper length) and moving length (improper length) is.

$$l = l_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

Proper length / rest length ( $l_0$ ):-

length of object measured in a frame in which object is at rest is called rest / proper length. It is represented by  $l_0$ . It is longest length.

Improper length / Moving length ( $l$ ):-

length of object measured by a moving frame or by a frame in which object is moving is called improper length.

It is represented by  $l$ .

It is shorter than proper length.

Mass Variation:-

Mass of a moving object is greater than the mass of object at rest. This means that, when an object moves, its mass increases.

This effect is called mass variation.

Mathematically:-

Relationship b/w rest mass (proper mass) and moving mass (improper mass) is

$$m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Proper mass / Rest mass:-

Mass of an object in a frame in which object is at rest is called rest/proper mass. It is represented by  $m_0$ . It is the least amount of mass.

Improper length:-

Mass of an object measured by a moving frame or in a frame in which object is moving is called improper mass.

It is represented by " $m$ ".

It is greater than the rest mass.

5 Time dilation:-

Time interval b/w two events depends upon the frame of reference in which it is being measured. It is not same this effect is called time dilation.

Mathematically:-

Relationship b/w proper time interval and improper time interval is given by

$$t = \frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Proper time interval ( $t_0$ ):-

Time interval b/w two events measured in a frame in which both events took place at same time-point of space is called proper time interval.

It is represented by " $t_0$ ".

It is the least value of time interval.

Improper time interval: ( $t$ )

Time interval b/w two events measured in a frame in which both events took place at diff points of space is called improper time interval. It is represented by " $t$ ".

It is longer than proper time interval.

### Example 13.1

If a  $0.5\text{kg}$  body is moving with a speed equivalent to  $90\%$  of the speed of light.

What will be its mass in this situation?

Given data:-

$$v = 90\% \text{ of } c = 0.9c \text{ and } m_0 = 0.5\text{kg}$$

To find:-

$$m = ?$$

Solution:-

using the relation

$$m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(0.9)^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$m = 1.15\text{kg}$$

### Example 13.2

At what speed would the mass of the proton be tripled? The rest mass of a proton is  $1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ .

Given data:-

$$m = 3m_0, \quad m_0 = 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}.$$

To prove:-

$$V = ?$$

Solution:-

$$m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}}}, \quad 3m_0 = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Sq. both sides we get.

$$1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\frac{V^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{9}$$

$$V^2 = \frac{8}{9} c^2$$

$$V = \frac{\sqrt{8}}{3} c, \quad V = 0.9428c$$

## Assignment 13.1

What is the speed of a rod relative to the observer, if the length of rod is measured to be half of its proper length?

Solution:

Given data

$$l_0 = l_0, \quad l = \frac{l_0}{2}$$

To find

$$V = ?$$

Calculation

we know that.

$$l = l_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}}$$

putting all values we get

$$\frac{l_0}{2} = l_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}}$$

taking sq on b/s.

$$\frac{1}{4} = 1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2}$$

$$\frac{V^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{V}{c} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$V = 0.86 c$$

$$V = 0.86 \times (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})$$

$$V = 2.6 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s.}$$

## Assignment 13.1.2

The time period of a pendulum is measured to be 3s in inertial frame of the pendulum. What is the period when measured by an observer moving with a speed of  $0.95c$  with respect to the pendulum?

Given data:

$$t_0 = 3s, \quad v = 0.95c$$

To find:

$$t = ?$$

Calculations :-

$$t = \frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$t = \frac{3}{\sqrt{1 - (0.95)^2}}$$

$$t = 9.6s.$$

## NUMERICALS PROBLEMS

1.1 Calculate the equivalent energy of an electron having rest mass  $9.11 \times 10^{-31}$  Kg.

sol: Given data:

Rest mass of electron:  $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31}$  kg

Speed of light:  $c = 3 \times 10^8$  ms<sup>-1</sup>

Equivalent energy of ( $e^-$ ):  $E = ?$

Formula:

$$E = mc^2$$

$$E = (9.11 \times 10^{-31}) \times (3 \times 10^8)^2 = 8.2 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$$

$$\therefore 1 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$E_{(eV)} = \frac{8.2 \times 10^{-14}}{1.602 \times 10^{-19}} = 5.12 \times 10^5 \text{ eV} = 0.512 \text{ MeV}$$

1.2 The length of a spaceship is 100 m long. What will be its length if the spaceship moves with a speed of  $0.99c$ ?

sol: Given Data:

Rest length of spaceship:  $L = 100 \text{ m}$

Velocity of the spaceship:  $v = 0.99c$

Length contraction:  $L' = ?$

Formula:

$$L' = L \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

$$L' = (100) \times \sqrt{1 - \frac{(0.99c)^2}{c^2}} = 100 \times \sqrt{1 - 0.9801}$$

$$L' = 14 \text{ m}$$

- 13.3 Particles called  $\pi$ -mesons are produced by accelerator beams. If these particles travel at  $2.70 \times 10^8$  m/s and live  $2.60 \times 10^{-8}$  s when at rest relative to an observer. How long do they live as viewed in the laboratory?

Sol: Given data:

Velocity of  $\pi$ -meson:  $v = 2.70 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

Lifetime of  $\pi$ -meson at rest:  $t = 2.60 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}$

Speed of light:  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

Observed lifetime in laboratory frame:  $t' = ?$

Formula:

$$t' = \frac{t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$t' = \frac{2.60 \times 10^{-8}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{(2.70 \times 10^8)^2}{(3 \times 10^8)^2}}} = 5.96 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}$$

- 13.4 A neutral  $\pi$ -mesons lives  $1.40 \times 10^{-16}$  s as measured in the laboratory, and  $0.840 \times 10^{-16}$  s when at rest relative to an observer, what is its velocity relative to the laboratory?

Sol: Given data:

Lifetime in the laboratory:  $t' = 1.40 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}$

Lifetime at rest:  $t = 0.84 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}$

Speed of light:  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

Velocity of  $\pi$ -meson:  $v = ?$

Formula:

$$t' = \frac{t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} = \frac{t}{t'}$$

$$1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} = \left(\frac{t}{t'}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{v^2}{c^2} = 1 - \left(\frac{t}{t'}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{v^2}{c^2} = 1 - \left(\frac{0.84 \times 10^{-16}}{1.40 \times 10^{-16}}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{v^2}{c^2} = 1 - 0.36$$

$$v^2 = 0.64c^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{0.64c^2} = 0.800c$$