

Problem 1Problem set 2

For $\cosh A = \frac{1}{2}(e^A + e^{-A})$ & $\sinh A = \frac{1}{2}(e^A - e^{-A})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sinh(A+B) &= \frac{1}{2}[e^{A+B} - e^{-A-B}] = \frac{1}{2}[(\cosh A + \sinh A)(\cosh B + \sinh B) - (\cosh A - \sinh A)(\cosh B - \sinh B)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[\cosh A \cosh B + \cosh A \sinh B + \sinh A \cosh B + \sinh A \sinh B] \\ &\quad - [\cosh A \cosh B + \cosh A \sinh B + \sinh A \cosh B - \sinh A \sinh B] \\ &= \cosh A \sinh B + \sinh A \cosh B\end{aligned}$$

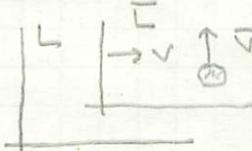
to show,

$$\cosh(A+B) = \cosh A \cosh B + \sinh A \sinh B$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{then } \tanh(A+B) &= \frac{\sinh(A+B)}{\cosh(A+B)} = \frac{\cosh A \sinh B + \sinh A \cosh B}{\cosh A \cosh B + \sinh A \sinh B} \\ &= \frac{\cosh A \sinh B + \sinh A \cosh B}{\cosh A \cosh B(1 + \tanh A \tanh B)} = \frac{\tanh B + \tanh A}{1 + \tanh A \tanh B}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Velocity addition reads: } V_L &= \frac{V + \bar{V}}{1 + V\bar{V}/c^2} \Rightarrow \tanh \gamma = \frac{\tanh \gamma + \tanh \varphi}{1 + \tanh \gamma \tanh \varphi} \\ &= \tanh(\gamma + \varphi)\end{aligned}$$

so that $\gamma = \gamma + \varphi$, rapidities add.

Problem 2

$$\text{In L: } \bar{v} = \frac{\Delta \bar{y}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\text{In L': } v = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta \bar{y} c}{\gamma(c \Delta t + v_c \Delta x)} = \frac{\bar{v}}{\gamma}$$

so the velocity of the ball, in L, is: $\bar{v} = v_x \hat{x} + v_y \hat{y}$.

Problem 3

$$x(t) = v_0 t - \text{proper time is defined by: } \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} \quad \text{w/ } v = \dot{x}(t),$$

$$\text{so } t = \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{1 - v_0^2/c^2}} \quad \text{& } x(\tau) = \frac{v_0 \tau}{\sqrt{1 - v_0^2/c^2}}$$

Problem 4

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sinh \gamma = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{2}(e^\gamma - e^{-\gamma}) = \frac{1}{2}(e^\gamma + e^{-\gamma}) = \cosh \gamma.$$

We have $t = \alpha \sinh(\gamma/\alpha)$ so $\frac{dt}{d\gamma} = \cosh(\gamma/\alpha) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2/c^2}}$

then $1 - \frac{x^2}{c^2} = \frac{1}{\cosh^2(\gamma/\alpha)} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = c \left[1 - \frac{1}{\cosh^2(\gamma/\alpha)} \right]^{1/2} = \left[\frac{\cosh^2(\gamma/\alpha) - 1}{\cosh^2(\gamma/\alpha)} \right]^{1/2} c$

or

$$\dot{x} = \frac{c \sinh(\gamma/\alpha)}{\left[1 + \sinh^2(\gamma/\alpha) \right]^{1/2}} = \frac{c \cdot \gamma/\alpha}{\left[1 + (\gamma/\alpha)^2 \right]^{1/2}}$$

$\rightarrow x(t) = \frac{c}{\alpha} \int_0^t \frac{\gamma}{\left[1 + (\gamma/\alpha)^2 \right]^{1/2}} d\gamma = \frac{c}{\alpha} \cdot \alpha^2 \left[1 + (\gamma/\alpha)^2 \right]^{1/2} = \alpha c \left[1 + (\gamma/\alpha)^2 \right]^{1/2}$

The force can be found from: $\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{m \dot{x}}{\sqrt{1-x^2/c^2}} \right] = F$

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{\gamma^2/\alpha^2}{1 + (\gamma/\alpha)^2} = \frac{1}{1 + (\gamma/\alpha)^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{m \dot{x}}{\sqrt{1-x^2/c^2}} = \frac{mc/\alpha}{\left[1 + (\gamma/\alpha)^2 \right]^{1/2}} \cdot \left[1 + (\gamma/\alpha)^2 \right]^{1/2} = mc/\alpha$$

$\rightarrow F = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{m \dot{x}}{\sqrt{1-x^2/c^2}} \right] = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{mc \gamma}{\alpha} \right) = \frac{mc}{\alpha}.$

Problem 5

In one full cycle, $\theta = 2\pi R$.

$$dx = -\omega R \sin(\omega t) dt \quad dy = \omega R \cos(\omega t) dt, \text{ so}$$

$$ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 = -c^2 dt^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega R}{c} \right)^2 \right], \rightarrow$$

$$ds = c \left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega R}{c} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} dt \Rightarrow s = \int_0^{T=2\pi/\omega} c \left[1 - \left(\frac{\omega R}{c} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} dt \\ = c \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\omega R}{c} \right)^2}$$