

Day 11, 19.02.2019 Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity, 1

full squad practices yesterday

Tower of Power week

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housekeeping

Lectures forever now: Gotta come to class

question about anything? I'll make a movie for you:

Please remember – especially true starting now:

need to take hand-written notes

No computers or phones are allowed.

Midterm...before Spring Break

available: Saturday, 23 February midnight

due: Tuesday, 26 February midnight

covering: material beginning through HW4 content

#attempts = 1

weight = $2 \times HW$



Some LON-CAPA

still! I've not adjusted grades for the Kepler problem yet LON-CAPA "essay" question fields

work okay?

Madame Curie movie - we have a quorum in favor

I'll post another FB poll targeting the week after break

You "vote" for evenings when you CANNOT attend

parameters: 6:30 on an evening; I'll bring pizza (another poll for kind of pizza); you get liquids





February 2019







You might want to remember this:



a changing B field creates an E field

a changing E field creates a B field

accelerated charges produce electromagnetic radiation

in 1895 the wheels came off



a series of





our first Nobel

1 talk

1 publication

no profit

suffered terribly during WWI

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it got strange

Nobel 1906





The Nobel Prize in Physics 1906 J.J. Thomson

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then it got stranger

1896 Antoine-Henri Becquerel

1852-1908



In the audience when X-rays were announced...

Expert in phosphorescence...thought X-rays were phosphorescence. wrong.

Wrapped up piece of Uranium when it got cloudy in Paris. When he unwrapped it:



Energy created out of nothing?

"Becquerel Rays"...didn't catch on.

But: the idea of matter spontaneously emitting energy did!

He studied it and found the emanations ionized air and could be deflected by a magnet...so, it consisted of charged particles & not X-rays

then it got even stranger still

1898 Marie Skodowska Curie 1857-1934



believe it or not

true-love stories in physics are rare!



2 labs

2 accelerators

Fermilab in Batavia, IL

CERN in Geneva, Switzerland

Tools of the trade

Particle Detectors









our experiment at Fermilab and CERN







ATLAS central detector



back to the weird

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1887

Albert Michelson (1852-1931)

and

Edward Morley



The Nobel Prize in Physics 1907 Albert A. Michelson

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 1907



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The Nobel Prize in Physics 1907 was awarded to Albert A. Michelson "for his optical precision instruments and the spectroscopic and metrological investigations carried out with their aid".

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We remember him for the most important measurement of nothing <u>ever</u>.

the ether

or the sun?

everyone knew that light was vibrations of the "luminiferous ether". everyone.

Earth's Motion should cause an "ether wind"

Ether functioned as a stationary, Newtonianlike Absolute rest frame across?

any problem seeing stars

light going upstream should take a different times depending on direction...upstream? downstream?

"Michelson Morley trying to measure the speed of Earth relative to Ether

measure the fringes in light interfering from the two paths...then rotate the instrument 90 degrees - and do it again.

The differences between the two configurations is related to the time difference

presume the velocity ative to the ether is v beam solitter, F

This technique was perfected by cowboy, Albert Michelson and eventually his sidekick, Edward Morley at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland between 1880 and 1888

Experiments"





If the beams get back out of phase...one traveled through the ether differently from the other.

simulation neat

http://www.kcvs.ca/site/projects/physics_files/specialRelativity/michelsonMorley/mmExperiment.swf



repeated results for Earth-ether speed:

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zero. zip. nada. nothing. uh-uh. zilch. naught. diddly-squat.

The earth did not appear to be moving through an Ether. The question: did Einstein know of the MM experiment? He always said "no."



Special Relativity

In the lecture slides directory: Hobson 10_Relativity.pdf is a good introduction Also, chapter 2 in Oerter is good.









1905

Albert Einstein 1879 – 1955

<image>

Oh, that Einstein, always skipping lectures... I certainly never would have thought he could do it.

former professor Hermann Minkowski

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back to Einstein

following his nose



March, 1905: The photoelectric effect paper.

May, 1905: Brownian Motion... http://www.aip.org/history/einstein/brownian.htm

June, 1905: The Special Theory of Relativity

September, 1905: $E = mc^2$ paper

This? ...a pretty good year.

1907, 1911, 1912, 1915, 1917: General Relativity

General Relativistic Cosmology

Lots of Einstein on the web. This is good: http://www.aip.org/history/einstein/index.html

The Einstein House in Bern http://www.einstein-bern.ch/index.php?lang=en&show=start



just before break, and forever after!

he moved around

1902: patent clerk at the Swiss Patent office

- **1915** 4 lectures with complete GR theory
- **1916** publishes GR theory
- 1917 1st paper on Cosmology introduces Cosmological Constant moves in with Elsa
- 1919 divorces Mileva, marries Elsa

Solar Eclipse data confirmed by Eddington

1913 Professor



1907 University Bern? nope

- 1920 anti-relativity lectures in Berlin
- 1922 Nobel Prize
- 1931 rejects Cosmological Constant
- 1933 Hitler elected Chancellor Einstein renounces German citizenship Moves to Princeton

1911 Professor

work with Grossman

1913 1st GR paper 32



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OamFZCFfQkg

His 1905 Relativity paper:

On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies

"A storm broke loose in my mind."



VERLAG VON JOHANN AMBEOSIUS BAET

3. Zur Elektrodynamik bewegter Körper; von A. Einstein.

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Daß die Elektrodynamik Maxwells - wie dieselbe gegenzärtig aufgefaßt zu werden pflegt — in ihrer Anwendung auf ewegte Körper zu Asymmetrien führt, welche den Phänomenen icht anzuhaften scheinen, ist bekannt. Man denke z. B. an e elektrodynamische Wechselwirkung zwischen einem Magten und einem Leiter. Das beobachtbare Phänomen hängt r nur ab von der Relativbewegung von Leiter und Magnet, brend nach der üblichen Auffassung die beiden Fälle, daß eine oder der andere dieser Körper der bewegte sei, streng inander zu trennen sind. Bewegt sich nämlich der Magnet ruht der Leiter, so entsteht in der Umgebung des Magneten elektrisches Feld von gewissem Energiewerte, welches an Orten, wo sich Teile des Leiters befinden, einen Strom den et. Ruht aber der Magnet und bewegt sich der Leiter, erzei steht in der Umgebung des Magneten kein elektrisches dagegen im Leiter eine elektromotorische Kraft keine Energie entspricht, die aber - Gleic ewegung bei den beiden ins Auge gefaßten setzt - zu elektrischen Strömen von derselber selben Verlaufe Veranlassung gibt, wie im ersten ie elektrischen Kräfte:

Beispiele ähnlicher Art, sowie die mißlungenen Versuch ne Bewegung der Erde relativ zum "Lichtmedium" zu kon atieren, führen zu der Vermutung, daß dem Begriffe der moluten Ruhe nicht nur in der Mechanik, sondern auch in Elektrodynamik keine Eigenschaften der Erscheinungen enttechen, sondern daß vielmehr für alle Koordinatensysteme, welche die mechanischen Gleichungen gelten, auch die einen elektrodynamischen und optischen Gesetze gelten, wie für die Größen erster Ordnung bereits erwiesen ist. Wir mediese Vermutung (deren Inhalt im folgenden "Prinzip Belatvitä" genannt werden wird) zur Voraussetzung ernund außerdem die mit ihm nur scheinbar unverträgliche

Galileo had solved a serious problem

The bus/train/car-beside-you-illusion

you've all had the sensation:

you're in a bus/train/car next to a bus/train/car

one of them moves...you instantly wonder if it's your bus/ train/car or the other bus/train/car...right?

frames of reference

Aristotle would not have been amused

they disagreed about what would be the case

between two different frames of reference

"Galilean Relativity"



G and A: standing on deck, boat still Same on shore

Galileo

1632

He says that the physics doesn't know the difference between moving at constant speed and not moving at all

"Shut yourself up with some friend in the main cabin below decks on some large ship, and have with there some flies, butterflies, and other small flying animals. Have a large bowl of water with some fish in it; hang up a bottle that empties drop by drop into a wide vessel beneath it. With the ship standing still, observe carefully how the little animals fly with equal speed to all sides of the cabin. The fish swim indifferently in all directions; the drops fall into the vessel beneath; and, in throwing something to your friend, you need throw it no more strongly in one direction than another, the distances being equal; jumping with your feet together, you pass equal spaces in every direction. When you have observed these things carefully (though there is no doubt that when the ship is standing still everything must happen in this way), have the ship proceed with any speed you like, so long as the motion is uniform and not fluctuating this way and that. You will discover not the least change in all the effects named, nor could you tell from any of them whether the ship was moving or standing still."

let's think

hard about

SPACE and TIME

ming coordinate systems

relatively moving



a frame of reference: Cool Guy and Old Guy.

They each have a clock attached

respect to Old Guy...

What does Cool Guy see? (when he's not looking in a mirror)

Old guy moving backwards.

- They each have a coordinate system attached
- Each is at rest in his own frame of reference –
- his unique **Rest Frame the "proper frame"**

- If the relative speed of Cool Guy is constant with
- They are each in an **Inertial Frame of Reference**

| jargon alert: | Inertial Frame of Reference | | | |
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| | refers to: | a Frame of Reference constant, linear v | | |
| | entomology: | from Newton's Fi | | |
| | example: | a spaceship at co | | |

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velocity

irst Law idea

onstant speed

likewise, a non-inertial frame is

um...a frame that's not inertial?

Yes, where constant motion is not observed – acceleration is at work

....and where there is acceleration there is a force

for measurement of motion, all you need are

clocks and rulers.

that might move relative to one another





HOME

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 3



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When the origins cross... define that as t = 0

the airport

sidewalk velocity relative to concourse: u = 2 m/s











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after 2 s, how far has the sidewalk moved relative to the concourse?



"coordinate transformation"

take the coordinates in one Frame and write them in a different Frame

here: Home and Away

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Remember, what Galileo said was:

the physics doesn't care

about constant-velocity motion

view from the concourse:







the frame being watched

the physics should be the same





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 \mathcal{X}_{j}

 \mathcal{X}_H

moving at velocity \boldsymbol{u}



what does it mean to say that the "physics is the same"

the "laws"...the equations are no different if you do a **Galilean Transformation**

everywhere there's an x_H , substitute $x_H = ut + x_A$ and $t_H \rightarrow t_A$

$$F_H = m \frac{\Delta}{\Delta t} \left(\frac{\Delta x_H}{\Delta t} \right) \longrightarrow F_A =$$

In many ways "Relativity" theory is mis-named. It's not about what changes...but what stays the same.

Here, it's the form of the equations that stay the same...labels don't matter



So mechanical physics seems not to care

what about the other Big System:

Electromagnetism?

Einstein always asked

simple questions.

what if you traveled at c alongside of a light beam?

It's stopped! No changing E, B!

No wave any more!



since it's a traveling pair of waves

changing E creating changing B changing B creating changing E if there's no "changing"...can there be light?



in fact

the faster in space you would travel time would appear to stop

a light beam from the clock could not keep up





The famous clock tower in Bern (Zytglogge), Switzerland that Einstein mused about



a simple question

how about a charge next to a current?









These situations differ only in the reference frame...

But, the physical effect – force or no force – is different!

hold the phone.







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The changing magnetic field creates an electric field in wire That produces a force on electrons which moves them in the wire – which is a current

here's another one

my favorite coil-magnet



Magnetic field is constant – no electric fields The electrons in the wire have a velocity passing by a magnetic field... <u>That</u> produces a force on them – which is a current

current



The changing magnetic fie which moves the electron

Weird alert #2: Two identical physical outcomes... from entirely different physical causes for situations which differ only by the frame of reference



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an electric field in wire



Magnetic field is constant – no electric fields The electrons in the wire have a velocity That produces a force on them – a current

so Maxwell's Equations

seem to fail between

relatively moving inertial frames





this is crazy! the two models of the world differ

in their treatment of relatively-moving frames of reference!

Seems to depend on Frame:

Don't appear to depend on Frame:







remember what Maxwell found?

Maxwells aha! moment

stuff $\times \vec{E} = 0$ stuff $\times \overrightarrow{B} = 0$ stuff $\times \overrightarrow{B}$ = rate of change of \overrightarrow{E} stuff $\times \overrightarrow{E}$ = rate of change of \overrightarrow{B} differential equations stuff $\times \vec{E} = 0$ stuff $\times \overrightarrow{B} = 0$ stuff $\times \overrightarrow{B}$ = rate of change of \overrightarrow{E} stuff $\times \overrightarrow{E}$ = rate of change of \overrightarrow{B}

remove the explicit sources, Q & ILook how the equations are symmetric: $E \leftrightarrow B$

$$rac{E}{B}=3 imes10$$
 $c!$ the spectrum Which Ma

0^8 m/s eed of light!

axwell knew.

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This offended the young Einstein.

- He took the Maxwell prediction seriously:
 - light moves at a constant speed
 - in 1905 he proposed that c is special
 - he elevated *c* to be an invariant parameter

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2 Postulates:

"inertial frame":

constant velocity

1. All laws of physics – mechanical and electromagnetic – are identical in comoving inertial frames.

taking Galileo seriously, and then adding Maxwell

2. The speed of light is the same for all inertial observers.

taking Maxwell seriously

M.E.

