

Problem Set 14.2: Special Relativity Calculations

1. $t = 2t_0$

$$t = \gamma t_0$$

$$\therefore \gamma = 2$$

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

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

$$\frac{v^2}{c^2} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

$$v^2 = 0.75 (3 \times 10^8)^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{0.75(3 \times 10^8)^2}$$

$$= 2.60 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

2. $l = 0.7 l_0$

$$l = \frac{l_0}{\gamma}$$

$$\therefore \gamma = \frac{1}{0.7}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} = 0.7$$

$$1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} = (0.7)^2$$

$$1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} = 0.49$$

$$\frac{v^2}{c^2} = 0.51$$

$$v^2 = 0.51 (3 \times 10^8)^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{0.51 (3 \times 10^8)^2}$$

$$v = 2.14 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

3. $m_0 = 2.5 \text{ t}$

$$V = 0.92c$$

$$p = \gamma mv$$

$$p = \frac{mv}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$= \frac{2.5 \times 10^3 \times 0.92 (3 \times 10^8)}{\sqrt{1 - 0.92^2}}$$

$$= \frac{6.75 \times 10^{11}}{\sqrt{0.1952}}$$

$$= 1.55 \times 10^{12} \text{ kgms}^{-1}$$

$$= 1.76 \times 10^{12}$$

4. $u' = 0.8c$

$$u = \frac{v + u'}{1 + \frac{vu'}{c^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(0.8 + 0.8)c}{1 + 0.64}$$

$$= \frac{1.6c}{1.64}$$

$$= 0.975c$$

5. $t = 1 \text{ s}$

$$v = 0.92c$$

$$t = \gamma t_0$$

$$t_0 = \frac{t}{\gamma}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 0.92^2}}$$

$$= 2.55 \text{ s}$$

6. $l_0 = 200 \text{ m}$

$l = 160 \text{ m}$

$$l = \frac{l_0}{\gamma}$$

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

$$\left(\frac{l}{l_0}\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{160}{200}\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}$$

$$\frac{v^2}{c^2} = 1 - 0.8^2$$

$$v^2 = 0.36c^2$$

$$v = 0.6c$$

7a. $v = 0.995c$

$l_0 = 250 \text{ light years}$

$$l = \frac{l_0}{\gamma}$$

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

$$= 250 \sqrt{1 - 0.995^2}$$

$$= 24.97 \text{ yr}$$

$$t = \frac{l}{v}$$

$$= \frac{24.97}{0.995} \text{ yr}$$

$$= 25.1 \text{ yr}$$

7b. $v = 0.995c$

$l = 250 \text{ light year}$

$$t = \frac{l}{v}$$

8. $v = 0.994c$

$l_0 = 250 \text{ light years}$

$t = 3.00 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}$

$l = v_0 t$

$$= 0.994 \times 3.00 \times 10^8 \times 3.00 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$= 8.946 \text{ m}$$

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

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$$8.946 = l_0 \sqrt{1 - 0.994^2}$$

$$l_0 = \frac{8.946}{0.1094}$$

$$= 81.8 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \text{hanger length } 81.8 \text{ m}$$

9. $t_1(\mu) = 26 \mu\text{s}$

$v_0 = 0.95c$

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

$$= \frac{26 \times 10^{-6}}{\sqrt{1 - 0.95^2}}$$

$$= 8.33 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}$$

10. $v_E = 0.70c$

$v_D = 0.85c$

- a. Earth observer would see them as $0.7c + 0.85c$
- b. Discovery would see Earth as moving away at $0.85c$
- c. Wrong because the speed of light is absolute.

$$u' = \frac{u + v}{1 - \frac{uv}{c^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(0.85 + 0.70)c}{1 + 0.85 \times 0.7}$$

$$= \frac{1.55}{1.615} c$$

Handwritten: 1.55, 1.615, 0.972c

$$= 0.960c$$

11.a) $l = 1.2 \times 10^5$ light year

$v_0 = 0.98c$

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

$$= 1.2 \times 10^5 \sqrt{1 - 0.98^2}$$

$$= 2.39 \times 10^4 \text{ light years}$$

Handwritten:

$$t = \frac{l}{v} = \frac{2.39 \times 10^4}{0.98}$$

$$= 2.44 \times 10^4 \text{ yrs}$$

b) $t = \frac{l}{v}$

$$= \frac{1.2 \times 10^5}{0.98}$$

$$= 1.22 \times 10^5 \text{ Yr}$$

12. $v=0.95c$

$t_0 = 3$ hours

Start 0900

Finish 1200

He would observe 1200 on his clock because time is only dilated relative to the Earth observer

13. $l_0 = 600$ m

$v_0 = 0.80c$

- a. they are both inertial frames provided they are moving at a constant velocity.

b. $t = \frac{s}{v} = \frac{600}{3 \times 10^8}$

$$= 2.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$$

- c. distance laser travels = length of fighter as seen from mothership plus distance spaceship travels in that time

$c\Delta t = \gamma l_0 + v\Delta t$

$$\Delta t = \frac{\gamma l_0}{c - v} = \frac{600 \sqrt{1 - 0.64}}{c - 0.8c}$$

$$= \frac{461.0}{0.2 \times 3 \times 10^8}$$

$$= 6 \times 10^6 \text{ s}$$

14.

15. $v_p = 3.5 \times 330 \text{ ms}^{-1} = 1155 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

$v_m = 700 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

a. $v_{\text{missile}} = 1155 + 700 = 1855 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

b. $u = \frac{v - u'}{1 + \frac{vu'}{c^2}}$

$$= \frac{1855}{1 + \frac{1155 \times 700}{(3 \times 10^8)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1855}{: 1}$$

$= 1855 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

The same because not relativistic

16. $v = 0.25c$

$u' = 0.65c$

$$u = \frac{v + u'}{1 + \frac{vu'}{c^2}}$$

$$= \frac{0.90c}{1 + 0.25 \times 0.65}$$

$$= \frac{0.9c}{1.1625}$$

$$= 0.774c \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

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

$$= \frac{8.00 \times 10^5}{\sqrt{1 - 0.925^2}}$$

$$= 2.11 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}$$

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

$$= 158 \sqrt{1 - 0.925^2}$$

$$= 60 \text{ m}$$

17. $m_0 = 3400 \text{ kg}$

$v = 2.25 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

$m = \gamma m_0$

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

$$= \frac{3400}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2.25 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^8}\right)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{3400}{0.6614}$$

$$= 5.14 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$$

19. $m = 3m_0$

$m = \gamma m_0$

$m_0 = \frac{m}{\gamma}$

$m_0 = 3m_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$

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

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

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

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

$v = 0.943c$

18. $l_0 = 158 \text{ m}$

$v = 0.925c$

$m_0 = 8.00 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$

Problem Set 15.1: The standard model

1. The hundreds of known particles are all made from: 6 quarks, 6 leptons, 6 antiquarks, 6 antileptons, and the force carriers.
2. Neutrons and protons are made up of quarks, which are held together by gluons
Electrons are fundamental particles and are classified as leptons.
3. Baryons and mesons are hadrons.

BARYONS - are any hadron made of three quarks (qqq). Protons and neutrons are baryons because they are each made of three quarks – protons two up and one down quark (uud) and neutrons one up and two down (udd).

MESONS are hadrons made from a quark and its anti-quark (eg pion or pi-meson). One example of a meson is a pion (+), which is made of an up quark and a down antiquark. The antiparticle of a meson just has its quark and antiquark switched, so an antipion (-) is made of a down quark and an up antiquark. Because a meson consists of a particle and an antiparticle, it is very unstable. The K meson lives much longer than most mesons, which is why it was called "strange" and gave this name to the strange quark, one of its components.

4. Both muon and antimuon have a mass of $105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$. (Assuming the particles are slow moving)
 - (a) The two photons will each have energies of 105.66 MeV .
 - (b) Using $E = h\nu = hc/\lambda$

$$\lambda = hc/E = 6.62 \times 10^{-34} \times 3 \times 10^8 / (105.66 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}) = 1.18 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}$$
 - (c) Two photons are required to conserve momentum
 - (d) They must travel in opposite directions to conserve momentum
 - (e) The photons are in the gamma radiation part of the e/m spectrum.

5. (a) $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

	CHARGE	BARYON No.	LEPTON No.
LHS	0	1	0
RHS	0	1	1
Balance	0	0	-1

An anti-neutrino is required on the RHS to balance

- (b) $\underline{\hspace{2cm}} + n \rightarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}} + e^-$

	CHARGE	BARYON No.	LEPTON No.
LHS	0	1	0
RHS	-1	0	1
Balance	1	-1	-1

electron anti-neutrino(LHS) and proton (RHS)

- (c) $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

	CHARGE	BARYON No.	LEPTON No.

LHS	1	0	0
RHS	1	0	-1
Balance	0	0	+1

A muon ~~anti~~ neutrino is given off.



	CHARGE	BARYON No.	LEPTON No.
LHS	0+1	1	10
RHS	10	1	0 @ +1
Balance	+1	0	+1

An antimuon e^+ positron

- Each γ -ray must have energy of 511keV (the rest energy of an electron and positron). To conserve momentum two γ -rays are produced travelling in opposite directions.
- Positrons will travel anti-clockwise
- Yes an object can accelerate while keeping the same speed, if they are undergoing circular motion at constant angular velocity.
- Conservation of momentum is violated – the particles have momentum in the y-direction (toward top of page) which they didn't possess before the collision.
- (a) Friction is caused by residual electromagnetic interactions between the atoms of the two materials. The force carriers are photons and 'W and Z bosons.'
 (b) Nuclear bonding is caused by residual strong interactions between the various parts of the nucleus. The force carriers are gluons.
 (c) The planets orbits due to gravitons.
- (a) Weak and Gravity interactions act on neutrinos
 (b) Weak (W+, W-, and Z) interactions have heavy carriers
 (c) All of interactions act on the protons in you
- Gluons cannot be isolated because they carry colour charge themselves.
- Gravitons are hypothetical particles to explain the 'force' of gravity. They have not been observed. (Gluons have been observed indirectly.)

Problem Set 15.2: General revision questions

1. Using $\lambda = \frac{hc}{pc}$

Where $pc = \sqrt{2.E_K.m_0c^2}$
 Here $E_K = 7.0 \times 10^{12}$ eV
 $pc = 1.1469 \times 10^{11}$ eV
 $m_0c^2 = 511 \times 10^3$ eV
 $hc = 1239.84$ eV.nm (this is a constant)
 $l = 1.08 \times 10^{-17}$ m

1. $\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$ $p = \frac{m_0v}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$
 $= \frac{6.63 \times 10^{-34}}{\left(\frac{1.67 \times 10^{-27} \times 0.999997 \times 3 \times 10^8}{\sqrt{1-0.999997^2}} \right)}$
 $= 3.24 \times 10^{-18}$ m

2. Using $\frac{v}{c} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_0c^2}{E_{tot}} \right)^2$ for $v \approx c$

Where $E_{tot} \approx E_K = 3.00 \times 10^9$ eV and $m_0c^2 = 5.11 \times 10^5$ eV
 $v = 0.999999985493c$

2.a) $E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$
 $mc^2 + 3.000 \times 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = \frac{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \times (3 \times 10^8)^2}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$
 $4.8008 \times 10^{-10} = \frac{8.199 \times 10^{-4}}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}}$

3. Using $m_{rel} = g.m_0$ where $g = 707.1$ and $m_0 = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$ kg
 $m_{rel} = 1.18 \times 10^{-24}$ kg.

$\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2} = 1.708 \times 10^{-4}$
 $1-v^2/c^2 = 2.9 \times 10^{-8}$
 $v^2/c^2 = 0.99999997$
 $v/c = 0.999999985$
 $v = 0.999999985c$

4. $E = 7.53 \times 10^{-13}$ J
 $m = E/c^2$
 Mass = 8.38×10^{-30} kg

5. (a). $m_0c^2 = 8.19 \times 10^{-14}$ J, 5.11×10^5 eV
 (b). $gm_0c^2 = 3.12 \times 10^{-13}$ J, 1.95×10^6 eV
 (c). $E_K = (g-1) m_0c^2 = 2.303 \times 10^{-13}$ J, 1.44×10^6 eV

b) $\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$ $p = \frac{m_0v}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}} = 1.60 \times 10^{-18}$ kg.m/s
 $\lambda = 4.143 \times 10^{-16}$ m

6. Using: $\frac{v}{c} \approx \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{m_0c^2}{E_{tot}} \right)^2}$
 a) $E_{tot} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 40000 + m_0c^2$
 $E_{tot} = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}} = 8.839 \times 10^{-14}$
 $\frac{1-v^2/c^2}{c^2} = 0.86043$
 $v = 0.374c$
 b) 40000 eV
 $E_{tot} = E_K + m_0c^2$
 $E_K = 40,000$ eV
 (a). $v_{max} = 0.374c$
 (b). 40,000 eV

c) $m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}} = 5.33 \times 10^{-27}$ kg

7. No energy is released – 605 MeV is required to make this reaction occur:
 $(139.6 + 938.3) - (1189.4 + 493.7) = -605$ MeV

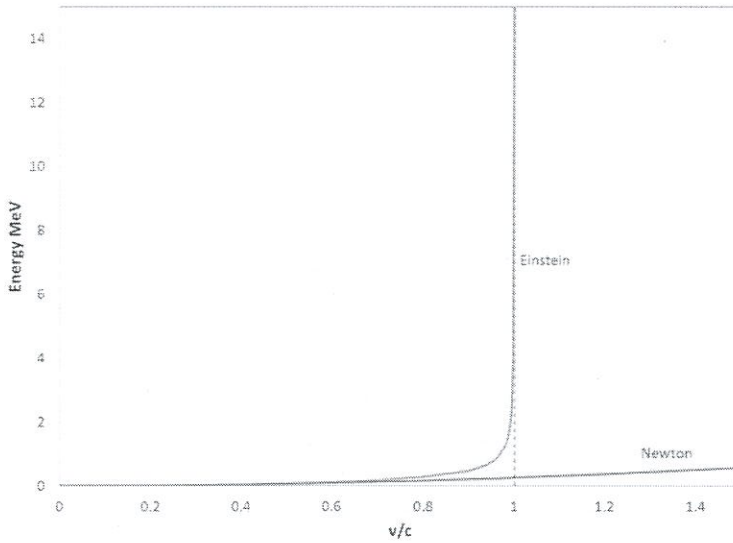
8. Mass Pa236 = 236.04868 u a) $E_{TOT} = KE + m_0c^2$
 Mass U236 = 236.045568 u $v = 0.989c$
 Mass difference = 0.003112 u
 $Dm c^2 = 2.9$ MeV
 KE of recoil nucleus = approx. 33eV which is negligible
 E beta = 2.9 MeV
 V beta = 0.989c

9. $g = 707.1$ $m_{rel} = 1.18 \times 10^{-24}$ kg

10. 2.16×10^{-23} kg 0.00209 km

11. In the Synchrotron electrons are accelerated to velocities approaching the velocity of light. The graphs of both the non-relativistic energy and the relativistic energy are shown





12. (a). 0.511 MeV
 (b). $p_{rel} = 2.05 \times 10^{-14} \text{ kg.m/s}$, $p_{classical} = 2.73 \times 10^{-22} \text{ kg.m/s}$
 (c). $6.15 \times 10^{-06} \text{ J}$, $3.84 \times 10^{13} \text{ eV} \times 3.34 \times 10^{-9} \text{ J}$

$p_{rel} = 1.12 \times 10^{-17} \text{ kg.m/s}$
 Ratio = 41 000 x heavier

13. See problem 2.

14. It is moving away (red shifted)

Using: $\frac{v}{c} = \frac{\left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda}\right)^2 - 1}{\left(\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda}\right)^2 + 1}$

$v = 0.72c$ (moving apart)

15. Wavelength green light = 540nm ($\pm 30\text{nm}$)
 Wavelength red light = 700nm ($\pm 30\text{nm}$)
 $v = 0.25c$ toward the light

17.a) $\sum p = 0$
 research station b) $p = \frac{mv}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}} = 2.67 \times 10^{22} \text{ kg.m/s}$ for e^-
 For both $p_{total} = 0$

$E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}} = 1.15 \times 10^{13} \text{ J}$

electron: $v=0$ $p=0$ (for electron)

16. Relativistic mass = $2.00 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$
 KE: $9.77 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$, $6.10 \times 10^5 \text{ eV}$

18. $\gamma \times 26 \text{ ms} = 3.2 \times 26 \text{ ms} = 83 \mu\text{s}$

19. See 18 – note here the half-life is stated at 260 ms not 26 ms.

- (a) They will appear to have a half-life of 830 ms. $830 \mu\text{s} = 8.33 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}$
 (b) distance travelled = $0.95 \times c \text{ m/s} \times 830 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s} = 236\text{m}$ 23.7m
 (c). 74m 7.41m

20. (a). Toward the Earth
 (b). $0.2c$ $0.18c$
 (c). Apart
 (d). $0.24c$