

Complete 6 of these 7 problems.

The S' frame moves with a velocity βc down the positive x axis of the S frame. The relationship between coordinates in the two frames is given by:

Boost:
$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ ct' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ ct \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{matrix} y' = y \\ z' = z \end{matrix}$$

or: $\mathbb{X}' = O \cdot \mathbb{X} \quad \text{where: } \mathbb{X} = (\mathbf{r}, ict)$

and O is the orthogonal matrix:
$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & i\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -i\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

4-vectors: $\mathbb{U} = \beta c = \gamma(\mathbf{v}, ic) \quad \mathbb{P} = m_0\mathbb{U} = (\mathbf{p}, iE/c) = m_0\gamma(\mathbf{v}, ic)$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{\mu'} &= \left(\frac{\partial x^{\mu'}}{\partial x^\alpha}\right) A^\alpha & B_{\mu'} &= \left(\frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial x^{\mu'}}\right) B_\alpha \\ \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha &\equiv \frac{1}{2}g^{\alpha\beta}(g_{\beta\mu,\nu} + g_{\beta\nu,\mu} - g_{\mu\nu,\beta}) \\ 0 &= \frac{d^2x^\alpha}{d\lambda^2} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} & \frac{d^2x_\alpha}{d\lambda^2} &= \Gamma_{\alpha\nu}^\mu \frac{dx_\mu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu,\alpha} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} \\ \delta A^\mu &= -\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu A^\alpha \delta x^\beta & \delta B_\mu &= \Gamma_{\mu\beta}^\alpha B_\alpha \delta x^\beta \\ A^j_{;i} &\equiv \partial_i A_j + \Gamma_{i\alpha}^j A^\alpha & B_{j;i} &\equiv \partial_i B_j - \Gamma_{ij}^\alpha B_\alpha \\ R^d_{abc} &= \Gamma^d_{ac,b} - \Gamma^d_{ab,c} + \Gamma_{ac}^\alpha \Gamma^d_{b\alpha} - \Gamma_{ab}^\alpha \Gamma^d_{c\alpha} & R_{ab} &= R^d_{abd} \quad R = R^a_a \\ G_{\mu\nu} &\equiv R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = -8\pi G_N/c^2 T_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

The below problem requires lots individual elements to be calculated. For an in-class exam, you should be able to do any single calculation. The file `366f18P.m` sets mathematica do the zillions of calculations and you can use those results to check your by-hand calculations.

1. Consider the coordinate system $dx^a = (d\chi, d\theta, d\phi)$ with invariant distance:

$$ds^2 = d\chi^2 + \sin^2 \chi (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

Note that for small χ this is like spherical coordinates where:

$$ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

Find the non-zero Christoffel symbols.

I claim that with this metric:

$$R_{abcd} = K (g_{ac}g_{bd} - g_{ad}g_{bc}) = K g_{a[c}g_{d]b}$$

for some scalar constant K (note that all indices are covariant in this expression). Calculate one non-zero R_{abcd} , and then use it in the above expression to determine K . Once you've found K , calculate the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature.