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Relativity: An Introduction to the Special Theory 1989-11-01 Asghar Qadir Readership: Scientists of relativity, academicians, physics undergraduates and graduates. Keywords:Relativity;Special Theory;Lorentz Transformation;Special Relativity;General Relativity;Inertial Frames;Rotating Frames;Accelerated Frames;Special Relativity with Small Accelerations

Special Theory of Relativity 2016-10-27 C. W. Kilmister Special Theory of Relativity provides a discussion of the special theory of relativity. Special relativity is not, like other scientific theories, a statement about the matter that forms the physical world, but has the form of a condition that the explicit physical theories must satisfy. It is thus a form of description, playing to some extent the role of the grammar of physics, prescribing which combinations of theoretical statements are admissible as descriptions of the physical world. Thus, to describe it, one needs also to describe those specific theories and to say how much they are limited by it. The book is organized into two parts. The first part traces the historical development of the special theory of relativity, including Einstein's contribution, the elementary consequences of the Lorentz transformation, and applications in quantum theory. The second part contains extracts from various publications covering topics such as relative motion of the earth, and the luminiferous and dynamics of the electron.

Special Relativity and Quantum Theory 2012-12-06 M. Noz Special relativity and quantum mechanics are likely to remain the two most

important languages in physics for many years to come. The underlying language for both disciplines is group theory. Eugene P. Wigner's 1939 paper on the Unitary Representations of the Inhomogeneous Lorentz Group laid the foundation for unifying the concepts and algorithms of quantum mechanics and special relativity. In view of the strong current interest in the space-time symmetries of elementary particles, it is safe to say that Wigner's 1939 paper was fifty years ahead of its time. This edited volume consists of Wigner's 1939 paper and the major papers on the Lorentz group published since 1939. . This volume is intended for graduate and advanced undergraduate students in physics and mathematics, as well as mature physicists wishing to understand the more fundamental aspects of physics than are available from the fashion-oriented theoretical models which come and go. The original papers contained in this volume are useful as supplementary reading material for students in courses on group theory, relativistic quantum mechanics and quantum field theory, relativistic electrodynamics, general relativity, and elementary particle physics. This reprint collection is an extension of the textbook by the present editors entitled "Theory and Applications of the Poincare Group." Since this book is largely based on the articles contained herein, the present volume should be viewed as a reading for the previous work. continuation of and supplementary We would like to thank Professors J. Bjorken, R. Feynman, R. Hofstadter, J.

Paradoxes in the Theory of Relativity 2013-06-29 Yakov Terletskii That Einstein's insight was profound goes without saying. A strildng indication of its depth is the abundance of unexpected riches that others have found in his work - riches reserved for those daring to give serious attention to implications that at first sight seem unphysical. A famous instance is that of the de Broglie waves. If, in ac cordance with Fermat's principle, a photon followed the path of least time, de Broglie felt that the photon should have some phys ical means of exploring alternative paths to determine which of them would in fact require the least time. For this and other rea sons, he assumed that the photon had a nonvanishing rest mass, and, in accordance with Einstein's E = h v, he endowed the photon with a spread-out pulsation of the form A Sin(27TEt/h) in the photon's rest frame. According to the theory of relativity such a pulsation, every where simultaneous in a given frame, seemed absurd as a physical entity. Nevertheless de Broglie took it seriously, applied a Lorentz transformation in the orthodox relativistic tradition, and found that the simultaneous pulsation was transformed into a wave whose phase velocity was finite but greater than c while its group velocity was that of the particle. By thus pursuing Einsteinian concepts into thickets that others had not dared to penetrate, de Broglie laid the brilliant foundations of wave mechanics.

Theory of Spinors 2000 Moshe Carmeli Spinors are used extensively in physics. It is widely accepted that they are more fundamental than tensors, and the easy way to see this is through the results obtained in general relativity theory by using spinors -- results that could not have been obtained by using tensor methods only. The foundation of the concept of spinors is groups; spinors appear as representations of groups. This textbook expounds the relationship between spinors and representations of groups. As is well known, spinors and representations are both widely used in the theory of elementary particles. The authors present the origin of spinors from representation theory, but nevertheless apply the theory of spinors to general relativity theory, and part of the book is devoted to curved space-time applications. Based on lectures given at Ben Gurion University, this textbook is intended for advanced undergraduate and graduate students in physics and mathematics, as well as being a reference for researchers.

A Broader View of Relativity 2006 Jong-Ping Hsu A Broader View of Relativity shows that there is still new life in old physics. The book examines the historical context and theoretical underpinnings of Einstein's theory of special relativity and describes Broad Relativity, a generalized theory of coordinate transformations between inertial reference frames that includes Einstein's special relativity as a special case. It shows how the principle of relativity is compatible with multiple concepts of physical time and these different procedures for clock synchronization can be useful for thinking about different physical problems, including many-body systems and the development of a Lorentz-invariant thermodynamics. Broad relativity also provides new answers to old questions such as the necessity of postulating the constancy of the speed of light and the viability of Reichenbach's general concept of time. The book also draws on the idea of limiting-four-dimensional symmetry to describe coordinate transformations and the physics of particles and fields in non-inertial frames, particularly those with constant linear accelerations. This new edition expands the discussion on the role that human conventions and unit systems have played in the historical development of relativity theories and includes new results on the implications of broad relativity for clarifying the status of constants that are truly fundamental and inherent properties of our universe. Contents: Special Relativity is NOT Incorrect!; Space, Time, and Inertial Frames; The Novel Creation of the Young Einstein; Experimental Tests; Group Properties; Common Relativity and Quantum Mechanics; Extended Relativity; Dynamics of Classical and Quantum Particles; Group and Lie Algebra Properties of Accelerated Transformation of Spacetime; Graphic Representations of the Geometry of Spacetime in Accelerated Frames; Two Rocketships with Constant-Linear Acceleration; On a Gauge Theory of Gravity with Translation Gauge Symmetry in Inertial and Non-Inertial Frames; Appendices: Technical Aspects of Extended Relativity; Coordinate Transformations for Rotating Frames; and other papers. Key Features Includes five new chapters A complete and comprehensive description of Broad Relativity, which generalizes Einstein's original theory of special relativity to new physical time systems and a limited class of non-inertial frames Brings a fresh viewpoint with new physical implications and predictions to old physics Gives an updated discussion on fundamental physical constants and unit systems and their influence on the development of relativity theories Readership: Researchers in the field of relativity theory and advanced undergraduate students as a supplementary text.

Special Relativity in General Frames 2013-08-20 Éric Gourgoulhon Special relativity is the basis of many fields in modern physics: particle physics, quantum field theory, high-energy astrophysics, etc. This theory is presented here by adopting a four-dimensional point of view from the start. An outstanding feature of the book is that it doesn’t restrict itself to inertial frames but considers accelerated and rotating observers. It is thus possible to treat physical effects such as the Thomas precession or the Sagnac effect in a simple yet precise manner. In the final chapters, more advanced topics like tensorial fields in spacetime, exterior calculus and relativistic hydrodynamics are addressed. In the last, brief chapter the author gives a preview of gravity and shows where it becomes incompatible with Minkowsky spacetime. Well illustrated and enriched by many historical notes, this book also presents many applications of special relativity, ranging from particle physics (accelerators, particle collisions, quark-gluon plasma) to astrophysics (relativistic jets, active galactic nuclei), and including practical applications (Sagnac gyrometers, synchrotron radiation, GPS). In addition, the book provides some mathematical developments, such as the detailed analysis of the Lorentz group and its Lie algebra. The book is suitable for students in the third year of a physics degree or on a masters course, as well as researchers and any reader interested in relativity. Thanks to the geometric approach adopted, this book should also be beneficial for the study of general relativity. “A modern presentation of special relativity must put forward its essential structures, before illustrating them using concrete applications to specific dynamical problems. Such is the challenge (so successfully met!) of the beautiful book by Éric Gourgoulhon.” (excerpt from the Foreword by Thibault Damour)

Special Relativity and Quantum Theory 1988-11-30 M. Noz

A Broader View of Relativity

The Classical Dynamics of Particles 2013-10-22 Ronald A. Mann The Classical Dynamics of Particles: Galilean and Lorentz Relativity has been designed to serve either as an independent graduate course in dynamics or as a segment of a graduate theoretical physics course. The book begins with a general introduction and a rather extensive discussion of the special theory of relativity, including a section on tachyons. Separate chapters follow on the variational derivation of Lagrangian dynamical equations of charged particle motion and spin angular momentum; variational derivation of Noether's theorem; and canonical formalism and Dirac's extension of Hamiltonian dynamics and treatment of constraints. The ""No-Interaction Theorem"" of Wigner and Van Dam and various efforts to construct a many-particle dynamics compatible with the special theory of relativity are also discussed. The final chapter presents two applications of group theory in classical mechanics: the factorization of the dynamical matrix and

the construction of a canonical formalism from a symmetry group. This text is intended for advanced undergraduate or graduate students of physics. It is assumed that the reader has had an undergraduate course in mechanics and the usual undergraduate mathematics preparation including differential equations and matrix theory. Some exposure to elementary tensors and group theory would be helpful but is not essential

Special Relativity 1990-01-01 U E Schroder This book provides a thorough discussion of the concepts and main consequences of special relativity. Treated in detail are the Lorentz transformations, their kinematical consequences (the so-called paradoxes), relativistic mechanics, electrodynamics as an example of a relativistic field theory, and the principal features of relativistic hydrodynamics. The book offers a logical development of special relativity from Einstein's principle of relativity alone; arrives at the essential statements of the theory by a direct approach — this emphasis is different from that of most books; and offers a concise introduction to tensor calculus as needed in special relativity. A selection of problems and documentation of the experimental tests of special relativity are given.

From Special Relativity to Feynman Diagrams 2015-10-06 Riccardo D'Auria This book, now in its second edition, provides an introductory course on theoretical particle physics with the aim of filling the gap that exists between basic courses of classical and quantum mechanics and advanced courses of (relativistic) quantum mechanics and field theory. After a concise but comprehensive introduction to special relativity, key aspects of relativistic dynamics are covered and some elementary concepts of general relativity introduced. Basics of the theory of groups and Lie algebras are explained, with discussion of the group of rotations and the Lorentz and Poincaré groups. In addition, a concise account of representation theory and of tensor calculus is provided. Quantization of the electromagnetic field in the radiation range is fully discussed. The essentials of the Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formalisms are reviewed, proceeding from systems with a finite number of degrees of freedom and extending the discussion to fields. The final four chapters are devoted to development of the quantum field theory, ultimately introducing the graphical description of interaction processes by means of Feynman diagrams. The book will be of value for students seeking to understand the main concepts that form the basis of contemporary theoretical particle physics and also for engineers and lecturers. An Appendix on some special relativity effects is added.

Relativity, Groups, Particles 2012-12-06 Roman U. Sexl This textbook bridges the gap between the level of introductory courses on mechanics and electrodynamics and the level of application in high energy physics and quantum field theory. After explaining the postulates that lead to the Lorentz transformation and after going through the main points special relativity has to make in classical mechanics and electrodynamics, the authors gradually lead the reader up to a more abstract point of view on relativistic symmetry - illustrated by physical examples - until finally motivating and developing Wigner's classification of the unitary irreducible representations of the inhomogeneous Lorentz group. Numerous historical and mathematical asides contribute to the conceptual clarification.

A Mathematical Approach to Special Relativity 2022-09-09 Ahmad Shariati A Mathematical Approach to Special Relativity introduces the mathematical formalisms of special and general relativity. Developed from the author’s experience teaching physics to students across all levels, the valuable resource introduces key concepts, building in complexity and using increasingly advanced mathematical tools as it progresses. Without assuming a background in calculus, the text begins with symmetry, before delving more deeply into Galilean relativity. Throughout, the book provides examples and useful "Guides to the Literature." This unique text emphasizes the experimental consequences and verifications of the underpinning theory in order to provide students with a solid foundation in this key area. Based on the professor’s 25+ years of experience teaching physics students at every level Covers key topics in special relativity, including some group theory, as well as an introduction to general relativity and basic differential geometry Contains numerous worked examples and "Guides to the Literature" throughout the text

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Group Theory & General Relativity 2000-11-15 Moshe Carmeli This is the only book on the subject of group theory and Einstein's theory of gravitation. It contains an extensive discussion on general relativity from the viewpoint of group theory and gauge fields. It also puts together in one volume many scattered, original works, on the use of group theory in general relativity theory.There are twelve chapters in the book. The first six are devoted to rotation and Lorentz groups, and their representations. They include the spinor representation as well as the infinite-dimensional representations. The other six chapters deal with the application of groups -particularly the Lorentz and the SL(2,C) groups — to the theory of general relativity. Each chapter is concluded with a set of problems.The topics covered range from the fundamentals of general relativity theory, its formulation as an SL(2,C) gauge theory, to exact solutions of the Einstein gravitational field equations. The important Bondi-Metzner-Sachs group, and its representations, conclude the book. The entire book is self-contained in both group theory and general relativity theory, and no prior knowledge of either is assumed.The subject of this book constitutes a relevant link between field theoreticians and general relativity theoreticians, who usually work rather independently of each other. The treatise is highly topical and of real interest to theoretical physicists, general relativists and applied mathematicians. It is invaluable to graduate students and research workers in quantum field theory, general relativity and elementary particle theory.

Special Relativity for the Enthusiast 2023-04-17 Thomas Strohm This textbook introduces special relativity with a focus on a profound understanding of the physics behind the theory. The main part of the book is targeted to undergraduates, for physics education, for undergraduate students in natural sciences in general, and even to interested laypersons. To serve these target groups, the book uses only basic mathematics and, in contrast to many other introductions to special relativity, the book is based on a pedagogical approach that relies on geometry and space-time diagrams to make the surprising predictions of the theory particularly clear. Special relativity is a geometric theory, and space-time diagrams are an efficient and easily understandable way to comprehend its implications. The textbook, however, is also suitable for advanced students and enthusiasts that already learned the basics of the special theory of relativity and want to know more. Special digression sections provide plenty of interesting material. Carefully selected problems with solutions and in-depth explanations for all key experiments help deepen the knowledge.

Theory and Applications of the Poincaré Group 2012-12-06 Young Suh Kim Special relativity and quantum mechanics, formulated early in the twentieth century, are the two most important scientific languages and are likely to remain so for many years to come. In the 1920's, when quantum mechanics was developed, the most pressing

theoretical problem was how to make it consistent with special relativity. In the 1980's, this is still the most pressing problem. The only difference is that the situation is more urgent now than before, because of the significant quantity of experimental data which need to be explained in terms of both quantum mechanics and special relativity. In unifying the concepts and algorithms of quantum mechanics and special relativity, it is important to realize that the underlying scientific language for both disciplines is that of group theory. The role of group theory in quantum mechanics is well known. The same is true for special relativity. Therefore, the most effective approach to the problem of unifying these two important theories is to develop a group theory which can accommodate both special relativity and quantum mechanics. As is well known, Eugene P. Wigner is one of the pioneers in developing group theoretical approaches to relativistic quantum mechanics. His 1939 paper on the inhomogeneous Lorentz group laid the foundation for this important research line. It is generally agreed that this paper was somewhat ahead of its time in 1939, and that contemporary physicists must continue to make real efforts to appreciate fully the content of this classic work.

From Special Relativity to Feynman Diagrams 2011-09-28 Riccardo D'Auria The first two chapters of the book deal, in a detailed way, with relativistic kinematics and dynamics, while in the third chapter some elementary concepts of General Relativity are given. Eventually, after an introduction to tensor calculus, a Lorentz covariant formulation of electromagnetism is given its quantization is developed. For a proper treatment of invariance and conservation laws in physics, an introductory chapter on group theory is given. This introduction is propedeutical to the discussion of conservation laws in the Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formalism, which will allow us to export this formalism to quantum mechanics and, in particular, to introduce linear operators on quantum states and their transformation laws. In the last part of the book we analyze, in the first quantized formalism, relativistic field theory for both boson and fermion fields. The second quantization of free fields is then introduced and some preliminary concepts of perturbation theory and Feynmann diagrams are given and some relevant examples are worked out.

Einstein's Relativity and Beyond 2000-07-20 Jong-Ping Hsu The purposes of this book are (1) to explore and expound relativity physics and four-dimensional symmetry from the logically simplest viewpoint by making one single postulate instead of two; and (2) to indicate the simplest generalization of the Lorentz transformation in order to cope with frames with constant linear accelerations. The fundamentally new ideas of the first purpose are developed on the basis of the term paper of a Harvard physics undergraduate. They lead to an unexpected affirmative answer to the long-standing question of whether it is possible to construct a relativity theory without postulating the constancy of the speed of light and retaining only the first postulate of special relativity. This question was discussed in the early years following the discovery of special relativity by many physicists, including Ritz, Tolman, Kunz, Comstock and Pauli, all of whom obtained negative answers. Furthermore, the new theory of relativity indicates the truly universal and fundamental constants in physics, and provides a broad view of relativistic physics beyond special relativity. It substantiates the view and sheds light on the understanding that the four-dimensional symmetry framework can accommodate many different concepts of physical time, including common time and Reichenbach's general concept of time. This logically simplest viewpoint of relativity allows a natural extension of the physics of particles and fields from inertial frames to noninertial frames in which the speed of light is not constant. New predictions in physics resulting from this new viewpoint are discussed. The book is based on papers by the author and his collaborators in Physics Letters A, Nuovo Cimento B, and Physical Review A and D. Contents:A Brief Review of Space and TimeThe Nontrivial Pursuit of Earth's Absolute MotionOn the Right Track — Voigt, Lorentz and LarmorePoincaré's Contributions and the Aether (Past and Present)Young Einstein's Novel Creation Based on 2 PostulatesMinkowski's 4-Dimensional Spacetime, Adjustable Clocks and Flexibility in the Concept of TimeTaiji Relativity Based Solely on 1 Principle — the First Principle of RelativityThe Arbitrary Speed of Light in Taiji Relativity and the Michelson-Morley ExperimentLorentz and Poincaré Invariance Without Involving a Constant Corresponding to the Speed of LightTruly Universal Constants and Physical Laws Based on Taiji RelativityQuantum Electrodynamics Based on Taiji Relativity and Dilatation of Lifetimes and Decay-LengthsCommon Relativity: A Common Time for all ObserversCommon Time and Many-Particle Systems in a 4-Dimensional Symmetry FrameworkCommon Relativity and Quantum MechanicsCommon Relativity and Fuzzy Quantum Field TheoryCommon Relativity and the 3 K Cosmic Background RadiationExtended Relativity: A Weaker Postulate for the Speed of LightExtended Relativity with the Lorentz Group and Lifetime DilatationPhysical Implications of Extended RelativityDetermination of the Parameters of General Linear Transformations by Precision ExperimentsGeneralized Lorentz Transformations for Non-Inertial Frames Based on the Limiting 4-Dimensional SymmetryDynamics of Classical and Quantum Particles in Non-Inertial Frames with the Limiting 4-Dimensional SymmetryExperimental Tests of Generalized Lorentz Transformations for Constant-Linear-Acceleration FramesQuantizations of Scalar, Spinor and Electromagnetic Fields in Constant-Linear-Acceleration FramesTaiji Rotational Transformations with the Limiting 4-Dimensional Symmetry Readership: Theoretical, high-energy and experimental physicists.
Keywords:Space;Time;Spacetime;Relativity;Lorentz;Poincare;Einstein;Minkowski;Symmetry;Invariance;Light;JP HsuReviews: “Hsu's book shows many new aspects of Einstein's theory which are not taught in lectures or by any other books on this subject … His understanding and appreciation of physics together with his unconventional style of writing make, in my opinion, the book worth reading for every physicist who is interested in Special Relativity.” Andreas Ernst University of Heidelberg Heidelberg, Germany

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