
THE LIGHT AND ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES, AS AN EXAMPLE IN UNDERSTANDING THE TRAVEL OF MASSIVE BODIES AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT OR VERY HIGH AND CLOSE TO HER

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SUMMARY

The intention of this article is to discuss, through a comparison, the behavior of massive bodies at the speed of light and the behavior of atoms and electromagnetic waves at the speed of light, according to Albert Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity. This will provide an outline of the concepts. This article discusses human perceptions in adulthood regarding Quantum Mechanics and the Special Theory of Relativity according to Piaget's theory. It includes a brief overview of electromagnetic waves, the Special Theory of Relativity, and the Theory of Light. The discussion extends to Quantum Field Theory and Quantum Mechanics, exploring the future possibilities of the Special Theory of Relativity as discussed by David Bohm and Bertrand Russell in the mid-20th century. Aspects such as the Twin Paradox, the Ten-Platform Reference in the Theory of Relativity, and High-Speed Light Travel are also addressed.

INTRODUCTION

Knowing that it is being discussed The Special Theory of Relativity, as taught in university and high school physics, is limited to the teaching of basic physics. As proposed by David Bohm in "The Special Theory of Relativity" in Topic A-2[2]:

We will begin with Piaget's fascinating studies on the development of intelligence in babies and toddlers. Based on long and meticulous observations of children of all ages, from birth to ten years or more, he was able to follow the development of our customary ideas about space, time, permanent objects, permanent substance with its total conserved quantity, etc., and thus trace the process by which such notions are constructed until they seem natural and

inevitable.[2].

Piaget offers strong evidence suggesting that the baby begins by experiencing an almost undifferentiated totality. In other words, he has not yet learned to distinguish between the various aspects of the "external" or "internal" world. On the contrary, only one world is experienced, in a continuous state of flux of sensations, perceptions, feelings, etc., with nothing that can be permanently recognized. However, the baby is endowed with certain innate reflexes, linked to feeding, movement, etc. These reflexes can develop to selectively accommodate different aspects of the environment; and thus the environment begins to be effectively differentiated, it even assumes certain "recognizable" characteristics. But at this stage, recognition is largely functional (for example, some objects are "for eating," others "for drinking," others "for pulling," etc.), and there seems to be little or no development of the adult's ability to recognize an object by its shape, form, structure, or other characteristics perceived characteristics[2].

Initially, these reflexes and functions largely serve to satisfy primary needs, indicated by sensations such as hunger, etc. In the next phase, however, the so-called "circular reflex" develops, which is crucial for the development of intelligence. In this reflex, there is an impulse from within to...for a (for example, that leads to hand movement) followed, not primarily by the satisfaction of the need, but by some sensory impulse from outside to inside (for example, in the eyes, ears, etc.). One could say that this is already a beginning of real perception, since the most elementary way to come into contact with something that is not just the immediate satisfaction of a bodily need is to incorporate it into a process in which a certain impulse to action is accompanied by a certain sensation[2].

As discussed in the Twin Paradox Welken Charlois Gonçalves. Time and the Solar System, a human brain condition and perception biologically limited by Darwinian evolution. DARWIAN PROCESS AND BRAIN PERCEPTION OF REALITY[3].

We cannot answer, as we have no research or experience, but we know that adopting the inertial reference of B, the Earth, we will have that A will return younger than B, as he is in a non-inertial reference and outside the time of the solar system. Therefore, it is obvious and consequential that he will be younger, however, what would be the biological evolution of A outside the solar system. We must consider that the human, both twin A and B, are biologically dependent on the Earth and the Sun, and these factors are what determines the

time and reality of perception of the physical laws of the universe. Consequently, would twin A be eternal, outside planet Earth? It is easier to believe that Twin A would die easily in space, as he is outside his biological reality, limited to living only on Earth. It reminds us of what human life is in the universe, the condemnation of Earth, and we would consider the following thought by Aldous Huxley, "Would Earth be a hell from another Planet?". However, genetic engineering could easily solve travel beyond Earth, and thinking that humans could travel through space is completely delusional. Or, the future will be robotic in the intergalactic relations of exploring other planets, but the objective of the scientific community is to inhabit and populate other satellites[3].

The ideas of Special Relativity in Cosmology can be complemented by the Philosophy of Bertrand Russell, such as the book *ABC of Relativity*[4]. The intention of the article is the relevance of light-speed travel in which Objects with mass cannot travel at the exact speed of light (c) because it requires infinite energy. While theoretical models like theoretical **Alcubierre warp drives** or **light-powered sails** exist, our fastest real-world spacecraft, the **Parker Solar Probe**, maxes out at about 0.05% of (w).

The physics and visual examples of approaching the speed of light follow distinct rules:

Visual Effects (Special Relativity)

According to the scientific consensus discussed, traveling at extreme speeds causes unique optical illusions:

- **Aberration of Light:** The stars in front of the spaceship appear to gather in a tight circle directly ahead, and the sky seems to contract.
- **Doppler Shift:** Light from objects you approach becomes **blue-shifted** (higher energy/frequency), eventually shifting into ultraviolet and X-rays. Light from behind becomes **red-shifted**.
- **Terrell-Penrose Rotation:** A cube-shaped spacecraft traveling perpendicular to your line of sight at these speeds wouldn't just look flat; it would appear visually rotated and distorted.

Time Dilation and Travel Time

- **For the Traveler:** Because a ship cannot hit the exact speed of light, traveling at **99.999% of c**
- (c) means time slows down drastically for the crew. For example, a trip across the Milky Way could feel like just a few weeks or months to you, while millions of years

pass on Earth.

- **For the Universe:** If an object with mass were somehow able to hit the speed of light (c), from an outside observer's perspective, time would cease to exist for that traveler.

The Hazards

Because mass dictates energy, even a single stray hydrogen atom striking a spaceship traveling at a significant fraction of the speed of light packs the explosive energy of a nuclear weapon. This makes theoretical features like deflector shields mandatory.

The intention is to discuss the distinction between a massive body at high speeds, that is, at the speed of light, and the behavior of waves, such as light, whether as an electromagnetic wave or as a dual wave-particle behavior.

Knowing the need to raise awareness of conceptions at a younger age, it would be extremely necessary. The revolution in textbooks and teaching laboratories in concepts of Quantum Mechanics and Cosmology, such as the Theory of Relativity. A clear example is the Paradox. The twins in the Special Theory of Relativity and the travel of massive bodies at high speeds, exceeding the speed of light. For a better understanding of inertial frames of reference and moving frames of reference, these two examples are cited. One of 10 Platforms:

Here's a simple example of **Special Relativity with 10 platforms and 10 observers**.

Imagine 10 long railway platforms lined up parallel to each other. Each platform has an observer standing in the middle:



Platform	Observer	Speed relative to Observer 1
1	O ₁	0 km/s
2	O ₂	0.1c
3	O ₃	0.2c
4	O ₄	0.3c

5	O ₅	0.4c
6	O ₆	0.5c
7	O ₇	0.6c
8	O ₈	0.7c
9	O ₉	0.8c
10	O ₁₀	0.9c

where w That's the speed of light.

Event

A flash of light is emitted from the center of Platform 1 when all observers pass each other at the same location.

What Observer O₁ sees

Observer O₁ is at rest with Platform 1.

- The light expands as a perfect sphere.
- Clocks on Platform 1 are synchronized.
- The flash occurs at $t = 0$.

What Observer O₁₀ sees

Observer O₁₀ moves at 0.9c relative to O₁. According to O₁₀:

- His own clock runs normally.
- Platform 1 is moving backward at 0.9c.
- Distances along the direction of motion are shortened (length contraction).
- Events that are simultaneous for O₁ are generally not simultaneous for O₁₀ (relativity of simultaneity).

Time Dilation Example

For speed $v = 0.9c$,

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$$
$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 0.9^2}} \approx 2.29$$

If O₁ measures 10 seconds between two events on O₁₀'s platform, O₁ finds O₁₀'s moving clock advances only

$$\frac{10}{2.29} \approx 4.37 \text{ s}$$

during that interval.

Length Contraction Example

Suppose every platform is 1000 m long in its own rest frame.

O_1 sees Platform 10 moving at 0.9c and measures its length as

$$L = \frac{1000}{2.29} \approx 436 \text{ m}$$

Relativity of Simultaneity

Suppose lightning strikes both ends of Platform 1 simultaneously according to O_1 .

- O_1 says the strikes occur at the same time.
- O_2 through O_{10} generally disagree.
- Each moving observer calculates a different time difference between the two strikes.

Main Lesson

There is **no single universal time** shared by all 10 observers. Each observer has:

1. Their own measurement of time.
2. Their own measurement of lengths.
3. Their own definition of which distant events happen simultaneously.

Yet all observers measure the same speed of light, c , which is the central postulate of the special theory of relativity developed by Albert Einstein in 1905.

Framework

11.5.2 • An Example of a Plane Wave Solution (Reproduction of the Book [1])

Because the wave equation is linear, electromagnetic waves satisfy the Superposition Principle: Any linear combination of solutions is also a solution. complete it

TABLE 11.3 The electromagnetic spectrum

Frequency (Hz)	Description	Wavelength
10^2	super low frequency (SLF) radio waves submarine communication	3000 km
10^3	ultra low frequency (ULF) radio waves	300 km
10^4	very low frequency (VLF) radio waves	30 km
10^5	low frequency (LF) radio waves marine radio	3 km
10^6	medium frequency (MF) radio waves AM radio is 0.53×10^6 to 1.60×10^6 Hz.	300 m
10^7	high frequency (HF) short-wave radio	30 m
10^8	(VHF) aircraft radio and navigation FM radio is 0.87×10^8 to 1.08×10^8 Hz. TV channels 2–13	3 m
10^9	(UHF) cellular telephones, radar, microwave ovens, TV channels 14–83	30 cm
10^{10}	(SHF) microwaves, radar, mobile radio	3 cm
10^{11}	extremely high frequency (EHF) Cosmic microwave background maximum is at 3×10^{11} Hz.	3 mm
10^{12}	far infrared	0.3 mm
10^{13}	far infrared	30 μm
10^{14}	near infrared Visible light is 3.9×10^{14} to 7.6×10^{14} Hz.	3 μm
10^{15}	near ultraviolet	0.3 μm
10^{16}	vacuum ultraviolet	30 nm
10^{17}	soft X rays	3 nm
10^{18}	soft X rays	0.3 nm
10^{19}	hard X rays	30 pm
10^{20}	gamma rays	3 pm
10^{21}	gamma rays	0.3 pm
10^{22}	cosmic gamma rays	30 fm

Set of solutions--complete in the sense that any solution can be written as a superposition of these solutions--is the set of plane waves. A plane wave is a solution of the wave equation with definite values of wavelength $\{\lambda\}$ and frequency ν , related by $w = \{\lambda\}\nu$.

The wave fronts of a plane wave are infinite planes, perpendicular to the direction of propagation. In Sec. 11.5.3 following we'll derive the general plane wave solution from the field equations. But before we go through the derivation it will be useful to examine a specific example of a plane wave, to understand its basic form. The reader will have to be patient to see where this form comes from; that will be derived in the next section. For now let's focus on understanding the geometrical characteristics of one specific example of an electromagnetic plane wave.

The electric field for a plane wave traveling in the z direction, polarized in the x direction, is

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = E_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \hat{\mathbf{i}}. \quad (11.80)$$

AND_0 is the amplitude, $\hat{i}$ is the polarization direction, the wavelength is $\lambda = 2\pi/k$, and the frequency is $\nu = \omega/2\pi$. The parameter k is called the wave number. The relation between ω and k , called the dispersion relation, is

$$\omega = ck, \quad (11.81)$$

which is equivalent to $\lambda\nu = c$. Equation (11.80) shows that the wave propagates with velocity ω/k , which is called the phase velocity. Then by (11.81) the phase velocity of the plane wave is c . We've written the field at $\mathbf{x}$ and t as a complex number, but of course physically E must be real. When we write (11.80), using the complex exponential function, we mean that the physical field is the real part of the right-hand side of the equation.

The use of complex numbers, although it will take some getting used to, is tremendously convenient. This will be explained more in the following subsection.

There are several ways to see that (11.80) satisfies the wave equation. The simplest is just by direct substitution. ∇^2 acting on the exponential e^{ikz} becomes $-k^2$, and $\partial^2/\partial t^2$ acting on $e^{-i\omega t}$ becomes $-\omega^2$; so the wave equation is satisfied if $k = \omega/c$. Or, by a more roundabout argument, note that $E(\mathbf{x}, t)$ can be written as

$$E(\mathbf{x}, t) = F(z - ct)\hat{i},$$

where $F(\xi) = \exp(ik\xi)$; the right-hand side has the familiar form of a one-dimensional wave, propagating in the z direction with speed c . The physical field E is $E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t)\hat{i}$, the real part of (11.80). It oscillates in the $\pm\hat{i}$ direction (the polarization direction) as the wave propagates in the $\hat{k}$ direction.

Now, it is not enough that $E(\mathbf{x}, t)$ satisfies the wave equation. The wave equation is necessary but not sufficient. $E(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and $B(\mathbf{x}, t)$ must together satisfy the four Maxwell equations. Therefore there must be a magnetic field as well, coupled with the electric field in ways specified by Maxwell's equations. The magnetic field, which must be present with the electric field (11.80), is

$$B(\mathbf{x}, t) = B_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)}\hat{j}, \quad (11.82)$$

where

$$B_0 = E_0/c. \quad (11.83)$$

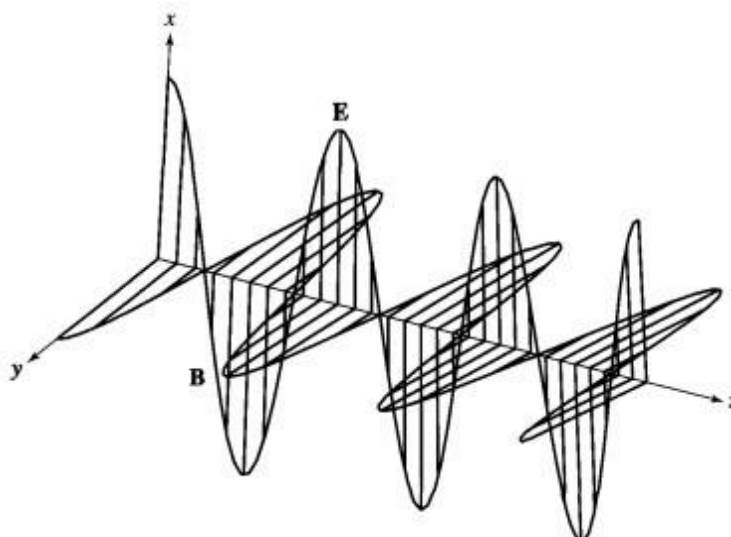


FIGURE 11.9 Electric and magnetic fields in an electromagnetic wave. The direction of propagation is $\mathbf{k}$. The wave fronts are planes parallel to the xy plane. The figure is a snapshot of the fields along one line perpendicular to the xy plane. $\mathbf{E}$ oscillates in the $\pm \mathbf{i}$ direction, and $\mathbf{B}$ in the $\pm \mathbf{j}$ direction. Nodes of $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ coincide, as do the field maximums. $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ points in the direction of propagation.

Again, we will derive this result in complete generality in the next section, but first, let's see what it means. Note that $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ oscillate in orthogonal directions ($\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$, respectively) and the wave in both cases travels in the third orthogonal direction ($\mathbf{k}$). That is, $\mathbf{E}$, $\mathbf{B}$, and $\mathbf{k}$ form an orthogonal triad of vectors. Figure 11.9 illustrates the geometrical form of the plane-wave solution (11.80) and (11.82)

12. Electromagnetism and Relativity (Reproduction of the Book [1])

"Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler." Albert Einstein

Einstein's theory of special relativity, published in 1905, is the theory of coordinate transformations between inertial frames. It is based on two postulates:

1. Postulate of relativity. The laws of physics are the same in all inertial frames.
2. Postulate of the absolute speed of light. The speed of light in vacuum is

An inertial frame means a coordinate system with respect to which Newton's first law of motion—the law of inertia—is true. An inertial frame moves with constant velocity with respect to any other inertial frame. A noninertial frame is one that accelerates with respect to inertial

frames. A reference frame has both a spatial coordinate system that locates positions by the distances x , y , z along Cartesian axes from an origin, and a time coordinate that locates events in time.

Einstein was led to these postulates, especially the second, by the study of Maxwell's theory of the electromagnetic field. Maxwell's equations imply that light is an electromagnetic wave, with wave speed $c = 1/\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}$ in vacuum. But this result raises an obvious question: *With respect to what frame of reference is the speed equal to $1/\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}$?* In classical physics, if an object P moves with speed u in one inertial frame, then its speed in another frame is different. For example, if the second frame moves with speed v relative to the first frame, in the same direction as the velocity of P , then the speed of P in the second frame is $u - v$. However, there is no possibility within Maxwell's equations for the speed of an electromagnetic wave in vacuum to be anything but $1/\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}$. To what frame of reference does that speed correspond? The answer is that the speed of light is $1/\sqrt{\mu_0\epsilon_0}$ in *every* inertial frame, and the classical formula for combining velocities is wrong.

Before Einstein, theorists assumed that light propagates in a physical medium called the aether. Maxwell, and the field theorists of the next generation, thought that the field equations would describe the electromagnetic field in the rest frame of the aether. Then the calculated wave speed would be the speed relative to the fixed aether. In a reference frame moving with respect to the aether, the speed of electromagnetic waves would be different than the speed relative to the aether.

In a famous series of experiments, culminating in a very precise experiment in 1887, Michelson and Morley attempted to observe a variation in the speed of light due to motion of the Earth through the aether. Using a very accurate interferometer, they measured the interference between light waves that had traveled in orthogonal directions. Varying the orientation of the apparatus would change the interference if the aether theory were true, but there was no observed change in the interference. The experiment had a null result. This was surely the most important null result in the history of physics! There is no detectable variation in the speed of light travel in different directions with respect to the moving Earth. This striking result is explained in special relativity by overthrowing a basic assumption of classical physics—that lengths and time intervals are absolute quantities, i.e., the same for all observers.

The Lorentz transformation is the coordinate transformation between inertial frames constructed such that Postulate 2 is obeyed. We assume that the reader has some familiarity with this transformation,² although we will review it briefly. Our main interest in this chapter is to understand how Postulate 1 is satisfied in the theory of the electromagnetic field.

COORDINATE TRANSFORMATIONS (Reproduction of the Book [1])

• The Galilean Transformation

The first statement of the principle of relativity was by Galileo. He claimed that an observer, enclosed below decks in the hold of a large ship, would not be able to determine by any experiment whether the ship is at rest or moving with constant velocity. This passage from his writings (Ref. I) is a statement clearly equivalent to Postulate I:

"Shut yourself up with some friend in the largest room below decks of some large ship and there look for gnats, flies, and such other small winged creatures. Also get a great tub full of water and put within it certain fishes; let also a certain bottle be hung up, which drop by drop lets forth its water into another narrow-necked bottle placed underneath. Then, the ship lying still, observe how those small winged animals fly with like velocity towards all parts of the room; how the fish swim indifferently towards all sides; and how the distilling drops all fall into the bottle placed underneath.

In modern terms we say that the laws of motion are the same in all inertial frames. Consider two inertial frames, F and F' , in relative motion.

The two frames of reference are illustrated in Fig. 12.1. An event that occurs at coordinates x, y, z and time t of F , occurs at coordinates x', y', z' and time t' of F' . To be specific, suppose frame F' moves with velocity v_i in the x direction, relative to F . For example, the origin O' of F' is at $(x', y', z') = (0, 0, 0)$. The coordinates of O' in F are $(x, y, z) = (vt, 0, 0)$ so that O' has velocity v_i in F . Conversely, the origin O of F moves with velocity $-v_i$ with respect to F' . We assume that the origins of F and F' coincide at $t = 0$, which defines what we mean by "time zero." The transformation from F to F' is a set of equations that report the coordinates and time of an event observed in the two frames of reference. The classical transformation from F to F' is called the Galilean transformation. If F' moves with velocity v_i with respect to F , then the Galilean transformation is

$$x' = x - vt, \quad y' = y, \quad z' = z, \quad t' = t. \quad (12.1)$$

Note that O' has F' coordinate $x' = 0$, so by (12.1) it has F coordinate $x = vt$, as specified. For an arbitrary velocity vector $\mathbf{v}$ of F' relative to F , the Galilean transformation is

$$\mathbf{x}'_{\parallel} = \mathbf{x}_{\parallel} - \mathbf{v}t, \quad \mathbf{x}'_{\perp} = \mathbf{x}_{\perp}, \quad t' = t, \quad (12.2)$$

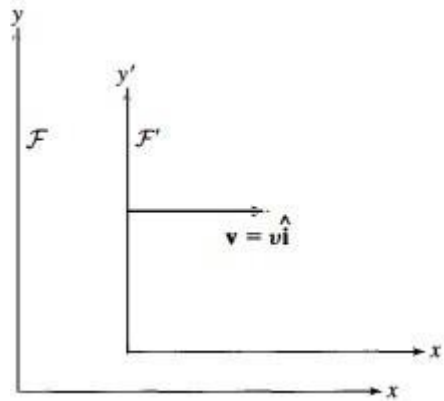


FIGURE 12.1 Two inertial frames of reference. F' moves with velocity v relative to F .

say to v . We emphasize that the relative velocity v must be constant. Newton's equation of motion for a mass m is the same in F or F' , provided the force is invariant under the transformation. The equation of motion in frame F is $m d^2x/dt^2 = F(x)$. Assume $F'(x') = F(x)$ is the force in the coordinates of F' . What is the equation of motion with respect to F' ? We need to write the acceleration vector in F' coordinates. First consider the velocity. The particle velocity in the frame F is $u = dx/dt$. The particle velocity in F' is

$$u'_{\parallel} = \frac{dx'_{\parallel}}{dt'} = \frac{d(x_{\parallel} - vt)}{dt} = u_{\parallel} - v, \quad (12.3)$$

$$u'_{\perp} = \frac{dx'_{\perp}}{dt'} = \frac{dx_{\perp}}{dt} = u_{\perp}; \quad (12.4)$$

this result is just the classical rule for combining velocities: $u' = u - v$. The Galilean transformation for the acceleration is

$$a' = \frac{du'}{dt'} = \frac{d(u - v)}{dt} = a$$

because v is constant. Acceleration is a Galilean invariant. Therefore the equation of motion in the frame F' is $m d^2x'/dt'^2 = F'(x')$, the same as in F as claimed.

We have just seen that Newtonian mechanics satisfies Postulate 1 if the transformation between inertial frames is Galilean and the force is invariant. However, Postulate 2 is not satisfied by the Galilean transformation. The coordinate transformation (12.2) implies the classical velocity addition formula, $u' = u - v$. But if u is the velocity of a pulse of light in F , then the speed $|u'|$ in F' would not be equal to the speed $|u|$ in F . Einstein's Postulate 2 implies

that (12.2) is not the correct transformation between inertial coordinates. Equation (12.2) seems so obvious!

How can it be wrong? There is an implicit assumption hiding in (12.2). These equations assume that lengths and time intervals are absolute quantities-the same for all observers. However, on the contrary, length and time are relative. What is absolute is the speed of light.

•The Lorentz Transformation (Reproduction of the Book [1])

The relativistic transformation between inertial frames is called the Lorentz transformation. Again, suppose that an inertial frame F' is moving with constant velocity v relative to another frame of reference F , as illustrated in Fig. 12.1. The Lorentz transformation from coordinates x, y, z and time t of F , to coordinates x', y', z' and t' of F' , is

$$x' = \gamma(x - vt), \quad y' = y, \quad z' = z, \quad t' = \gamma(t - vx/c^2) \quad (12.5)$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}. \quad (12.6)$$

An event that occurs at x, y, z, t in frame F occurs at x', y', z', t' given by (12.5) in F' .

It is a simple calculation to show that (12.5) implies Einstein's Postulate 2. Suppose that a flash of light is emitted from $x = 0$ at time $t = 0$. As observed in the frame F , there will be a spherical pulse of light traveling away from $x = 0$ with speed c . The radius of the expanding light pulse is ct at time t , so the coordinates of any point on the pulse are satisfied

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c^2 t^2. \quad (12.7)$$

Now consider the same point on the pulse in F' coordinates, given by (12.5). The squared distance from the origin O' is

$$\begin{aligned} x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2 &= \gamma^2(x - vt)^2 + y^2 + z^2 \\ &= \gamma^2(x - vt)^2 + c^2 t^2 - x^2 \\ &= (\gamma^2 - 1)x^2 - 2\gamma^2 xvt + (\gamma^2 v^2 + c^2)t^2 \\ &= c^2 \gamma^2 (t - vx/c^2)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (12.8)$$

In the last step we used (12.6) for γ . The final result, using (12.5) for t' , is that

$$x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2 = c^2 t'^2. \quad (12.9)$$

That is, the light pulse observed in the inertial frame F' is also a sphere traveling outward from $x' = 0$ with speed c . Thus Postulate 2 is satisfied if the space and time coordinates of different inertial frames are related by (12.5). We could reverse this calculation to derive (12.5). If we demand (12.9), and require that the transformation be linear and not change the perpendicular coordinates (y and z), then the transformation must be (12.5).⁵ For an arbitrary relative velocity v the Lorentz transformation is

$$x'_{\parallel} = \gamma (x_{\parallel} - vt), \quad \mathbf{x}'_{\perp} = \mathbf{x}_{\perp}, \quad t' = \gamma \left(t - vx_{\parallel}/c^2 \right) \quad (12.10)$$

where again $\parallel$ and $\perp$ denote vector components parallel and perpendicular to v . This form of the transformation gives x' and t' in terms of x and t . The inverse transformation, which gives x and t in terms of x' and t' is

$$x_{\parallel} = \gamma (x'_{\parallel} + vt'), \quad \mathbf{x}_{\perp} = \mathbf{x}'_{\perp}, \quad t = \gamma \left(t' + vx'_{\parallel}/c^2 \right). \quad (12.11)$$

The inverse is equivalent to exchanging (x, t) and (x', t') and replacing v by $-v$, because S' moves with velocity $-v$ with respect to S .

Now that we know how to satisfy Postulate 2, by the Lorentz transformation (12.10), what remains is to find theories that obey Postulate 1 for this transformation. The equations of physics must be the same whether written in coordinates of S' or S . This property of the equations is called covariance. We shall analyze the covariance of electromagnetism in Sec. 12.3.

The Theory of Light (Reproduction of the Book [1])

In the late 17th century a dispute arose over the nature of light, between Newton who argued for a particle theory of light, and Huygens who favored a wave theory of light. At the beginning of the 19th century, Young observed interference of light, and so showed that light behaves like a wave. Fresnel explained that the optical phenomena of light polarization imply that light is a transverse wave. Later Maxwell developed the mathematical theory of the electromagnetic field, and found that solutions of the field equations describe the properties of light as an electromagnetic wave. These concepts were further developed by a group of British and Irish physicists, including Heaviside, FitzGerald, and Lodge, who called themselves the

Maxwellians.

However,

Maxwell's theory is not the end of the history of the science of light. Early in the 20th century, Planck and Einstein showed that light energy is quantized. Therefore light also behaves as if composed of particles, which we call photons. Compton did definitive experiments on X-ray scattering that verified the predictions of the photon theory. Dirac formulated a quantum field theory of electromagnetism. This quantum theory of light does not negate Maxwell's theory of electromagnetism. Indeed, Maxwell's equations are also true in quantum electrodynamics (QED), although their interpretation is different from the classical theory because in QED the fields have quantum uncertainty.

Classical electrodynamics-Maxwell's theory-is a valid description of electromagnetic phenomena, including light, in the limit of large field intensities. A large field intensity corresponds to large numbers of photons, so that the quantization unit (one photon) is small on the scale of the field. The classical theory is the limit of QED in the same sense that classical mechanics is the limit of quantum mechanics for large mechanical systems. The mean value of the quantum field obeys the classical field equations, and if the field intensity is large then the effects of uncertainty are negligible. The classical theory does break down for very small systems, such as a single photon or atom. But the classical theory remains important despite this limitation, for the many phenomena that occur on scales much larger than a single atom [1].

DISCUSSION

Outside **massive body moving at high speed**, the simple equation

$$E = mc^2$$

is only the **rest energy** of the body. It applies when the object is at rest relative to the observer.

The full relativistic expression developed from the work of Albert Einstein is:

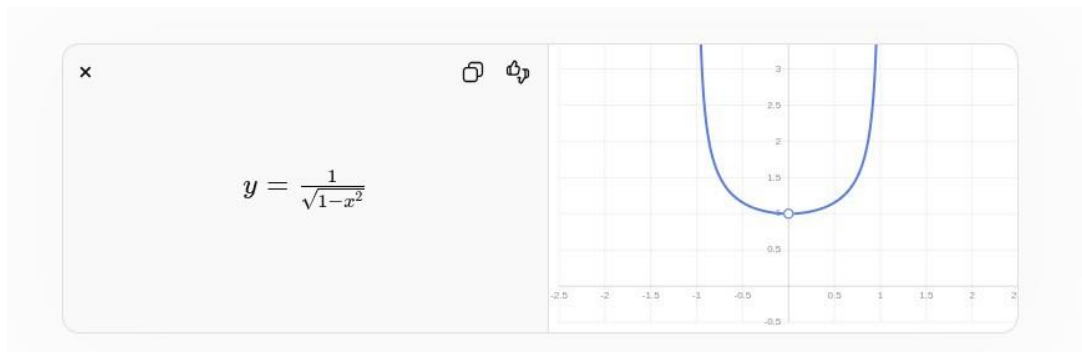
$$E = mc^2$$

where

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

The factor γ increases rapidly as the velocity v approaches the speed of light c .

A graph of the Lorentz factor is shown below:



The total energy and momentum satisfy the fundamental relativistic relation:

$$E^2 = (pc)^2 + (mc^2)^2,$$

where:

- E = total energy,
- p = relativistic momentum,
- m = rest mass,
- c = speed of light.

For a body moving at $0.99c$,

$$\gamma \approx 7.09,$$

so its total energy is about 7.09 times its remaining energy:

$$E \approx 7.09 mc^2.$$

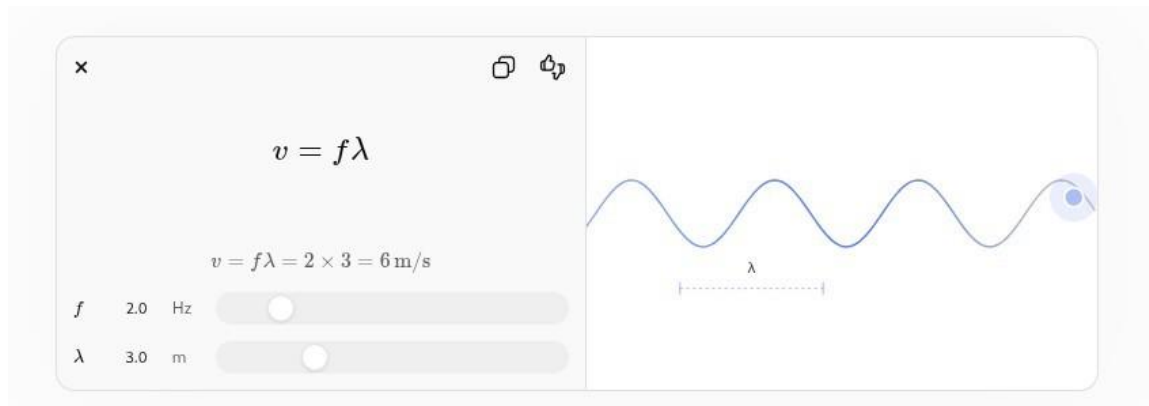
The kinetic energy is

$$K = (\gamma - 1)mc^2.$$

$$\text{As } v \rightarrow c,$$

$$\gamma \rightarrow \infty,$$

and therefore the energy required to continue accelerating the object grows without bound. This is why, according to Special Relativity, no object with nonzero rest mass can be accelerated to exactly the speed of light.



In physics, **electromagnetic waves** are waves made of oscillating **electric fields** and **magnetic fields** that travels through space and carries energy. Unlike sound waves, they do **do not need a material medium** and can travel through a vacuum.

1. Electromagnetic Waves

Examples include:

- Radiowaves
- Microwaves
- Infrared radiation
- Visible light
- Ultraviolet radiation
- X-rays
- Gamma rays

2. Frequency (f)

Frequency is the number of wave cycles passing a point each second.

- Unit: **Hertz (Hz)**
- 1 Hz = 1 cycle per second Examples:

- Radio station: 100 MHz = 100 million cycles per second
- Green light: about 5.5×10^{14} Hz

3. Speed of Electromagnetic Waves

In a vacuum, all electromagnetic waves travel at the speed of light:

$$c = 299,792,458 \text{ m/s}$$

Approximately:

$$c \approx 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

This is true for radio waves, visible light, X-rays, and gamma rays.

4. Relationship Between Speed, Frequency, and Wavelength

$$v = f\lambda$$

where:

- v = wave speed (m/s)
- f = frequency (Hz)
- λ = wavelength (m)

For electromagnetic waves in a vacuum:

$$c = f\lambda$$

Example

Suppose a wave has frequency:

$$f = 100 \text{ MHz} = 1.0 \times 10^8 \text{ Hz}$$

Then its wavelength is:

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3.0 \times 10^8}{1.0 \times 10^8} = 3 \text{ m}$$

Summary

Quantity	Definition	Unit
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Electromagnetic wave Oscillating electric and magnetic fields carrying ___ energy

Quantity	Definition	Unit
Frequency(f)	Number of cycles per second	Hertz(Hz)
Wavelength(λ)	Distance between successive wave peaks	Meter(m)
Speed(c)	Speed of EM waves in vacuum	$(3.0 \times 10^8) \text{ m/s}$

According to the theory of **Albert Einstein**, the speed of light in a vacuum is the same for all observers and is a fundamental constant of nature.

According to the theories above, it is not possible for a body to reach the speed of light, according to the Special Theory of Relativity with its Second Postulate. And in the mass-energy equivalence relationship, for a very high speed, the energy would be very large. Therefore, from the point of view of the transmutation of matter, a biological human body would not have the conditions for transmutation and remain alive, just as a carbon fiber spacecraft would not. Aluminum and titanium. With so much energy, the process of matter transformation would occur, and according to physics theory, a large explosion would also happen. An example, besides the relevant transformation of matter, is the transmutation of matter in nuclear physics for the analysis of massive bodies at high speeds, as defined below: Nuclear transmutation is the process of converting one chemical element or isotope into another by changing the number of protons or neutrons in its nucleus. Because an element's chemical identity is determined by its proton count, changing the nucleus inherently changes the element.

The fundamental principles of this process rely on subatomic manipulation, conservation laws, and the forces of nature:

1. Mechanisms of Nuclear Change

Transmutation occurs through three primary processes:

- **Radioactive Decay:** An unstable nucleus spontaneously emits particles (such as alpha or beta particles) or energy (gamma rays) to achieve a more stable state, consequently altering its proton count and transforming into a new element.
- **Nuclear Fission:** A heavy, unstable nucleus (like Uranium-235) is split into two smaller, more stable intermediate nuclei, accompanied by the release of neutrons and vast amounts of energy.
- **Nuclear Fusion:** Two lighter nuclei (like Hydrogen isotopes) are forced together under extreme heat and pressure to form a heavier nucleus, releasing energy.

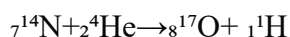
at and pressure to form a single heavier nucleus, releasing massive amounts of energy.

2. The Physics of Bombardment

Scientists artificially induce transmutation using particle accelerators to forcefully collide high-energy particles (protons, alpha particles, or ions) into target nuclei. Because of the electrostatic repulsion (the Coulomb barrier) between positively charged particles and the positively charged nucleus, immense energy is required. Neutrons are highly effective for this process because, having no electrical charge, they are not repelled by the nucleus and can easily penetrate it.

3. Conservation Laws

In any transmutation reaction, the total number of protons and neutrons, as well as total mass-energy, are strictly conserved. These reactions are written as balanced nuclear equations. For example, when Ernest Rutherford first artificially transmuted Nitrogen into Oxygen in 1919, he bombarded a Nitrogen-14 atom with an alpha particle to yield an Oxygen-17 atom and a proton:



4. Real-World Applications

- **Synthetic Elements:** Particle bombardment allows scientists to create transuranium elements (elements with atomic numbers greater than 92), which are highly unstable and not found in nature.
- **Energy Production:** Fission reactions in power plants transmute nuclear fuel into various radioactive byproducts while generating electrical power.
- **Waste Management:** Advanced nuclear research explores partitioning and transmutation technologies to convert long-lived radioactive waste into short-lived or stable elements.

This establishes the identity that massive bodies at high speeds would need to have a wave-particle duality behavior or electromagnetic wave behavior at high speeds, or speeds very close to the speed of light. In other words, according to Quantum Mechanics analysis, using photons as an example, massive bodies in Classical Mechanics, such as a human body or a car, would need to exhibit a similar behavior. wave-particle duality or wave-electromagnetic duality, **In order to support high frequencies, high energies, and very high speeds close**

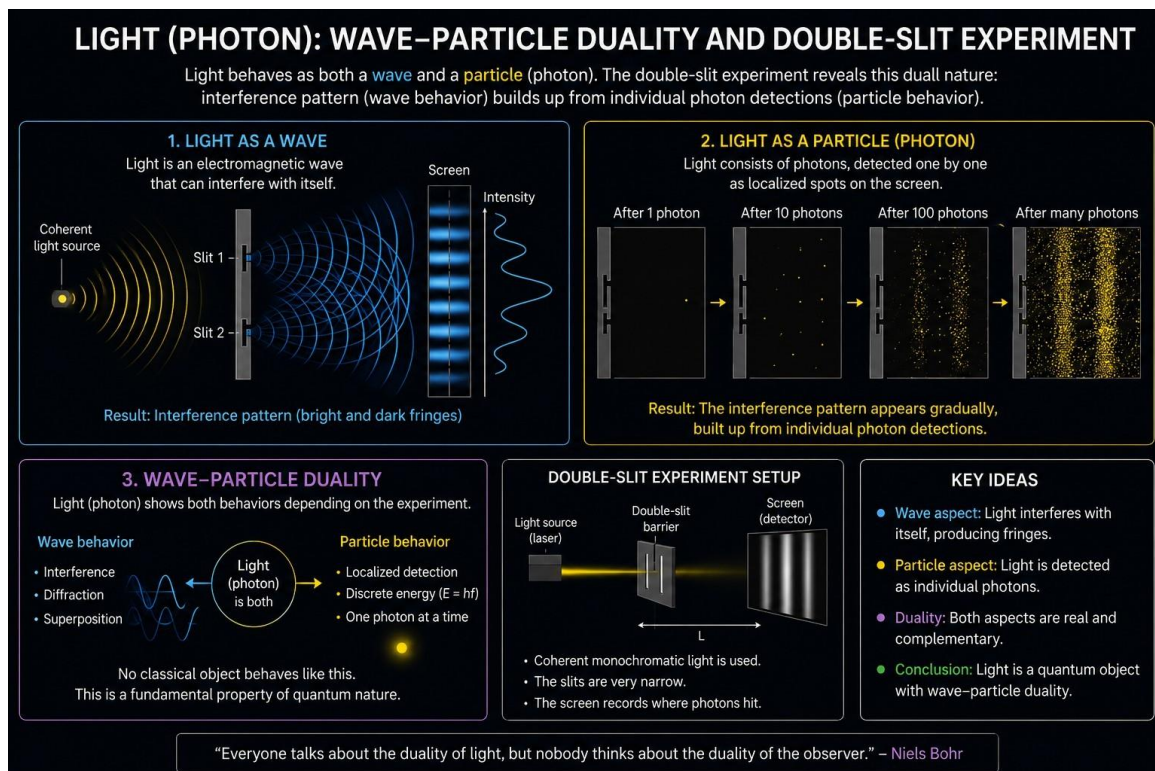
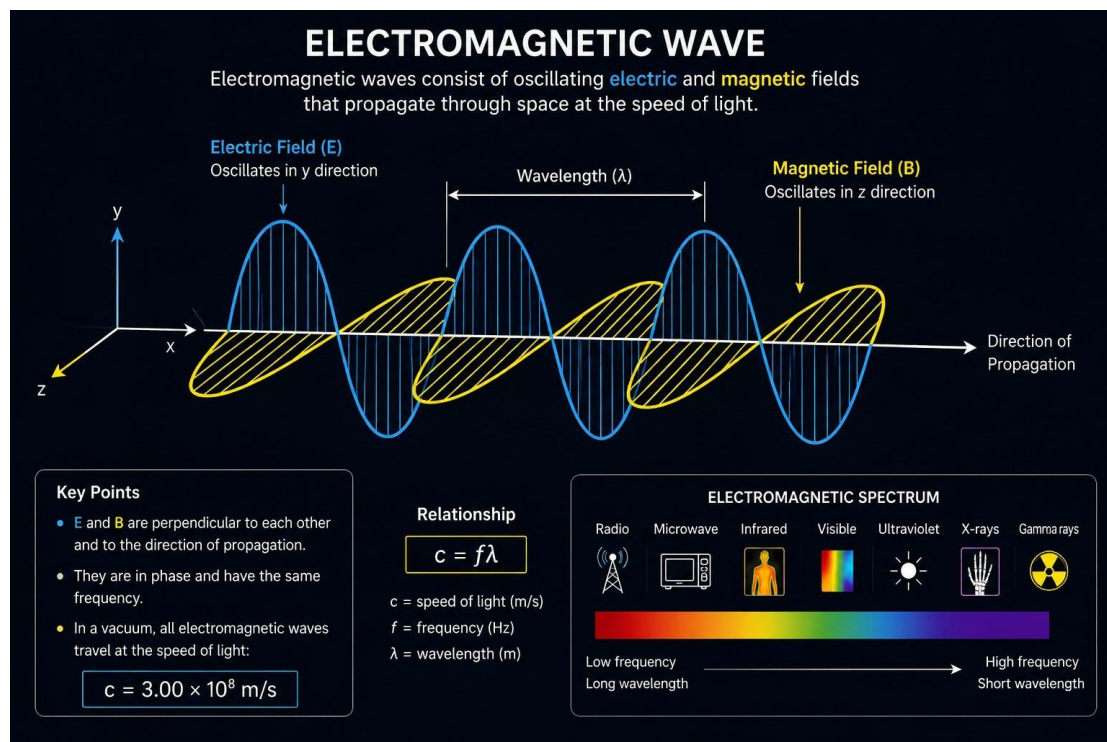
to the speed of light...As defined by Louis de Broglie's theory, the Wave Theory of Rigid Bodies has an infinitely small wavelength in the classical world, when used in the Quantum Mechanics theory of Louis de Broglie. A tiny amount of matter contains an unimaginable amount of energy due to the immense value of $(c^2) \cdot (9 \times 10^{16})$. This conversion is the basis of physical processes such as **nuclear fission** in power plants and stellar fusion in the Sun. Frequency, wavelength, and the speed of light are the cornerstones of electromagnetism, united by the equation $c = \lambda \cdot f$. The mass-energy relationship, defined by $E = mc^2$, demonstrates that matter and energy are convertible. Since the speed of light c is constant, the wavelength λ and the frequency f are **inversely proportional**. If the frequency of a light wave is high, its wavelength will be proportionally short.

De Broglie went further by analyzing how the total energy and momentum of particles interact. He deduced that the velocity of the "phase wave" associated with a moving particle differs from the velocity of the particle itself (v), being related to the speed of light (c) by the equation:

$$\bullet \text{ Equação: } V_{\text{onda}} = \frac{c^2}{v}$$

These concepts form the basis of modern quantum mechanics, demonstrating that objects with mass also exhibit diffraction and interference at appropriate subatomic scales. Therefore, for a human body and an automobile, according to Louis de Broglie's wave-particle duality theory, all matter possesses wave-like properties. For macroscopic bodies (such as humans and automobiles), these wavelengths are infinitely smaller than the size of an atom, making quantum effects imperceptible in everyday life. An interesting example in the Theory of Light and the Theory of Special Relativity, as a philosophical discussion, would be the quantization of the electromagnetic field in Quantum Field Theory. This article outlines what high-speed velocity would be for a massive body, different from a photon, as well as discussing light and atoms in Quantum Electrodynamics. As a defined example, the real human and biological body at high energies in the mass-equilibrium relationship, such as aluminum and titanium materials, is used based on the transformation and Lorentz factor in the Theory of Special Relativity and its high-energy relationships with nuclear physics. This example serves as a basis for reflection. for the Study of Conceptions of the Special Theory of Relativity, as well as the Twin Paradox, and undoubtedly The best example for understanding the Special Theory of Relativity is an example, such as the 10 Platforms with a light source

on the first Platform or light sources on all 10 Platforms or more Platforms, with or without the observers switching between Platforms.



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