

# Minkowski Space:

4-Vector:  $V^{\mu}$   $\mu=0,1,2,3$  ( $V^k$  to indicate "spatial part"  $\mu=1,2,3$ )

Ex.:  $x^{\mu} = (ct, \vec{r})$ ;  $p^{\mu} = (E/c, \vec{p}) = m_0 c (\gamma, \gamma \vec{\beta})$

Must transform properly under Lorentz-Transformation  
(boost  $S \rightarrow S'$   $\vec{v}$ ; Rotations)

Scalar Product:  $g(V^{\mu}, U^{\nu}) = s$  Scalar  
 $s \rightarrow s$  Ex.:  $m_0$

Ex.:  $g(x^{\mu}, y^{\nu}) = ct_x ct_y - \vec{r}_x \cdot \vec{r}_y = x^0 y^0 - x^1 y^1 - x^2 y^2 - x^3 y^3$

$g(p^{\mu}, p^{\nu}) = \frac{E^2}{c^2} - \vec{p}^2 = m_0^2 c^2$

$g(dx^{\mu}, dx^{\nu}) = ds^2 = d(ct)^2 - d\vec{r}^2$

1)  $ds^2 = 0$  light-like    2)  $ds^2 < 0$  space-like    3)  $ds^2 > 0$  time-like  
 $dt = \sqrt{ds^2}/c$  Eigen time

4-Form:  $U(\vec{v}) \rightarrow \text{scalar}$   $U_{\nu} : U(V^{\mu}) = U_{\nu} V^{\nu}$

Tensors:  $T^{\mu\nu} \dots$   $\alpha\beta \dots$  1st:  $\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu}$   $S: x^{\mu'} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} x^{\nu}$

ex. boost along z:  $\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 0 & 0 & -\gamma\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$

$g(\cdot, \cdot) \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}$

$g(x^{\mu}, y^{\nu}) \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu} x^{\mu} y^{\nu}$   $g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$g_{\mu\nu} x^{\nu} = (ct, -\vec{r}) = x_{\mu}$

CP: (non-rel)  $\vec{r} = \vec{r} = r^2$

To Do: Express "everything" in the form of  
scalars, vector forms, tensors, ...  
 $\rightarrow$  use to re-express laws of physics:  $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$

$$x^\mu = (ct, \vec{r}) \quad \vec{u} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} = \gamma \frac{dx^\mu}{dt} = u^\mu$$

$$d\tau = \sqrt{dt^2 - d\vec{r}^2/c^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}} \quad dt = \gamma^{-1} d\tau = (\gamma c, \gamma \vec{u})$$

$$m_0 u^\mu = (\gamma m_0 c, \gamma m_0 \vec{u}) = \left( \frac{E}{c}, \vec{p} \right) = p^\mu$$

$$\frac{du^\mu}{d\tau} = \alpha^\mu \rightarrow K^\mu = m_0 \alpha^\mu$$

$$K^\mu = \frac{dp^\mu}{d\tau} = \gamma \frac{dp^\mu}{dt} \quad ; \quad F^\mu = \frac{K^\mu}{\gamma} = \frac{dp^\mu}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \vec{F} \quad F^0 = \frac{dp^0}{dt} = \frac{dE/c}{dt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma \frac{dE}{dt} &= \gamma \frac{dE/c}{dt} \gamma c - \gamma \vec{F} \cdot \gamma \vec{u} = \gamma^2 (\text{Power} - \vec{F} \cdot \vec{u}) \\ \frac{dp^\mu}{dt} u_\mu &= \gamma (\text{Power} - \vec{F} \cdot \vec{u}) = \frac{m_0}{2} \frac{d}{dt} u^\mu u_\mu = \frac{m_0}{2} \frac{d}{dt} c^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$K^\mu = \frac{dp^\mu}{d\tau}$$

$$\text{ex.: e.m. } K^\mu = q u_\nu F^{\mu\nu} / \gamma$$

$$\frac{dp^\mu}{dt} = F^\mu = \frac{1}{\gamma} q u_\nu F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$= q \left( \vec{u} \cdot \vec{E}, \vec{E} + \vec{u} \times \vec{B} \right)$$

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{E}/c \\ \vec{E}/c & \vec{B} \end{pmatrix}$$