

DSC: CLASSICAL DYNAMICS
OBE

Problem 1. A star 1000 light years away explodes at $t = 0$ (as described in our earth coordinate system). Write out the event vector.

Problem 2. A spaceship is passing earth at $t = 0$. The spaceship is moving with velocity of $0.5c$ in the direction of the star, which is situated at distance of 1000 light year. If the spaceship observers also agree that $t = 0$ when the spaceship passes earth, what is the event vector for the star explosion in the spaceship's coordinate system?

Problem 3. An electron passes at $0.98c$ through an accelerator tube. The tube has length L_2 according to the electron. In the electron frame what are the event vectors for:

- i) the event where the electron enters the tube.
- ii) the event where the electron leaves the tube. Note that x component is measured from the electron (i.e., with the vector in the electron frame).

Problem 4. A particle of mass m moving relativistically with momentum p is projected at a second stationary particle also of mass m .

- i) Find the total 4-momentum (i.e., momentum-energy 4-vector) of the system.
- ii) Find the coordinate frame in which the total 3-mom (i.e., 3 space-like components which are the momentum) is zero.

Problem 5. Two particles leave a collision point at 90° to the initial direction in the C.M. frame. If the velocity of the C.M. frame is c what are the angles in the lab frame? What is the magnitude of the momentum in the lab frame?

Problem 6. An event is displayed in S_1 to be at the spacetime point $(10.0 \text{ m}, 0, 0, tc)$, where $t = 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$. At what spacetime point is this event in S_2 , which is moving at $0.6c$ (in y -direction) with respect to S_1 ?