

# Re: The relationship between meter, speed of light and c

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SR's  
frequency  
predictions  
for this  
scenario are

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as follows;  
 these are  
 expressed  
 as ratios. In  
 IRT one  
 might  
 express  
 $R(v_{ab}) =$   
 $F_{ab}/F_{aa}$ , for  
 example.

O A B C  
 O 1  $R(v_a)$   
 $R(v_b)$   
 $R(v_c)$   
 A  $R(v_a)$  1  
 $R(v_{ab})$   
 $R(v_{ac})$   
 B  $R(v_b)$   
 $R(v_{ba})$  1  
 $R(v_{bc})$   
 C  $R(v_c)$   
 $R(v_{ca})$   
 $R(v_{cb})$  1

where  $R(v)$   
 $=$   
 $\sqrt{(1-v/c)}/\sqrt{(1+v/c)}$ ,  
 $v_{ab} = v_{ba}$   
 $=$   
 $(v_b - v_a)/(1 - v_b * v_a / c^2)$   
 $v_{ac} = v_{ca}$   
 $=$   
 $(v_c - v_a)/(1 - v_c * v_a / c^2)$   
 $v_{bc} = v_{cb}$   
 $=$   
 $(v_c - v_b)/(1 - v_c * v_b / c^2)$

SR's  
 wavelength  
 predictions  
 are:

O A B C  
 O 1  $W(v_a)$   
 $W(v_b)$   
 $W(v_c)$   
 A  $W(v_a)$  1  
 $W(v_{ab})$   
 $W(v_{ac})$   
 B  $W(v_b)$

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$$\begin{aligned} W(v_{ba}) &= 1 \\ W(v_{bc}) &= C \\ W(v_{ca}) &= 1 \\ W(v_{cb}) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } W(v) &= \\ &= \sqrt{(1+v/c)/\sqrt{(1-v/c)}}. \end{aligned}$$

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT  
YOU ARE TALKING  
ABOUT.

Too bad. SR is fairly clear on this matter,  
although it takes some  
massaging to get here from the Lorentz.  
Note that I'm using  
light-defined (local) units throughout this  
system.

Regrettably, I forgot to expand(1) the above  
post, so that's screwed up  
the formatting. I've corrected it in this post.  
(If your newsreader  
is having problems switch to a font such as  
Courier.)

I have no idea what all these  $W(v)$ ,  $w(v_a)$ ,  $W(v_b)$ ,  $W(v_c)$   
.....etc

means.

Also I have no idea what is your point.

The point is that I'm predicting the wavelengths ( $W(v)$ ) and frequencies  
( $R(v)$ ) using ad hoc notation, given the velocities. That's what a  
theory \*does\*.

If you prefer I can restructure the problem so that I can predict the  
velocity given wavelength and/or frequency.

In IRT relative velocity is predicted as follows:  
Mean relative velocity =  $v = \text{Lambda}(f_{aa} - f_{ab})$   
OR  
Instantaneous relative velocity =  $v = \text{Lambda}(f_{aa} - f_{ab})$

OK. Hopefully I've defined sufficiently well my ad hoc notation  $W()$  and  $R()$  for you. From section 3 of

[http://www.geocities.com/kn\\_seto/2007IRT.pdf](http://www.geocities.com/kn_seto/2007IRT.pdf)

$f_{aa}$  is defined as "the instantaneous frequency measurement of a standard light source in A's frame as measured by A".

$f_{ab}$  = "the instantaneous frequency measurement of a standard light source in B's frame as measured by A".

$\lambda$  = "the universal wave length". [\*]

The interesting thing is that section 1 defines

$F_{aa}$  = "The frequency of a standard light source in A's frame as measured by A". [+]

$F_{ab}$  = "The frequency of a standard light source in B's frame as measured by A; if  $F_{ab}$  is not constant the mean value is used."

The sole difference is the word "instantaneous"; they are otherwise identical. Are they? This quirk to me is a little weird.

But let's see how far I get.

The predicted velocity  $v_{irt} = \lambda * (F_{aa} - F_{ab})$ .

$F_{aa}$  is a given, as is  $\lambda$ .  $F(SR)_{ab}$ , from SR's

predictions, is  $F_{aa} * \sqrt{(1-v/c)}/\sqrt{(1+v/c)}$

and of course includes the Doppler effect.

Unfortunately, the paper stipulates  $F_{ab} = 1/\gamma$ ,

which is an interesting difference. How one can directly

measure this is far from clear, since  $v$

is not initially known.

Also,  $c = \lambda * F_{aa}$ , as stated just below.

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} v_{irt}/c &= (F_{aa} - F_{ab}) / F_{aa} \\ &= 1 - \sqrt{(1-v^2/c^2)} \end{aligned}$$

I for one would hope that  $v_{irt} = v$ ; clearly, however, this is not the case. If one, for instance, substitutes  $v/c = 7/25$  (to make the math somewhat easy), one gets

$$v_{irt}/c = 1 - 24/25 = 1/25 \neq 7/25 = v$$

It is of course possible to solve

$$v = 1 - \sqrt{(1-v^2/c^2)}$$

which yields

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - v) &= \sqrt{(1-v^2/c^2)} \\ (1 - v)^2 &= 1 - v^2/c^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$v^2 - 2v + 1 - 1 + v^2/c^2 = 0$$
$$v(-2 + v/c^2) = 0$$

so either  $v = 0$  or  $v = 2*c^2$ , neither of which is a very good value for general velocity.

In SR one can do a little juggling and come up with the following formula:

$$v_{sr} = c * (1 - (F(SR)_{ab}/F_{aa})^2) / (1 + (F(SR)_{ab}/F_{aa})^2)$$

if one assumes  $F_{aa}$  and  $F(SR)_{ab}$  are measured using light-defined (local) units.

Since  $1 + v_{sr}/c = 2/(1 + (F(SR)_{ab}/F_{aa})^2)$  and  
 $1 - v_{sr}/c = 2*(F(SR)_{ab}/F_{aa})^2 / (1 + (F(SR)_{ab}/F_{aa})^2)$ ,  
 $\sqrt{(1-v_{sr}/c)}/\sqrt{(1+v_{sr}/c)} = F(SR)_{ab}/F_{aa} = \sqrt{(1-v/c)}/\sqrt{(1+v/c)}$ ;  
this formula, at least, is mathematically consistent.

If you're very nice to me I might reply with a scathing review of the rest of your mathematics. :-)

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[\*] you have stated in the past that lambda is the same everywhere.

[+] presumably  $F_{aa} = F_{aa}$ ; the former is preferred by tools such as TeX.

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