

Re: Clear writing about relativity

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On 27 June, 16:23, "Androcles" <Headmas...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"blackhead" <larryhar...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

<news:a229cf5c-6a99-46c5-a597-339c260cb4dc@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

On 27 June, 14:31, "Androcles" <Headmas...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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On 26 June, 23:03, "Androcles" <Headmas...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"blackhead" <larryhar...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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On 26 June, 19:32, "Androcles"

<Headmas...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"Uncle Ben" <b...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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Through an unsatisfactory exchange with colleagues here recently I was reminded of the casualness of expression of most of us who are not mathematicians in using mathematical variables in algebraic discussions of physical things.

Example: When I say, "Let $x = vt$, then ----", I will be understood to mean one thing, until I go on to say, "where x represents the mass of an object of density v and volume t ." Most physicists in this newsgroup would be astonished and displeased. A mathematician or logician wouldn't care, but a physicist might insist on " $M = dV$ " or " $M = \rho v$ ".

Our conventions let us abbreviate our discourse and remember our definitions. They cause no trouble in simple cases.

But when we start talking about several frames of reference and need symbols for the coordinates in each, we have to improvise symbols that fit our habits and yet distinguish different versions of similar things. Nowadays we use primed and

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double-primed variables,
whereas in
earlier times when classical
learning was assumed
among the intelligensia, we
would use greek
letters or even hebrew or
arabic letters.

Einstein's 1905 paper on
relativity was translated
into english more than once
with more than one
degree of accuracy. Some
translations even
improved on the original by
correcting small errors
or oversights. The paper is
not difficult to read,
although what is said is
quite unconventional to
the ordinary mind.

If we focus just on length
contraction in Section
4, we find the derivation
quite unfamiliar to
students using modern
textbooks.

Then that would be "Lorentz dilation", thus
rendering your use
of the term "Lorentz Transformation" highly
unsatisfactory;
indeed, it is deliberately and maliciously
designed to deceive
the unsuspecting student. It should be made
quite clear to the
newbies that Einstein's change in length
INCREASES with
increasing speed, AS SHOWN algebraically.

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But if we edit
Einstein's words, using
memorable terms and
modern
rigor to resolve normally
insignificant ambiguities —
in the minds of naive
readers — we may help
these
readers comprehend the
astonishing simplicity of
Einstein's demonstration.

Yes, I agree. The naive student would have
to be astonishingly
stupid not to comprehend the English
translation of Einstein's
ridiculous

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Astonishingly simple (and simple-minded)
is:
the speed of light from A to B is $c-v$,
the speed of light from B to A is $c+v$,
the "time" each way is the same, spewed out
in that inequality
which purports to be an equation. The "="
sign is a LIE.

Most relativists hasten to say "Einstein did
not say that", but he
did and it is there in black and white for
those that can read
algebra, which a prerequisite for relativity.

For an example of better
choice of terms, let us
describe a sphere

Fuck the sphere! You have no 'gamma'
without

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you useless old fart.

You LOST, Bonehead. Squirring around
piss-poor terminology
can't save you. The exchange was highly
satisfactory and so is
rubbing your nose in your worthless shit.

Wanna fence some more? Bring a battleaxe
next time and derive gamma..

"In the first place it is clear that the
equations must be linear on
account
of the properties of homogeneity which we
attribute to space and
time." – Einstein

In the second place the function $\tau()$ is not
linear.

A theoretical physicist wouldn't care, but a
mathematician or logician
will insist on a proof that the function $\tau()$
is linear.

A competent electronic engineer should know enough maths
to understand
why homogeneity of space and time implies linearity of $\tau()$.

Androcles, victorious.– Hide quoted text –

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<http://www.androcles01.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/tAB=tBA.gif>

Is this plot of tau against t linear? No.

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In McCullough numbers and paraphrasing the idiot Einstein, half of (16 second +4 seconds) = 16 seconds and the other half is 4 seconds.

$1/2 \tau(20) = \tau(16)$, we'll just forget about the other $\tau(4)$ seconds.

If $\tau(16) = 8$, $1/2 \tau(20) = 8$ and $\tau(4) = 8$

Hence $\tau(4) = \tau(16)$

Hence $\tau()$ is not linear.

Is x linear? Yes.

Is t linear? Yes.

Is $v = x/t$ linear? Yes.

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That's good, because it is clear that the equations must be linear on

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But Einstein said it must be. Why isn't it?

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Write down what the Tau you're referring to, so I can have a look at it.

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This tau(), boy:

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which is this tau, boy, when the length x' is reduced to nothing:

"Hence, if x' be chosen infinitesimally small,"

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"or"

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Just which of Einstein's many tau's were you planning on taking a look at?

Read all about it here:

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These expressions don't say anything about whether Tau is linear or not.

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I'm not sure what you're doing. Your diagram shows B hitting the end of the larger rod, it remains there with C continuing to move forward so that the smaller rod and the clock on it becomes compressed. I think this is why your plot of Tau against t s wrong because you seem to have interpreted Einstein's derivation and hence Tau incorrectly.

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It's your interpretation of Tau, which doesn't seem to be correct.

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Do let us know when you've learnt to read, boy.

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They are additional properties of Tau. Tau being linear wrt t and x means $\tau(x,t) = Ax + Bt$ where A and B are constants and the additional properties help narrow down what the constants A and B are.

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$\tau(\text{bananas, dog's breakfasts, railway time tables, } x, y, z, t)$ is a time..
Oddly enough, the bananas, dog's breakfasts and railway time tables vanish along with x, y and z when

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See, that inequality has no mention of bananas, dog's breakfasts, railway time tables, x, y or z, and x' is infinitesimally small.

Why not?

Could it be they are irrelevant, put there by the idiot Einstein to confuse poor Larry?

Oh wait... Einstein only put the x,y and z in it. Naughty Androcles added the other irrelevancies.

Einstein looks at the variation of Tau wrt each of the independent variables one at a time to get a partial differential equation for each. Using your example

Where @ is the partial symbol

$$\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial \text{bananas}} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial \text{dog's breakfasts}} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial \text{railway time tables}} = 0$$

Let us try this again, perhaps it will sink in:

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