

$$w_c \quad u_x \quad c = 1$$

We use frames O, A, B, C, and D where the spaceship is instantaneously at rest at  $0, \tau, 2\tau, 3\tau,$  and  $4\tau,$  respectively, and the 4-velocities of these frames  $U_0^\mu, U_A^\mu, U_B^\mu, U_C^\mu, U_D^\mu$

We use Einstein's convention for dot products in Minkowski space so that

$u_\mu u^\mu$  gives the Lorentz 4-invariant. We omit the z-component.

Below is a table for the 4-velocity components in different frames:

FRAME:	O	A	B
$U_0^\mu$	$U_0^\mu = (1, 0, 0)$	$U_0^A = (\gamma, -\gamma v, 0)$	$U_0^B = (a, b, c) = (\gamma^2, -\gamma v, -\gamma^2 v)$
$U_A^\mu$	$U_A^\mu = (\gamma, \gamma v, 0)$	$U_A^A = (1, 0, 0)$	$U_A^B = (\gamma, 0, -\gamma v)$
$U_B^\mu$	$U_B^\mu = (\gamma^2, \gamma^2 v, \gamma v)$ by analogy with $U_0^\mu$	$U_B^A = (\gamma, 0, \gamma v)$	$U_B^B = (1, 0, 0)$

4-invariants

$$\begin{cases} U_0^\mu \cdot U_A^\mu = -\gamma = U_0^\mu \cdot U_A^\mu = a\gamma - \gamma v c \Rightarrow 1 = a + v c \\ U_0^\mu \cdot U_B^\mu = -\gamma^2 = U_0^\mu \cdot U_B^\mu = -a \Rightarrow \underline{a = \gamma^2} \Rightarrow \underline{c = \frac{1 - \gamma^2}{v} = \frac{-v}{1 - v^2} = \underline{\underline{\gamma^2 v}}} \\ -1 = U_0^\mu \cdot U_0^\mu = -a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = b^2 + \gamma^4 v^2 - \gamma^4 = b^2 - \gamma^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = \gamma^2 - 1 = \gamma^2 v^2 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{b = -\gamma v}} \end{cases}$$

another table

FRAME:	O	B	D
$U_0^\mu$	$U_0^\mu = (1, 0, 0)$	$U_0^B = (\gamma^2, -\gamma v, -\gamma^2 v)$	$U_0^D = (\gamma, v, c)$
$U_D^\mu$	$U_D^\mu = (\gamma, v, c)$ by analogy with $U_0^\mu$	$U_D^B = (\gamma^2, -\gamma^2 v, -\gamma v)$	$U_D^D = (1, 0, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} U_0^\mu \cdot U_D^\mu &= -\gamma^4 + \gamma^2 v^2 = U_0^\mu \cdot U_D^\mu = -\gamma \Rightarrow \gamma = \gamma^3 (\gamma - 2v^2) \Rightarrow 1 - v^2 = \gamma - 2v^2 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \gamma &= 1 + v^2 \Rightarrow 1 = (1 - v^2)(1 + v^2)^2 = (1 - v^4)(1 + v^2) \stackrel{v^2 = x}{=} (1 - x^2)(1 + x) = 1 + x - x^2 - x^3 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow x^2 + x - 1 &= 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2} \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}} \approx 0.786 \end{aligned}$$