

PHYSICS 515B
ELECTROMAGNETIC THEORY
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Section V Problems (due Monday, September 23)

Problem 1: Show that the spacetime coordinates of an event seen in two reference frames moving at a velocity v relative to each other in the z -direction are related by the Lorentz transformation

$$x' = x$$

$$y' = y$$

$$z' = \gamma(z - vt)$$

$$t' = \gamma(t - vz/c^2)$$

where

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

One way to do this is to begin with the general transformation $x'^{\mu} = a^{\mu}_{\nu} x^{\nu}$ and solve for the a^{μ}_{ν} coefficients using properties of the metric, symmetries, etc.

Problem 2: Jackson 11.3

Problem 3: Jackson 11.5

Problem 4: Jackson 11.9

Problem 5: Jackson 11.10