

# Transformation of Momentum

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and energy: (a) Transformation of mass:

Let us consider the momentum of a mass "m" moving at uniform velocity "u" in RF-2 and let the  $p_1$  be the momentum observed by the observer "O<sub>1</sub>".

$$p_1 = m_1 u_1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

In three coordinates it is given as  
 $p_{1x} = m_1 u_{1x}$ ,  $p_{1y} = m_1 u_{1y}$  &  $p_{1z} = m_1 u_{1z}$

$$p_{1x} = m_1 u_{1x} \quad \text{putting } u_{1x} = \frac{u_{2x} + u}{1 + u_{2x} \frac{u}{c^2}}$$

$$m_1^* = m_2 \left( 1 + u_{2x} \frac{u}{c^2} \right) \gamma$$

$$p_{1x} = m_2 \gamma \left( 1 + u_{2x} \frac{u}{c^2} \right) \left( \frac{u_{2x} + u}{1 + u_{2x} \frac{u}{c^2}} \right)$$

$$p_{1x} = \gamma (m_2 u_{2x} + m_2 u) \quad \text{--- (2) as } E_2 = m_2 c^2$$

$$\therefore p_{2x} = m_2 u_{2x} \quad \& \quad \text{let } m_2 \frac{E_2}{c^2}$$

$$p_{1x} = \gamma \left[ p_{2x} + u \frac{E_2}{c^2} \right] \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$p_{1y} = p_{2y}$$

$$p_{1z} = p_{2z}$$

Contd.

Hence the momentum Transformation equations given a

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RF-1

$$p_{1x} = \gamma \left( p_{2x} + v \frac{E_2}{c^2} \right)$$

$$p_{1y} = p_{2y}$$

$$p_{1z} = p_{2z}$$

RF-2

$$p_{2x} = \gamma \left( p_{1x} - v \frac{E_1}{c^2} \right)$$

$$p_{2y} = p_{1y}$$

$$p_{2z} = p_{1z}$$

### (b) Transformation of Energy:

The energy equation for the mass " $m_1$ " is given a  $E_1 = m_1 c^2$  — (1)

$$m_1 = m_2 \gamma \left( 1 + v_{2x} \frac{v}{c^2} \right)$$

$$E_1 = \gamma \left( 1 + v_{2x} \frac{v}{c^2} \right) m_2 c^2 \text{ — (2)}$$

$$E_1 = \gamma \left[ m_2 c^2 + m_2 v_{2x} \frac{v}{c^2} \times c^2 \right]$$

$$E_1 = \gamma \left( E_2 + v p_{2x} \right) \text{ — (3)}$$

$$E_2 = \gamma \left( E_1 - v p_{1x} \right) \text{ — (4)}$$

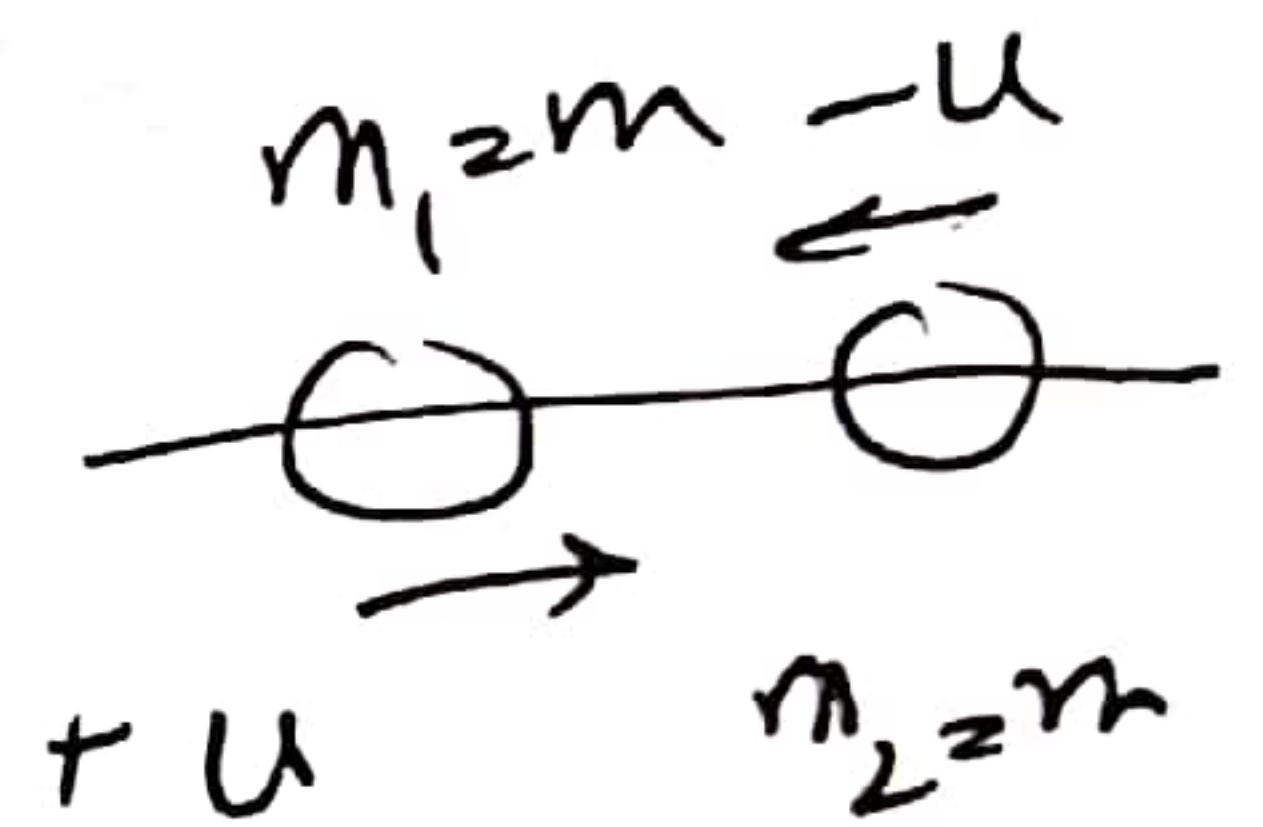
$$* m_1 = m_2 \frac{(1 + v_2 u/c)}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$$

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Recalling the momentum relations for  $m_1$  &  $m_2$  we had

$$m_1 = m_2 \left( \frac{1 + u v/c^2}{1 - u v/c^2} \right)$$

Where  $+u$  was the velocity of mass  $m_1$  &  $-u$  for  $m_2$



$$m_1 = m_2 \frac{(1 + v_2 u/c^2)}{(1 - v^2/c^2)}$$

$$\text{let } +u = v_2$$

$$\text{and } -u = -v$$