

Chapter Two

MASS ENERGY EQUIVALENCE

2.1 Derivation of Relativistic Mass

There are two identical particles A and B , where the rest mass of particle A is $m_{A,R} = m_0$ and rest mass of particle B is $m_{B,R} = m_0$.

There are two inertial frame S and S' where S' is moving with velocity with respect to S is $v\hat{i}$.

$-v_A\hat{j}$ is velocity of A from S frame. and $v'_B\hat{i}$ is velocity of B from S' frame. They are separated by distance Y at $t = 0$. If T_0 is time in which A and B travel distance Y from S and

S' frame respectively. So $v_A = v'_B = \frac{Y}{T_0}$

From symmetry we can conclude that initial momentum of system is zero..

From S' frame, $v_{B,S'} = v_B\hat{j}$ $m_{B,S'} = m'_B$

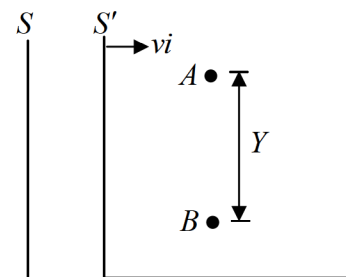


Figure 2.1

From S frame, $v_{S',S} = \hat{v}_i$, $v_{A,S} = -v_A \hat{j}$, $m_{A,S} = m_A$

$$\vec{v}_{B,S} = \hat{v}_i + v'_B \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \hat{j} = \hat{v}_i + v_B \hat{j} \quad \text{where } v_B = v'_B \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

$$v_A = \frac{Y}{T_0} \quad v_B = \frac{Y}{T} = \frac{Y}{T_0} \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

From conservation of momentum

$$m_A v_A = m_B v_B = m_A \frac{Y}{T_0} = m_B \frac{Y}{T_0} \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \Rightarrow m_B = \frac{m_A}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Suppose A is rest with respect to A , $m_A = m_{A,R} = m_0 = m_{B,R}$

$$m_B = \frac{m_A}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{m_{B,R}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \Rightarrow m_B > m_{B,R} \quad \text{so } m(v) = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

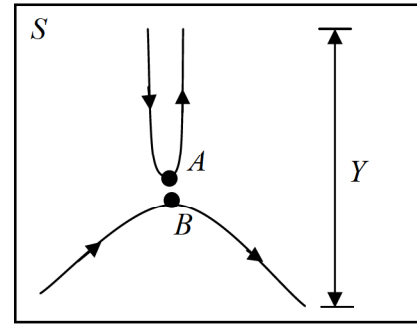


Figure 2.2

Relativistic Mass

The mass of a body moving at a speed v relative to an observer is larger than its mass when it is at rest relative to the observer.

$$m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}, \quad \text{where } m_0 \text{ is rest mass of body and } m \text{ is observed mass.}$$

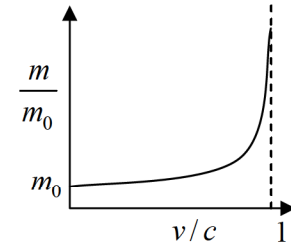


Figure 2.3

Relativistic Momentum

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v} = \frac{m_0 \vec{v}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Relativistic force in one dimension and Newton's law of motion

The force is defined as $F = \frac{dp}{dt}$ where p is relativistic momentum.

$$F = \frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{d(mv)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{m_0 v}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \right) = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \frac{dv}{dt} + m_0 v \frac{d}{dt} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)^{-1/2}$$

$$\frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{m_0 v}{\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)^{3/2}} \frac{v}{c^2} \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \frac{dv}{dt} \left(1 + \frac{v^2}{c^2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \right) = \frac{m_0}{\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)^{3/2}} \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Relativistic Kinetic Energy

Using work energy theorem $T = \int F \cdot ds = \int_0^s \frac{dp}{dt} dx = \int_0^v dm \cdot u \frac{dx}{dt} = \int_0^v dm \cdot u$

$$T = \int_0^v u dm \cdot u + m \cdot u \cdot du$$

$$m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2}}} = m^2 \left(1 - \frac{u^2}{c^2} \right) = m_0^2 \Rightarrow m^2 c^2 - m^2 u^2 = m_0^2 c^2 \Rightarrow 2m dm c^2 - 2m dm u^2 - m^2 2u du = 0$$

$$dm c^2 = dm u^2 + m u du = T = \int_0^v u dm \cdot u + m \cdot u \cdot du = \int_{m=m_0}^{m(v)} c^2 dm = m(v) c^2 - m_0 c^2 \Rightarrow T = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} - m_0 c^2$$

Case when $\frac{v}{c} \rightarrow 0$,

$$T = m_0 c^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} - 1 \right) = m_0 c^2 \left(\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)^{-1/2} - 1 \right) = m_0 c^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2}{c^2} \dots - 1 \right) = \frac{1}{2} m_0 v^2$$

2.2 Rest Mass Energy and Relativistic Energy

Einstein suggested that, if particle is rest with respect to observe then he will measure rest mass m_0 and equivalent energy is measured as rest mass energy as $m_0 c^2$.

If particle of rest mass m_0 moving with observer then with speed v then equivalent energy is

identified as relativistic energy as $E = mc^2 \Rightarrow \frac{m_0 c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)}}$

Relationship between Total Energy and Momentum for Free Particle

Total energy and momentum are given by $E = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$ $p = \frac{m_0 v}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \right) = m_0^2 v^2 \Rightarrow m_0^2 v^2 + \frac{p^2 v^2}{c^2} = p^2 \Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{p^2 c^2}{m_0^2 c^2 + p^2} \Rightarrow v = \left(\frac{p^2 c^2}{m_0^2 c^2 + p^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

Putting the value of $v^2 = \frac{p^2 c^2}{m_0^2 c^2 + p^2}$ in equation $E = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$

We get the equation as $E^2 = m_0^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2 \Rightarrow E = \left(m_0^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2 \right)^{1/2}$