

Notation of Tensor and Vector used in the relativistic quantum mechanics

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Our conventions for relativity follow Landau and Lifshitz, Ohanian, and nearly all recent field theory text books. We use the matrix tensor $g_{\mu\nu}$ with Greek indices running over 0, 1, 2, 3 or t, x, y, z . Roman indices – i, j, k – denote only the three spatial components. Repeated indices are summed in all cases. Four-vectors, like ordinary numbers, are denoted by light italic type; three-vectors are denoted by boldface type. For example,

$$x^\mu = (x^0, \mathbf{x}), \quad x_\mu = g_{\mu\nu} x^\nu = (x^0, -\mathbf{x})$$

$$p \cdot x = g_{\mu\nu} p^\mu x^\nu = p^\mu x_\mu = p_\mu x^\mu = p^0 x^0 - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

1. Contravariant and covariant vectors

The metric tensor is given by

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$g_{\mu\nu}$: covariant metric tensor

$g^{\mu\nu}$: contra-variant metric tensor

We note that

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\nu\mu} \quad (\text{symmetric})$$

$$g^{\mu\nu} = g^{\nu\mu} \quad (\text{symmetric})$$

Here we define the contra-variant vector x^μ and the co-variant vector x_μ

(a) Space-time position vector

$$x^\mu = (ct, \mathbf{r}), \quad x_\mu = (ct, -\mathbf{r})$$

(b) Energy-momentum vector

$$E = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \mathbf{p} = \frac{\hbar}{i} \nabla = -i\hbar \nabla$$

(c) Momentum four-vector

$$p^\mu = i\hbar \partial^\mu = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} = i\hbar \left(\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, -\nabla \right) = \left(\frac{E}{c}, \mathbf{p} \right)$$

$$\partial^\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} = \left(\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, -\nabla \right)$$

(d) Momentum four-vector

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$$\partial_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} = \left(\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \nabla \right)$$

(e)

$$\partial^2 = \partial^\mu \partial_\mu = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \quad (\text{D'Alembertian})$$

$$p^\mu p_\mu = \frac{E^2}{c^2} - \mathbf{p}^2 = m^2 c^2$$

$$p^\mu x_\mu = p_\mu x^\mu = \frac{E}{c}(ct) - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} = Et - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}$$

(f) The probability current density four-vector

$$j^\mu = (c\rho, \mathbf{j})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_\mu j^\mu &= \frac{\partial j^\mu}{\partial x^\mu} \\
&= \frac{\partial j^0}{\partial x^0} + \frac{\partial j^1}{\partial x^1} + \frac{\partial j^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial j^3}{\partial x^3} \\
&= \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}
\end{aligned}
\quad (\text{equation of continuity}).$$

(g) Vector potential and scalar potential

$$A^\mu = (\Phi, \mathbf{A})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_\mu A^\mu &= \frac{\partial A^\mu}{\partial x^\mu} \\
&= \frac{\partial A^0}{\partial x^0} + \frac{\partial A^1}{\partial x^1} + \frac{\partial A^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial A^3}{\partial x^3} \\
&= \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}
\end{aligned}$$

(h)

$$A^\mu = (A^0, \mathbf{A}), \quad A_\mu = (A^0, -\mathbf{A})$$

$$B^\mu = (B^0, \mathbf{B}), \quad B_\mu = (B^0, -\mathbf{B})$$

$$A \cdot B = A^\mu B_\mu = A_\mu B^\mu = A^0 B^0 - \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

2. Relations between co-variant and contra-variant vectors

$$x_\mu = g_{\mu\nu} x^\nu$$

$$x^\mu = g^{\mu\nu} x_\nu$$

$$x^\mu = g^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu, \quad x_\mu = g_\mu{}^\nu x_\nu$$

$g^\mu{}_\nu$ and $g_\mu{}^\nu$ are the Kronecker delta ($= \delta_{\mu,\nu}$)

$$x^{\alpha} x_{\alpha} = x^{\mu} x_{\mu},$$

or

$$x^{\alpha} g_{\alpha\beta} x^{\beta} = x^{\mu} g_{\mu\nu} x^{\nu}$$

Since

$$x^{\alpha} = \Lambda^{\alpha}_{\mu} x^{\mu}, \quad x^{\beta} = \Lambda^{\beta}_{\nu} x^{\nu} \quad (\text{Lorentz transformation})$$

we get

$$x^{\alpha} g_{\alpha\beta} x^{\beta} = x^{\mu} g_{\mu\nu} x^{\nu}$$

or

$$\Lambda^{\alpha}_{\mu} x^{\mu} g_{\alpha\beta} \Lambda^{\beta}_{\nu} x^{\nu} = x^{\mu} g_{\mu\nu} x^{\nu}$$

or

$$(\Lambda^{\alpha}_{\mu} g_{\alpha\beta} \Lambda^{\beta}_{\nu} - g_{\mu\nu}) x^{\mu} x^{\nu} = 0$$

For any $x^{\mu} x^{\nu}$, we have

$$\Lambda^{\alpha}_{\mu} g_{\alpha\beta} \Lambda^{\beta}_{\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$A^{\mu} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\alpha} A^{\alpha}$$

$$A^{\mu} = g^{\mu\nu} A_{\nu}$$

$$A_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\alpha} g_{\nu\beta} A^{\alpha\beta}, \quad A^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\alpha} g^{\nu\beta} A_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$x_{\alpha} x^{\alpha} = x_{\mu} x^{\mu},$$

$$\Lambda_{\alpha}^{\mu} x_{\mu} \Lambda^{\alpha}_{\nu} x^{\nu} = \Lambda_{\alpha}^{\mu} \Lambda^{\alpha}_{\nu} x_{\mu} x^{\nu} = g^{\mu}_{\nu} x_{\mu} x^{\nu} = x_{\mu} x^{\mu}$$

$$\Lambda_\alpha^\mu \Lambda^\alpha_\nu = g^\mu_\nu \quad (\text{Kronecker delta})$$

Kronecker delta

$g^{\alpha\beta} g_\beta^\gamma = g^{\alpha\gamma}$, leading to the relation the Kronecker delta, $g_\beta^\gamma = \delta_{\beta,\gamma}$

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$$g^\beta_\gamma = g_\beta^\gamma = \delta_{\beta,\gamma}$$

We consider the expression

$$x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu$$

Multiplication of Λ_μ^β from the right side:

$$\Lambda_\mu^\beta x'^\mu = \Lambda_\mu^\beta \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu = g^\beta_\nu x^\nu = x^\beta$$

or

$$x^\beta = \Lambda_\mu^\beta x'^\mu$$

In summary, we have

$$x^\mu = \Lambda_\nu^\mu x^\nu$$

$$x'_\mu = \Lambda_\mu^\nu x_\nu$$

Multiplication of Λ^μ_β from the right side:

$$\Lambda^\mu_\beta x'_\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\beta \Lambda_\mu^\nu x_\nu = g_\beta^\nu x_\nu = x_\beta$$

or

$$x_\beta = \Lambda^\mu_\beta x'_\mu$$

or

$$x_\mu = \Lambda^\nu{}_\mu x'_\nu$$

((Expression of tensor))

$$A_\mu{}^\nu = g_{\mu\alpha} A^{\alpha\nu}$$

$$A^\mu{}_\nu = g_{\nu\alpha} A^{\mu\alpha}$$

$$A^{\mu\nu} = g^{\nu\lambda} A^\mu{}_\lambda$$

$$A_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\alpha} g_{\nu\beta} A^{\alpha\beta}$$

(a)

$$x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu x^\nu$$

$$\frac{\partial x'^\mu}{\partial x^\nu} = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu$$

$$\partial_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}, \quad \partial^\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} = g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu$$

(b)

$$x^\mu = \Lambda_\nu{}^\mu x^\nu$$

$$\frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x'^\nu} = \Lambda_\nu{}^\mu$$

$$\partial_\mu = \frac{\partial}{\partial x'^\mu} = \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial x'^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} = \Lambda_\mu{}^\nu \partial_\nu$$

(c) Trace

$\Lambda^\mu{}_\mu$; trace of the tensor

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\mu = \Lambda^1{}_1 + \Lambda^2{}_2 + \Lambda^3{}_3 + \Lambda^4{}_4$$

(d) Feynman-dagger

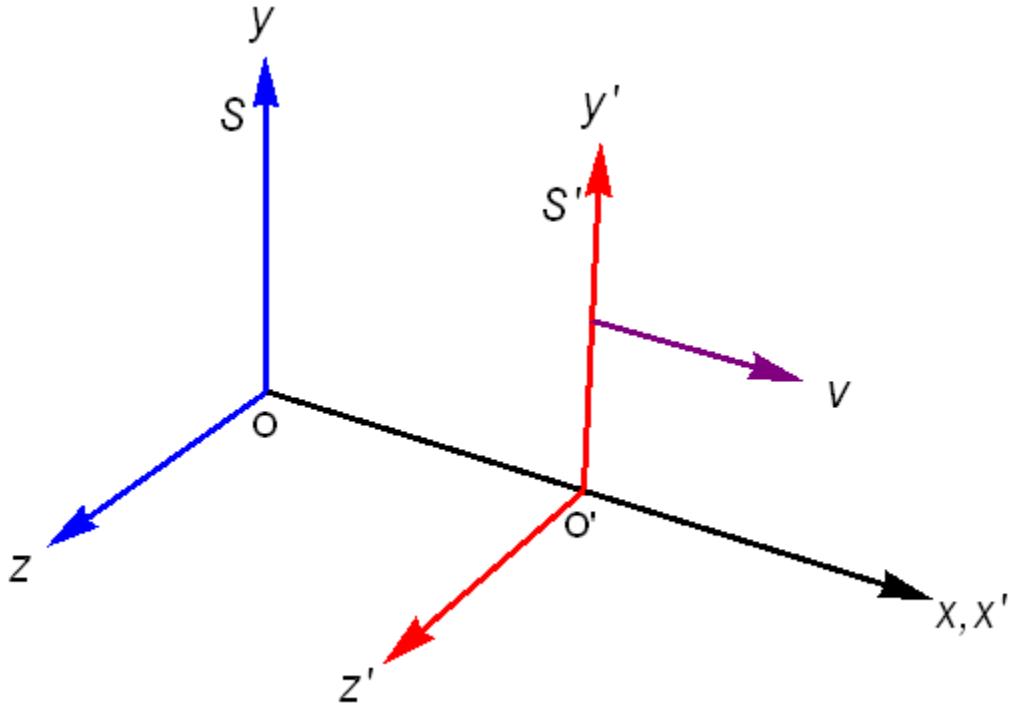
$$\gamma^\mu A_\mu$$

where γ^μ is one of the Dirac matrices.

2. Lorentz transformation

We consider the transformation from an inertial reference frame K to a system K' moving relative to K with velocity v along the x axis.

$$x'^\alpha = \Lambda^\alpha{}_\mu x^\mu, \quad x^\mu = \Lambda_\nu{}^\mu x^\nu$$



$$x' = \gamma(x - vt), \quad t' = \gamma\left(t - \frac{v}{c^2}x\right), \quad y' = y, \quad z' = z$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}, \quad \beta = \frac{v}{c}.$$

The inverse relations are obtained by solving the four equations with respect to the variables x, y, z , and t ;

$$x = \gamma(x' + vt'), \quad t = \gamma(t' + \frac{v}{c^2}x')$$

(a) The Lorentz transformation Λ^μ_ν and $\Lambda^{\mu\nu}$

$$x'^\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu x^\nu \quad (\text{Lorentz transformation})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} x^{0'} \\ x^{1'} \\ x^{2'} \\ x^{3'} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda^0_0 & \Lambda^0_1 & \Lambda^0_2 & \Lambda^0_3 \\ \Lambda^1_0 & \Lambda^1_1 & \Lambda^1_2 & \Lambda^1_3 \\ \Lambda^2_0 & \Lambda^2_1 & \Lambda^2_2 & \Lambda^2_3 \\ \Lambda^3_0 & \Lambda^3_1 & \Lambda^3_2 & \Lambda^3_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & -\sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\Lambda^\mu_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & -\sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that

$$\cosh \chi = \gamma, \quad \sinh \chi = \gamma \beta, \quad \tanh \chi = \beta.$$

(b) Lorentz transformation: Λ^ν_μ

Since the matrix Λ^ν_μ is the transpose of the matrix Λ^ν_μ , Λ^ν_μ can be expressed by

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda^\nu_\mu &= (\Lambda^T)^\mu_\nu \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & -\sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & -\sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Note that in this case, $\Lambda^\nu_\mu = \Lambda^\mu_\nu$ (symmetric)

(c) Lorentz transformation: $\Lambda^{\mu\nu}$

From the definition we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda^{\mu\nu} &= g^{\nu\lambda} \Lambda^\mu_\lambda \\ &= \Lambda^\mu_\lambda g^{\lambda\nu} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & -\sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & \sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\sinh \chi & -\cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

(c) Lorentz transformation: Λ_ν^μ

The inverse Lorentz transformation is defined by

$$x^\mu = \Lambda_\nu^\mu x^\nu,$$

Λ_ν^μ is the inverse matrix of Λ^μ_ν , $\boxed{\Lambda_\nu^\mu = (\Lambda^{-1})^\mu_\nu}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_0^0 & \Lambda_1^0 & \Lambda_2^0 & \Lambda_3^0 \\ \Lambda_0^1 & \Lambda_1^1 & \Lambda_2^1 & \Lambda_3^1 \\ \Lambda_0^2 & \Lambda_1^2 & \Lambda_2^2 & \Lambda_3^2 \\ \Lambda_0^3 & \Lambda_1^3 & \Lambda_2^3 & \Lambda_3^3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^{0'} \\ x^{1'} \\ x^{2'} \\ x^{3'} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^{0'} \\ x^{1'} \\ x^{2'} \\ x^{3'} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & \sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^{0'} \\ x^{1'} \\ x^{2'} \\ x^{3'} \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\boxed{\Lambda_\nu^\mu = (\Lambda^{-1})^\mu_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & \sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

We note that

$$\Lambda_\nu^\mu = g_{\nu\alpha} g^{\mu\beta} \Lambda^\alpha_\beta$$

or

$$\Lambda_\nu^\mu \Lambda^\nu_\lambda = g_{\nu\alpha} g^{\mu\beta} \Lambda^\alpha_\beta \Lambda^\nu_\lambda$$

We note that x'_{μ} is given by either

$$x'_{\mu} = \Lambda_\mu^\nu x_\nu$$

or

$$x^{\lambda}_{\mu} = g_{\mu\lambda} x^{\lambda} = g_{\mu\lambda} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\rho} x^{\rho} = g_{\mu\lambda} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\rho} g^{\rho\nu} x_{\nu} = g_{\mu\lambda} g^{\rho\nu} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\rho} x_{\nu}$$

Then we get

$$\Lambda^{\nu}_{\mu} = g_{\mu\lambda} g^{\rho\nu} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\rho} = g_{\mu\lambda} g^{\nu\rho} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\rho} = g_{\mu\lambda} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\rho} g^{\rho\nu}$$

The interexchange between μ and ν leads to

$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = g_{\nu\lambda} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\rho} g^{\rho\mu} = g_{\nu\lambda} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\rho} g^{\mu\rho} = g^{\mu\rho} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\rho} g_{\lambda\nu}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} &= g^{\mu\rho} \Lambda^{\lambda}_{\rho} g_{\lambda\nu} \\ &= g^{\mu\rho} (\Lambda^T)^{\rho}_{\lambda} g_{\lambda\nu} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & -\sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & \sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & -\sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that

$$\Lambda_{\alpha}^{\mu} \Lambda^{\alpha}_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & \sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & -\sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\Lambda_a^{\mu} = (\Lambda^{-1})_{\alpha}^{\mu}$$

(d) Lorentz transformation $\Lambda_{\mu\nu}$

$$\Lambda_{\mu\nu} = g_{\alpha\mu} \Lambda^{\alpha}_{\nu}$$

$$= g_{\mu\alpha} \Lambda^{\alpha}_{\nu}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & -\sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\sinh \chi & \cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \chi & -\sinh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ \sinh \chi & -\cosh \chi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Infinitesimal Lorentz transformation

For infinitesimal Lorentz transformation, $\chi \approx 0$,

$$\cosh \chi \approx 1, \quad \sinh \chi \approx \varepsilon \chi$$

The infinitesimal Lorentz transformation can be expressed by

$$\begin{aligned}
\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\varepsilon\chi & 0 & 0 \\ -\varepsilon\chi & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \varepsilon\chi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= g^\mu{}_\nu + \varepsilon\omega^\mu{}_\nu \\
&= \delta_{\mu,\nu} + \varepsilon\omega^\mu{}_\nu
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
g^\mu{}_\nu = \delta_{\mu,\nu} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\
\varepsilon\omega^\mu{}_\nu &= \varepsilon\chi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon\chi M^\mu{}_\nu
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$M^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
M^{\mu\nu} &= g^{\nu\alpha} M_{\alpha}^{\mu} \\
&= M_{\alpha}^{\mu} g^{\alpha\nu} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{\mu\nu} &= g_{\mu\alpha} M^{\alpha}_{\nu} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

4. Lorentz transformation (general case)

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_0^0 & \Lambda_1^0 & \Lambda_2^0 & \Lambda_3^0 \\ \Lambda_0^1 & \Lambda_1^1 & \Lambda_2^1 & \Lambda_3^1 \\ \Lambda_0^2 & \Lambda_1^2 & \Lambda_2^2 & \Lambda_3^2 \\ \Lambda_0^3 & \Lambda_1^3 & \Lambda_2^3 & \Lambda_3^3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\frac{\gamma}{c}v_x & -\frac{\gamma}{c}v_y & -\frac{\gamma}{c}v_z \\ -\frac{\gamma}{c}v_x & 1 + (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_x^2}{v^2} & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_x v_y}{v^2} & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_x v_z}{v^2} \\ -\frac{\gamma}{c}v_y & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_x v_y}{v^2} & 1 + (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_y^2}{v^2} & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_y v_z}{v^2} \\ -\frac{\gamma}{c}v_z & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_x v_z}{v^2} & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_y v_z}{v^2} & 1 + (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_z^2}{v^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = \Lambda^\mu_\nu \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_0^0 & \Lambda_1^0 & \Lambda_2^0 & \Lambda_3^0 \\ \Lambda_0^1 & \Lambda_1^1 & \Lambda_2^1 & \Lambda_3^1 \\ \Lambda_0^2 & \Lambda_1^2 & \Lambda_2^2 & \Lambda_3^2 \\ \Lambda_0^3 & \Lambda_1^3 & \Lambda_2^3 & \Lambda_3^3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^0 \\ x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\Lambda^\mu_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & \frac{\gamma}{c}v_x & \frac{\gamma}{c}v_y & \frac{\gamma}{c}v_z \\ \frac{\gamma}{c}v_x & 1 + (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_x^2}{v^2} & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_x v_y}{v^2} & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_x v_z}{v^2} \\ \frac{\gamma}{c}v_y & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_x v_y}{v^2} & 1 + (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_y^2}{v^2} & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_y v_z}{v^2} \\ \frac{\gamma}{c}v_z & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_x v_z}{v^2} & (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_y v_z}{v^2} & 1 + (\gamma - 1)\frac{v_z^2}{v^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Infinitesimal Lorentz transformation (in the limit of $\gamma \rightarrow 1$)

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta_x & -\gamma\beta_y & -\gamma\beta_z \\ -\gamma\beta_x & 1 + (\gamma-1)\beta_x^2 & (\gamma-1)\beta_x\beta_y & (\gamma-1)\beta_z\beta_x \\ -\gamma\beta_y & (\gamma-1)\beta_x\beta_y & 1 + (\gamma-1)\beta_y^2 & (\gamma-1)\beta_y\beta_z \\ -\gamma\beta_z & (\gamma-1)\beta_z\beta_x & (\gamma-1)\beta_y\beta_z & 1 + (\gamma-1)\beta_z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\beta_x & -\beta_y & -\beta_z \\ -\beta_x & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta_y & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\beta_z & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we have

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = g^\mu{}_\nu + \varepsilon \omega^\mu{}_\nu$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\beta_x & -\beta_y & -\beta_z \\ -\beta_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta_y & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta_z & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\varepsilon \omega^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\beta_x & -\beta_y & -\beta_z \\ -\beta_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta_y & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta_z & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. Formula

$$x'_\nu x^\nu = g_{\nu\mu} x'^\mu x^\nu = g_{\mu\nu} x'^\mu x^\nu$$

$$x_\nu x^\nu = g_{\nu\mu} x^\mu x^\nu = g_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu$$

where $g_{\nu\mu} = g_{\mu\nu}$ (symmetric)

Then we have

$$g_{\mu\nu} x'^\mu x^\nu = g_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu$$

From the definition of x^μ and x^ν , we get

$$g_{\mu\nu}(\Lambda^\mu{}_\rho x^\rho)(\Lambda^\nu{}_\sigma x^\sigma) = g_{\mu\nu}x^\mu x^\nu = g_{\rho\sigma}x^\rho x^\sigma$$

The comparison of the coefficient of $x^\rho x^\sigma$ for both sides:

$$g_{\mu\nu}\Lambda^\mu{}_\rho\Lambda^\nu{}_\sigma = g_{\rho\sigma},$$

or

$$\Lambda_\nu{}^\rho\Lambda^\nu{}_\sigma = g_{\rho\sigma}.$$

Switching between μ and ν ,

$$\Lambda_\mu{}^\rho\Lambda^\mu{}_\sigma = g_{\rho\sigma}$$

Multiplication of $g^{\rho\alpha}$ from the right-hand side:

$$g^{\rho\alpha}\Lambda_\mu{}^\rho\Lambda^\mu{}_\sigma = g^{\rho\alpha}g_{\rho\sigma} = g^\alpha{}_\sigma$$

or

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$$g_{\mu\nu}\Lambda^\mu{}_\rho\Lambda^\nu{}_\sigma = g_{\rho\sigma}$$

(b)

$$g^{\alpha\mu}\Lambda_\alpha{}^\nu = \Lambda^{\mu\nu}$$

$$g^{\overline{\alpha\mu}}\Lambda_\alpha{}^{\overline{\mu\nu}} = \Lambda^{\mu\nu}$$

$$g_{\alpha\mu}\Lambda^{\alpha}_{\nu} = \Lambda_{\mu\nu}$$

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$$g_{\nu\alpha}\Lambda^{\mu\alpha} = \Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu}$$

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(c)

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(d)

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((Note))

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = g^{\alpha\mu}\Lambda_{\alpha\nu} = g^{\mu\alpha}\Lambda_{\alpha\nu}$$

Suppose that

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = g^\mu{}_\nu + \varepsilon^\mu{}_\nu$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} g^\mu{}_\nu + \varepsilon^\mu{}_\nu &= g^{\mu\alpha}(g_{\alpha\nu} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\nu}) \\ &= g^\mu{}_\nu + g^{\mu\alpha}\varepsilon_{\alpha\nu} \end{aligned}$$

which leads to the expression

$$\varepsilon^\mu{}_\nu = g^{\mu\alpha}\varepsilon_{\alpha\nu}.$$

(e)

$$\Lambda_\nu{}^\mu = (\Lambda^{-1})_\nu{}^\mu$$

$$\Lambda^\nu{}_\mu = (\Lambda^T)^\mu{}_\nu$$

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\lambda (\Lambda^{-1})^\lambda{}_\nu = \Lambda^\mu{}_\lambda \Lambda_\nu{}^\lambda = g^\mu{}_\nu$$

$$(\Lambda^{-1})^\mu{}_\lambda \Lambda^\lambda{}_\nu = \Lambda_\lambda{}^\mu \Lambda^\lambda{}_\nu = g^\mu{}_\nu$$

$$(\Lambda^T)^\mu{}_\lambda ((\Lambda^T)^{-1})^\lambda{}_\nu = \Lambda^\lambda{}_\mu (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu{}_\lambda = (\Lambda^{-1})^\nu{}_\lambda \Lambda^\lambda{}_\mu = g^\nu{}_\mu$$

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