

BSC Sem-VI
Special Theory of Relativity
& Modern Cosmology

12/6/17

2016-2017

55
Special
Theory of Relativity

Q.P. Code : 02142

[Marks:75]

[Time: 2½ Hours]

N.B:

Please check whether you have got the right question paper.

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Figures to the right indicate full marks.
3. Draw neat diagrams wherever necessary.
4. Symbols have usual meaning unless otherwise stated.
5. Use of log table and non-programmable calculator is allowed.

Q.1 a) Attempt any one:---

i) Derive the relativistic equations for aberration of light and Doppler's effect in relativity. (10)

ii) State the postulates of special theory of relativity and using Lorentz transformation equations of (10)

space and time derive the formula for length contraction and time dilation.

b) Attempt any one:---

i) A source of light emitting Sodium D2 line (5890 Å) and is moving along a circle with constant (05)

speed $0.6c$ relative to an observer fixed at the centre of the circle. Find the wavelength of light as observed by the observer.

ii) Show that the quantity $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - c^2t^2$ is invariant under Lorentz transformation equations of (05)

space-time co-ordinates.

Q.2 a) Attempt any one:---

i) Applying the principle of conservation of linear momentum to the perfectly elastic collision (10)

between two identical particles in inertial frame of reference, obtain an expression for relativistic mass.

ii) Derive the expressions for longitudinal and transverse mass with respect to the direction of motion (10)

of two inertial frames.

b) Attempt any one:---

i) Derive relativistic relation between total energy E and momentum p (05)

$$E^2 = p^2c^2 + m_0^2c^4$$

ii) The density of silver is 10.5 gm/cm^3 when it is at rest relative to an observer. What is its density (05)

when it is moving with relative velocity $0.8c$.

Given: $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$.

Q.3 a) Attempt any one:---

i) Derive the transformations for electric field intensity \vec{E} using Lorentz transformations equations (10)

for force.

ii) Two equal charges $+q$ separated by distance r lying in XY plane relative to the frame S and having (10)

same X coordinate are moving with same velocity \vec{u} along X axis relative to the frame S . Using Lorentz transformation of force find the resultant force exerted by the two charges on each other.

P.T.O

- b) Attempt any one:---
- Show that the scalar product $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$ is invariant under Lorentz transformations of \vec{E} and \vec{B} . (05)
 - If charge '+q' is kept stationary in inertial frame S' . Determine the components of magnetic induction \vec{B} in inertial S frame, assume that S' is moving with respect to S along $x-x'$ axis with constant velocity v . (05)

- Q.4 a) Attempt any one:---
- Discuss in brief Optical, X ray and Radio Astronomy. (10)
 - Explain the phenomenon of gravitational red- shift of spectral line. Derive an expression for the modified frequency of the spectral line. (10)

- b) Attempt any one:---
- Explain the Twin Paradox in brief. (05)
 - With the help of Minkowski space time diagram explain the relativity of simultaneity. (05)

- Q.5 a) Attempt any one:---
- A spaceship is 100 m long on the ground. When it is in flight it appears to be 98 m long, Find its speed. Given $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$. (05)
 - A vector is represented as $\vec{r} = 3\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ in a frame moving with a velocity given by $v = 0.5c \hat{i}$ related to a stationary frame. What is the vector representation in a stationary frame? (05)

- b) Attempt any one:---
- Two identical particles of rest mass m_0 travelling in opposite directions, each with velocity v collide head on. The particles stick together after the collision forming a new particle of rest mass M_0 , which is at rest. Show that though energy and momentum are always conserved, rest mass is not conserved ($M_0 > 2m_0$). (05)
 - The distance between the sun and the earth is $1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ km}$ and the earth receives energy at the rate of $1.34 \times 10^3 \text{ watt/m}^2$. Find the annual loss of the mass of the sun. (05)

- C) Attempt any one:---

- Show that $j_x^2 + j_y^2 + j_z^2 - c^2 p^2$ is invariant under Lorentz transformations for current and charge density. (05)
- If a small box has electric charge density as 1 C/m^3 when observed at rest. Determine its charge density when the box starts moving at speed of $0.8c$ with respect to observer. (05)

- d) Attempt any one:---
- Give brief account of 'Quasars'
 - State and explain Hubble's Law.