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PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

PART 1: BI-DIRECTIONAL WAVELENGTH IN MOVING SYSTEMS

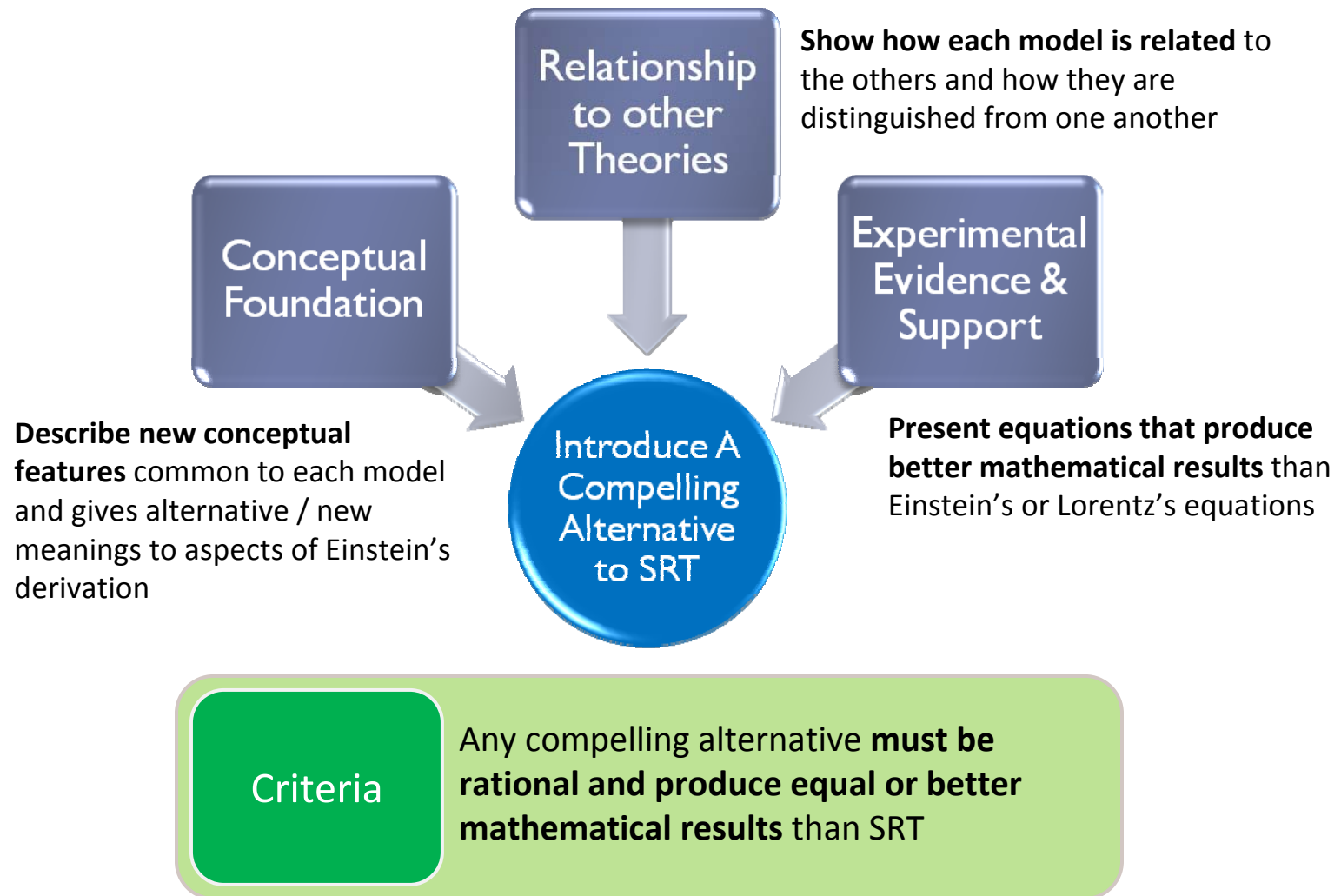
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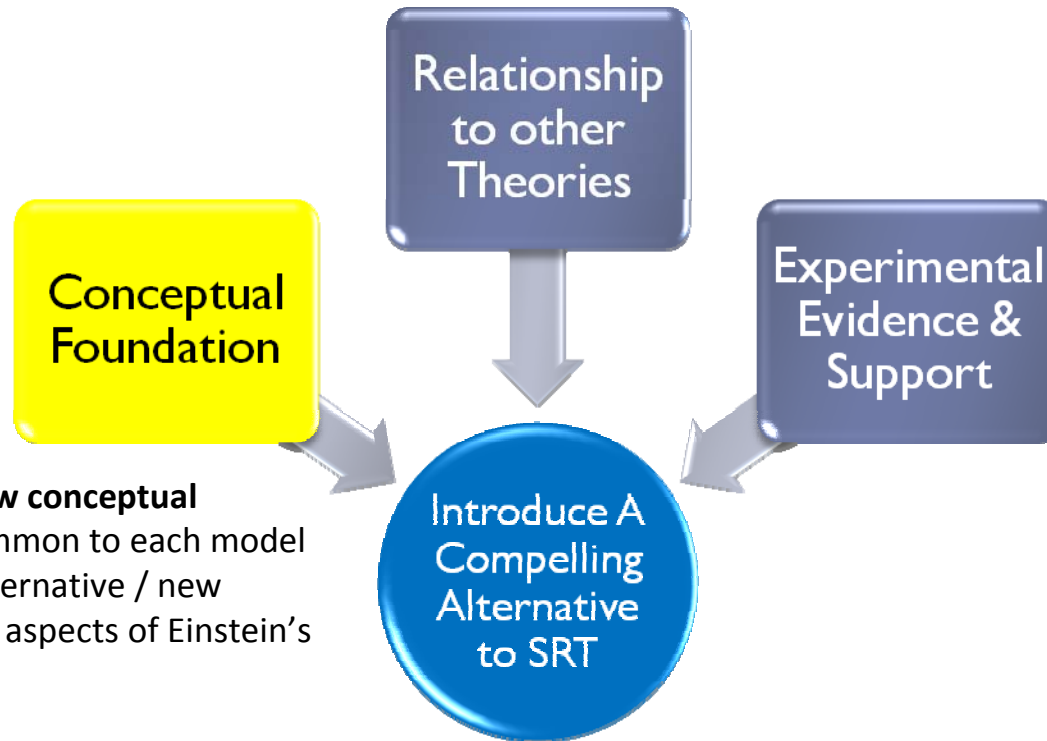
The Model of Complete and Incomplete Coordinate Systems

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Describe new conceptual features common to each model and gives alternative / new meanings to aspects of Einstein's derivation



The Foundational Equation

The most important equation in understanding moving systems is the multiplication of time with velocity.

*answer = velocity * time*

$$x = vt \quad \text{or} \quad x = ct \quad \text{or} \quad \xi = c\tau$$

**Critical
Question**

What does this equation produce?

- a. A Length
- b. A Point
- c. A Length and a Point

Answer: It Depends

Coordinate Systems

Definition

A **Coordinate System** is something you can measure, typically in one, two, or three dimensions.

What makes Coordinate Systems interesting is when you move “things” with respect to them

- Other Objects or Phenomena
- Other Coordinate Systems

Lorentz's Conceptual Foundation

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Demonstration / Simulation

The simulation will help us create the “Foundational Equations” inherent in each of the Moving Systems models.

Go to a time
before Einstein
(e.g. 1888)

- Understand “why” people came up with Relativity in the first place

Concepts you
already
understand

- May not have viewed the concepts in the same way before
- Start from scratch to “get everyone on the same page”

Makes Sense

- Makes more assumptions explicit
- Makes sense: Successfully “piloted” using an Elementary School Student!

Lengths in Moving Systems

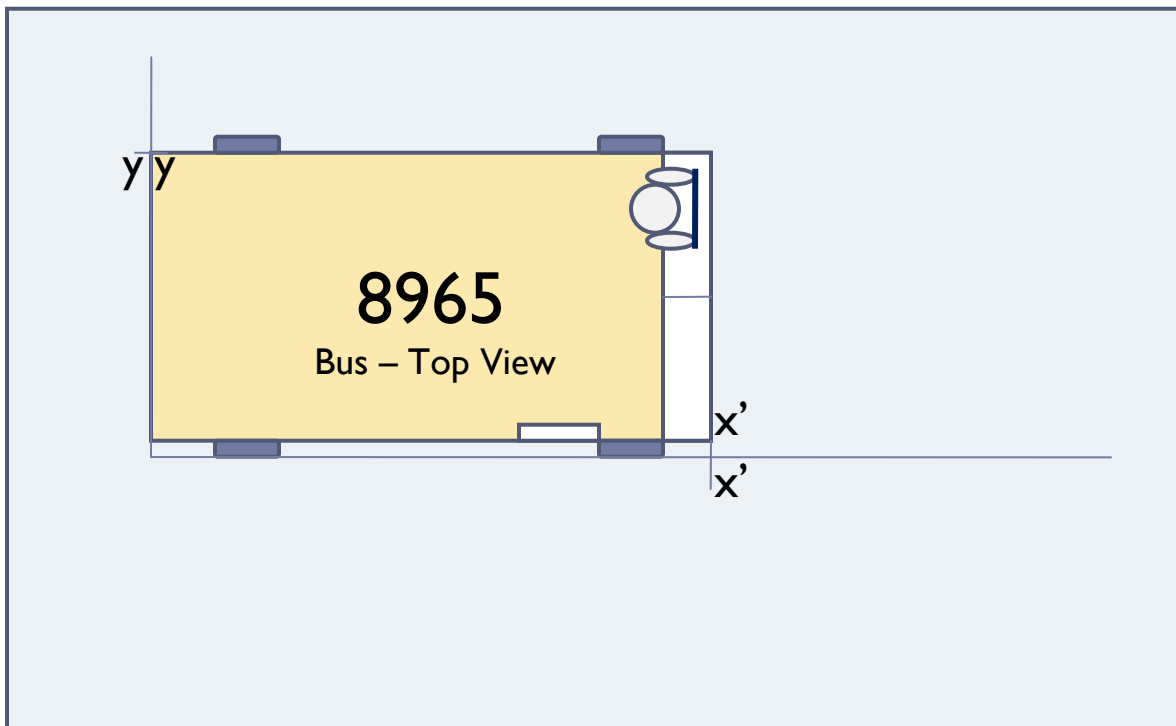
If $x=vt$ is bi-directional or does not start at the origin, then the result of the equation will be a length, not a point.

Conditions	
Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unidirectional• Starts at the origin *
Lengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unidirectional or Bi-Directional
A Point and a Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unidirectional• Starts at the origin

* Can be performed with a transformation

Length in an Incomplete Coordinate System

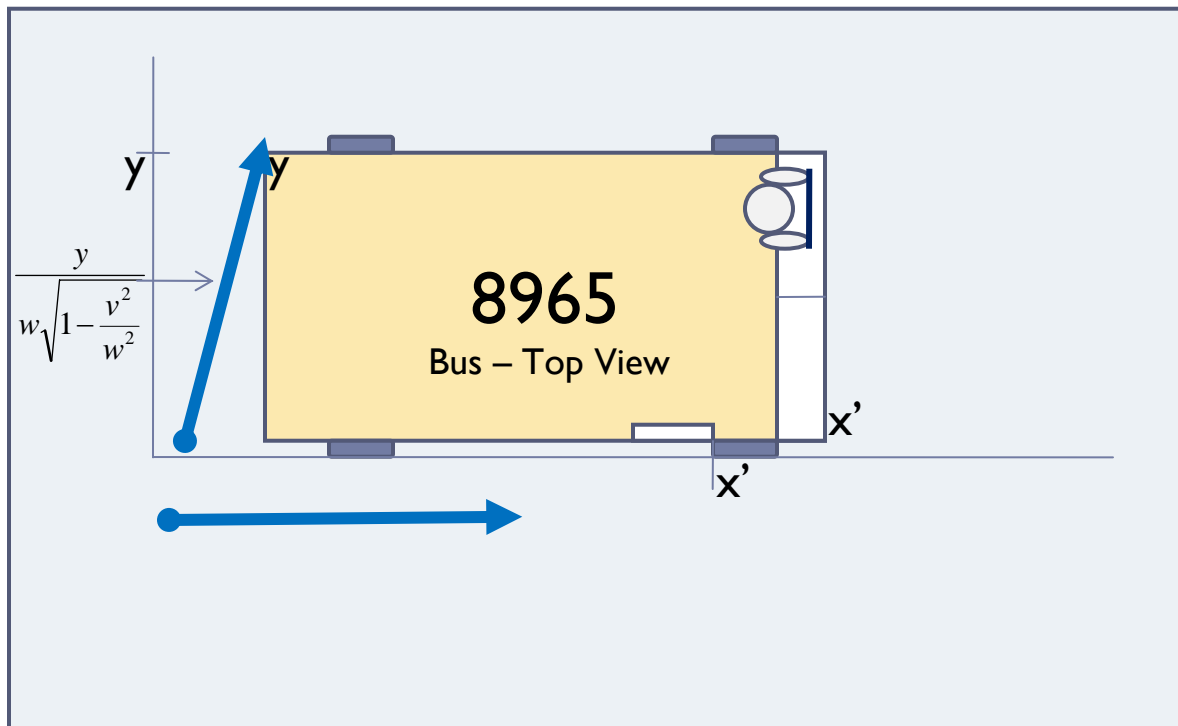
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Note: The same equations that apply to the Y axis also apply to the Z axis.

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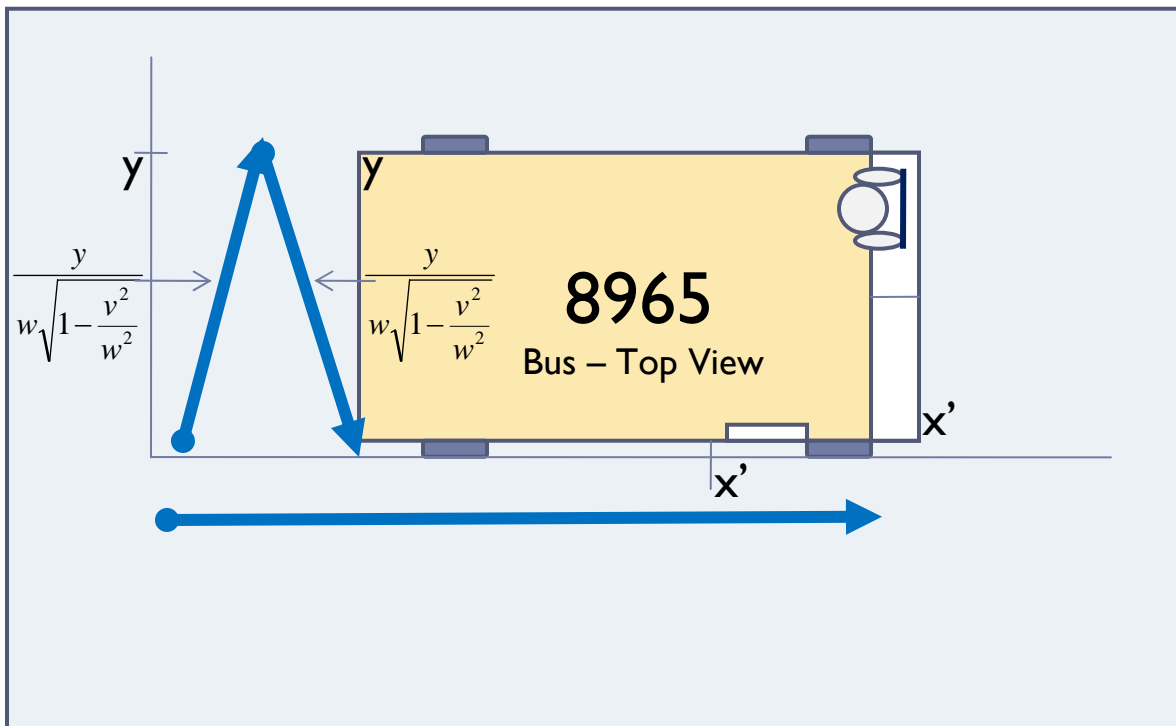
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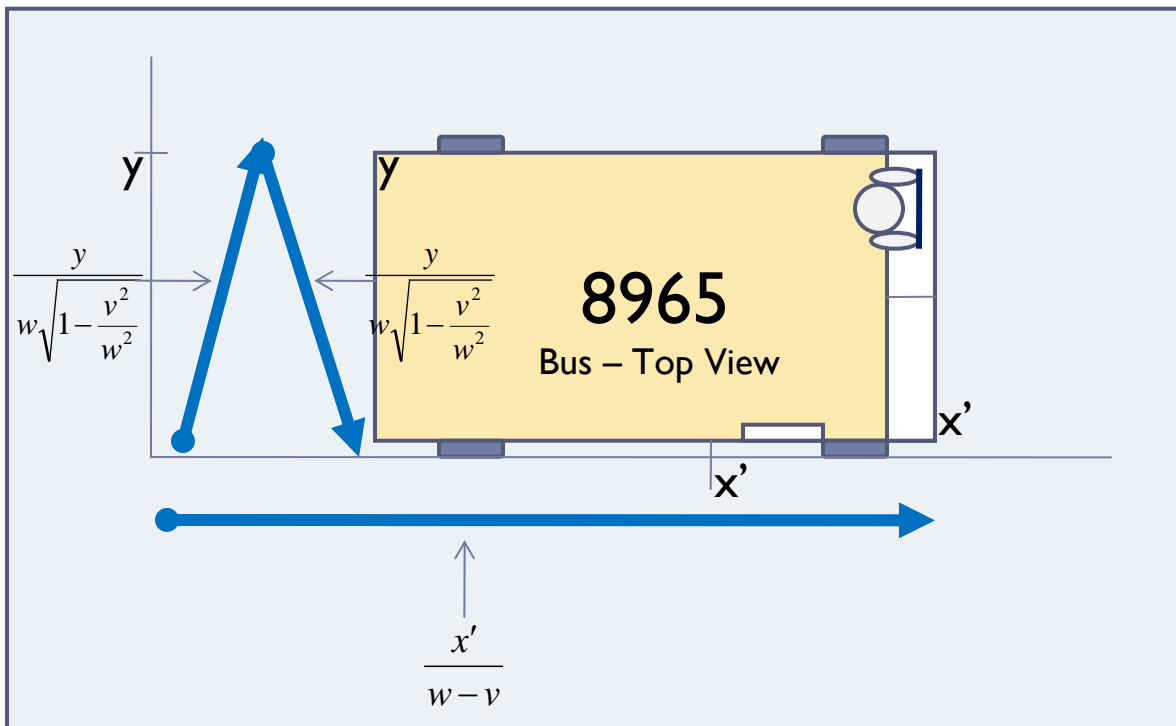
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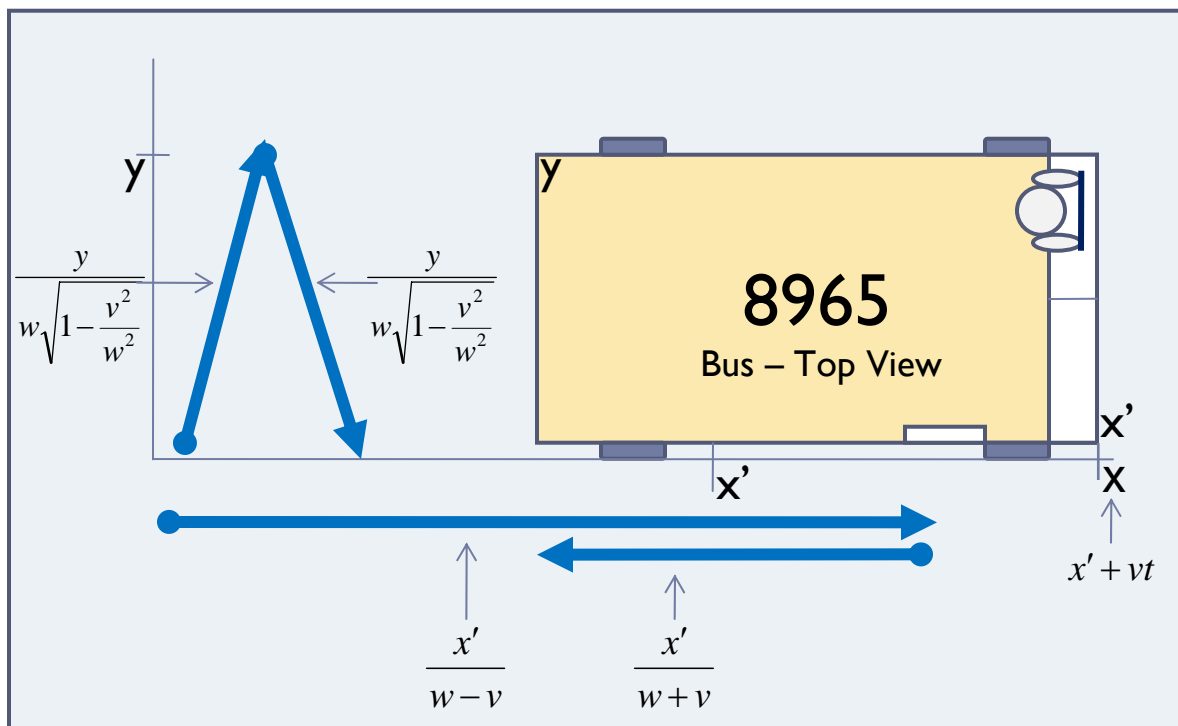
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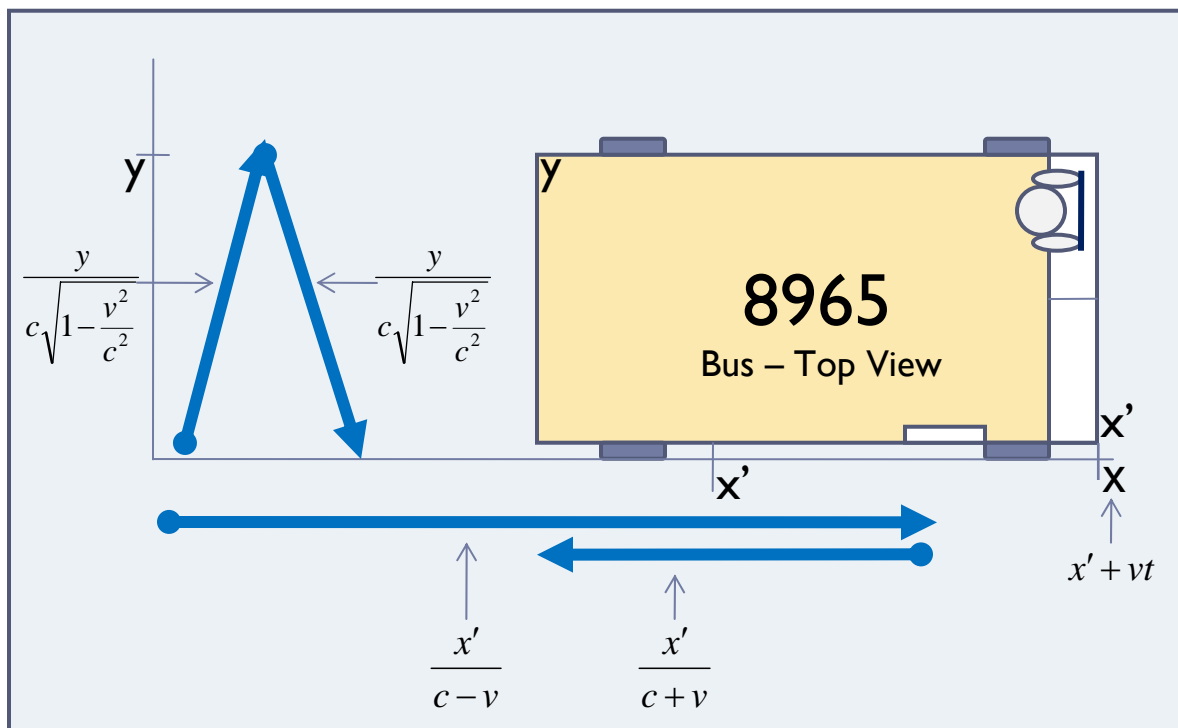


- Each axis has its own Time Equation
- In the equations, x' , y , and z represent $\frac{1}{2}$ a wavelength, not a full wavelength
- X-axis equation is derived bi-directionally
 - Transformations apply to lengths
- Consistent with our understanding of electronics, oscillation, and Radio Frequency generation

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Change the notation to give w a specific velocity, in this case c for the speed of light

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Spotting Bi-Directional Activity

Textual and mathematical statements can be used to determine if the equation is unidirectional or bi-directional.

Look For

1. Statements of bi-directional activity
2. Mathematical use of v and $-v$ in the same derivation

Let a ray of light start at the “A time” t_A from A towards B, let it at the “B time” t_B be reflected at B in the direction of A, and arrive again at A at the “A time” t'_A .

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\tau(0, 0, 0, t) + \tau \left(0, 0, 0, t + \frac{x'}{c-v} + \frac{x'}{c+v} \right) \right] = \tau \left(x', 0, 0, t + \frac{x'}{c-v} \right)$$

Einstein 1905

$$\frac{c^2}{c^2 - v^2} = \beta^2$$

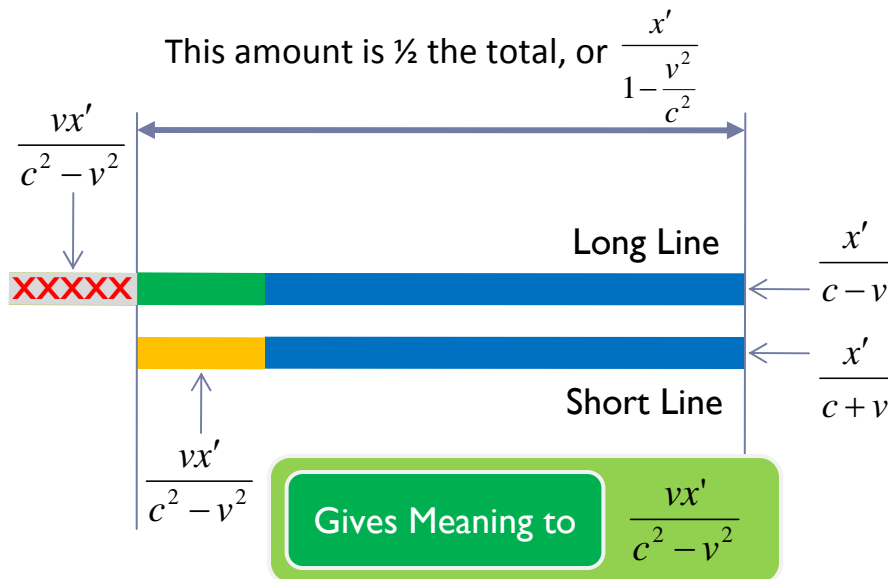
Lorentz 1904

Note

$$c \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{c-v} + \frac{1}{c+v} \right] = \frac{c^2}{c^2 - v^2}$$

Answering “How far is half way”?

There are three ways to mathematically answer the question: “*How long does it take to travel ½ the total round-trip distance?*”



- 1 Subtract the short line from the long line
- 2 Divide remainder into two equal parts
- 3 Either subtract from long line or add to short line

Note: The Model of Complete and Incomplete Coordinate Systems uses w to represent the velocity of the moving phenomena. This graphical relationship and the mathematical equations hold for objects oscillating at any specified velocity, not just at the speed of light as is indicative of using c (as given above)

- Three ways to find ½ the total round trip time:
 - Add $\frac{x'}{c + v}$ to $\frac{x'}{c - v}$ and divide by 2
 - Subtract $\frac{vx'}{c^2 - v^2}$ from $\frac{x'}{c - v}$
 - Add $\frac{vx'}{c^2 - v^2}$ to $\frac{x'}{c + v}$
- When you multiply a “bi-directional” time by velocity, you get a length

Key Finding

Einstein answers the questions “**How far is ½ the total round trip distance?**” when he states:

$$\xi = c \left[\frac{x'}{c - v} - \frac{vx'}{c^2 - v^2} \right] = \frac{x'c^2}{c^2 - v^2}$$

Foundational Equations

Each Moving Systems model is based on the same set of foundational equations that answer the question: *what is ½ the distance?*

Foundational Equations

$$x \text{ axis} = \frac{x'}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

$$y \text{ axis} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$z \text{ axis} = \frac{z}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Full wavelength based

- **Michelson & Morley** use the equations unchanged, but use x instead of x'
- **Lorentz** multiplies these equations by $\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$ and uses x instead of x'
- **Einstein** multiplies these equations by $\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$ and replaces x' with $x - vt$

½ wavelength based

- **Bryant** uses the equations unchanged, and uses c as a specific case of w

Critical
Question

What is x' ?

- a. A full wavelength
- b. ½ a full wavelength

Answer: b. ½ a full wavelength

Summary of Key Findings

We have given specific meanings to two terms in Einstein's 1905 derivation and have established a new conceptual framework using Bi-Directional movement.

New Mathematical Explanations

1. Gives specific meaning to the term $\frac{vx'}{c^2 - v^2}$
2. Explains the meaning of $\xi = \frac{x'c^2}{c^2 - v^2}$ in Einstein's derivation
3. Establishes the "Foundational Equations" that answers the question: *What is ½ of the total?*

Revised Foundational Concepts

- ▶ **A difference between Lengths and Points**
- ▶ Highlights the **Bi-Directional assumption** in Einstein's and Lorentz's derivations
- ▶ Defines **two types of Coordinate Systems**, Complete and Incomplete



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