

1) Note 119(3): The Frame Invariance Relations under the Lorentz Boost.

Under the Lorentz boost along an axis such as the 2 axis there are basis vector relations such as:

$$\underline{e}'_0 = \underline{e}_0 \cosh \phi - \underline{e}_1 \sinh \phi \quad - (1)$$

$$\underline{e}'_1 = -\underline{e}_0 \sinh \phi + \underline{e}_1 \cosh \phi \quad - (2)$$

$$\underline{e}'_2 = \underline{e}_2 \quad - (3)$$

$$\underline{e}'_3 = \underline{e}_3 \quad - (4)$$

There are therefore $O(3)$ symmetry relations in 4-D spacetime such as:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{e}'_0 \times \underline{e}'_1 &= (\underline{e}_0 \cosh \phi - \underline{e}_1 \sinh \phi) \times \\ &\quad (-\underline{e}_0 \sinh \phi + \underline{e}_1 \cosh \phi) \\ &= (\underline{e}_0 \times \underline{e}_1) (\cosh^2 \phi - \sinh^2 \phi) \\ &= \underline{e}_0 \times \underline{e}_1 \quad - (5) \\ &= \underline{e}_2 \end{aligned}$$

QED

In 4-D spacetime there are four unit vectors instead of the usual three in 3-D space. The Lorentz boost involves a change in time, the Lorentz rotation does not. In the Lorentz group there are three rotation generators

2) and three boost generators. The relation between group generators must be covariant. This is a very basic of relativity. If we consider a Lorentz boost along \underline{k} , then:

$$\underline{k}' = -\underline{e}_0 \sinh \phi + \underline{k} \cosh \phi \quad - (6)$$

$$\underline{i}' = \underline{i} \quad - (7)$$

$$\underline{j}' = \underline{j} \quad - (8)$$

In frame K :

$$\underline{i} \times \underline{j} = \underline{k} \quad - (9)$$

but in frame K' :

$$\underline{i}' \times \underline{j}' = \underline{i} \times \underline{j} \neq \underline{k}' \quad - (10)$$

unless $v = 0$. $- (11)$

The reason for this is that a Lorentz boost is independent of a Lorentz rotation. Eq. (9) is a relation between rotation generators, and as such is covariant (indeed invariant) only under Lorentz rotation. The relation (5) on the other hand is a relation between boost generators, and is covariant under the Lorentz boost. Indeed the boost relations are invariant under the Lorentz boost.