

## Physics 2D Lecture Slides Lecture 5: Jan 10 2005

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• Bring a Blue Book, calculator; check battery

First Quiz This Friday !

- Make sure you remember the code number for this couse given to you (record it some place safe!)
- No "cheat Sheet" please, I will give you equations and constants that I think you need
- When you come for the quiz, pl. occupy seats in the front first.
- Pl. observe one seat distance in the back rows (there is plenty of space)
- Academic Honesty is for you to observe and for me to enforce:
  - Be a good citizen, in this course and forever !

## Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity



## Einstein's Postulates

The laws of physics must be the same in all inertial reference frames

The speed of light in vacuum has the same value  $c = 3.0 \times 108$  m/s), in all inertial frames, regardless of the velocity of the observer or the velocity of the source emitting the light



- Events that are simultaneous for one Observer are not simultaneous for another Observer in relative motion
- Time Dilation : Clocks in motion relative to an Observer appear to slow down by factor  $\gamma$
- Length Contraction : Lengths of Objects in motion appear to be contracted in the direction of motion by factor  $\gamma^{-1}$
- New Definitions :
  - Proper Time (who measures this ?)
  - Proper Length (who measures this ?)
  - Different clocks for different folks !

## **Contrived Paradoxes of Relativity**

A paradox is an apparently self-contradictory statement, the underlying meaning of which is revealed only by careful scrutiny. <u>The purpose of a paradox is to arrest</u> <u>attention and provoke fresh thought</u>

``A paradox is not a conflict within reality. It is a conflict between reality and your feeling of what reality should be like."

-Richard Feynman

Now We Construct a few paradoxes in Relativity & analyze them





































