

**Homework #10 (10 points) - Show all work on the following problems:**

**Problem 1 (2 points):** In a laboratory experiment, a muon travels 800 meters before decaying. The lifetime of a muon at rest is  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  s. What was the speed of the muon relative to the laboratory, expressed as a fraction of the speed of light?

**Problem 2 (2 points):** A boat has a mast that is tipped backward from vertical, making an angle of  $\theta$  with respect to the horizontal deck. If the boat travels at speed  $v$  past a dock, what angle between the mast and the deck does a stationary observer on the dock report?

**Problem 3 (2 points):** Solve the Lorentz transformations for  $x',y',z',t'$  in terms of  $x,y,t,z$  (Eq. 12.18) to obtain the reverse transformation for  $x,y,t,z$  in terms of  $x',y',z',t'$  (Eq. 12.19).

**Problem 4 (2 points):** Find the Lorentz velocity transformation for velocities in the  $y$  and  $z$  direction (perpendicular to the relative velocity  $v$ ).

**Problem 5 (2 points):** Consider two events: Event A taking place at  $(x,y,z) = (5,3,0)$  at time  $t = 15/c$ , and Event B taking place at  $(x,y,z) = (10,8,0)$  at time  $t = 5/c$ , both in reference frame  $S$ .

**2a (0.5 points):** What is the invariant interval between Events A and B?

**2b (0.5 points):** Is there an inertial system  $S'$  in which they are simultaneous? If so, what is its velocity relative to  $S$ ?

**2c (1 point):** Is there an inertial system  $S'$  in which they take place at the same point? If so, what is its velocity relative to  $S$ ?