

# ***On Lorentz Transformations and Continuity Equation of Angular Momentum in Relativistic Quantum Mechanics.***

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## §1. Introduction and outlines.

In special relativity and relativistic quantum mechanics, the fundamental laws of mechanics are formulated so as they are form-invariant under the transformations of the general Lorentz group. The transformation of the Lorentz group is obtained by means of a suitable combination of spatial rotations of the axes of coordinates in two systems together with a special Lorentz transformation of the form :

$$x' = \frac{x - ut}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}}, \quad y' = y, \quad z' = z, \quad t' = \frac{t - ux/c^2}{\sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2}} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $x, y, z, t$  and  $x', y', z', t'$  are space-time coordinates in two systems  $K$  and  $K'$ , the uniform velocity of  $K'$  relative to  $K$  being  $u$  along  $x$ -axis of  $K$ . The equations (1.1) represent the relations between the coordinates in  $K$  and  $K'$  where the relative velocity of  $K'$  to  $K$  is *parallel to the  $x$ -axis*. However, sometimes we shall need explicit expressions for the Lorentz transformations in a more general case where the relative velocity of  $K'$  to  $K$  is not parallel to the  $x$ -axis and where the Cartesian axes in  $K$  and  $K'$  have the same orientation (not arbitrary orientations relative to each other). Such a transformation is the so-called *Lorentz transformation without rotation* [1]\*). The explicit expression for such Lorentz transformation without rotation is given by the following vector form: [1]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}' &= \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{U} \left[ \frac{(\mathbf{UX})}{u^2} \{ (1 - u^2/c^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1 \} - t (1 - u^2/c^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right] \\ t' &= (1 - u^2/c^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \{ t - (\mathbf{UX})/c^2 \} \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

where

$$\mathbf{X} = (x, y, z), \quad \mathbf{X}' = (x', y', z'), \quad \mathbf{U} = (u^1, u^2, u^3),$$

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\*) The ciphers in the square brackets refer to the Bibliography attached to the end of this paper.