

# Physics 7C, Fall 2015

## Midterm 2 Solutions

### Problem 1

At  $x = L$ , we observe light of wavelength  $\lambda$  to be particularly bright, which means we are observing constructive interference at that wavelength. Figure 1 shows the two interfering light rays that we need to consider. The angular opening  $\theta$  of the sliver of glass is very small, so the incoming and outgoing rays are all on top of each other and perpendicular to the  $x$  axis, although they have been drawn at incoming and outgoing angles in Figure 1 to make them distinguishable. Outside of the glass, the index of refraction is  $n_{\text{air}} \approx 1$ . The glass has index of refraction  $n > n_{\text{air}}$ . At  $x = L$ , the thickness of the glass is  $d = L \tan \theta$ .

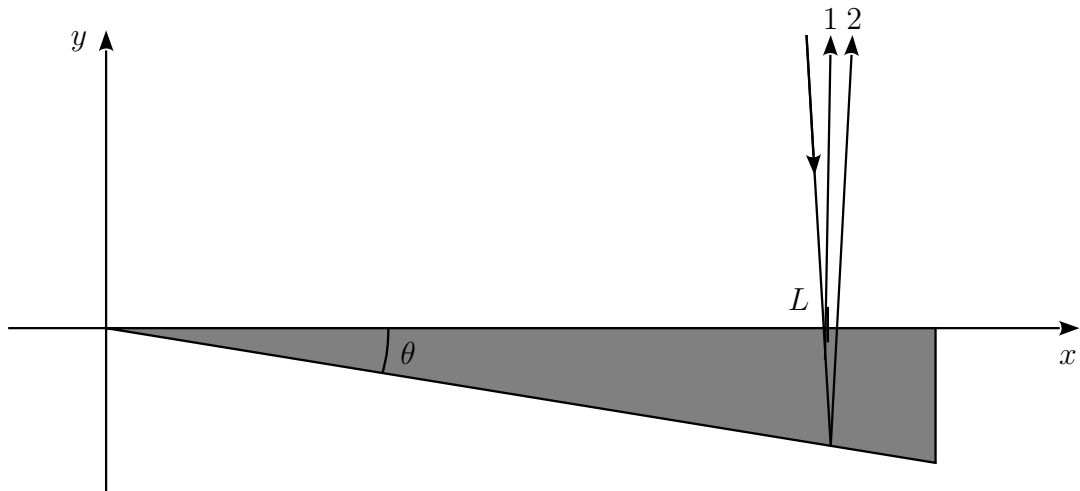


Figure 1

#### Ray 1:

Ray 1 accumulates a phase of  $\pi$  upon reflection from the upper glass/air interface, since  $n > n_{\text{air}}$ . Therefore, it accumulates a phase of  $\phi_1 = \pi$ .

#### Ray 2:

Ray 2 travels a distance  $2d$  in the glass. For light of wavelength  $\lambda$  in air, which we observe to be bright, ray 2 accumulates  $\frac{2d}{\lambda_n}$  wavelengths as it travels through the glass, where  $\lambda_n = \frac{\lambda}{n}$  is the wavelength of the light in the glass. Thus, ray 2 accumulates a phase of  $2\pi \frac{2d}{\lambda_n} = 2\pi \frac{2nL \tan \theta}{\lambda}$  traveling through the glass. Ray 2 does not accumulate a phase of  $\pi$  upon reflection from the lower air/glass interface, since  $n_{\text{air}} < n$ . Therefore, ray 2 accumulates a

phase of  $\phi_2 = 2\pi \frac{2nL \tan \theta}{\lambda}$ .

**Phase difference:**

The phase difference between the two rays is

$$\Delta\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1 = 2\pi \frac{2nL \tan \theta}{\lambda} - \pi \quad (1)$$

The phase difference must be an integer multiple of  $2\pi$  to achieve constructive interference at wavelength  $\lambda$ , so  $\Delta\phi = 2\pi m$ , where  $m$  is an integer:

$$2\pi m = \Delta\phi \quad (2)$$

$$= 2\pi \frac{2nL \tan \theta}{\lambda} - \pi \quad (3)$$

$$m = \frac{2nL \tan \theta}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{2} \quad (4)$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2m + 1}{4} \frac{\lambda}{nL} \quad (5)$$

At  $x = L$ , we observe no other wavelengths accentuated, so the thickness  $d = L \tan \theta$  must be the minimum thickness for constructive interference at wavelength  $\lambda$ , which implies  $m = 0$ . Therefore,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\lambda}{nL} \quad (6)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{4} \frac{\lambda}{nL} \right) \quad (7)$$

## Physics 7C, Fall 2015, Midterm 2, Problem 2

At  $t = 0$  in his stationary frame  $S$ , Tom suddenly *sees* Dick throw a ball towards him with velocity  $-u_B = -\frac{3}{5}c$ . Tom catches the ball with his robotic arm at a time  $T$ . Harry is in the moving frame  $S'$ , moving to the right with speed  $v = \frac{4}{5}c$ . The origins of  $S$  and  $S'$  are at the same point at  $t' = t = 0$ .

**a. Where,  $x_0$ , and when,  $t_0$ , was the ball thrown in Tom's frame?**

There are three events to consider: Dick throws ball ( $t_D = t_0, x_D = x_0$ ), Tom sees Dick throw ball ( $t_S = 0, x_S = 0$ ), and Tom catches ball ( $t_C = T, x_C = 0$ ). *We must take into account the time it takes for light to travel between Dick and Tom.*

The time  $T$  between Tom seeing and catching can be used to first solve for  $x_0$ . We know that the time  $t_S - t_D$  for light to reach Tom from Dick is  $\frac{x_0}{c}$ . The time  $t_C - t_D$  for the ball to reach Tom is  $\frac{x_0}{\frac{3}{5}c} = \frac{5x_0}{3c}$ . The difference between these two time intervals  $t_C - t_S$  is our given  $T$ .

$$T = t_C - t_S = (t_C - t_D) - (t_S - t_D) = \frac{5x_0}{3c} - \frac{x_0}{c} = \frac{2x_0}{3c} \quad (1)$$

$$\boxed{x_0 = \frac{3}{2}cT} \quad (2)$$

Now that we know  $x_0$ , we can use it to solve for  $t_0$ , using  $t_S - t_D = 0 - t_0 = \frac{x_0}{c}$ .

$$\boxed{t_0 = -\frac{3}{2}T} \quad (3)$$

Tom sees Dick throw the ball at  $t = 0$ , but the time Dick actually throws the ball is before - thus the negative  $t_0$ .

**b. Where,  $x'_0$ , and when,  $t'_0$ , was the ball thrown in Harry's frame?** (If you cannot get part a, you can express your answer in terms of  $x_0$  and/or  $t_0$  for partial credit.)

We transform the event  $(x_0, t_0)$  into Harry's frame  $S'$  with a Lorentz boost  $\beta = \frac{4}{5}$ , and  $\gamma = \frac{5}{3}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} ct'_0 \\ x'_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} ct_0 \\ x_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} \\ -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} ct_0 \\ x_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$ct'_0 = \frac{5}{3}ct_0 - \frac{4}{3}x_0, \quad x'_0 = \frac{5}{3}x_0 - \frac{4}{3}ct_0 \quad (5)$$

Plugging in our results from part a,  $t_0 = -\frac{3}{2}T$  and  $x_0 = \frac{3}{2}cT$ :

$$\boxed{t'_0 = -\frac{9}{2}T}, \quad \boxed{x'_0 = \frac{9}{2}cT} \quad (6)$$

**c. How long did it take the ball to travel from Dick to Tom in Harry's frame?** (If you cannot get part a, you can express your answer in terms of  $x_0$  and/or  $t_0$  for partial credit.)

The two events we consider are Dick throwing and Tom catching the ball. In frame  $S$  these have spacetime coordinates  $(t_D = t_0, x_D = x_0)$  and  $(t_C = T, x_C = 0)$ , so the intervals we transform are

$$\Delta t_{C-D} = T - t_0, \quad \Delta x_{C-D} = 0 - x_0 = -x_0 \quad (7)$$

Again using the Lorentz transform  $\beta = \frac{4}{5}$ , and  $\gamma = \frac{5}{3}$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta ct'_{C-D} \\ \Delta x'_{C-D} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta ct_{C-D} \\ \Delta x_{C-D} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{3} & -\frac{4}{3} \\ -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c(T - t_0) \\ -x_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$\Delta t'_{C-D} = \frac{5}{3}(T - t_0) + \frac{4}{3} \frac{x_0}{c} \quad (9)$$

and again plugging in  $t_0 = -\frac{3}{2}T$  and  $x_0 = \frac{3}{2}cT$ :

$$\Delta t'_{C-D} = \frac{5}{3} \cdot (1 - (-\frac{3}{2}))T + \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2}T = (\frac{5}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{2} + \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2})T \quad (10)$$

gives us the result we're looking for:

$$\boxed{\Delta t'_{C-D} = \frac{37}{6}T}. \quad (11)$$

## Problem 3

- a) In frame  $S$ , the fragment of mass has speed  $u$  and it is moving off at an angle  $\theta$  with respect to the  $x$  axis. Therefore, it has velocity  $\vec{u} = u_x \hat{x} + u_y \hat{y} = u \cos \theta \hat{x} + u \sin \theta \hat{y}$ , where the speed is  $u = \sqrt{\vec{u}^2} = \sqrt{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}}$ , and the angle  $\theta$  can be written as  $\tan \theta = \frac{u_y}{u_x}$ . Frame  $S'$  is moving in the  $+x$  direction with speed  $v = \beta c$  with respect to frame  $S$ . We can solve this problem using one of several approaches.

### Approach 1:

We can write the velocity of the fragment in frame  $S'$  in terms of the velocity of the fragment in frame  $S$  using the velocity transformation

$$u'_x = \frac{u_x - v}{1 - \frac{vu_x}{c^2}} = \frac{u \cos \theta - v}{1 - \frac{vu \cos \theta}{c^2}} \quad (1)$$

$$u'_y = \frac{u_y}{\gamma \left(1 - \frac{vu_x}{c^2}\right)} = \frac{u \sin \theta}{\gamma \left(1 - \frac{vu \cos \theta}{c^2}\right)} \quad (2)$$

where  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$ . In frame  $S'$ , the fragment is moving off at an angle  $\theta'$  with respect to the  $x'$  axis, so

$$\tan \theta' = \frac{u'_y}{u'_x} = \frac{u_y}{\gamma(u_x - v)} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{u \sin \theta}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)} \quad (4)$$

### Approach 2:

The velocity of the fragment is a constant. Therefore, in frame  $S$ , the components of the velocity of the fragment can be written as  $u_x = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$  and  $u_y = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}$ , where  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$  are the change in the spatial coordinates of the fragment over a time  $\Delta t$ . The angle  $\theta$  that the fragment makes with the  $x$  axis is given by  $\tan \theta = \frac{u_y}{u_x} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$ . In frame  $S'$ , the components of the velocity of the fragment can be written as  $u'_x = \frac{\Delta x'}{\Delta t'}$  and  $u'_y = \frac{\Delta y'}{\Delta t'}$ , where  $\Delta x'$  and  $\Delta y'$  are the change in the spatial coordinates of the fragment over a time  $\Delta t'$ . The angle  $\theta'$  that the fragment makes with the  $x'$  axis is given by  $\tan \theta' = \frac{u'_y}{u'_x} = \frac{\Delta y'}{\Delta x'}$ . We can write the change in the fragment's spacetime coordinates in frame  $S'$  in terms of those in frame  $S$  using the Lorentz transformation

$$c\Delta t' = \gamma(c\Delta t - \beta\Delta x) \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta x' = \gamma(\Delta x - \beta c\Delta t) \quad (6)$$

$$\Delta y' = \Delta y \quad (7)$$

where  $\beta = \frac{v}{c}$  and  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$ . In frame  $S'$ ,  $\tan \theta'$  is given by

$$\tan \theta' = \frac{u'_y}{u'_x} = \frac{\Delta y'}{\Delta x'} \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{\Delta y}{\gamma(\Delta x - \beta c \Delta t)} = \frac{\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}}{\gamma(\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} - \beta c)} = \frac{u_y}{\gamma(u_x - \beta c)} \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{u \sin \theta}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)} \quad (10)$$

### Approach 3:

In frame  $S$ , the fragment of mass has four-momentum

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E}{c} \\ \vec{p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma(\vec{u})mc \\ \gamma(\vec{u})m\vec{u} \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E}{c} \\ p_x \\ p_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma(\vec{u})mc \\ \gamma(\vec{u})mu_x \\ \gamma(\vec{u})mu_y \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

where  $\gamma(\vec{u}) = \left(1 - \frac{\vec{u}^2}{c^2}\right)^{-1/2}$ . In frame  $S$ , the fragment is moving off at an angle  $\theta$  with respect to the  $x$  axis, so  $\tan \theta = \frac{u_y}{u_x} = \frac{p_y}{p_x}$ .

The four-momentum of the fragment in frame  $S'$  is

$$\mathbf{p}' = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E'}{c} \\ \vec{p}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma(\vec{u}')mc \\ \gamma(\vec{u}')m\vec{u}' \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E'}{c} \\ p'_x \\ p'_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma(\vec{u}')mc \\ \gamma(\vec{u}')mu'_x \\ \gamma(\vec{u}')mu'_y \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

where  $\gamma(\vec{u}') = \left(1 - \frac{\vec{u}'^2}{c^2}\right)^{-1/2}$ .

We can write the four-momentum of the fragment in frame  $S'$  in terms of its four-momentum in frame  $S$  using the Lorentz transformation

$$\mathbf{p}' = \Lambda(\beta \hat{x}) \mathbf{p} \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{E'}{c} \\ p'_x \\ p'_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E}{c} \\ p_x \\ p_y \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \left( \frac{E}{c} - \beta p_x \right) \\ \gamma \left( p_x - \beta \frac{E}{c} \right) \\ p_y \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

where  $\beta = \frac{v}{c}$  and  $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$ .

In frame  $S'$ , the fragment is moving off at an angle  $\theta'$  with respect to the  $x'$  axis, so

$$\tan \theta' = \frac{u'_y}{u'_x} = \frac{p'_y}{p'_x} \quad (18)$$

$$= \frac{p_y}{\gamma(p_x - \beta \frac{E}{c})} = \frac{p_y/p_x}{\gamma(1 - \beta \frac{E/c}{p_x})} \quad (19)$$

$$= \frac{\tan \theta}{\gamma(1 - \beta \frac{c}{u_x})} = \frac{\tan \theta}{\gamma(1 - \beta \frac{c}{u \cos \theta})} = \frac{u \cos \theta \tan \theta}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)} \quad (20)$$

$$= \frac{u \sin \theta}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)} \quad (21)$$

- b) The problem statement has an error: the expression given is actually the minimum value of  $\tan \theta'$ , not the maximum value. The expression for the maximum value of  $\tan \theta'$  is identical except that there is no negative sign in front.

The fragment velocity  $u < v$  and the angle  $\theta$  is in the range  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ . Therefore, physically,  $\theta'$  must be in the range  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta'_{\min} \leq \theta' \leq \theta'_{\max} < \frac{3\pi}{2}$ . In this region,  $\tan \theta'$  is a monotonically increasing function of  $\theta'$ , and  $(\tan \theta')_{\min} \leq \tan \theta' \leq (\tan \theta')_{\max}$ . The angle  $\theta' = 0$  when  $\theta = 0, \pi, \text{ or } 2\pi$ . As  $\theta$  goes from 0 to  $2\pi$ , the angle  $\theta'$  starts at  $\pi$ , then decreases to a minimum of  $\theta'_{\min}$ , then increases back to  $\pi$ , then increases to a maximum of  $\theta'_{\max}$ , then decreases back to  $\pi$ . Similarly, as  $\theta$  goes from 0 to  $2\pi$ ,  $\tan \theta'$  starts at 0, then decreases to a minimum of  $(\tan \theta')_{\min}$ , then increases back to 0, then increases to a maximum of  $(\tan \theta')_{\max}$ , then decreases back to 0.

We can find the extrema of  $\tan \theta'$  by differentiating it with respect to  $\theta$  and setting the result equal to zero. The derivative of  $\tan \theta'$  with respect to  $\theta$  is

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \tan \theta' = \frac{d}{d\theta} \frac{u \sin \theta}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)} \quad (22)$$

$$= u \cos \theta \frac{1}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)} + u \sin \theta (-1) \frac{-u \sin \theta}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)^2} \quad (23)$$

$$= \frac{u \cos \theta}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)} + \frac{u^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)^2} \quad (24)$$

$$= \frac{u \cos \theta (u \cos \theta - \beta c) + u^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)^2} \quad (25)$$

$$= \frac{u^2 - \beta c u \cos \theta}{\gamma(u \cos \theta - \beta c)^2} \quad (26)$$

Since  $u < v = \beta c$ , the denominator is never equal to zero. Let  $\tan \theta'$  have an extremum at  $\theta = \theta^*$ . Then,

$$0 = \left. \frac{d}{d\theta} \tan \theta' \right|_{\theta=\theta^*} = \frac{u^2 - \beta c u \cos \theta^*}{\gamma(u \cos \theta^* - \beta c)^2} \quad (27)$$

$$0 = u^2 - \beta c u \cos \theta^* \quad (28)$$

$$\cos \theta^* = \frac{u}{\beta c} = \frac{u}{v} \quad (29)$$

This expression is bounded by  $0 < \cos \theta^* = \frac{u}{v} < 1$ . Since  $\cos \theta$  is positive in the ranges  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\frac{3\pi}{2} < \theta < 2\pi$ , and both ranges are physically possible, there are two angles  $\theta_1^*$  and  $\theta_2^*$  at which  $\cos \theta_1^* = \cos \theta_2^* = \frac{u}{v}$ , and thus at which  $\tan \theta'$  is an extremum. The two angles are related by  $\theta_2^* = 2\pi - \theta_1^*$ . Let angle  $\theta_1^*$  be in the range  $0 < \theta_1^* < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . The sin of this angle is  $\sin \theta_1^* = \frac{\sqrt{v^2 - u^2}}{v} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{v^2}}$ . Then, angle  $\theta_2^*$  is in the range  $\frac{3\pi}{2} < \theta_2^* < 2\pi$ . The sin of this angle is  $\sin \theta_2^* = -\sin \theta_1^* = -\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{v^2}}$ . From our earlier discussion, we see that  $\theta_1^*$  gives  $\tan \theta'$  its minimum value, and  $\theta_2^*$  gives  $\tan \theta'$  its maximum value, though we can show this explicitly.

The minimum value of  $\tan \theta'$  is

$$\tan \theta'_{\min} = \frac{u \sin \theta_1^*}{\gamma(u \cos \theta_1^* - \beta c)} \quad (30)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{u \sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{v^2}}}{u \frac{u}{v} - v} \quad (31)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{u}{v} (-1) \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{u^2}{v^2}}}{1 - \frac{u^2}{v^2}} \quad (32)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{u}{v} \left(1 - \frac{u^2}{v^2}\right)^{-1/2} \quad (33)$$

$$= -\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{1/2} \left(1 - \frac{u^2}{v^2}\right)^{-1/2} \frac{u}{v} \quad (34)$$

Since  $\tan \theta'_{\min} < 0$ , the angle  $\theta'_{\min}$  is in the range  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta'_{\min} < \pi$ .

Similarly, the maximum value of  $\tan \theta'$  is

$$\tan \theta'_{\max} = \frac{u \sin \theta_2^*}{\gamma(u \cos \theta_2^* - \beta c)} \quad (35)$$

$$= -\frac{u \sin \theta_1^*}{\gamma(u \cos \theta_1^* - \beta c)} \quad (36)$$

$$= -(\tan \theta')_{\min} \quad (37)$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{1/2} \left(1 - \frac{u^2}{v^2}\right)^{-1/2} \frac{u}{v} \quad (38)$$

Since  $\tan \theta'_{\max} > 0$ , the angle  $\theta'_{\max}$  is in the range  $\pi < \theta'_{\max} < \frac{3\pi}{2}$ .



## Problem 4

By conservation of 4-momentum:

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_M \\ \vec{p}_M c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ \vec{p}_1 c \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} E_2 \\ \vec{p}_2 c \end{pmatrix}$$

Eliminating the second particle by using the invariant scalar product:

$$\begin{aligned} m^2 c^4 &= (E_2)^2 - (\vec{p}_2 c) \cdot (\vec{p}_2 c) \\ &= (E_M - E_1)^2 - (\vec{p}_M c - \vec{p}_1 c) \cdot (\vec{p}_M c - \vec{p}_1 c) \\ &= E_M^2 - 2E_M E_1 + E_1^2 - p_M^2 c^2 + 2\vec{p}_M \cdot \vec{p}_1 c^2 - p_1^2 c^2 \\ &= M^2 c^4 + m^2 c^4 - 2E_M E_1 + 2p_M p_1 c^2 \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Isolating the energy of the first particle:

$$\begin{aligned} 2E_M E_1 &= M^2 c^4 + 2p_M p_1 c^2 \cos \theta \\ 4E_M^2 E_1^2 &= M^4 c^8 + 4M^2 c^6 p_M p_1 \cos \theta + 4p_M^2 p_1^2 c^4 \cos^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

Rewriting in terms of momentum:

$$\begin{aligned} 4E_M^2 p_1^2 c^2 + 4E_M^2 m^2 c^4 &= M^4 c^8 + 4M^2 c^6 p_M p_1 \cos \theta + 4p_M^2 p_1^2 c^4 \cos^2 \theta \\ 4(E_M^2 - p_M^2 c^2 \cos^2 \theta) p_1^2 - 4M^2 c^4 p_M \cos \theta p_1 - (M^4 c^6 - 4E_M^2 m^2 c^2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

By the quadratic formula:

$$p_1 = \frac{M^2 c^4 p_M \cos \theta \pm \sqrt{M^4 c^8 p_M^2 \cos^2 \theta + (E_M^2 - p_M^2 c^2 \cos^2 \theta) (M^4 c^6 - 4E_M^2 m^2 c^2)}}{2(E_M^2 - p_M^2 c^2 \cos^2 \theta)}$$

Only the + root actually gives a positive  $p_1$  (a negative  $p_1$  means the particle is actually traveling the opposite direction).

Note that the algebra is much simpler if it is assumed that  $E_1 \approx p_1 c$ ; i.e. the ultra-relativistic limit:

$$2E_M p_1 c - 2p_M p_1 c^2 \cos \theta \approx M^2 c^4$$

$$p_1 \approx \frac{M c^2}{2(E_M - p_M c \cos \theta)} M c$$

It can also be verified that the above reduces to this in the  $m \ll M/2$  limit:

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &\approx \frac{M^2 c^4 p_M \cos \theta + \sqrt{M^4 c^8 p_M^2 \cos^2 \theta + (E_M^2 - p_M^2 c^2 \cos^2 \theta) (M^4 c^6)}}{2(E_M^2 - p_M^2 c^2 \cos^2 \theta)} \\ &= \frac{M^2 c^4 p_M \cos \theta + \sqrt{E_M^2 M^4 c^6}}{2(E_M^2 - p_M^2 c^2 \cos^2 \theta)} \\ &= \frac{(M c^2) (M c) (p_M c \cos \theta + E_M)}{2(E_M^2 - p_M^2 c^2 \cos^2 \theta)} \\ &= \frac{M c^2}{2(E_M - p_M c \cos \theta)} M c \end{aligned}$$

In all cases, the substitution  $E_M = \sqrt{p_M^2 c^2 + M^2 c^4}$  needs to be made to get the final answer in terms of the right variables.

Problem 5:

According to Babinet's principle (and remember it is a vector subtraction):

$$\vec{E}_C(\vec{r}, t) = E_0 \sin(kx - \omega t) \hat{y} - E_0 \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \sin(kr - \omega t) \hat{r}_\perp$$

Where  $\hat{r}_\perp$  is the unit vector pointing to direction perpendicular to  $\hat{r}$ . This is the polarization of  $\vec{E}_s$ .  $\hat{y}$  is the polarization of  $\vec{E}_t$ .

At the screen we have:

$$x = L, r = \frac{L}{\cos \theta}, \beta = kD \sin \theta$$

$$\vec{E}_C(\theta, t)_{screen} = E_0 \sin(kL - \omega t) \hat{y} - E_0 \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \sin\left(k \frac{L}{\cos \theta} - \omega t\right) \hat{r}_\perp$$

Subtract by component:

$$[\vec{E}_C(\theta, t)_{screen}]_y = E_0 \sin(kL - \omega t) - E_0 \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \sin\left(k \frac{L}{\cos \theta} - \omega t\right) \cos \theta$$

$$[\vec{E}_C(\theta, t)_{screen}]_x = -E_0 \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \sin\left(k \frac{L}{\cos \theta} - \omega t\right) \sin \theta$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}_C(\theta, t)_{screen}^2 &= [\vec{E}_C(\theta, t)_{screen}]_x^2 + [\vec{E}_C(\theta, t)_{screen}]_y^2 \\ &= E_0^2 \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right]^2 \sin^2\left(k \frac{L}{\cos \theta} - \omega t\right) \sin^2 \theta + E_0^2 \sin^2(kL - \omega t) \\ &\quad + E_0^2 \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right]^2 \sin^2\left(k \frac{L}{\cos \theta} - \omega t\right) \cos^2 \theta \\ &\quad - 2E_0^2 \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \cos \theta \sin\left(k \frac{L}{\cos \theta} - \omega t\right) \sin(kD - \omega t) \end{aligned}$$

Note the identity for the last term:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin\left(k\frac{L}{\cos\theta} - \omega t\right) \sin(kL - \omega t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \cos kL \left(\frac{1}{\cos\theta} - 1\right) - \cos\left(\frac{kL}{\cos\theta} + kL - 2\omega t\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Applying time average for each term, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{E}_C(\theta, t)_{screen}^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} E_0^2 \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right]^2 \sin^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2} E_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} E_0^2 \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right]^2 \cos^2 \theta \\ &\quad - E_0^2 \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \cos \theta \cos kL \left(\frac{1}{\cos\theta} - 1\right) \end{aligned}$$

To simplify:

$$\langle \vec{E}_C(\theta, t)_{screen}^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} E_0^2 \left\{ \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right]^2 + 1 - \frac{2\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \cos \theta \cos kL \left(\frac{1}{\cos\theta} - 1\right) \right\}$$

Therefore, from definition of intensity, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} I(\theta) &= \langle S_C(\theta, t)_{screen} \rangle = \epsilon_0 c \langle \vec{E}_C(\theta, t)_{screen}^2 \rangle \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_0 c}{2} E_0^2 \left\{ \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \right]^2 + 1 - \frac{2\sin\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)}{\frac{\beta}{2}} \cos \theta \cos kL \left(\frac{1}{\cos\theta} - 1\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$