

2. Sketch the worldline of a particle that moves with a constant acceleration for $t < 0$ and for $t > 0$ and passes through the origin at $t = 0$.

3. Plot the worldline for an automobile that is initially at rest at $x = 0$, begins to accelerate at $t = 0$ and maintains a constant acceleration of 3 m/s^2 until it reaches a final speed of 25 m/s , and then brakes with a constant deceleration of 9 m/s^2 until it is again at rest.

4. Consider a particle bouncing back and forth elastically (with constant speed) between two rigid walls at $x = 0$ and at $x = L$. Draw the worldline for this particle.

7. Draw the grids of x, t and x', t' axes, as in Fig. 1.8, and on this grid draw the worldline of a particle that bounces back and forth elastically between two "walls" at rest in the spaceship frame at the points $x' = 0$ and $x' = L$. Note that in the reference frame of the spaceship, this particle has constant speed, with $v'_x = \pm v'$.

8. An alien spaceship traveling toward the Earth at $1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ (that is, half the speed of light) launches a probe toward the Earth. In the reference frame of the spaceship, the speed of the probe is $2.5 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$. According to the Galilean addition law, what is the speed of the probe relative to the Earth? If astronomers on the Earth are observing the spaceship with a telescope, can they see this probe before it hits them?

16. Suppose that in the ether frame the Earth has a velocity V and a ray of light approaches the Earth at an angle θ with respect to the direction of the velocity.

(a) Show that in the reference frame of the Earth, the angle of approach of the ray of light is θ' , with

$$\tan \theta' = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + V/c}$$

(b) This formula gives us the aberration of starlight. If $\theta = 90^\circ$ (for starlight from a star located directly above the orbit of the Earth), what is the deviation of θ' from 90° ?