

Special Theory of Relativity based on fraudulent science?

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Abstract – This article makes it highly likely that the question mark in the title has to be an exclamation mark.

Introduction

Chapter 1 shows that Einstein's mistakes in his mathematics in the Special Theory of Relativity are so extremely obvious that one can hardly believe that he didn't make them purposely.

Chapter 2 shows that the scientific establishment changed, after his death, Einstein's hypothesis regarding the speed of light fundamentally, but that it maintained, uncriticized, the result of his theory.

1. Einstein's unpardonable mistakes

If Einstein would not have made these mistakes he would not have succeeded in presenting his consistent transformation formulas. 'Consistent' regarding the following property: after having transformed the coordinates x and t from system K to system k , the original coordinates in K are found again applying the same formulas with the appropriate variables from k to K .

These mistakes will be shown in the text below, copied from ref. [1], being a correct translation of ref. [2].

Since τ is a *linear* function, it follows from these equations that

$$\tau = a \left(t - \frac{v}{c^2 - v^2} x' \right)$$

where a is a function $\phi(v)$ at present unknown, and where for brevity it is assumed that at the origin of k , $\tau = 0$, when $t=0$.

With the help of this result we easily determine the quantities ξ , η , ζ by expressing in equations that light (as required by the principle of the constancy of the velocity of light, in combination with the principle of relativity) is also propagated with velocity c when measured in the moving system. For a ray of light emitted at the time $\tau = 0$ in the direction of the increasing ξ

$$\xi = c\tau \text{ or } \xi = ac \left(t - \frac{v}{c^2 - v^2} x' \right).$$

But the ray moves relatively to the initial point of k , when measured in the stationary system, with the velocity $c-v$, so that

$$\frac{x'}{c-v} = t.$$

If we insert this value of t in the equation for ξ , we obtain

$$\xi = a \frac{c^2}{c^2 - v^2} x'.$$

In an analogous manner we find, by considering rays moving along the two other axes, that

$$\eta = c\tau = ac \left(t - \frac{v}{c^2 - v^2} x' \right)$$

when

$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{c^2 - v^2}} = t, \quad x' = 0.$$

Thus

$$\eta = a \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 - v^2}} y \text{ and } \zeta = a \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 - v^2}} z.$$

Substituting for x' its value, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \phi(v)\beta(t - vx/c^2), \\ \xi &= \phi(v)\beta(x - vt), \\ \eta &= \phi(v)y, \\ \zeta &= \phi(v)z, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}},$$

Text copied from reference [1]

The crucial equation is: $x'/(c-v) = t$, that can be written also as $x' = ct - vt$.

At the start of § 3 in his article, Einstein defines x' as follows:

“If we place $x'=x-vt$, it is clear that a point at rest in the system k must have a system of values x' , y , z , independent of time.“

So, if x' is defined as constant in k , then x must be constant in K , because x' is meant to be the projection of x in k , which k moving with velocity v relative to K .

Comparing $x'=x-vt$ with the expression $x'=ct - vt$, means that the original constant x in K is now replaced by ct . This looks very much like fraudulent science. If not, then it is an extraordinarily stupid mistake.

What Einstein exactly did in his mathematics is shown hereafter.

The variable τ is defined as $\tau = a\{t - vx'/(c^2 - v^2)\}$ and ξ as $c\tau$, as shown in the copied text above, with the remark: “where a is a function $\varphi(v)$ at present unknown.....”.

Einstein continues, after having presented: $x'/(c-v) = t$, as follows:

“If we insert this value of t in the equation for ξ we obtain” $\xi = ac^2x'/(c^2 - v^2)$

“In an analogous manner we find, by considering rays moving along the two other axes, that $\eta = c\tau$ ”

So just like $\xi = c\tau$, but now applying in this $c\tau$ without any explanation: $y/\sqrt{(c^2 - v^2)} = t$ and $x' = 0$

$$\eta = (ac/\sqrt{c^2 - v^2})y$$

$$\zeta = (ac/\sqrt{c^2 - v^2})z$$

Seemingly x' is not taken zero, but just replaced by y resp. z !

“Substituting for x' its value, we obtain”

$$\tau = \varphi(v)\beta(t - vx/c^2)$$

$$\xi = \varphi(v)\beta(x - vt)$$

$$\eta = \varphi(v)y$$

$$\zeta = \varphi(v)z$$

$$\beta = 1/\sqrt{(1-v^2/c^2)}$$

Going back to his statements: “If we insert this value of t in the equation for ξ ” resp. “Substituting for x' its value.....” we find that he must have applied $x' = x - vt$ in order to get $\tau = a\beta^2(t - vx/c^2)$, because applying $x'=(c-v)t$ would have resulted in $\tau = tc/(c + v)$. Einstein carried out the following manipulation. He found the expression $\xi = ac^2x'/(c^2-v^2)$ ($= a\beta^2x'$) by applying $t = x'/(c - v)$ in $\xi = c\tau = ac\{t - vx'/(c^2v^2)\}$. He then created $\xi = a\beta^2(x - vt)$ by applying $x' = x - vt$ in stead of $x' = (c - v)t$, as he did in the step before

A second even more fraudulent looking operation of Einstein pops up in his following mathematics.

Where he originally defined $a = \varphi(v)$, it is now clearly found that $\varphi(v) = a\beta$ in his expressions for τ and ξ .

Given this conclusion, it might be interesting what Einstein did in case of his expressions for η and ζ .

Applying $\varphi(v) = a\beta$ in his final expressions $\eta/\zeta = \varphi(v) y/z$, results in: $\eta/\zeta = a\beta y/z = (ac/\sqrt{c^2 - v^2}) y/z$.

So he indeed must have purposely used $\varphi(v) = a\beta$ for all 4 equations, instead of $\varphi(v)=a$.

However, Einstein ends his reflections with the conclusion that $\varphi(v) = \varphi(-v) = 1$. Given the fact that he explicitly applied $\varphi(v) = a\beta$, the crazy consequence is that $a/\sqrt{(1-v^2/c^2)} = 1$. So ‘ a ’ must be 1 and v be 0!

His manipulative mathematics resulted in his Special Theory of Relativity only applicable for zero velocities.

Einstein must have realized himself this most remarkable consequence and, as a result, must have purposely avoided to pay attention to it, for the simple reason that it is the deathblow for his theory.

If such a behaviour would not justify the qualification fraudulent, what other qualification should be used then?

The crucial question is: why did the scientific establishment not have observed all these manipulations?

2. Scientific establishment's unpardonable mistakes

Einstein's postulate about the speed of light sounds:

“Any ray of light moves in the ‘stationary’ system of co-ordinates with the determined velocity c , whether the ray be emitted by a stationary or by a moving body.”

The fundamental error in this postulate is that he effectively reintroduced, with his ‘stationary’ system, the ether model, most likely without noticing it, because he rejected the ether model himself in the same article. It is generally accepted that an absolute stationary system does not exist. As a result only a stationary system w.r.t. another system can exist. As a consequence that other system is also stationary w.r.t. the first mentioned one. Therefore the introduction of a singly ‘stationary’ system is senseless, whether it is put in quotes or not. Einstein even defined it as **the** ‘stationary’ system:

“Let us take a system of co-ordinates in which the equations of Newtonian mechanics hold good². In order to render our presentation more precise and to distinguish this system of co-ordinates verbally from others which will be introduced hereafter, we call it **the** ‘stationary’ system. (Note 2: i.e. to the first approximation.)”

The scientific establishment seemingly realized this mistake too. Instead of combining this mistake with Einstein's mathematical manipulations and as a result reject the STR, it added another mistake to the story:

It changed Einstein's wrong postulate into another, even more unphysical, postulate, by assuming that the velocity of light in vacuum is c relative to whatever reference.

It is of course allowed to create whatever postulate, however it is extremely unscientific to change the postulate of a particular theory fundamentally, but still maintain the result of that theory, without creating a new theory based on that new postulate.

If such an unscientific act is also more or less carried out sneakily, given the fact that no new theory has been presented, this very much looks like fraud.

Conclusions

1. Einstein's mathematical errors force us to conclude that he should not be regarded as the widespread praised most intelligent scientist ever. He looks much more like a physicist who has, developing his Special Theory of Relativity, practiced physics in an extremely unscientific manner. One can hardly avoid to qualify it as fraudulent science.
2. The scientific establishment has made, about halfway the previous century, an unpardonable mistake by not exposing openly Einstein's unscientific behaviour, regarding his Special Theory of Relativity, but even worse by fundamentally altering Einstein's postulate regarding the speed light and still retaining the same result, without presenting a new theory leading to that same result. Such a behaviour also looks much like fraudulent scientific behaviour.
3. The influence of Einstein's unscientific behaviour on the health of physical science is dramatical: all modern physical models and phenomena that are, more or less, based on his Special Theory of Relativity, have to be rejected too. For example: the phenomena space-time, black hole and last but not least: $E = mc^2$!

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