

Physics 267 Problem #9 solutions.



$$E^2 - p^2 c^2 = m^2 c^4$$

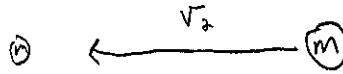
$$E = \gamma_1 m c^2$$

$$p = \gamma_1 m v$$

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v_i^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$E_{\text{total}} = 2 \gamma_1 m c^2 \quad p_{\text{total}} = 0$$

$$E^2 - p^2 c^2 = \boxed{4 \gamma_1^2 m^2 c^4}$$



$$v_2 = \frac{-v_i - v_i}{1 + \frac{v_i^2}{c^2}} = \frac{-2v_i}{1 + \frac{v_i^2}{c^2}}$$

$$E_{\text{total}} = m c^2 + \gamma_2 m c^2$$

$$p_{\text{total}} = -\gamma_2 m v_2$$

$$\gamma_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v_2^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$E^2 - p^2 c^2 = m^2 c^4 (\gamma_2 + 1)^2 - \gamma_2^2 m^2 c^2 v_2^2$$

$$= m^2 c^4 \left(\gamma_2^2 + 2\gamma_2 + 1 - \gamma_2^2 \frac{v_2^2}{c^2} \right)$$

$$= m^2 c^4 \left[\gamma_2^2 \left[1 - \frac{v_2^2}{c^2} \right] + 2\gamma_2 + 1 \right] = 2 m^2 c^4 (\gamma_2 + 1)$$

$$\gamma^{-2} = 1 - \frac{v_2^2/c^2}{1 + \frac{4v_1^2/c^2}{(1+v_1^2/c^2)^2}} = \frac{1 - \frac{4v_1^2/c^2}{(1+v_1^2/c^2)^2} + v_1^4/c^4}{()^2} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{v_1^2/c^2}{1+v_1^2/c^2}\right)^2}{\left(1 + \frac{v_1^2/c^2}{1+v_1^2/c^2}\right)^2}$$

$$\gamma_2 = \gamma_1^2 \left(1 + \frac{v_1^2/c^2}{1+v_1^2/c^2}\right)$$

$$E^2 - p^2 = 2m^2c^4 (\gamma_2 + 1)$$

$$= 2m^2c^4 \left(\gamma_1^2 \left(1 + \frac{v_1^2/c^2}{1+v_1^2/c^2}\right) + 1 \right)$$

$$= 2m^2c^4 \left(\frac{1 + \frac{v_1^2/c^2}{1-v_1^2/c^2}}{1 + \frac{v_1^2/c^2}{1+v_1^2/c^2}} + 1 \right) = 2m^2c^4 \left(\frac{1 + 1}{1 - \frac{v_1^2/c^2}{1+v_1^2/c^2}} \right)$$

$$= \boxed{4m^2c^4 \gamma_1^2}$$