

Physics 262: Practice Exam for Exam 2  
100 points

1. Problem 1 (10 points)

- (a) (5 pts) State the Principle of Relativity
- (b) (5 pts) State the Principle of Equivalence

2. Problem 2 (20 points)

- (a) (10 pts) Draw a Minkowski Diagram and show two events, P1 and P2, that have a spacelike separation in the un-primed frame.
- (b) (5 pts) Do they still have a spacelike separation in the primed frame?
- (c) (5 pts) Use the Diagram to show the order of events in each frame.

3. Problem 3 (20 points)

A Laser on the earth's surface that produces 600 nm light is pointed to outer-space. What is the wavelength of that light when detected far from earth or any other large masses?

4. Problem 4 (20 points) As seen from earth, two spaceships are seen to be traveling in opposite directions, both with  $v=0.9c$ . How fast is the second spaceship traveling as seen from the first spaceship?

5. Problem 5 (30 points) In the rest frame of a wire, there is current  $I$  flowing through the wire, but no net charge. See Figure below. At a point  $R$  above the wire ( $z=R$ ):

- (a) (5 pts) What is  $\vec{E}$  in the rest frame of the wire?
- (b) (5 pts) What is  $\vec{B}$  in the rest frame of the wire?
- (c) (5 pts) In the frame where the wire is moving in the x-direction with velocity  $V$ , what is  $\vec{E}$  at  $z=R$ ?
- (d) (5 pts) In the frame where the wire is moving in the x-direction with velocity  $V$ , what is  $\vec{B}$  at  $z=R$ ?

