

I ran through Einstein's second transformed equation in II.6 and got **almost** what he had, save that I swapped zeta and xi somewhere, as you will see. Either I made a mistake or Einstein did (give you one guess which is more likely!). Anyhow here it is.

To simplify it a little I set  $c=1$  and dropped all the  $c$ 's out, so we have

$$(1) \begin{aligned} t &= \beta(\tau + v\xi) \\ x &= \beta(\xi + v\tau) \\ \tau &= \beta(t - vx) \\ \xi &= \beta(x - vt) \end{aligned}$$

and, of course,

$$(2) \begin{aligned} \eta &= y \\ \zeta &= z \end{aligned}$$

The equation we're transforming is

$$(3) \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

Applying (1) to  $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial \tau}$  we have

$$(4) \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \tau} = \beta \left[ \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial Y}{\partial x} \right]$$

Plugging (3) into (4) we obtain:

$$(5) \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \tau} = \beta \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial Y}{\partial x} \right]$$

Now we rewrite the partial of N by x in the Greek coordinates using the chain rule, and we rewrite the partial of Y by x in the Greek coordinates using the chain rule:

$$(6) \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} &= \beta \left[ -v \frac{\partial N}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial N}{\partial \xi} \right] \\ \frac{\partial Y}{\partial x} &= \beta \left[ -v \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \xi} \right] \end{aligned}$$

And we plug (6) into (5) to obtain:

$$(7) \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \tau} = \beta \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} + v\beta \frac{\partial N}{\partial \tau} - \beta \frac{\partial N}{\partial \xi} - v^2 \beta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \tau} + v\beta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \xi} \right]$$

Next we multiply through by  $1/\beta$ , and then collect all the  $\partial Y/\partial \tau$  and  $\partial N/\partial \tau$  terms and move them to the left:

$$(8) \left( \frac{1}{\beta} + v^2 \beta \right) \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \tau} - v \beta \frac{\partial N}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} - \beta \frac{\partial N}{\partial \xi} + v \beta \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \xi}$$

With a little fiddling we realize that

$$(9) \frac{1}{\beta} + v^2 \beta = \beta$$

so, plugging (9) into (8) and rearranging a little, and replacing  $z$  with  $\zeta$ , we obtain

$$\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} (Y - v N) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \zeta} - \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (N - v Y)$$

which looks great, except that we have somehow contrived to swap  $\zeta$  and  $\xi$ . Either there is another step which allows you to actually swap them, or I made a mistake. I didn't spot the error in the course of transcribing it from paper but that certainly doesn't prove it's not there. :-)

Anyhow this is as far as I'm going on this; it's taking far too much time! I hope it was of some value.