



Relativistic Physics for Teachers SS 2006

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1. Red-shift of stars

The H_α line of a star (wave length at rest: $\lambda_0 = 6563\text{\AA}$) seems to be shifted by $\Delta\lambda = 30\text{\AA}$ into the red when observed from earth. How fast does the star move and in which direction?

2. Transformation of angles

In system S a photon is emitted at $t = 0$. System S' moves with $v = 0.6c$ relative to S . In S the angle between the emitted photon and the motion of S' is $\pi/3$. How large is the angle in S' ?

3. Invariance of s^2

Convince yourself that the distance s^2 is invariant under Lorentz-transformations.