

Important Concepts
Chapter 1

- I Frameworks for physical laws and their relationships to each other
 - A General Relativity, Special Relativity and Newtonian Physics: Sec. 1.1
- II Physics as Geometry
 - A Newtonian: coordinate invariance of physical laws
 - 1 Idea Introduced: Sec. 1.2
 - 2 Newtonian particle kinetics as an example: Sec. 1.4
 - B Special relativistic: frame-invariance of physical laws
 - 1 Idea introduced: Sec. 1.2
 - 2 Relativistic particle kinetics: Sec. 1.4
 - 3 4-momentum conservation: Secs. 1.4 & 1.12
 - 1 Stress-energy tensor: Sec. 1.12
 - 4 Electromagnetic theory: Sec. 1.10
 - 1 Lorentz force law: Sec. 1.4
- III 3+1 Splits of spacetime into space plus time, and resulting relationship between frame-invariant and frame-dependent laws of physics
 - A Particle kinetics: Sec. 1.6
 - B Electromagnetic theory: Sec. 1.10
 - C Continuum mechanics; stress-energy tensor: Sec. 1.12
- IV Spacetime diagrams
 - A Introduced: Sec. 1.7
 - B Simultaneity breakdown, Lorentz contraction, time dilation: Exercise 1.11
 - C The nature of time; twins paradox, time travel: Sec. 1.8
 - D Global conservation of 4-momentum: Secs. 1.4 & 1.12
- V Tensor analysis
 - A Without a coordinate system, abstract notation: Secs. 1.3 and 1.9
 - B Index manipulations in Euclidean 3-space and in spacetime
 - 1 Tools introduced; slot-naming index notation: Sec's 1.5, 1.7 & 1.9
 - 2 Used to derive standard 3-vector identities: Exercise 1.15