

Corrections for Solutions: *The Geometry of Spacetime*

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Corrections are marked in red, where possible.

Exercise 3.3.6. The first sentence should read “By definition, $\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$, so $p = mv$ and hence $pc = mcv$.”

Exercise 4.2.1. The expressions for

$$\frac{e^{\alpha\tau}}{\alpha} \sinh \alpha\tau \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{e^{\alpha\tau}}{\alpha} \cosh \alpha\tau$$

(Solutions page 32, top left) should in fact be for

$$\frac{e^{\alpha\zeta}}{\alpha} \sinh \alpha\tau \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{e^{\alpha\zeta}}{\alpha} \cosh \alpha\tau.$$

Exercise 6.1.1. For the plane, $\mathbf{x}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_2 = ab$, not 0, so

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+a^2 & ab \\ ab & 1+b^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} g^{11} & g^{12} \\ g^{21} & g^{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1+b^2)/\Delta & -ab/\Delta \\ -ab/\Delta & (1+a^2)/\Delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\Delta = 1 + a^2 + b^2$.