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**Angle-Distortion Equations in Special Relativity** FLORENTIN SMARANDACHE, The University of New Mexico — Let's consider an object of triangular form  $\Delta ABC$  moving in the direction of its bottom base  $BC$  (on the  $x$ -axis), with speed  $v$ . The side  $|BC| = \alpha$  is contracted with the Lorentz contraction factor  $C(v) = \sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}$  since  $BC$  is moving along the motion direction, therefore  $|B'C'| = \alpha C(v)$ . But the oblique sides  $AB$  and  $CA$  are contracted respectively with the oblique-contraction factors  $OC(v, B)$  and  $OC(v, \pi - C)$ , where the **oblique-length contraction factor** is defined as:

$$OC(v, \theta) = \sqrt{C(v)^2 \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}.$$

In the resulting triangle  $\Delta A'B'C'$  one simply applies the Law of Cosine in order to find each distorted angle  $A'$ ,  $B'$ , and  $C'$ . Therefore:

$$A' = \arccos \frac{-\alpha^2 \cdot C(v)^2 + \beta^2 \cdot OC(v, A+B)^2 + \gamma^2 \cdot OC(v, B)^2}{2\beta \cdot \gamma \cdot OC(v, B) \cdot OC(v, A+B)},$$

$$B' = \arccos \frac{\alpha^2 \cdot C(v)^2 - \beta^2 \cdot OC(v, A+B)^2 + \gamma^2 \cdot OC(v, B)^2}{2\alpha \cdot \gamma \cdot C(v) \cdot OC(v, B)},$$

$$C' = \arccos \frac{\alpha^2 \cdot C(v)^2 + \beta^2 \cdot OC(v, A+B)^2 - \gamma^2 \cdot OC(v, B)^2}{2\alpha \cdot \beta \cdot C(v) \cdot OC(v, A+B)}.$$

The angles  $A'$ ,  $B'$ , and  $C'$  are, in general, different from the original angles  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  respectively. The distortion of an angle is, in general, different from the distortion of another angle.

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