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## 5 Derive Doppler shift

Calculate intersection of two wave crests with path of moving observer  $S'$ ; boost to  $S'$  frame to get  $\Delta t' = 1/f$

## 6 Derive relativ. mech.

Motivation:

- Incorporate  $v \leq c$  speed limit
- Incorporate photon, with  $E = pc$

Photon-in-a-box thought expt: preserve principle of inertia by assigning photon mass  $m = E/c^2$

Hypotheses for normal particles:

- inertial mass in  $p = mv$  grows w  $v$
- total energy  $E = mc^2$  as for photon
- keep  $F = dp/dt$  and  $W = \int F \cdot dl$

$\rightarrow$  derive new energy-momentum relation  $E^2 = (pc)^2 + (m_0 c^2)^2$  where  $m_0$  is **rest mass** of particle

$\rightarrow$  find  $m_0 = 0$  for photon and inertial mass  $m = \gamma m_0$  for massive particles