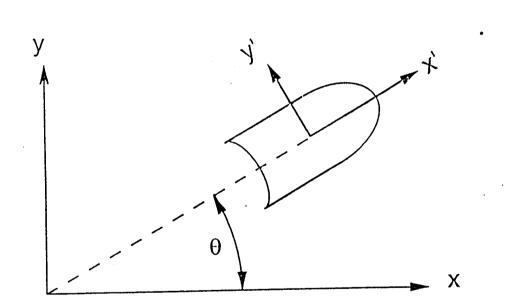
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A rocket ship travels at a relativistic velocity $\bar{v} = v_0 \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ with respect to an observer O in the x-y coordinate frame. A photon of frequency ω' is emitted from the rocket along the y' axis in the rocket's frame of reference.

- (a) Calculate the angle, α with respect to the x-axis, of the photon in the observer's frame of reference.
- (b) Calculate the frequency ω of the photon in the observer's frame of reference.



The Lorentz transformation of a four-vector (A_x, A_y, A_z, A_4) with velocity $v = \beta c$ with respect to a stationary observer's x-axis is:

$$B_x = \gamma (A_x + \beta A_4), \ B_y = A_y, \ B_z = A_z, \ B_4 = \gamma (A_4 + \beta A_x)$$

where $\gamma=1/\sqrt{1-\beta^2}$.