

158(10) : Solution of Note 158(9) for Photon Mass

The two equations are:

$$\omega^2 v^2 + \omega'^2 v'^2 - 2\omega\omega'vv'\cos\theta = A \quad (1)$$

and: $1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} = \left(\frac{c}{\omega'}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) \quad (2) \quad (3)$

where $A = \left(1 - \frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^2 \omega^2 c^2 \left(1 - 2 \frac{Mc^2}{\hbar\omega} \left(1 - \frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^{-1}\right)$

From eq. (2):

$$\frac{v'^2}{c^2} = 1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega'}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) \quad (4)$$

In eq. (1):

$$\omega^2 v^2 + c^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega'}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)\right) \omega'^2 - 2\omega\omega'vv'\cos\theta = A \quad (5)$$

$$2\omega^2 v^2 + c^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega'}\right)^2\right) \omega'^2 - 2\omega\omega'vv'\cos\theta = A$$

$$\omega^2 v^2 - \omega\omega'vv'\cos\theta = B \quad (6)$$

where $B = \frac{1}{2} \left(A - c^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega'}\right)^2\right) \omega'^2 \right)$

so
$$v' = \frac{\omega^2 v^2 - B}{\omega\omega'v\cos\theta} \quad (7)$$

2) From eq. (2):

$$1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} = \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{v'^2}{c^2}\right) \quad - (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{v^2}{c^2} &= 1 - \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{v'^2}{c^2}\right) \quad - (9) \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\omega^2 v^2 - B}{\omega \omega' v \cos \theta}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Multiply both sides by v^2 :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{v^4}{c^2} &= v^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^2\right) + \frac{\omega^4 v^4 - 2B\omega^2 v^2 + B^2}{(c\omega^2 \cos \theta)^2} \\ &= v^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^2\right) + \frac{v^4}{c^2 \cos^2 \theta} - \frac{2Bv^2}{(\omega c \cos \theta)^2} + \left(\frac{B}{\omega^2 c \cos \theta}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{v^4}{c^2} \left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} - 1\right) + \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^2 - \frac{2B}{(c\omega \cos \theta)^2}\right) v^2 + \left(\frac{B}{\omega^2 c \cos \theta}\right)^2 = 0$$

Multiply through by $\cos^2 \theta$:

$$\boxed{\frac{v^4}{c^2} (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega}\right)^2 \cos^2 \theta - \frac{2B}{c^2 \omega^2}\right) v^2 + \left(\frac{B}{c\omega^2}\right)^2 = 0} \quad - (10)$$

This is a quadratic:

$$ax^2 + bx + c' = 0 \quad - (11)$$

3) where:

$$x = v^2 - (12)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{c^2} \left(1 - \cos^2 \theta \right) - (13)$$

$$b = \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega} \right)^2 \right) \cos^2 \theta - \frac{2B}{c^2 \omega^2} - (14)$$

$$c' = \left(\frac{B}{c \omega^2} \right)^2 - (15)$$

where:

$$B = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(1 - \frac{\omega'}{\omega} \right)^2 c^2 c^2 \left(1 - \frac{2Mc^2}{\hbar \omega} \left(1 - \frac{\omega'}{\omega} \right)^{-1} - c^2 \omega'^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{\omega'}{\omega} \right)^2 \right) \right] - (16)$$

The solution of eq. (11) is:

$$x = \frac{1}{2a} \left(-b \pm (b^2 - 4ac')^{1/2} \right) - (17)$$
$$= v^2$$

Finally the mass of the photon is:

$$m = \frac{\hbar \omega}{c^2} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)^{1/2} - (18)$$
