Homework #2

Exercise 1.

Find all linear transformations of t, x that preserve the form

$$\phi_{tt} - \phi_{xx}$$

Exercise 2.

Check the triangle inequality, the parallelogram identity and Schwarz's inequality for Lorentzian vectors.

In the following questions, use Schwarz's inequality for Euclidean vectors

$$|u_i v^i| \le \sqrt{u^i u_i \, v^j v_j}$$

Exercise 3.

Prove, that two timelike vectors cannot be orthogonal.

Exercise 4.

Prove, that, for two timelike vectors u and v such that $u^0 > 0$, $v^0 > 0$, we have (u, v) < 0.

Exercise 5.

Prove, that a timelike vector cannot be orthogonal to a nonzero null vector.

Exercise 6.

Prove, that two nonzero null vectors are orthogonal if and only if they are scalar multiples of each other.