

Space, Time, and Spacetime #9780520031746 #University of California Press, 1977 #423 pages #1977 #Lawrence Sklar

In this book, Lawrence Sklar demonstrates the interdependence of science and philosophy by examining a number of crucial problems on the nature of space and time—problems that require for their resolution the resources of philosophy and of physics. The overall issues explored are our knowledge of the geometry of the world, the existence of spacetime as an entity over and above the material objects of the world, the relation between temporal order and causal order, and the problem of the direction of time. Without neglecting the most subtle philosophical points or the most advanced contributions—*Time and Space*—first appeared. A second, revised edition of this important book has now come out. Dainton's book systematically explores the metaphysics and physics of time and space, starting with McTaggart and ending with up-to-the-minute developments in string and membrane theory. The volume can be used as a textbook, but it is more. EFE Gravity Minkowski space Minkowski spacetime Philosophy of spacetime Quantum mechanics and relativity Relativity Relativity of simultaneity Special relativity Special relativity and spacetime physics. Editors and affiliations. Vesselin Petkov. "This book has a valuable resource for anyone looking to learn about the philosophical issues surrounding space and time. In fact, this is the book that is usually read for classes on the topic." The writing is lucid, and he weaves the various topics together very nicely. (Philosophy, Religion and Science Book Reviews, bookinspections.wordpress.com, May, 2014). Buy options. Over 10 million scientific documents at your fingertips. Space-time is a mathematical model that joins space and time into a single idea called a continuum. This four-dimensional continuum is known as Minkowski space. Combining these two ideas helped cosmology to understand how the universe works on the big level (e.g. galaxies) and small level (e.g. atoms). In non-relativistic classical mechanics, the use of Euclidean space instead of space-time is good, because time is treated as universal with a constant rate of passage which is independent of the state