

Measurement of Motion Review for 2/3-term

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1. Time dilation

a) A spaceship is moving at $0.80c$ relative to Earth. How much time elapses on the spaceship's clock for every 1.0 year that passes on Earth?

b) An observer on Earth sees a clock on a spaceship moving at $0.60c$. How much time passes on Earth for every 1.0 second that is measured by the spaceship clock?

2. Length contraction

a) A spaceship is 100. m long when at rest. How long is the spaceship when it is moving at $0.90c$?

b) A pole appears to be 5.0 m long when it is moving at $0.50c$, as measured by an observer on Earth. What is the rest length of the pole?

3. Mass increase

a) A proton has a rest mass of 1.67×10^{-27} kg. What is the proton's mass when it is moving at $0.700c$?

b) An electron has a rest mass of 9.11×10^{-31} kg. What is the speed of the electron when its mass is twice its rest mass?

4. Adding velocities

A spaceship is moving at $0.80c$ away from Earth. A probe is launched from the spaceship at $0.50c$ relative to the spaceship, away from Earth. What is the speed of the probe as measured by an observer on Earth?

5. Applications of relativity

a) River crossing problem: A river flows due east at 4.0 m/s . A boat is traveling across the river due north at 6.0 m/s relative to the water. What is the boat's speed and direction relative to the shore? Assume the width of the river is 100 m .

b) Airplane navigation problem: An airplane is flying due north at an airspeed of 800 km/h . There is a wind blowing from the east at 100 km/h . What is the airplane's ground speed and direction? Assume the airplane is flying at an altitude where the wind speed is constant.

Answers:

1a) $t_o = 0.60 \text{ years}$, 1b) $t = 1.3 \text{ s}$

2a) $L = 44 \text{ m}$, 2b) $L_o = 5.8 \text{ m}$

3a) $m = 2.3 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$, 3b) $v = 0.866c$

4) $u = 0.93c$

5a) $v_{gs} = 7.2 \text{ m/s}$ [34° E of N], 5b) $v_{gs} = 806 \text{ km/h}$ [$7.13^\circ \text{ W of N}$]

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