

1-5 This is a case of dilation.  $T = \gamma T'$  in this problem with the proper time  $T' = T_0$

$$T = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} T_0 \Rightarrow \frac{v}{c} = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T_0}{T} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} ;$$

in this case  $T = 2T_0$ ,  $v = \left\{ 1 - \left[ \frac{L_0/2}{L_0} \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2} = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \right]^{1/2}$  therefore  $v = 0.866c$ .

1-6 This is a case of length contraction.  $L = \frac{L'}{\gamma}$  in this problem the proper length  $L' = L_0$ ,

$$L = \left[ 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right]^{-1/2} L_0 \Rightarrow v = c \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{L}{L_0} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} ; \text{ in this case } L = \frac{L_0}{2},$$

$$v = \left\{ 1 - \left[ \frac{L_0/2}{L_0} \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2} = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \right]^{1/2} \text{ therefore } v = 0.866c .$$

1-7 The problem is solved by using time dilation. This is also a case of  $v \ll c$  so the binomial

expansion is used  $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t' \cong \left[ 1 + \frac{v^2}{2c^2} \right] \Delta t'$ ,  $\Delta t - \Delta t' = \frac{v^2 \Delta t'}{2c^2}$ ;  $v = \left[ \frac{2c^2(\Delta t - \Delta t')}{\Delta t'} \right]^{1/2}$  ;

$$\Delta t = (24 \text{ h/day})(3600 \text{ s/h}) = 86400 \text{ s}; \Delta t = \Delta t' - 1 = 86399 \text{ s};$$

$$v = \left[ \frac{2(86400 \text{ s} - 86399 \text{ s})}{86399 \text{ s}} \right]^{1/2} = 0.0048c = 1.44 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s} .$$

1-8  $L = \frac{L'}{\gamma}$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{L}{L'} = \left[ 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$v = c \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{L}{L'} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} = c \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{75}{100} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} = 0.661c$$

1-10 (a)  $\tau = \gamma \tau'$  where  $\beta = \frac{v}{c}$  and

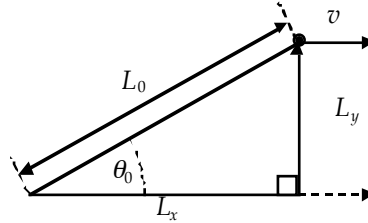
$$\gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2} = \tau' \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)^{-1/2} = (2.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}) \left[ 1 - (0.95)^2 \right]^{-1/2} = 8.33 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}$$

(b)  $d = v\tau = (0.95)(3 \times 10^8)(8.33 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}) = 24 \text{ m}$

1-12 (a) 70 beats/min or  $\Delta t' = \frac{1}{70} \text{ min}$

- (b)  $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t' = [1 - (0.9)^2]^{-1/2} \left( \frac{1}{70} \right) \text{ min} = 0.0328 \text{ min/beat}$  or the number of beats per minute  $\approx 30.5 \approx 31$ .

- 1-14 (a) Only the  $x$ -component of  $L_0$  contracts.



$$L_{x'} = L_0 \cos \theta_0 \Rightarrow \frac{L_x [L_0 \cos \theta_0]}{\gamma}$$

$$L_{y'} = L_0 \sin \theta_0 \Rightarrow L_y = L_0 \sin \theta_0$$

$$L = \left[ (L_x)^2 + (L_y)^2 \right]^{1/2} = \left[ \left( \frac{L_0 \cos \theta_0}{\gamma} \right)^2 + (L_0 \sin \theta_0)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= L_0 \left[ \cos^2 \theta_0 \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) + \sin^2 \theta_0 \right]^{1/2} = L_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \cos^2 \theta_0 \right]^{1/2}$$

- (b) As seen by the stationary observer,  $\tan \theta = \frac{L_y}{L_x} = \frac{L_0 \sin \theta_0}{L_0 \cos \theta_0 / \gamma} = \gamma \tan \theta_0$ .

- 1-16 For an observer approaching a light source,  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = \left[ \frac{(1 - v/c)^{1/2}}{(1 + v/c)^{1/2}} \right] \lambda_{\text{source}}$ . Setting  $\beta = \frac{v}{c}$  and after some algebra we find,

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda_{\text{source}}^2 - \lambda_{\text{obs}}^2}{\lambda_{\text{source}}^2 + \lambda_{\text{obs}}^2} = \frac{(650 \text{ nm})^2 - (550 \text{ nm})^2}{(650 \text{ nm})^2 + (550 \text{ nm})^2} = 0.166$$

$$v = 0.166c = (4.98 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s})(2.237 \text{ mi/h})(\text{m/s})^{-1} = 1.11 \times 10^8 \text{ mi/h}.$$

- 1-19  $u_{XA} = -u_{XB}$ ;  $u'_{XA} = 0.7c = \frac{u_{XA} - u_{XB}}{1 - u_{XA}u_{XB}/c^2}$ ;  $0.70c = \frac{2u_{XA}}{1 + (u_{XA}/c)^2}$  or

$0.70u_{XA}^2 - 2cu_{XA} + 0.7c^2 = 0$ . Solving this quadratic equation one finds  $u_{XA} = 0.41c$  therefore  $u_{XB} = -u_{XA} = -0.41c$ .

- 1-21  $u'_X = \frac{u_X - v}{1 - u_X v / c^2} = \frac{0.50c - 0.80c}{1 - (0.50c)(0.80c)/c^2} = -0.50c$

- 1-23 (a) Let event 1 have coordinates  $x_1 = y_1 = z_1 = t_1 = 0$  and event 2 have coordinates  $x_2 = 100 \text{ mm}$ ,  $y_2 = z_2 = t_2 = 0$ . In  $S'$ ,  $x'_1 = \gamma(x_1 - vt_1) = 0$ ,  $y'_1 = y_1 = 0$ ,  $z'_1 = z_1 = 0$ , and  $t'_1 = \gamma \left[ t_1 - \left( \frac{v}{c^2} \right) x_1 \right] = 0$ , with  $\gamma = \left[ 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right]^{-1/2}$  and so  $\gamma = \left[ 1 - (0.70)^2 \right]^{-1/2} = 1.40$ . In system  $S'$ ,  $x'_2 = \gamma(x_2 - vt_2) = 140 \text{ m}$ ,  $y'_2 = z'_2 = 0$ , and

$$t'_2 = \gamma \left[ t_2 - \left( \frac{v}{c^2} \right) x_2 \right] = \frac{(1.4)(-0.70)(100 \text{ m})}{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} = -0.33 \text{ } \mu\text{s}.$$

- 1-31 In this case, the proper time is  $T_0$  (the time measured by the students using a clock at rest relative to them). The dilated time measured by the professor is:  $\Delta t = \gamma T_0$  where  $\Delta t = T + t$ . Here  $T$  is the time she waits before sending a signal and  $t$  is the time required for the signal to reach the students. Thus we have:  $T + t = \gamma T_0$ . To determine travel time  $t$ , realize that the distance the students will have moved beyond the professor before the signal reaches them is:  $d = v(T + t)$ . The time required for the signal to travel this distance

is:  $t = \frac{d}{c} = \frac{v}{c}(T + t)$ . Solving for  $t$  gives:  $t = \left( \frac{v}{c} \right) T \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c} \right)^{-1}$ . Substituting this into the above

equation for  $(T + t)$  yields:  $T + \left( \frac{v}{c} \right) T \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c} \right)^{-1} = \gamma T_0$ , or  $T \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c} \right)^{-1} = \gamma T_0$ . Using the

expression for  $\gamma$  this becomes:  $T = \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c} \right) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} T_0$ , or

$$T = T_0 \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c} \right) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} = T_0 \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{v}{c} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{v}{c} \right)^{-1} \right]^{1/2}.$$

- 1-37 Einstein's reasoning about lightning striking the ends of a train shows that the moving observer sees the event toward which she is moving, event B, as occurring first. We may take the S-frame coordinates of the events as  $(x = 0, y = 0, z = 0, t = 0)$  and  $(x = 100 \text{ m}, y = 0, z = 0, t = 0)$ . Then the coordinates in  $S'$  are given by Equations 1.23 to 1.27. Event A is at  $(x' = 0, y' = 0, z' = 0, t' = 0)$ . The time of event B is:

$$t' = \gamma \left( t - \frac{v}{c^2} x \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 0.8^2}} \left( 0 - \frac{0.8c}{c^2} (100 \text{ m}) \right) = 1.667 \left( \frac{80 \text{ m}}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} \right) = -4.44 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}.$$

The time elapsing before A occurs is 444 ns.