

Lorentz-Einstein transformation equations

1. An event occurs at $x' = 60$ m, $t' = 8 \times 10^{-8}$ s in a frame S' moving with a velocity $3c/5$ along the x direction with respect to a frame S . The origins of S and S' coincide at $t = 0$, $t' = 0$. What are the space-time coordinates of the event in S ?
2. The space and time coordinates of two events as measured in frame S are as follows:
 Event 1: $x_1 = x_0$, $t_1 = x_0/c$, ($y_1 = 0$, $z_1 = 0$)
 Event 2: $x_2 = 2x_0$, $t_2 = x_0/2c$, ($y_1 = 0$, $z_1 = 0$)
 - a) What type of space-time interval exists between these two events?
 - b) There exists a frame in which these events occur at the same time. Find the velocity of this frame with respect to S .
 - c) At which time both events occur in the new frame?
3. Two events occur at the same place in a certain inertial frame and are separated by a time interval of 4 s. What is the spatial separation between these two events in an inertial frame in which the events are separated by a time interval of 6 s?
4. Two events occur at the same time in an inertial frame S and are separated by a distance of 1 km along the x axis. What is the time difference between these two events as measured in a frame S' moving with constant velocity along x and in which their spatial separation is measured as 2 km?
5. Two spaceships, each measuring 100 m in its own rest frame, pass by each other traveling in opposite directions. Instruments on spaceship A determine that the front end of the spaceship B requires 5.00×10^{-6} s to traverse the full length of A.
 - a) What is the relative velocity of the two spaceships?
 - b) A clock in the front end of B reads exactly one o'clock as it passes by the front end of A. What will the clock read as it passes by the rear of A?

Answers

1. $x = 93.0$ m, and $t = 2.5 \times 10^{-7}$ s.
2. These two events are separated by a space-like interval. There exist a frame in which they both occur at the same time, but one cannot find a frame in which they occur at the same position. The frame S' in which they are simultaneous is moving with a velocity $-c/2$ with respect to the frame S . Both events occur in S' at $t' = \sqrt{3}x_0/c$.
3. $\Delta x' = 1.34 \times 10^9$ m
4. $\Delta t' = 5.77 \times 10^{-6}$ s
5. $v = 2 \times 10^7$ m/s, one o'clock + 4.99×10^{-6} s