

Problem 3:

According to special relativity, a rod of length L moving at a velocity v will shorten by an amount δ , according to the formula:

$$\delta = L \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \right),$$

where c is the speed of light. Calculate how much a rod that is 2 m long will contract when traveling at 5,000 m/s.

$v = 210051000$ _____ ;

$2 * (1 - \text{sqrt}(1 - (v^2) / ((3e8)^2)))$

ans = 0.5720