

8.3.1

1 $S = vt$

$$t = \frac{S}{v} = \frac{200 \text{ ly}}{0.99c} = 202.02 \text{ yr}$$

$$t' = \frac{t}{\gamma} = t \cdot \sqrt{1 - 0.99^2} = 28.5 \text{ yr}$$

2. She travels the same distance at the same speed, so the times are the same!

8.3.2

1 $t = 28.5 \text{ yr}$

$$t' = \frac{t}{\gamma} = 28.5 \cdot \sqrt{1 - 0.99^2} = 4.0 \text{ yr}$$

2. Again using Symmetry, the time elapsed is the same.

8.3.3

$$1. \quad L_0 = v t_B \Rightarrow \underline{t_B = \frac{L_0}{v}}$$

$$2. \quad t'_B = \frac{t_B}{\gamma} = \frac{L_0 \sqrt{1-v^2}}{v}$$

$$L_0 = 200 \quad v = 0,99$$

$$t'_B = \frac{200 \sqrt{1-0,99^2}}{0,99} = \underline{\underline{28,5 \text{ yr}}}$$

3. ~~#~~ Since B' and B are simultaneous in the outgoing frame, we have $t'_{B'} = t'_B$.

The distance from Lisa to B' in her frame (x'_B) is the same as the distance to Homey, which is

$$-L'_0 = -\frac{L_0}{\gamma} = \cancel{\frac{L_0}{\gamma}} - L_0 \sqrt{1-v^2}$$

We can now find expressions for the two spacetime intervals

$\Delta S_{BB'}^2$ and $\Delta S_{BB'}^2$ between events B and B'. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta S_{BB'}^2 &= \Delta t_{BB'}^2 - \Delta x_{BB'}^2 = (t'_B - t'_{B'})^2 \\ &- (x'_B - x'_{B'})^2 = \cancel{(t_B - t_B')^2} - (L_0 \sqrt{1-v^2})^2 = \\ 0 - L_0^2(1-v^2) &= \underline{-L_0^2(1-v^2)}\end{aligned}$$

This must be the same as $\Delta S_{BB'}^2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta S_{BB'}^2 &= \Delta t_{BB'}^2 - \Delta x_{BB'}^2 = (t_B - t_{B'})^2 \\ &- (x_B - x_{B'})^2 = \left(\frac{L_0}{v} - t_{B'}\right)^2 - (L_0)^2 =\end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\left(\frac{L_0}{v}\right)^2 - \frac{2L_0 t_{B'}}{v} + t_{B'}^2 - L_0^2}$$

$$-L_0^2(1-v^2) = \left(\frac{L_0}{v}\right)^2 - \frac{2L_0 t_{B'}}{v} + t_{B'}^2 - \cancel{L_0^2}$$

$$t_{B'}^2 - \frac{2L_0 t_{B'}}{v} + \left(\frac{L_0}{v}\right)^2 - (L_0 v)^2 = 0$$

$$t_{B'} = \frac{\frac{2L_0}{v} \pm \sqrt{4\left(\frac{L_0}{v}\right)^2 + 4(L_0 v)^2}}{2} = \frac{\frac{2L_0}{v} \pm 2L_0 v}{2}$$

~~$$t_{B'} = \frac{\frac{2L_0}{v} \pm 2L_0 v}{2}$$~~

$$= \frac{\frac{2L_0}{v} \pm \sqrt{4(L_0 v)^2}}{2} = \frac{L_0}{v} \pm L_0 v$$

We have two options for $t_{B'}$:

$$t_{B'} = \frac{L_0}{v} + vL_0 \quad \text{or} \quad t_{B'} = \frac{L_0}{v} - vL_0$$

$\frac{L_0}{v}$ is t_B . We now have a similar situation to the one in exercise 1, where two events, in this case B and B', are simultaneous in a marked frame, but not an unmarked. By the same reasoning we used there, we find that B' must happen before B in the planet frame.

Therefore $t_{B'} < t_B$, so

$$\underline{t_{B'} = \frac{L_0}{v} - vL_0} \quad \blacksquare \quad \text{With numbers}$$

$$\text{this gives } t_{B'} = 202 - 198 = \underline{4}$$