

Discrepancy of length contraction answer to

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Discussion concerning « [Length, distance](#) and [Michelson–Morley experiment](#) »

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Object contraction is shown in figure 1. Frame O_2 is the Spaceship P moving at v with respect to frame O_1 . Its length is L_2 . In frame O_1 P is seen as P' . P is length contracted and its length is $L_1 = L_2/\gamma$, shorter than L_2 . Time is $t=0$

Distance contraction is shown in figure 2. Frame O_2 moves L_1 in frame O_1 . Time is $t = L_1/v$. The backend of the spaceship is at O_1 . In Frame O_2 , O_1 moves L_1/γ , shorter than L_1 . So, O_1 in Frame O_2 is at the position $O''_1 = -L_1/\gamma = -L_2/\gamma^2$

But because the backend of the spaceship is at O_1 , O_1 should coincide with the backend of the spaceship in Frame O_2 . That is, at $O''_1 = -L_2$

The question is, what is the position of O_1 in Frame O_2 ? Is it $-L_2$? Or $-L_2/\gamma^2$?

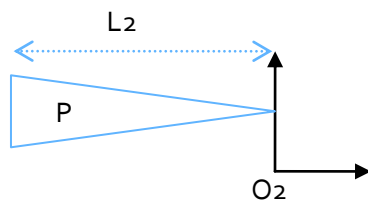


Figure 1 $t=0$

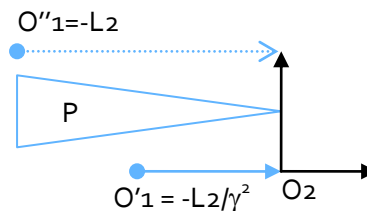


Figure 2 $t=L_1/v$

