

# LENGTH CONTRACTION AND ASYNCHRON

Alice is sitting in the 1-lightsecond long train's end, when two lightning struck into the end and the front of the ship at the same time according to Alice. If the train has a speed of  $v$  according to Bob, then

**Contraction:** 1 lightsecond for Alice is  $\sqrt{1-v^2}$  lightsecond for Bob. E.g., if Alice travels with the 87% of the speed of light, then the train is only 0.5 lightsecond long for Bob.

**Asynchron:** 1 lightsecond far away a simultaneous event for Alice is happened  $\frac{v}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}$  second later for Bob. E.g., if Alice travels with the 87% of the speed of light, then, according to Bob, the end of the the train got the lightning first, and 1.74 second later got the front the other lightning.

$$t_1 = \frac{d}{2} + t_1 v$$

$$t_1 - t_1 v = \frac{d}{2}$$

$$t_1(1-v) = \frac{d}{2}$$

$$t_1 = \frac{d}{2(1-v)}$$

$$t_2 = \frac{d}{2} - vt_2$$

$$\dots = \frac{d}{2(1+v)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} = t_1 + t_2$$

$$= \frac{d}{2(1-v)} + \frac{d}{2(1+v)}$$

$$= \frac{d(1+v) + d(1-v)}{2(1-v)(1+v)}$$

$$= \frac{d + dv + d - dv}{2(1-v)(1+v)}$$

$$= \frac{2d}{2(1-v)(1+v)}$$

$$= \frac{d}{(1-v)(1+v)}$$

$$= \frac{d}{1-v^2}$$

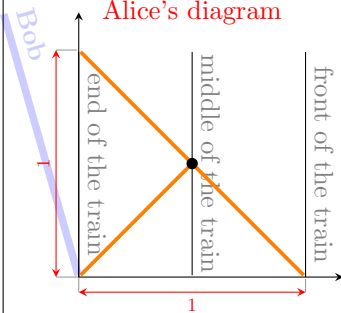
$$\frac{d}{1-v^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}$$

$$d = \frac{1-v^2}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}$$

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$$a \stackrel{\text{hw}}{=} \frac{v}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}$$

Alice's diagram



Bob's diagram

