

3. Deriving Length Contraction

Let an object of length l_0 be at rest on the x axis in S frame. The coordinates of its two endpoints are x_1 and x_2 , $l_0 = x_2 - x_1$.

The coordinates of its two end points in S' frame are x'_1 and x'_2 . The length is $l = x'_2 - x'_1$.

$$x = \gamma(x' + vt')$$

$$x_2 - x_1 = \gamma(x'_2 + vt'_2) - \gamma(x'_1 + vt'_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} l_0 = \gamma l \\ \boxed{l = \frac{l_0}{\gamma}} \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{t'_2 = t'_1}$$

An observer in S' measure this length by measuring x'_2 and x'_1 at the same time.

4. Deriving time dilation

The proper time means

the time interval between two events that happens at the same

location in space $\Rightarrow \boxed{x'_2 = x'_1}$

$$\Delta t = t_2 - t_1 \quad S$$

$$\Delta t_0 = t'_2 - t'_1 \quad S'$$

$$t = \gamma(t' + \frac{vx'}{c^2})$$

$$t_2 - t_1 = \gamma(t'_2 + \frac{vx'_2}{c^2}) - \gamma(t'_1 + \frac{vx'_1}{c^2})$$

$$t_2 - t_1 = \gamma t'_2 - \gamma t'_1$$

$$\boxed{\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t_0}$$