

Q4. A rocketship is 50m long. When it is on flight its length appears to be 49.5 to an observer on ground. Find the speed of the rocket?

Given:- $l = 49.5\text{m}$; $l_0 = 50\text{m}$

Formula:- $l = l_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$

Solution:- $49.5 = 50 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$

$$1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} = 0.9801$$

$$v = 0.141c$$

Ans:- The speed of the rocket is 0.141c .