# PHSX 343: Assignment 1

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# **Problem 1**

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$$\Delta x = (55m/s)(15s) = (825m)$$
  
 $S = 1km$ 

S' = 1km - 0.825km = 0.175km.

We are in the non-relativistic realm, so the time doesn't fluctuate. So for both frames t = 15s.

# **Problem 2**

 $V_A = -0.6c$  and  $V_B = 0.9c$ 

In the reference frame of A:  $V_A' = V_A - V_B = -1.5c$ In the reference frame of A:  $V_B' = V_B - V_A = 1.5c$ 

 $V_B^\prime = -V_A^\prime = 1.5c$  The speed of the two particles are the same, but the direction are opposite.

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# **Problem 3**

### Problem 1(a)

 $P_{tot,i} = (0.750kg)(10m/s) + 0$  and  $P_{tot,f} = 0 + (0.750kg)(10m/s)$   $P_{tot,i} = P_{tot,f}$ , so total momentum is conserved in the boat's frame.

### Problem 1(b)

If we name the puck initially moving as A and the other puck B:

Before the collision:  $V_A = 7m/s$  and  $V_B = 17m/s$ After the collision:  $V_A = 17m/s$  and  $V_B = 7m/s$ 

 $P_{tot,i} = (0.750kg)(17m/s) + (0.750kg)(7m/s)$  and  $P_{tot,f} = (0.750kg)(7m/s) + (0.750kg)(17m/s)$ 

 $P_{tot,i} = P_{tot,f}$ , so total momentum is conserved in the boat's frame.