

Special Relativity Solutions 4:

MINKOWSKI GEOMETRY I

Refer to the attached completed diagram on grid paper.

[easy] 4. $v_B = \frac{12m}{(40m - 25m)/c} = \frac{4}{5}c$

[medium] 6. $(c\Delta t_B)^2 = (c\Delta t_A)^2 - (\Delta x_A)^2$
 $= (15m)^2 - (12m)^2$
 $= 81m^2$
 $c\Delta t_B = 9m$

$$c\Delta t_B = \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} c\Delta t_A$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2} (15m)$$

$$= 9m$$

Now $16m + 9m = 25m$

[easy] 9. $12m$

[easy] 10. $12m \times \frac{5}{3} = 20m$