https://relativity-train-sim.vercel.app/ # Relativity Tunnel Simulation A visual, interactive simulation of one of the most fascinating paradoxes in Einstein's Special Relativity: **Can a train longer than a tunnel fit inside it — without crashing?** This app lets you explore the weird and beautiful world of relativistic physics by adjusting the train's speed and observing what happens from the perspective of a stationary observer. ##
What It Demonstrates This simulation brings key concepts from Special Relativity to life: - **Length Contraction**: As objects move near light-speed, they appear shorter in the direction of motion. - **Time Dilation**: Moving clocks tick more slowly compared to stationary ones. - **Relativity of Simultaneity**: Events that seem simultaneous in one frame may not be in another. > From your perspective (as a stationary observer), the faster the train moves, the shorter it appears. > At the right speed, the contracted train can actually fit inside the tunnel — even though it's longer than the tunnel at rest! ## 6 Your Mission Use the sliders to:

- Adjust the train's speed (as a percentage of the speed of light)

- Modify the tunnel's length Then hit **"Start Simulation"** and watch physics unfold! At the moment the nose of the train reaches the tunnel center: - The tunnel doors close. - The simulation checks whether the contracted train fits inside the tunnel or not. - You'll get a visual success or collision result. After each round, the page **automatically reloads** so you can experiment again. ## 🛠 Tech Stack - **React** with Vite - **CSS3 animations** for motion and styling - Fully responsive design - Physics math based on Lorentz contraction formula ## 🧠 Educational Purpose This simulation is designed to help physics students, educators, and curious minds visualize an abstract but fundamental principle of modern physics. It's inspired by the famous thought experiment: > _"The Train and the Tunnel" (also called "The Ladder Paradox")_

