

Two major results of special relativity are Time Dilation and Lorentz Contraction. Please pick one of the choices below which best describes how well you feel you understand them.

- A. No idea what these effects are
- B. I remember having heard about these, but couldn't define them precisely right now.
- C. I know what these effects are, (but I've forgotten how to derive them)
- D. I know what these effects are, and I even sort of remember the derivation, but it would take me a while to sort it out
- E. I'm confident I could derive these results right now

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- A. 1 m/s to the left
- B. 1 m/s to the right
- C. 3 m/s to the right
- D. 3 m/s to the left
- E. Something else

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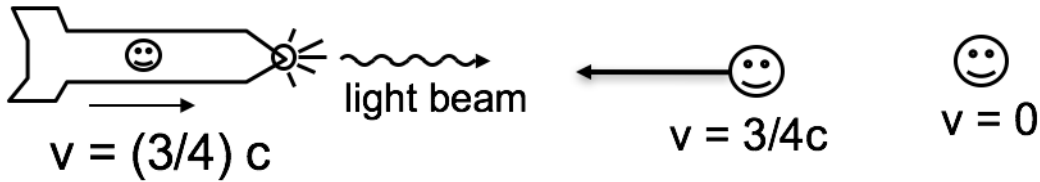
Galilean relativity example courtesy of Jamiroquai

Standing on a moving walkway in the airport that is moving at 1 m/s to the right, you toss a ball into the air. You observe the ball moving straight up and down.

I'm sitting on a bench watching your shenanigans. What do I have to do to make my physics match yours? That is, what do I have to do to reproduce all your measurements?

- A. Add 1 m/s to the left
- B. Add 1 m/s to the right
- C. Subtract 1 m/s to the right
- D. Subtract 1 m/s to the left
- E. None or more than one of these

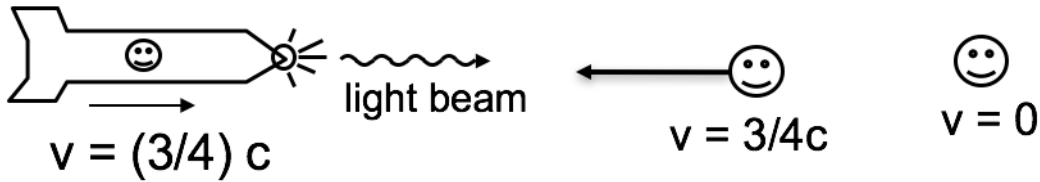
A rocket is moving to the right at speed $v = (3/4)c$, relative to Earth. On the front of the rocket is a headlight which emits a flash of light.



In the reference frame of a passenger on the rocket, the speed of the light flash is

- A. c
- B. $7/4 c$
- C. $1/4 c$
- D. None of these

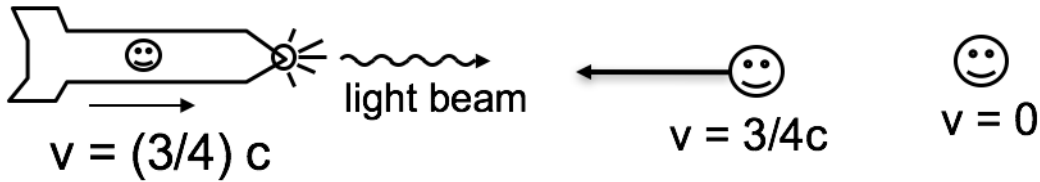
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According to a person at rest on the earth, the speed of the light flash is

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- C. $1/4 c$
- D. None of these

A rocket is moving to the right at speed $v = (3/4)c$, relative to Earth. On the front of the rocket is a headlight which emits a flash of light.



According to a person moving toward the rocket at speed $(3/4)c$, relative to earth, the speed of the light flash is

- A. c
- B. $7/4 c$
- C. $1/4 c$
- D. None of these