

Train-Tunnel Problems

> **restart :**

L0 = tunnel length, T0 = tunnel length,, v = beta [c=1]

> **L0:=240: T0:=360: v:=0.6: gam:=1/sqrt(1-v^2);**

gam := 1.250000000

F1 - Front enters tunnel at t = 0 and x = contracted train length. Primed values obtained from Lorentz transformation

> **F1x:=L0/gam; F1t:=0;**

F1x := 192.0000000

F1t := 0

> **F1xp:=gam*(F1x-v*F1t); F1tp:=gam*(F1t-v*F1x);**

F1xp := 240.0000000

F1tp := -144.0000000

F2 - Front of train exiting tunnel.

> **F2x:=T0+L0/gam; F2t:=T0/v;**

F2x := 552.0000000

F2t := 600.0000000

> **F2xp:=gam*(F2x-v*F2t); F2tp:=gam*(F2t-v*F2x);**

F2xp := 240.0000000

F2tp := 336.0000000

Verification that Delta s^2 is invariant from Origin to F2.

> **F2x^2-F2t^2 = F2xp^2-F2tp^2 ;**

-55296.0000 = -55296.00000

B1 - Back of Train enters tunnel

> **B1x:=L0/gam; B1t:=B1x/v;**

B1x := 192.0000000

B1t := 320.0000000

> **B1xp:=gam*(B1x-v*B1t); B1tp:=gam*(B1t-v*B1x);**

B1xp := 0.

B1tp := 256.0000000

B1 - on train - Watch back of train cover 192 m contracted in time (192/gamma)/v. This agrees with the above for B1tp.

> **L0/gam/gam/v;**

256.0000000

B2 - Same x as F2 and for back of train to travel from origin to end of tunnel

> **B2x:=F2x; B2t:=F2x/v;**

B2x := 552.0000000

B2t := 920.0000000

Also, B2 prime system - $x' = 0$ and back of train travels $F2x/gam$ in time

> **$B2xp := 0$; $B2tp := F2x/gam/v$;**

$B2xp := 0$

$B2tp := 736.0000000$

Verify two ways: ds^2 or Lorentz transformation

> **$B2x^2 - B2t^2 = B2xp^2 - B2tp^2$;**

$-541696.0000 = -541696.0000$

> **$B2xp := gam * (B2x - v * B2t)$; $B2tp := gam * (B2t - v * B2x)$;**

$B2xp := 0.$

$B2tp := 736.0000000$

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