

## Relativity Thought Experiment

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Purpose: Copy the purpose listed but also give the speed in km/h (something we can relate to)

Analysis: Answer a,b,c,d (relativistic mass and density)

$\rho_0 = \text{rest density}$

Answer #2 (relativistic time)

Answer #3 (relativistic length)

Marks

a,b,c,d

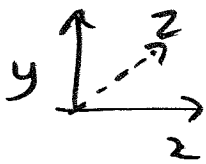
/5 (Inquiry)

#2 & #3 b)

/5 (Application)

# Relativistic Density

rest density =  $\rho_0 = 1 \text{ g/cm}^3$  (water!)



travelling fast  $\rightarrow \therefore$  reduced length

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{1 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ cm}^3} = \frac{1 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm}}$$

$$\text{Relativistic Density} = \frac{\text{rel. } m}{\text{rel. } V} = \frac{\frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}}{1 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm} \times 1 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$L_0 = 1 \text{ cm}$$

$$L = L_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

(density rel.)

$$\rho = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

Relativistic  
Density  
Formula

$$\rho = \frac{m_0}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

$$m_0 = \frac{1 \text{ g}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

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a, b, c, d ( $\rho$ )  
2  
3 b