

a) Biker travels 5 m of space in 11 m of time

$$v = \frac{5 \text{ m}}{11 \text{ m}} = 0.455 c \quad \gamma = 1.123$$

b)  $t_A - t_B = 0$  according to Bob

c) Bob measures  $A = (-11, -9)$   $B = (2, -9)$

To compute Biker's location of each event, use Lorentz transformation - note one small complication

$$A: x' = \gamma(x - vt) = 1.123(-11 - (0.455)(-9)) \\ = -7.76$$

$$t' = \gamma\left(t - \frac{vx}{c^2}\right) = 1.123\left(-9 - \frac{(0.455)(-11)}{1^2}\right) \\ = -4.49$$

But Biker's clock is offset from Jane + Bob's clock by +5.

$$\Rightarrow t' = -4.49 + 5 = 0.51$$

We can likewise compute location of event B acc. to Biker.

$$B: x' = \gamma(x - vt) = 1.123(2 - (0.455)(-9)) \\ = 6.83$$

$$t' = 5 + \gamma\left(t - \frac{vx}{c^2}\right) = 5 + 1.123\left(-9 - \frac{(0.455)(2)}{1^2}\right) \\ = -6.12$$

Thus we find the interval in time between A and B acc. to Biker is

$$\Delta t' = t'_A - t'_B = 0.51 - (-6.12) = \boxed{6.63 \text{ sec}}$$

As a check, compute the STI for each observer.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bob: STI} &= \sqrt{(t_A - t_B)^2 - (x_A - x_B)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(0)^2 - (-13)^2} = \underline{\underline{13i \text{ m}}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Biker: STI} &= \sqrt{(t'_A - t'_B)^2 - (x'_A - x'_B)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(6.63)^2 - (-7.70 - 6.83)^2} = \underline{\underline{13i \text{ m}}}\end{aligned}$$

Yes, same STI. Note that it is imaginary, so no message can pass between events (A) and (B).

d) time interval acc. to Jane:  $t_C - t_B = 9 \text{ m}$

e) Once again, use Lorentz trans for Biker:

$$\begin{aligned}C: x' &= \gamma(x - vt) = 1.123(2 - (0.455)(0)) \\ &= 2.25 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

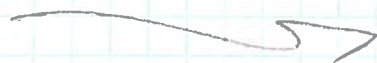
$$\begin{aligned}t' &= 5 + \gamma\left(t - \frac{vx}{c^2}\right) = 5 + 1.123\left(0 - \frac{(0.455)(2)}{12}\right) \\ &= 3.98 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Biker } (t'_C - t'_B) = 3.98 - (-6.12) = \boxed{10.1 \text{ m}}$$

f) Biker flashes light at point (F), beam travels to Bob and reaches him at

$$F: (-11, 2)$$

We need to use geometry and algebra to determine the location of event (F).





Equation of flash of light:  $t = -x - 9$

Equation of Biker:  $x = \frac{5}{11}t + 2$

Intersection when these are equal

$$x = \frac{5}{11}(-x - 9) + 2$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{11}x - \frac{45}{11} + 2$$

$$\frac{16}{11}x = -\frac{45}{11} + \frac{22}{11}$$

$$16x = -45 + 22$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{23}{16} = -1.44$$

$$t = -\left(-\frac{23}{16}\right) - 9 = \frac{-121}{16} = -7.56$$

$$\textcircled{F} = (-1.44, -7.56)$$

↑  
time acc. to Bob

g) So time of flash acc. to Biker is

$$\begin{aligned} t' &= 5 + \gamma \left( t - \frac{vx}{c^2} \right) = 5 + 1.123 \left( -7.56 - \frac{(0.455)(-1.44)}{12} \right) \\ &= \underline{\underline{-2.76 \text{ m}}} \end{aligned}$$

