

Schedule

Week 4 (today):

Waves/optics, Relativity

5 :

Relativity, FACULTY
PANEL

6 :

Thermo/Stat. Mech 5-6

7 :

QM/Atomic I

8 :

GRAD PANEL ; QM/Atomic II
4-5?

9 :

Miscellaneous (presentations)

22. A helium-neon laser, radiating at 632.8 nm, has a power output of 3 mW. The beam diverges (spreads) at total angle $\theta = 0.25 \text{ mrad}$ (this is the *total* angle, not the half-angle). What is the amplitude of the electric field due to the laser light 75 m from the laser?

- A) 100 V/m
B) 10 V/m
C) 1 V/m
D) 0.1 V/m
E) 0.01 V/m

(W)
Power

(W/m²)
intensity

P, I

Laser

$I = \frac{P}{A} = ?$
 ~~$\frac{P}{4\pi r^2}$~~

$$I = \frac{P}{\pi r^2}$$

$$\tan \phi \approx \phi = \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{r}{D}$$

$$I = \frac{3 \text{ mW}}{\pi (10^{-4} \text{ m}^2)}$$

$$\sim 10 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2}$$

$$r = D \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$= (75 \text{ m}) (0.125 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$\approx 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

$$E_0 = \sqrt{\frac{20c\mu_0}{3 \times 10^8 \cdot 4\pi \times 10^{-7}}}$$

$$\approx 5 (400)$$

$$\approx 5.20$$

$$\approx 100 \text{ V/m}$$

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

$$I = \langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{E_0 B_0}{2\mu_0}$$

$$10 = \frac{E_0^2}{2c\mu_0}$$

27. What is the minimum separation of two objects on Mars in order to resolve them by an observer on Earth with the naked eye? The distance to Mars is 8.0×10^7 km, the diameter of the pupil is 5.0 mm, and the wavelength of light can be taken to be 550 nm.

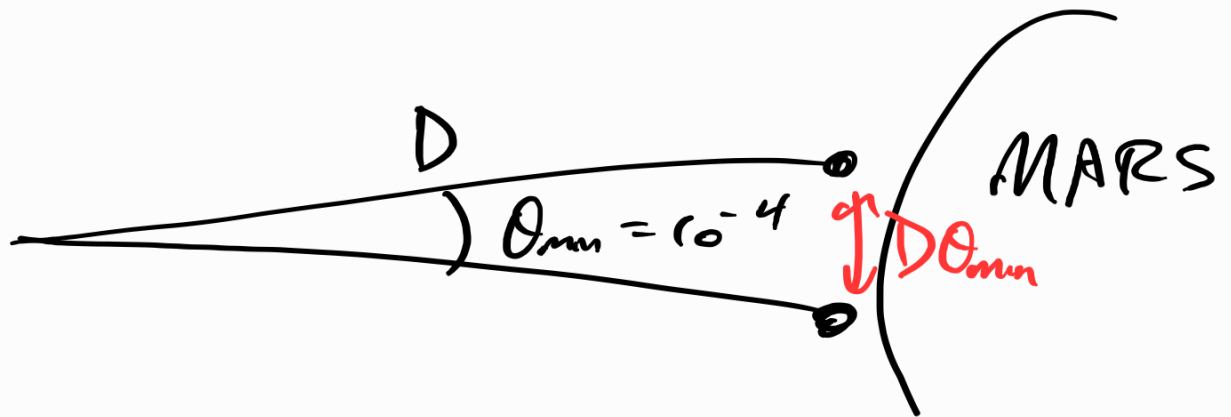
- A) 10^4 km
- B) 10^3 km
- C) 10^5 km
- D) 10^2 km
- E) 10^6 km

Rayleigh Diffraction Limit

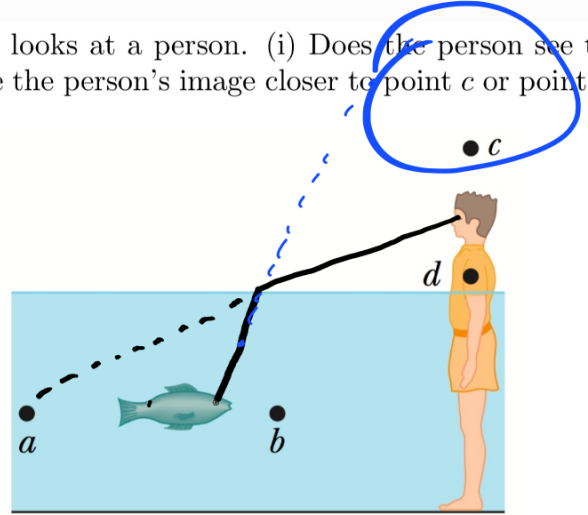
$$\theta_{min} \approx \frac{1.22 \lambda}{D} \sim \frac{\lambda}{D}$$

$$\theta_{min} \sim \frac{500 \times 10^{-9}}{5 \times 10^{-3}} \sim 10^{-4}$$

$$5 \times 10^{-3}$$



24. In the figure below, a person looks at a fish and a fish looks at a person. (i) Does the person see the fish's image closer to point a or point b ? (ii) Does the fish see the person's image closer to point c or point d ?



- A) (i) Point a ; (ii) Point c
 B) (i) Point a ; (ii) Point d
 C) (i) Point b ; (ii) Point c
 D) (i) Point b ; (ii) Point d

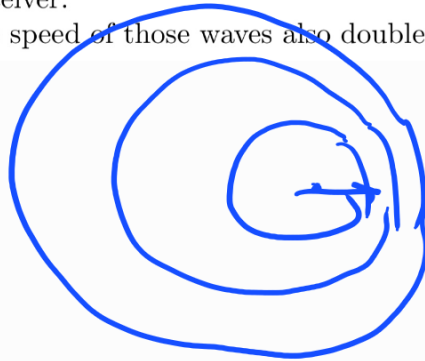
21. Which of the following statements is TRUE regarding mechanical waves?

- A) The denser the material, the higher the speed of sound in that material.
 B) Sound waves are the most common example of transverse mechanical waves. **LONG.**
 C) Upon reflection, a wave on a string can have its waveform inverted.
 D) The doppler effect says that it is the frequency only that changes, and not the wavelength of sound waves, when a source moves towards a receiver.
 E) When the frequency of waves doubles, the speed of those waves also doubles.

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \quad 10$$

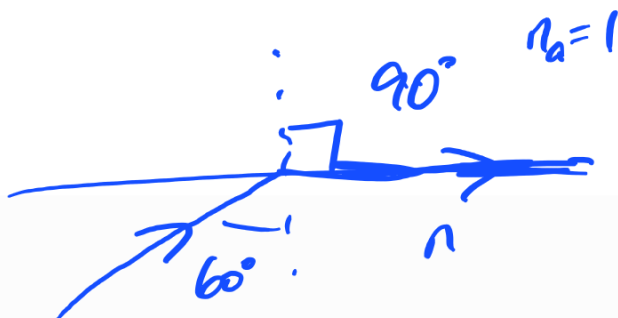
$$v = \sqrt{\frac{B}{\rho}} \quad 30$$

[A false]



23. Total internal reflection occurs at an interface between a plastic and air at incidence angles larger than 60 degrees. What is the refractive index of the plastic?

- A) 0.707
- B) 1.41
- C) 1.5
- D) 1.73
- ☒ E) 1.15



$$n_a \sin 90^\circ = n \sin 60^\circ$$

$$(1)(1) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} n$$

$$n = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = 1.15$$

25. You're designing your very own bathroom mirror. You'd like the mirror to have magnification 5 when your face is 20 cm away from the mirror. What should be the radius of curvature of the mirror? Should the mirror be concave or convex?

- ☒ A) Concave mirror, radius of curvature 50 cm.
- B) Concave mirror, radius of curvature 12.5 cm.
- C) Convex mirror, radius of curvature 50 cm.
- D) Convex mirror, radius of curvature 12.5 cm.
- E) None of the above.

$m = +5$ requires
a concave (converging)
mirror.

$$m = 5 = -\frac{o'}{o}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{o} + \frac{1}{o'}$$

$$\frac{o}{f} = 1 + \frac{o}{o'} = 1 - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$f = \frac{5}{4} o = \frac{5}{4} [20 \text{ cm}] = 25 \text{ cm}$$

$$R = 2f = 50 \text{ cm}$$

Relativity Facts

* [★] Lorentz Transformations (compare to Galilean)

* $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \geq 1 \quad (\beta = \frac{v}{c})$

* [↪] length contraction: $L' = \frac{L_0}{\gamma}$ ^{proper length}

[↪] time dilation: $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta \tau$

[⋮]
Proper time

* [↪] Velocity Addition

$$V' = \frac{u+v}{1 + \frac{uv}{c^2}}$$

if these
are opp.



*^G Relativistic Doppler

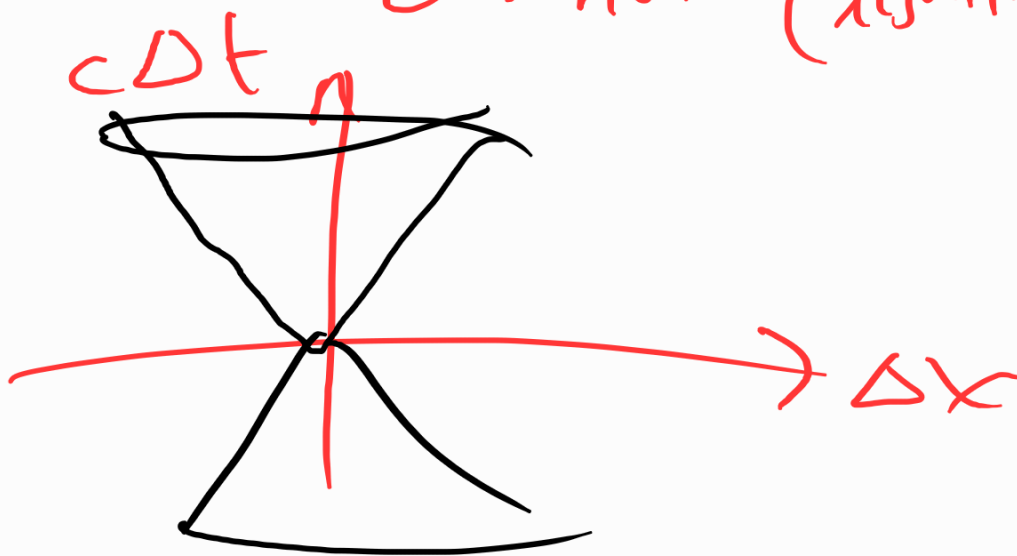
$$f = f_0 \left(\frac{1 \pm \beta}{1 \mp \beta} \right)^{1/2}$$

* ^{interval} $\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2$

+ : timelike sep

- : spacelike - sep

0 : null (lightlike)



$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta x' \\ c\Delta t' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ c\Delta t \end{pmatrix}$$

If S' is moving in $\beta \hat{x}$ as measured by S .

1. System \bar{S} travels with constant velocity $v \neq 0$ in the \hat{x} -direction with respect to system S . If two events, separated by a distance $x \neq 0$, occur simultaneously at time t in S , do they occur simultaneously in \bar{S} ? $\Delta t = 0$

- ✓ (A) Yes, always
- ✓ (B) No, never
- ✓ (C) Only if $x < vt$
- ✓ (D) Only if $x > vt$
- ✓ (E) Only if $x < ct$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta x' \\ c\Delta t' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ c\Delta t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c\Delta t' = -\beta\gamma \Delta x$$

non zero

SPACELIKE - SEP

9. Spaceship 1, carrying a meter stick, flies past Spaceship 2, carrying a 1 liter container. The occupants of Spaceship 2 measure the meter stick on Spaceship 1 to be 0.5 m long. What volume do the occupants of Spaceship 1 measure for the container on Spaceship 2? Both spaceships travel along parallel trajectories and all dimensions should be measured parallel to the axis of their trajectories.

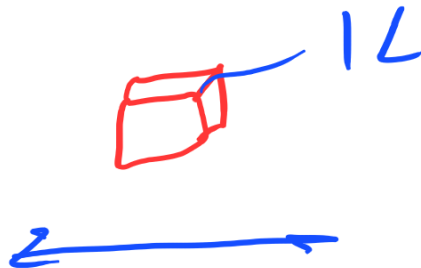
(A) 0.125 L

(B) 0.25 L

(C) 0.5 L

(D) 1 L

(E) 2 L



turns out, problem means IN ENT. frame...

7. The USS *Enterprise*, moving at speed $0.5c$ with respect to a nearby planet, fires a photon torpedo of speed c at a Romulan warship, initially 6000 km away, which is retreating away from the *Enterprise* at constant velocity. According to the *Enterprise*'s clock, the torpedo made contact with the warship 0.1 seconds after firing. How fast was the warship traveling, in the frame of the planet?

1 ls = 300,000 km

as measured in which frame?

(A) $\frac{13}{28}c$

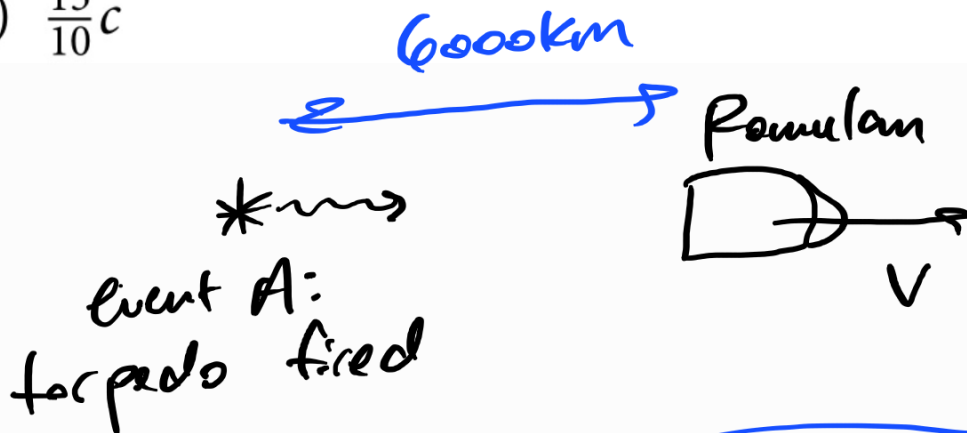
(B) $\frac{13}{16}c$

(C) $\frac{13}{14}c$

(D) c

(E) $\frac{13}{10}c$

How fast does the light travel in the frame of the planet?

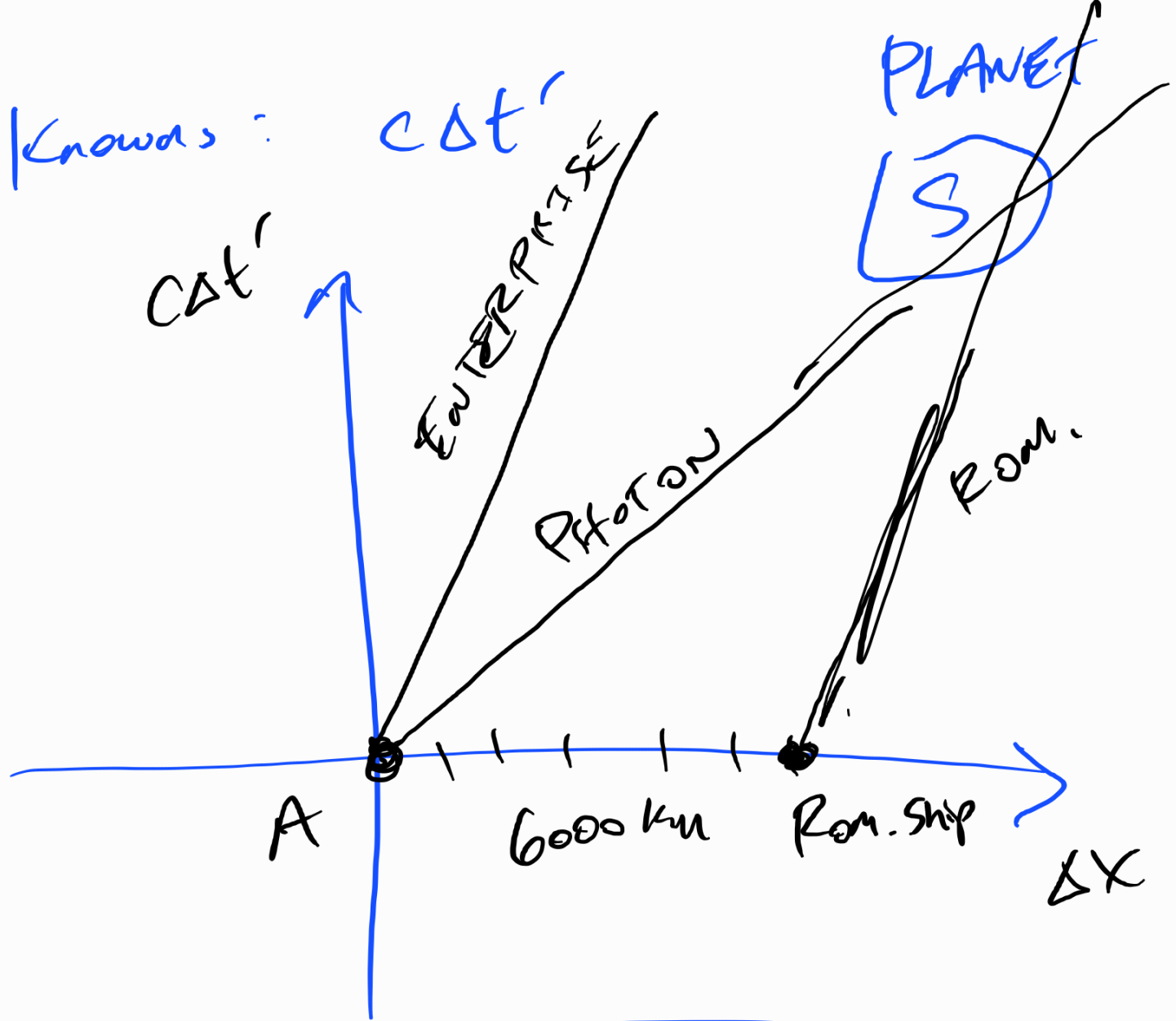


S : planet

S' : Enterprise

$$0 = (c\Delta t)^2 - (\Delta x)^2 = (c\Delta t')^2 - (\Delta x')^2$$

$$? - (?) = (0.1 \text{ ls})^2 - (?)$$

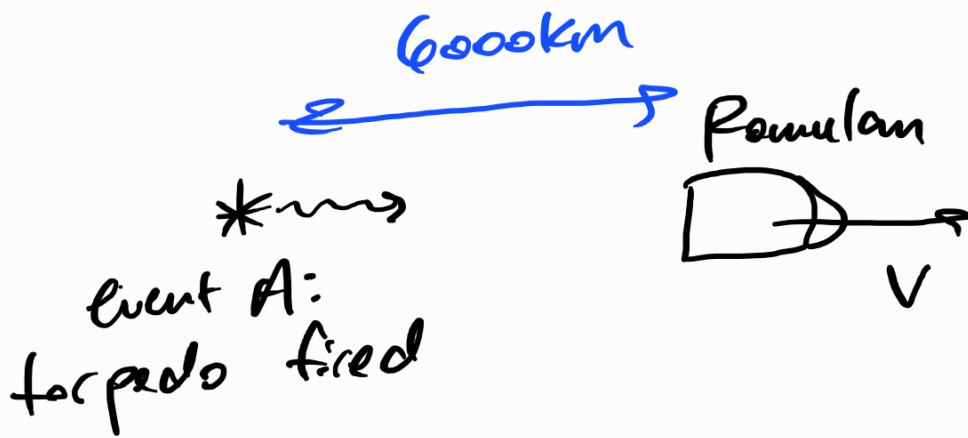


Added after lec: $\gamma \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-0.5^2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$
 Assuming 6000 km in planet frame
 In the enterprise frame, $\Delta x' = c\Delta t' = 0.1 \text{ ls.}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ c\Delta t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & +\beta\gamma \\ +\beta\gamma & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 \text{ l.s.} \\ 0.1 \text{ l.s.} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 2/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 \text{ l.s.} \\ 0.1 \text{ l.s.} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta x = c \Delta t = \sqrt{3} \text{ l.s.}$$



$$6000 \text{ km} + V_{\text{ron}} \Delta t = \Delta x$$

$$V_{\text{ron}} = c - \frac{6000 \text{ km}}{\Delta t}$$

$$1 \text{ l.s.} = 300,000 \text{ km}$$

$$6000 \text{ km} = \frac{1}{50} \text{ l.s.}$$

$$= c \left[1 - \frac{6000 \text{ km}}{\sqrt{3} \text{ l.s.}} \right]$$

$$= c \left[1 - \frac{1/50}{\sqrt{3}} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 50 \sqrt{3} \\ & \frac{1}{2} (170) \\ & = 85 \end{aligned}$$

$$\approx c \left[1 - \frac{1}{85} \right]$$

UGH. Not an answer choice...

maybe 6000 km is not distance in planet frame, but in E 's frame

SOL 2
(enterprise)

(taking distance = 6000 km in the ENTERPRISE frame)

$$\Delta x' = c \Delta t' = 6000 \text{ km} + v_{\text{rom}}' \Delta t'$$

$$0.1 \text{ l.s.} = 0.02 \text{ l.s.} + v_{\text{rom}}' (0.1 \text{ sec})$$

Speed of
romulan ship
in Enterprise
frame

$$v_{\text{rom}}' = 0.8c$$

Velocity addition

$$\text{ANS} = \frac{0.8 + 0.5}{1 + (0.8)(0.5)} = \frac{1.3}{1 + 0.4} = \frac{13}{14}$$

C

Sorry the question wasn't
more particular!!
