

Relativity time dilation - a two signal time delay theory

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Abstract: Special relativity time dilation has until now a un-discovered physics disconnect, “the signals used to derive the expression for time dilation (1) are actually from fixed sources in space”. This observation presents a dilemma for the foundation of special relativity where it assumes a moving source emits the signals with time delay $\Delta t'$. The physics is shown that two fixed sources emit the signals independent of the velocity v of the supposed moving source.

Index Terms—Special relativity, time dilation, extinction shift principle, transverse relative time shift.

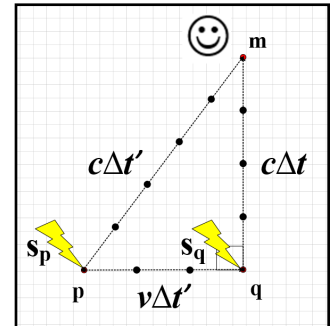
$$\Delta t' = \frac{\Delta t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} (1)$$

Introduction

Special relativity time dilation (SRTD) has captured the imagination of mankind for over a century. According to SR a moving source with velocity v emits two signals with a time delay $\Delta t'$, **Figure 1**. p , q , and m form a right triangle. The signals in SR are assumed to move at the velocity of light, c . The source emits signal s_p at location p . s_p reaches the location m at time $\Delta t'$. The source is located at q at time $\Delta t'$ and then emits signal s_q . The time delay for s_q to reach m is Δt . An observer located at m will see the signal delay, Δt , for receipt of s_p and s_q . From the Pythagorean theorem we get (2). Solving (2) for $\Delta t'$ we get (1). The relationship (1) between $\Delta t'$ and Δt in the famous SRTD derived in [1]. This work shows that the sources in SRTD are actually fixed in space with respect to the observer of the signals, i.e. the sources do not move.

$$(c\Delta t')^2 = (v\Delta t')^2 + (c\Delta t)^2 (2)$$

Figure 1: Source with velocity v emits signals s_p and s_q .



Example 1 shows the progression of the source signals over time, observed signal time delay, and derives the formula relating $\Delta t'$ and Δt . **Example 2** develops the concept of velocity of a moving object using the geometry in Example 1. **Example 3** combines the signal emission and moving object concepts into the same frame of reference and reveals where SRTD has introduced metaphysics into modern science. In **Example 4** the moving object flips a switch on fixed sources to enable the signal emission. The conclusion provides observations and recommends a source that provides a physics based alternative to the observed signal time delay a transverse relative time shift² which is not a Special Relativity time dilation.

¹Time dilation - Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_dilation

² Introduction to the Extinction Shift Principle: A Pure Classical Replacement for Relativity, Dr. Edward Henry Dowdye Jr., <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Introduction-to-the-Extinction-Shift-Principle%3A-A-Dowdye/c1dee00cc1b71f91d32b4048046acc857142357c>

Example 1: Light signals s_p and s_q emitted with time delay $\Delta t'$ are reach m with time delay Δt .

Let points p , q , m be fixed positions in empty space as shown in the right triangle in **Figure 2**. The distance pm is D , pq is M , qm is L . The velocity of light c is 3×10^8 m/s. D is $5c$ equal to 15×10^8 m. The observer (😊) its located at position m .

Figure 2: Position of p , q , m and distances M , L , D in right triangle.

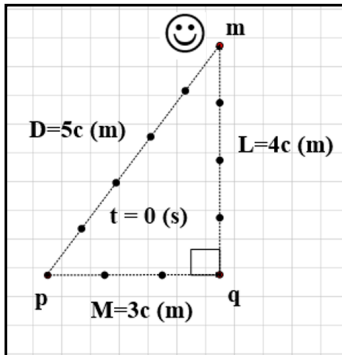


Figure 3: Source S_p emits signal s_p from location p .

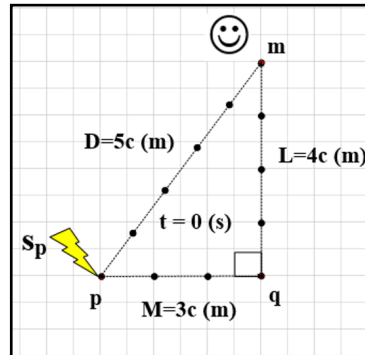
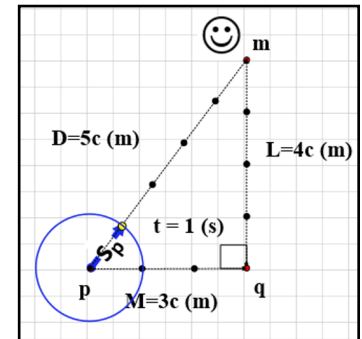


Figure 4: Signal s_p travels $1c$ m in $1s$ from location p .



Let fixed source S_p at location p emit a signal s_p with velocity c , the speed of light, **Figure 3**. s_p will travel $1c$ m in 1 second, **Figure 4**, $2c$ m in $2s$, **Figure 5**, $3c$ m in $3s$, **Figure 6**, $4c$ m in $4s$, **Figure 7**, and arrive at location m in time $\Delta t'$ (2) in $5s$ a distance of $5c$ m, **Figure 8**. **Figure 9** shows the progression of signal s_p from $t=0s$ through $t=5s$.

$$\Delta t' = \frac{D}{c} \quad (2)$$

Figure 5: Signal s_p travels $2c$ m in $2s$ from location p .

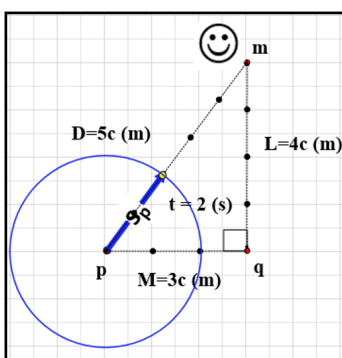


Figure 6: Signal s_p travels $3c$ m in $3s$ from location p .

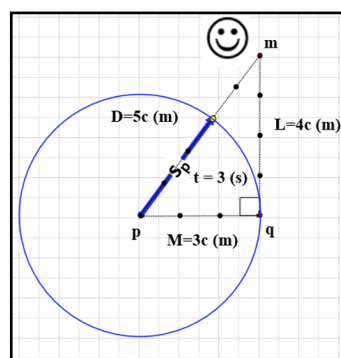
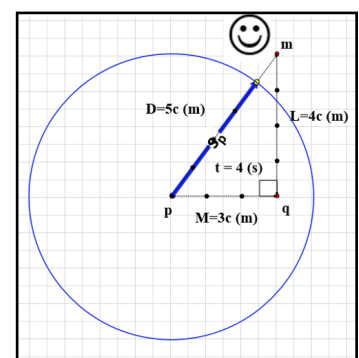


Figure 7: Signal s_p travels $4c$ m in $4s$ from location p .



At time $\Delta t'$ ($t=5s$) fixed source S_q located at q emits signal s_q with velocity c , **Figure 10**. Signal s_p will travel $1c$ m in 1 second, **Figure 11**, $2c$ m in $2s$, **Figure 12**, $3c$ m in $3s$, **Figure 13**, and arrive at location m in time $\Delta t = 4s$ (3) a distance of $4c$ m, **Figure 14**.

Figure 8: Signal s_p arrives at m in time $\Delta t' = 5s$.

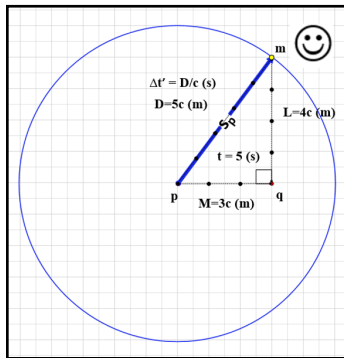


Figure 11: Signal s_p travels $1c$ m in $1s$ from location q .

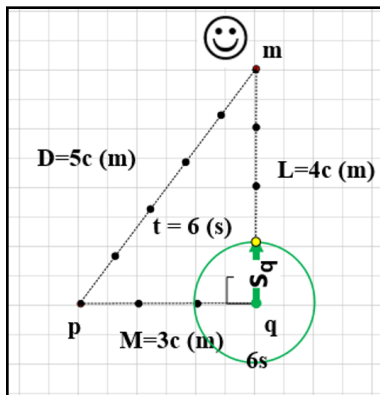


Figure 14: Signal s_q arrives at m in $4s$, $t=9s$, a distance of $4c$ m from location q .

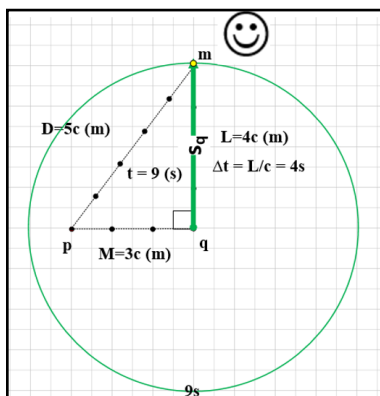


Figure 9: Signal s_q from $t=0s$ through $t=5s$, a time difference of $\Delta t'$.

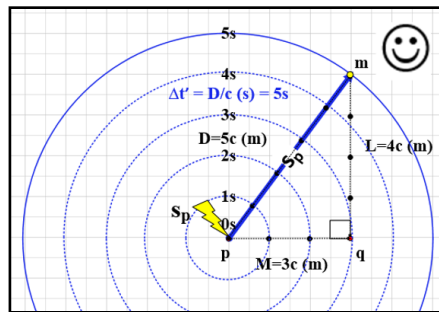
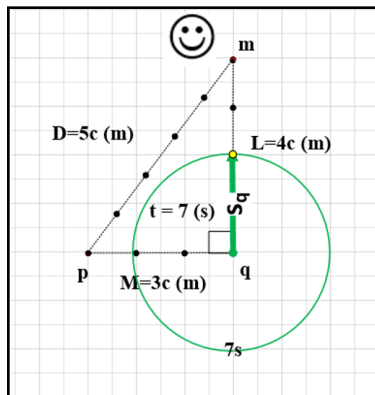


Figure 12: Signal s_p travels $2c$ m in $2s$ from location q .



$$\Delta t = \frac{L}{c} \quad (3)$$

Figure 15 shows the evolution of signal s_q from $t=5s$ through $t=9s$ a travel time of $\Delta t = 4s$. From (2)(3) we get (4)(5).

$$D = c\Delta t' \quad (4) \quad L = c\Delta t \quad (5)$$

Now we notice that the time delay between emission of s_p and s_q is $\Delta t'$. The signal sources are located at difference positions is space and the signals are emitted at different times. *There is no causal relationship between s_p and s_q .*

Figure 10: Fixed source S_q located at q emit signal s_q with velocity c time $\Delta t'$.

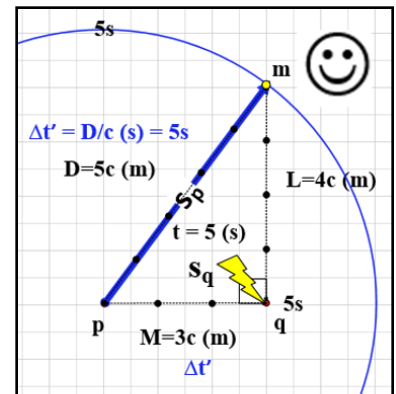


Figure 13: Signal s_q travels $3c$ m in $3s$ from location q .

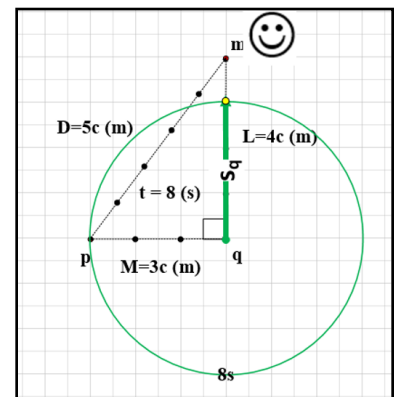
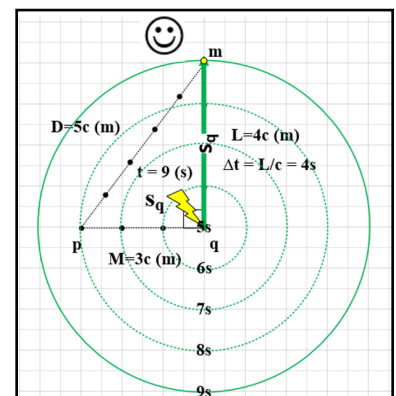


Figure 15: Signal s_q arrives at m in $4s$, $t=9s$, a distance of $4c$ m from location q .



From the Pythagorean relation in **Figure 1** geometry we get (6). Combine (4)(5)(6) to get (7). Solve (7) for $\Delta t'$ to get (8). Notice that locations in space **p** and **q** are separated by a distance **M**.

$$D^2 = M^2 + L^2 \quad (6) \quad (c\Delta t')^2 = M^2 + (c\Delta t)^2 \quad (7)$$

$$\Delta t' = \sqrt{\Delta t^2 + \frac{M^2}{c^2}} \quad (8)$$

Example 2: Object moves with velocity v over distance **M in time $\Delta t'$.**

Let object traveling distance **M** with velocity v from point **p** to point **q** in time $\Delta t'$, **Figure 16**. The object does not send a signal in this example. The velocity v of the object is the distance traveled **M** divided by the time of travel $\Delta t'$ (9). The distance **M** is (10). From (9) the time of travel from **p** to **q** is $\Delta t'$ (11).

$$v = \frac{M}{\Delta t'} \quad (9) \quad M = v\Delta t' \quad (10) \quad \Delta t' = \frac{M}{v} \quad (11)$$

There is no causal relationship between the $\Delta t'$ in example 1 and example 2. There is a correlation with the velocity in examples 1 and 2. The time traveled by the object is the same.

Example 3: Traveling object passes position **p when source S_p emits signal s_p and travels distance **M** when source S_q emits signal s_q .**

Let S_p emit s_p as a traveling object with velocity v passes position **p**. At time $\Delta t'$ simultaneously s_p arrives at position **m** when the object travels distance **M** and arrives at position **q**, **Figure 17**.

Let the source S_q emit signal s_q when the object passes position **q**. The signal s_q will arrive at position **m** at time Δt , **Figure 18**.

In this example there is no causal relationship between the velocity v of the traveling object, the signal s_p emitted from the fixed source S_p , and the signal s_q emitted from the fixed source S_q . There is a coincidence in the emission of signal s_p and the position of the moving object as it passes location **p**. There is a coincidence in the emission of the signal s_q and position of the moving object as it passes location **q**.

Example 4: Let there be a switch at fixed sources S_p and S_q that is activated by the passing of a traveling object with velocity v .

Let there be a switch at sources S_p and a switch at S_q that is activated by the passing of a traveling object with velocity v . The positions of **p**, **q**, **m** and sources S_p and S_q are fixed in space. Let the object moving with velocity v pass position **m** activate the switch at fixed source S_p which sends signal s_p . The time delay $\Delta t'$ (2) for s_p to arrive at position **m** is defined by the velocity of the speed of the light signal c and is independent of the velocity v of the moving object.

Figure 16: Object travels distance **M** with velocity v in time $\Delta t'$.

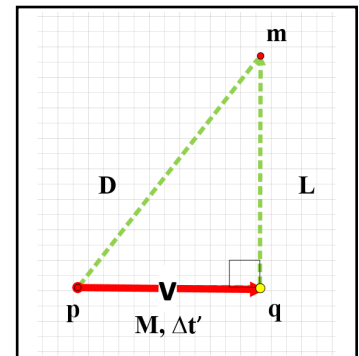


Figure 17: Object travels distance **M** while signal s_p travels distance **D** in time $\Delta t'$.

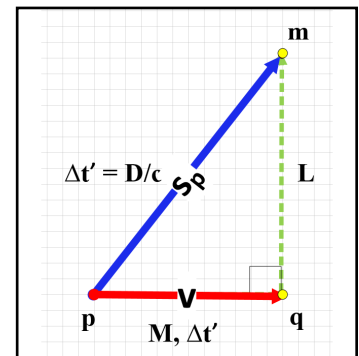


Figure 18: Signal s_q travels distance **L** in time Δt .

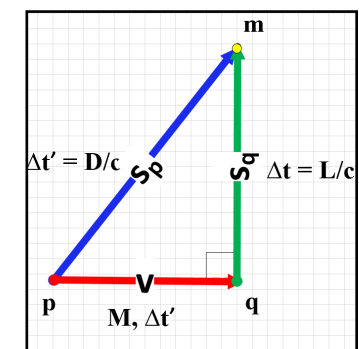
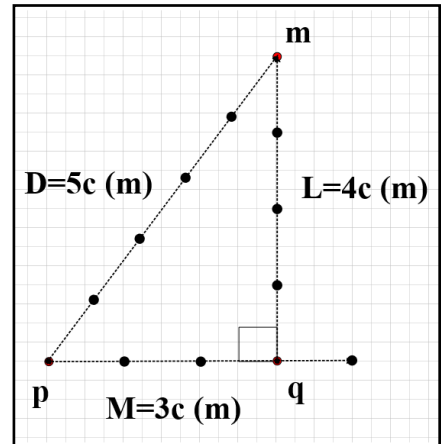


Figure 19: $D=5c$, $L=4c$, $M=3c$ in meters (m).



Let $\Delta t'$ in (2) equal to the time of travel across distance M for the object in (11) to get (12). Solve (12) for v (13). The velocity v in (13) is the only velocity of the object where the object can be at location q and the signal s_p will simultaneously arrive at m . Both distances M and D are constants, fixed positions in space.

$$\Delta t' = \frac{D}{c} = \frac{M}{v} \quad (12) \qquad v = \frac{M}{D}c \quad (13)$$

There is only one velocity v (13) where the object can arrive at position q and signal s_p can arrive at position m so that signal s_q can be emitted at position q and arrive at position m in time Δt . Δt represents the signal delay at m . $\Delta t'$ is the time delay in emission of s_p and s_q from their fixed sources.

Analysis when the object velocity is less than and greater than v in (13)

Let M equal $3c$ meters (m), L equal $4c$ (m), and D equal to $5c$ (m), where c is equal to 3×10^8 , **Figure 19**. In example 3 using (13) the object velocity v is equal to $(3/5)c$ (m/s), meters per second. In 5 (s) seconds the object travels $3c$ (m). In 5 (s) the signal s_p travels $5c$ (m), **Figure 20**.

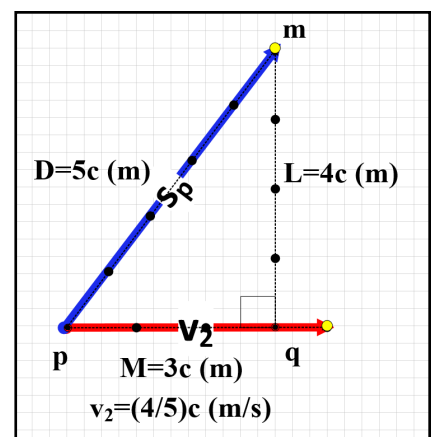
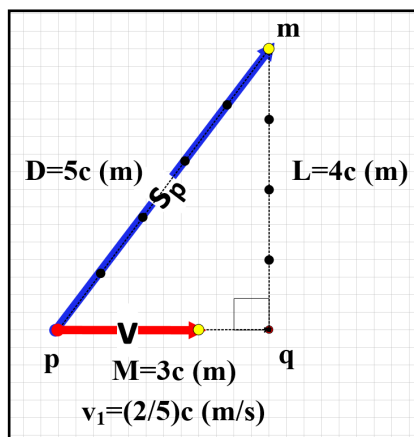
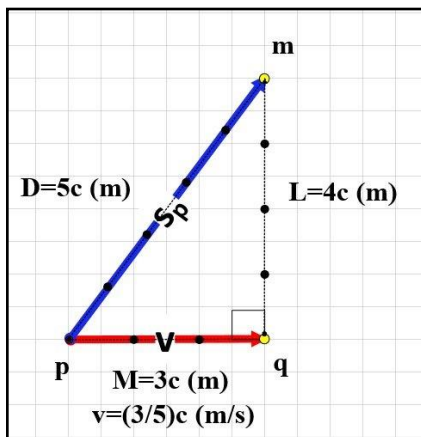
Let v_1 equal to $(2/5)c$ (m/s). In 5 (s) the object travels $2c$ (m) while signal s_p travels $5c$ (m), **Figure 21**. The signal s_p arrives at m before the object with velocity v_1 travels to position q .

Let v_2 equal to $(4/5)c$ (m/s). In 5 (s) the object travels $4c$ (m) while signal s_p travels $5c$ (m), **Figure 22**. The object with velocity v_2 passes position q before signal s_p arrives at m .

Figure 20: Velocity v is $(3/5)c$ (m/s). $\Delta t'$ is 5 (s).

Figure 21: Velocity v_1 is $(2/5)c$ (m/s). $\Delta t'$ is 5 (s).

Figure 22: Velocity v_2 is $(4/5)c$ (m/s). $\Delta t'$ is 5 (s).



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Combine (7) and (10) to get (14). Solve (14) for $\Delta t'$ to get (20).

$$(c\Delta t')^2 = M^2 + (c\Delta t)^2 \quad (7) \qquad M = v\Delta t' \quad (10) \qquad (c\Delta t')^2 = (v\Delta t')^2 + (c\Delta t)^2 \quad (14)$$

$$(c\Delta t')^2 - (v\Delta t')^2 = (c\Delta t)^2 \quad (15) \qquad \frac{(c\Delta t')^2 - (v\Delta t')^2}{c^2} = \frac{(c\Delta t)^2}{c^2} \quad (16) \qquad \Delta t'^2 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\Delta t'^2 = \Delta t^2 \quad (17)$$

$$(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2})\Delta t'^2 = \Delta t^2 \quad (18) \quad \Delta t'^2 = \frac{\Delta t^2}{(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2})} \quad (19) \quad \Delta t'^2 = \frac{\Delta t^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad (20)$$

It has already been shown that the velocity v of the object is independent of the signal velocities s_p and s_q . Equation (20) does yield the correct calculation for s_p and s_q arrival at position m only when the object velocity is (13); however, v does not influence the speed of signals s_p and s_q .

The derivation of (20) uses geometry similar to that found in **SR** time dilation³ where only the upward travel of the light signal is considered in the moving clock bottom mirror A. Time dilation³ shows a cause and effect for the moving mirror A and the light signal that travels along **D** of the right triangle. This clearly is an illusion presented by SR and cannot be true, see examples 1 through 4 above.

Concluding remarks

The examples 1 through 4 above show that in special relativity the velocity in (1) is independent of the signal source velocity in the geometry used to derive special relativity time dilation. The source velocity in SR time dilation has no physical meaning. **SR** (1) has a correlation for only one velocity if the time delays are coordinated and the traveling object flips a switch to activate the fixed signal sources. The velocity v in the special relativity time dilation (1) has no cause and effect on any light signal and cannot influence Δt or $\Delta t'$. In **SR** the speed of the light in a vacuum along path **D** is not dependent on the velocity of the object traveling with velocity v . This is obvious since the magnitude of the light signals is equal to c (m/s) in all directions with or without a moving source. The reality of Galilean Transformation where velocities of sources and emitted signal velocities are additive should be considered.

Suggested reading, "Introduction to the Extinction Shift Principle: A Pure Classical Replacement for Relativity", Dr. Edward Henry Dowdye, Jr.⁴ section 5.2 On the Transverse Relative Time Shift.

Legend

- SR** - Special Relativity
- SRTD** - Special Relativity Time Delay
- Δt - time of flight for signal s_q to travel from source S_q located at position q to m .
- $\Delta t'$ - time of flight for signal s_p to travel from source S_p located at position p to m .
- p, q, m** - positions in space located on right triangle.
- M** - distance between points p and q, **pq**.
- L** - distance between points q and m, **qm**.
- D** - distance between points p and m, **pm**.
- v - velocity of object
- c - velocity of light $\sim 3 \times 10^8$ m/s
- m - distance in meters
- s - time in seconds
- s_p - signal emitted from source located at position **p**.
- s_q - signal emitted from source located at position **q**.

³ Time dilation - Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_dilation

⁴ <https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.552.4186&rep=rep1&type=pdf>