

- In the special theory of relativity, the moving clock is found to run slower than a clock at rest does. This effect is known as time dilation.
- A clock in stationary frame measures longer time interval between two events occurring in a moving frame of reference than does a clock in the moving frame or a

Clock moving with a uniform velocity  $V$  relative to an observer appears to him to go slow by a factor

$\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$ , than when at rest relative to him.

This effect is called time dilation.

- To derive a relation for time dilation,

Let us consider initially that the observer  $O$  in frame  $S$  and  $O'$  in frame of reference  $S'$  are at rest with respect to each other.

→ Let the clock in  $S$  is situated at a position  $x$  and given out signal at two instant of time  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  as measured by an observer in  $S$ .

$$t_0 = t_2 - t_1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

→ Let the time measured by an observer  $O'$  in moving frame  $S'$  b/w the same two events be  $t_1'$  and  $t_2'$ , then

$$t = t_2' - t_1' \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From Lorentz transformation equation

$$t_1' = \frac{t_1 - xV/c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$t_2' = \frac{t_2 - xV/c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$t = t_2' - t_1' = \frac{t_2 - xv/c}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} - \frac{t_1 - xv/c}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\text{or } t = \frac{t_2 - t_1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\text{or } t = \frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \quad \text{or } t_0 = t \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$$

Hence  $t > t_0$

Thus, the Observer  $O'$  in frame  $S'$  measure a longer time interval between two events with his clock at rest with respect to him.

~~Other words, time interval appears to be~~

Therefore a moving clock appears to go slow (i.e. take more time to complete a rotation compared to a rest clock).

• If  $v = c$ , then  $t = \infty$