Answer on Question #68814, Physics / Mechanics | Relativity

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## Solution:

If we move with speed of light the time stops?

Lorentz transformation for time:

$$t = \frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} (1)$$

If v=c, then from (1)  $\Rightarrow$  t =  $\frac{t_0}{\sqrt{1-\frac{c^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{t_0}{0} = \infty$  (2)

From (2)  $\Rightarrow$  the time stops.

But what if we move faster than light ?

If v>c, then the expression  $\sqrt{1 - \frac{c^2}{c^2}}$  give us a square root of a negative number.

In this way, equation (1) will give us a negative number for time *t*. It is an imaginary number and impossible.

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