

### Answer on Question #69408 -Physics / Other

A stationary observer notes that the spectral line of  $\lambda_0 = 4000 \text{ \AA}$  emitted by a moving star is shifted by  $\Delta\lambda = 100 \text{ \AA}$  towards the red from its normal position. Calculate the speed of the star along the line of sight. Take the speed of light  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ .

#### Solution

The Doppler effect formula

$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda_0 \frac{v}{c}$$

The speed of the star along the line of sight is

$$v = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_0} c = \frac{100}{4000} \times 3 \times 10^8 = 7.5 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

**Answers:**  $v = 7.5 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ .

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