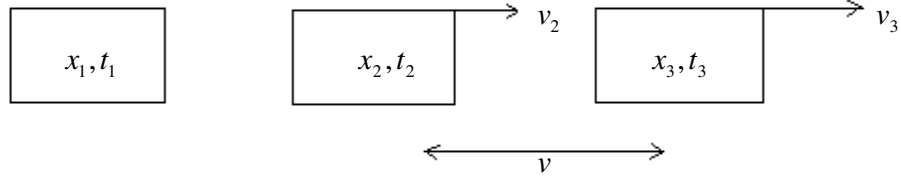


**Relative Speeds Addition**

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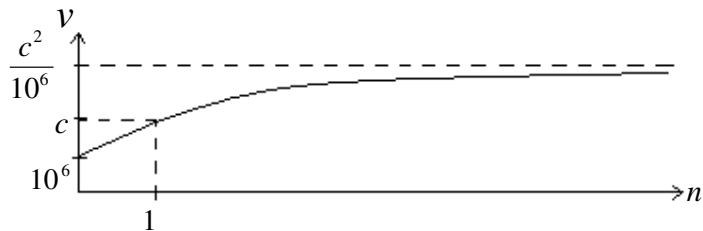
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_2 = \frac{x_1 + v_2 t_1}{\sqrt{1 - v_2^2 / c^2}} \\ t_2 = \frac{t_1 + v_2 x_1 / c^2}{\sqrt{1 - v_2^2 / c^2}} \\ x_3 = \frac{x_1 + v_3 t_1}{\sqrt{1 - v_3^2 / c^2}} \\ t_3 = \frac{t_1 + v_3 x_1 / c^2}{\sqrt{1 - v_3^2 / c^2}} \\ x_3 = \frac{x_2 + v t_2}{\sqrt{1 - v^2 / c^2}} \\ t_3 = \frac{t_2 + v x_2 / c^2}{\sqrt{1 - v^2 / c^2}} \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow v = c^2 \frac{v_3 - v_2}{c^2 - v_3 v_2}$$

For  $v_2$  negative:  $v = c^2 \frac{v_3 + v_2}{c^2 + v_3 v_2}$  and  $v_3 = 1 \times 10^6$

$$v = c \frac{10^6 + nc}{c + n10^6}$$



Relative speeds can be greater than light speed.

If  $v_3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow v \rightarrow \infty$