

## Answer on Question # 74787, Physics -Mechanics -Relativity:

**Question:** A particle of rest mass  $m_0$  has a speed  $v = 0.8c$ . Find its relativistic momentum, its kinetic energy and total energy.

**Solution:** Rest mass of the particle =  $m_0$

Speed of the particle  $v = 0.8c$ , where  $c$  = speed of light.

Now consider a constant  $\beta = \frac{v}{c} = 0.8$

And  $\sqrt{1 - \beta^2} = 0.6$

We know relativistic momentum  $p = \frac{m_0 \times v}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} = \frac{m_0 \times 0.8c}{0.6} = 1.33 m_0 c$

Again relativistic kinetic energy  $T = \frac{m_0 \times c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} - m_0 c^2 = m_0 c^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} - 1 \right)$   
 $= m_0 c^2 \left( \frac{1}{0.6} - 1 \right) = 0.67 m_0 c^2$

Now, total relativistic energy  $E = \sqrt{(p^2 c^2 + m_0^2 c^4)} = \sqrt{(1.7689 m_0^2 c^4 + m_0^2 c^4)}$   
 $= 1.664 m_0 c^2$ .

**Answer:** So, relativistic momentum is  $1.33 m_0 c$ , kinetic energy  $0.67 m_0 c^2$  and total energy  $1.664 m_0 c^2$ .

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