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- 13.** (II) Suppose a news report stated that starship *Enterprise* had just returned from a 5-year voyage while traveling at $0.74c$. (a) If the report meant 5.0 years of *Earth time*, how much time elapsed on the ship? (b) If the report meant 5.0 years of *ship time*, how much time passed on Earth?

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a) $\Delta t = \frac{\Delta t_0}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}}$ Eq. 36-1a

$$\Delta t_0 = \Delta t \sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2} = (5 \text{ yr}) \sqrt{1 - (0.74)^2} = 3.4 \text{ yr}$$

b) $\Delta t = \frac{\Delta t_0}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} \rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{5 \text{ yr}}{\sqrt{1 - (0.74)^2}} = 7.4 \text{ yr}$