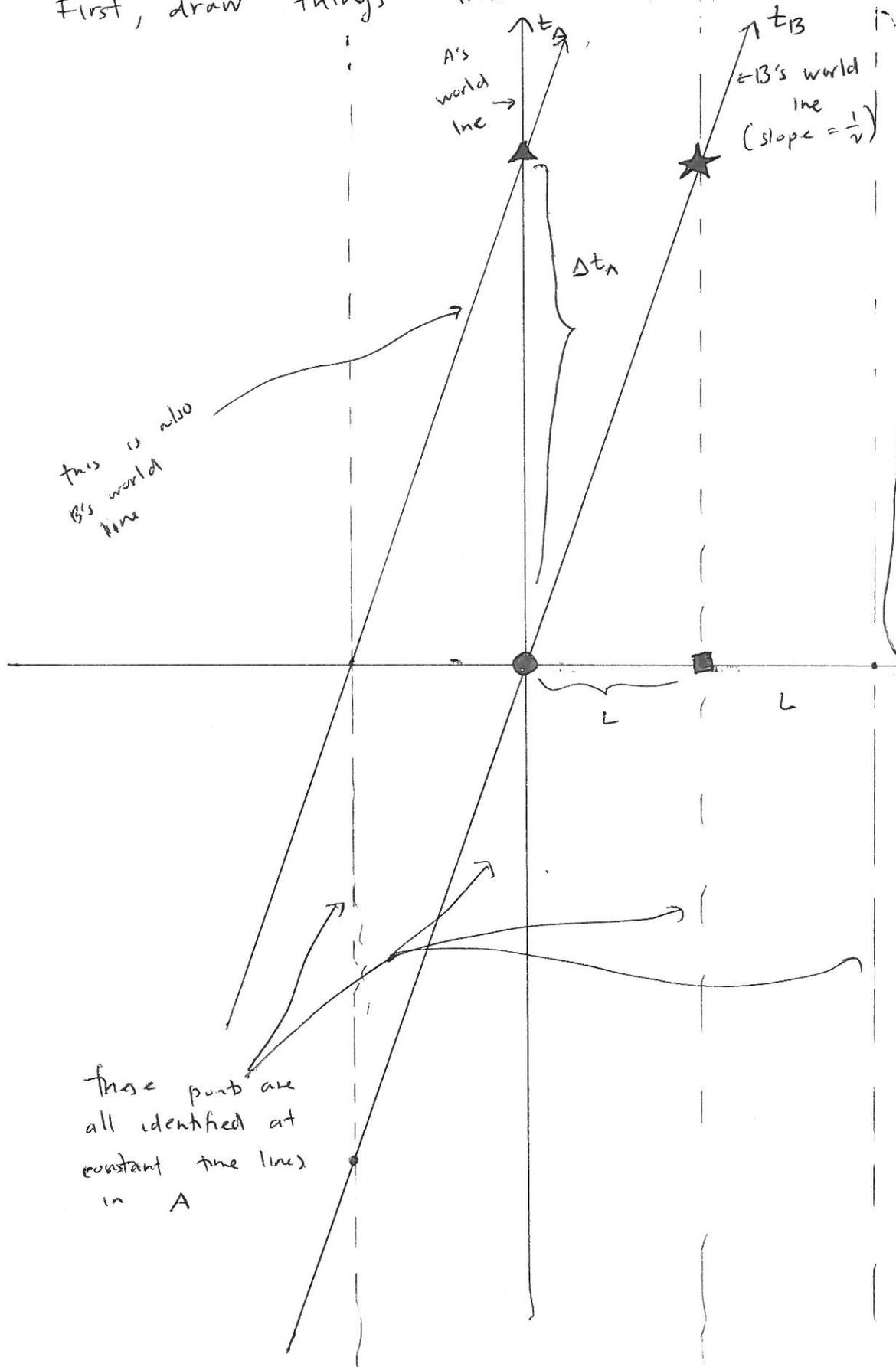


Carroll 1.2

First, draw things from A's perspective



this is also B's world line

these points are all identified at constant time lines in A

● = origin  
 ★ = next meeting of A & B  
 In A's frame  
 ▲ and ★ are at the same time. Not so in B's frame  
 ● and ■ are also simultaneous in A, but not B

From A's perspective an amount of time  $\Delta t_A$  elapses between the ~~first~~ meeting of A and B at  $(0,0)$  and the meeting again at  $(\Delta t_A, 0)$  and  $\Delta t_A = \frac{L}{v}$ .

Now, the key is that in B's frame, the identification of  $(x)$  w/  $x+L$  is not simultaneous.

Let's map the points  $\bullet$ ,  $\blacksquare$ ,  $\star$  and  $\blacktriangle$  to B's frame.

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet &= (0,0) \text{ in A} \rightarrow (0,0) \text{ in B} \\ \blacksquare &= (0,L) \text{ in A} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma v \\ -\gamma v & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\gamma v L \\ \gamma L \end{pmatrix} \text{ in B} \\ \star &= \left(\frac{L}{v}, L\right) \text{ in A} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma v \\ -\gamma v & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{L}{v} \\ L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\gamma L}{v} - \gamma v L \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{L}{v} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \blacktriangle &= \left(\frac{L}{v}, 0\right) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma v \\ -\gamma v & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{L}{v} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\gamma L}{v} \\ -\gamma v L \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

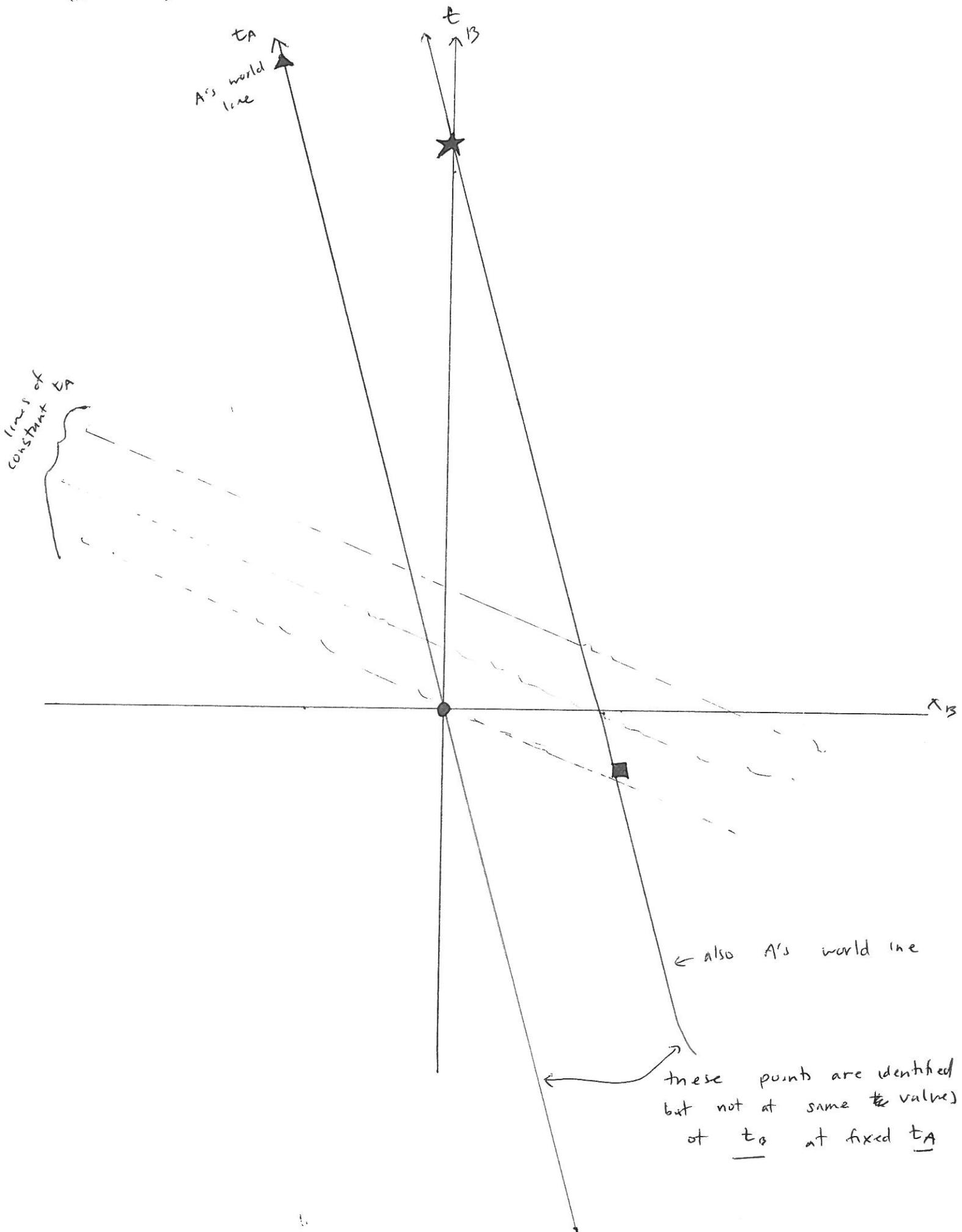
So in B  $\bullet, \blacksquare$  and  $\blacktriangle, \star$  are not simultaneous.

B will see the next meeting ~~at~~ with A at  $\star$

so elapsed time in B is

$$\Delta t_B = \frac{\bullet L}{\gamma v}$$

in B's frame



$t_A$   
A's world line

$t_B$

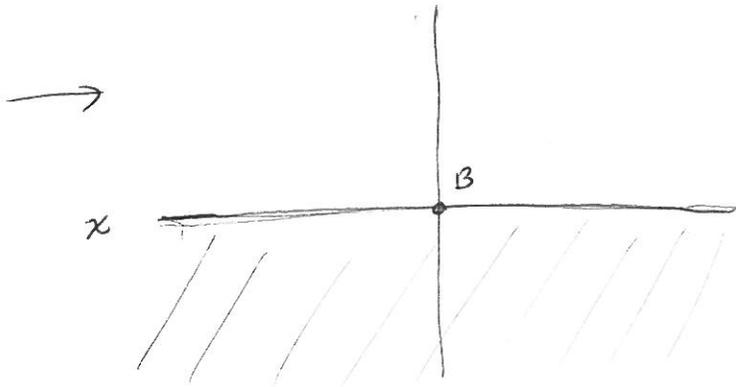
lines of constant  $t_A$

← also A's world line

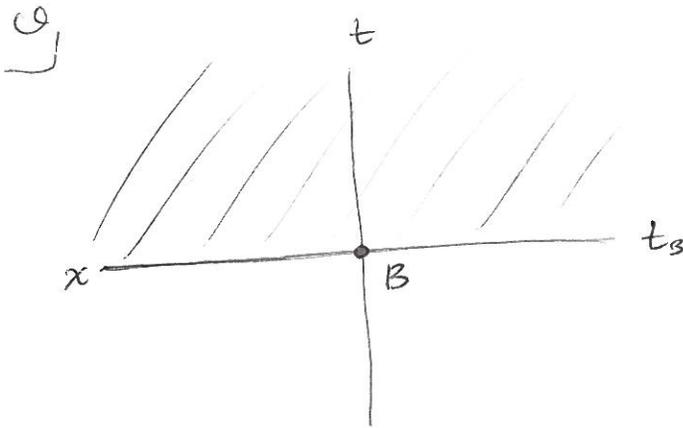
these points are identified but not at same  $t_B$  value) at  $t_A$  at fixed  $t_A$

# Carroll problem 1.3

Three events are seen by observer  $\mathcal{O}$  to occur ABC  
 in  $\mathcal{O}$   $t$  let's put B at  $t=0$   
 $x=0$

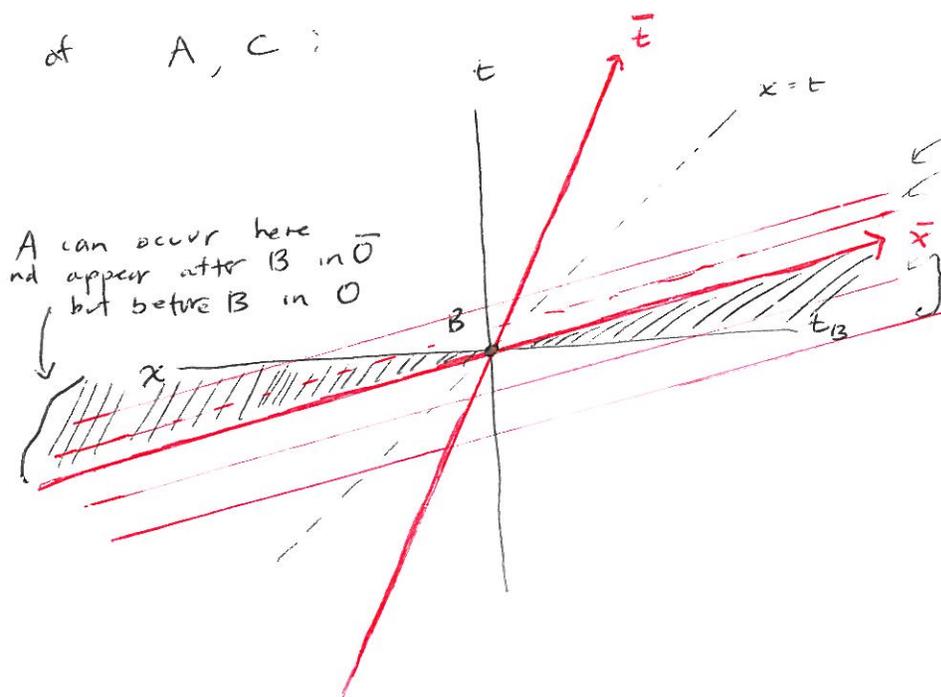


$t_B$   
 $\leftarrow$  A can occur anywhere here for  $t_A < t_B$



$\leftarrow$  C can occur anywhere here for  $t_C > t_B > t_A$

Observer  $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$  sees order CBA, this restricts locations of A, C:



lines of cast  $\bar{t}$  are given by  $t = \frac{\bar{t}}{\gamma} + v\bar{x}$  drawn here

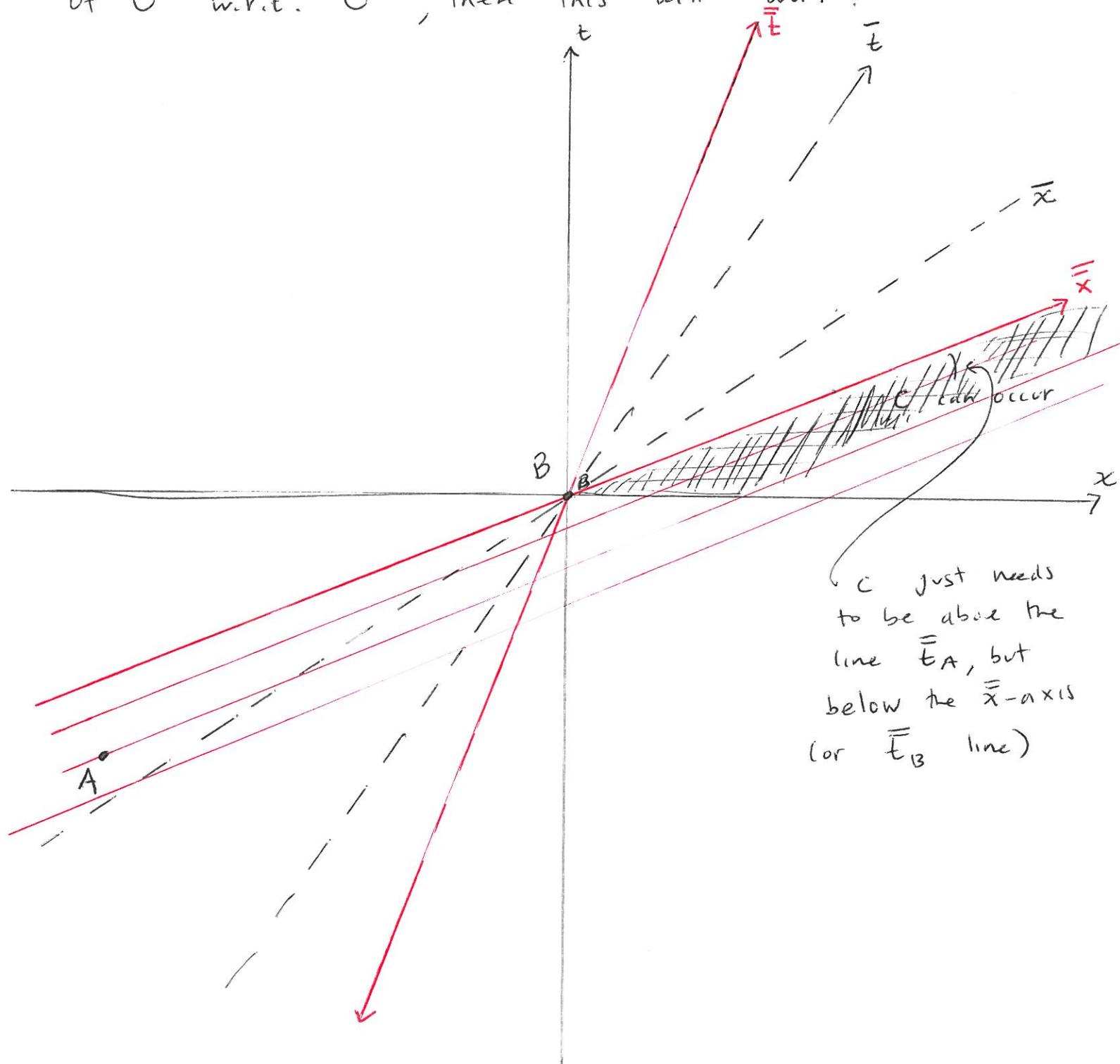
A can occur here and appear after B in  $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$  but before B in  $\mathcal{O}$

C can occur anywhere here and have  $t_C > t_B > t_A$

but  $\bar{t}_C < \bar{t}_B < \bar{t}_A$

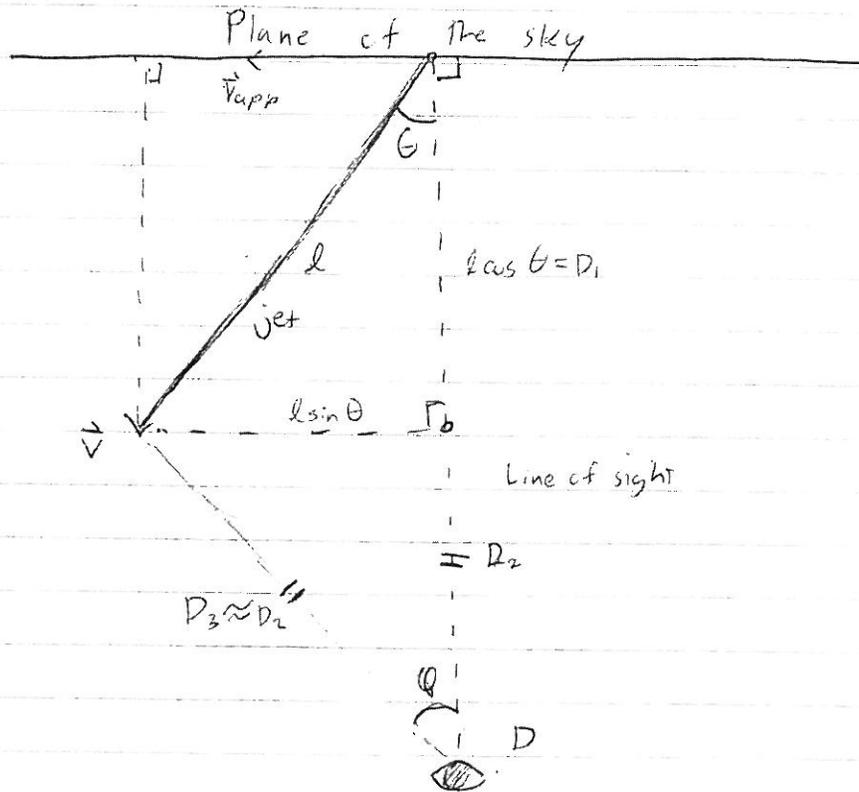
Now, is there a third observer who sees  $A < B$ ?  
 e.g. an  $\bar{\bar{O}}$  w  $\bar{\bar{t}}_A < \bar{\bar{t}}_C < \bar{\bar{t}}_B$ ?

Claim: if  $\bar{\bar{O}}$  is boosted w.r.t.  $\bar{O}$  by a boost  $\bar{v}$  where  $\bar{v} < \bar{v}$  with  $\bar{v}$  the velocity of  $\bar{O}$  w.r.t.  $O$ , then this will work.



2) Carroll 1.4

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A portion of the jet at the origin ( $t_0$ ) passes through length  $l$  along the jet stream to some point later ( $t_1$ ), so  $l = v \Delta t$ ,  $\Delta t = t_1 - t_0$ . If it emits light along its path, then an observer (the eye) receives the light at times  $t'_0$  and  $t'_1$ .

$$t'_0 = t_0 + D_2 + l \cos \theta = t_0 + D_2 + v(t_1 - t_0) \cos \theta$$

$$t'_1 = t_1 + D_2$$

where the distances  $D_3 \approx D_2$  for very far objects like quasars.

The new time interval is

$$(\Delta t)' = t'_1 - t'_0$$

$$= (t_1 + D_2) - (t_0 + D_2 + v(t_1 - t_0) \cos \theta)$$

$$= (t_1 - t_0) - v(t_1 - t_0) \cos \theta$$

$$= (t_1 - t_0) (1 - v \cos \theta) = \Delta t (1 - v \cos \theta)$$

By skinny triangle approximation  
 $D_3 \sin \theta \approx D_2 \sin \theta \approx l \sin \theta \approx D_2 \theta$  ;  $l = v \Delta t$   
 $\Rightarrow v \Delta t \sin \theta = D_2 \theta$

since  $v_{app} = D_z \ell / \Delta t'$  in the observer's world view

$$\hookrightarrow v_{app} = \frac{D_z \ell}{\Delta t'} = \frac{v \Delta t \sin(\theta)}{\Delta t'}$$

$$v_{app} = \frac{v \sin(\theta)}{1 - v \cos(\theta)} \quad \checkmark$$

(missing factors of  $c$  in the bottom if we want SI units)

If  $0 \leq v \leq 1$  in our units, suppose we fixed  $v \neq 0$ .

Then if we vary  $\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dv_{app}}{d\theta} &= \frac{v \cos(\theta)}{1 - v \cos(\theta)} + \frac{v \sin(\theta) (-v \sin(\theta))}{(1 - v \cos(\theta))^2} \\ &= \frac{v \cos(\theta)}{1 - v \cos(\theta)} - \frac{v^2 \sin^2(\theta)}{(1 - v \cos(\theta))^2} \end{aligned}$$

with maximum at

$$0 = \frac{v \cos(\theta)}{1 - v \cos(\theta)} - \frac{v^2 \sin^2(\theta)}{(1 - v \cos(\theta))^2}$$

$$\cancel{v} \cos(\theta) (1 - v \cos(\theta)) = v^2 \sin^2(\theta)$$

$$v^2 \sin^2(\theta) = v \cos(\theta) (1 - v \cos(\theta))$$

$$v^2 (\sin^2(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta)) = v \cos(\theta)$$

$$v = \cos(\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \arccos(v) \quad \text{and} \quad \sin(\theta) = \sqrt{1 - v^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{app, \max} = \frac{v \sqrt{1 - v^2}}{1 - v(v)}$$

$$v_{app, \max} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}}$$

and

$$\frac{v}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}} > 1 \quad \text{if} \quad v^2 > 1 - v^2$$

ergo

$$v^2 > \frac{1}{2}$$

which can occur for  $v \in (0, 1]$

□

## Exercise 7

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$$X^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad V^M = (-1, 2, 0, -2)$$

a)  $X^{\mu\nu}{}_{\nu} = g_{\nu\alpha} X^{\mu\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  ✓

b)  $X_{\mu}{}^{\nu} = g_{\mu\alpha} X^{\alpha\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  ✓

c)  $X^{(\mu\nu)} = \frac{1}{2} (X^{\mu\nu} + X^{\nu\mu}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1/2 & 0 & -3/2 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 2 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ -3/2 & 3/2 & 1/2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  ✓

d)  $X_{[\mu\nu]}$ , first  $X_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  ✓

$$X_{[\mu\nu]} = \frac{1}{2} (X_{\mu\nu} - X_{\nu\mu}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1/2 & -1 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 ✓

e)  $X^{\lambda}{}_{\lambda} = -4$  using a) ✓

f)  $V^M V_M = g_{\mu\nu} V^{\nu} V^{\mu} = -1 + 4 + 0 + 4 = 7$  ✓

g)  $V_{\mu} X^{\mu\nu} = (4, -2, 5, 7)$ , we use  $V_{\mu} = (1, 2, 0, -2)$  ✓