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Question:

Is it possible to explain the Twin Experiment from the moving point of view ?

IMO this is not possible.

When the two Observers meet they realize that there clocks are not the same.

To be more specific: The clock of the moving observer runs behind.

The clock of the moving observer runs slow.

To explain the Observer at rest will say:

Look on my clock I read 10000 counts.

Based on the speed v (Lorentz Transformation) γ is 0.5

That means your clock should read 5000 counts.

Which is what we measure. qed.

The question is: Is it possible to explain this also from the point of view of moving observer ?

IMO this it not possible.

The moving Observer has to accept what the Observer at rest tells him.

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For more details goto :

<http://users.telenet.be/nicvroom/dir3.htm>

From that page:

- | 1. When the clock of A reaches 1 time unit ($t=1$), A issues a light signal to B.
- | 2. When B receives this signal, this defines the turnpoint P, B returns back home

Up to here everything is okay.

Now the trouble starts:

- | 3. The distance from A to point P is x .
- | 4. The time for the signal to go from A to B is t

So you want the event [B2] to have coordinates (t,x) . Bad idea.

- | 5. $x = ct = (1+t)*v$
- | 6. $ct - vt = v$
- | 7. $t = v/(c-v)$ time units

This is wrong.

This is not wrong.

See below.

It is wrong. I have given you the proof that it is wrong below.

You confuse the coordinates of some event with the variables so you make a mistake from the very start.

Try to go back your analytic geometry lessons from school.

I wish that would be possible

I have shown you how.

Use the letters x and t as *variables*.

I agree what you do is nicer more general.

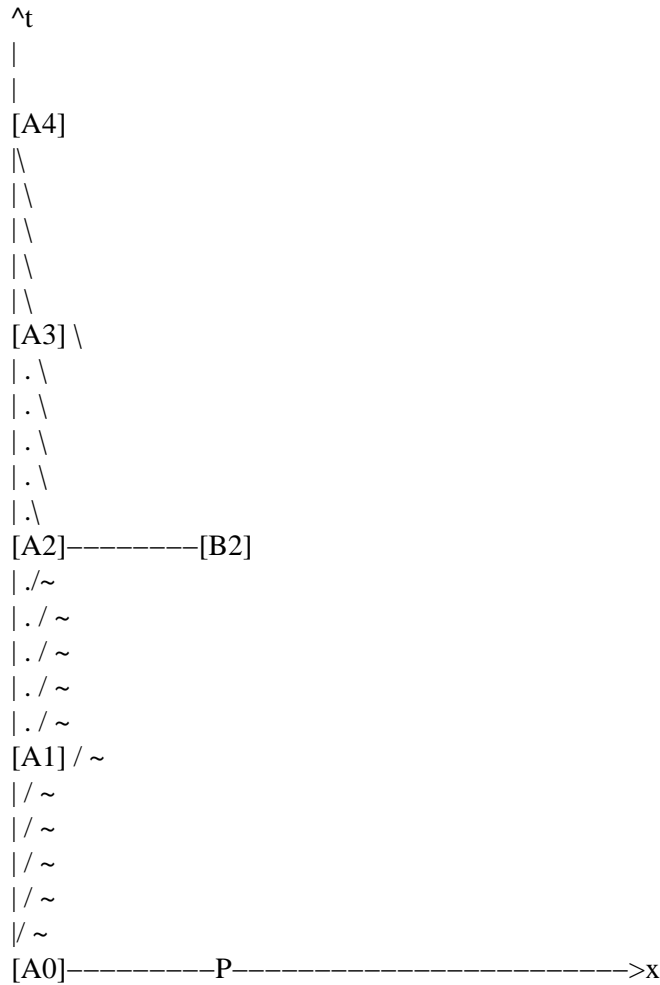
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Here's a proper diagram:

My diagram is the same.

Yes.



In the coordinates of A, the worldline between [A0} and [B2] B is given by
 $B: x = v t$

The lightline of the signal that is sent out at event [A1] with coordinates
 $[A1]: (t, x) = (1, 0)$
 is therefore $x - 0 = c (t - 1)$, giving
 line [A1–B2]: $x = c (t - 1)$

So the event [B2] where B receives the signal is given by solving the system
 $\begin{cases} x = v t \\ x = c (t - 1) \end{cases}$

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which gives

$$[B2]: (t, x) = (c/(c-v), v c/(c-v))$$

What you do is nicer

For $v = c/2$ you get:

$$t = c/(c-v) = 1 / (1-0.5) = 2$$

$$x = c(2-1) = c$$

The same result as I get in the drawing.

$$B2 = (2, 1)$$

But for the time for the signal to go from A to B

I have

$$t = c/(c-v)$$

and you have

$$t = v/(c-v)$$

So you made a mistake, and it was not a typo.

So you see that:

| 3'. The distance from A to point P is $v c/(c-v)$

| 4'. The time for the signal to go from A to B is $c/(c-v)$

Do you understand what you did wrong?

Apparently you don't.

We can't continue before you do...

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