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<http://users.telenet.be/nicvroom/dirk3.htm>

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So the event [B2] where B receives the signal is given by solving the system

$$\begin{cases} x = v t \\ x = c (t-1) \end{cases}$$

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.

I did not made any mistake.

Your t and my t are different.

Your t starts from A0
My t starts from A1

It does not.

In <http://users.telenet.be/nicvroom/dirk3.htm> you say:

| 1. When the clock of A reaches 1 time unit ($t=1$), A issues a light signal to B.

So your t has value $t = 1$ at event [A1].

If it started at event [A1] then it would hav value $t = 0$ at [A1].

So your t does not start from [A1].

But if indeed your t *would* start from [A1] then

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$$[A1]: (t, x) = (0, 0)$$

$$[A0]: (t, x) = (-1, 0)$$

and then you have to solve the system

$$\{ x = c t$$

$$\{ x = v (t - (-1))$$

which gives

$$[B2]: (t, x) = (c/(c-v), c^2/(c-v))$$

But that is not what your first two assumptions suggest:

| 1. When the clock of A reaches 1 time unit ($t=1$), A issues a light signal to B.

And that is correct.

Starting from A1 it takes a time $v/(c-v)$ to reach return point B

Starting from A0 it takes a time $c/(c-v)$ to reach return point B.

If you start from A1 you have to add 1 in order to calculate the total time $v/(c-v) + 1 = v/(c-v) + (c-v)/(c-v) = (v + c - v)/(c-v) = c/(c-v)$

And that is your answer,
which is correct

And so is my answer.

Your method is more general

| 2. When B receives this signal, this defines the turnpoint P, B returns back home

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It is interesting to compare this with the example by Paul B Andersen (excluding acceleration of 1 year)

What you have to do is to multiply my example with 100 and then you see that both are the same.

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