

Displacement: free vector

Position: bound vector

Displacement: start (x_1, y_1, z_1)
end (x_2, y_2, z_2)

$$\vec{s} = (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k}$$

NOTE: α goes from $(0, 0, 0)$ m
to $(1, 2, 3)$ m

$$\vec{s}_\alpha = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \text{ m}$$

β goes from $(-3, 8, 17)$
to $(-2, 10, 20)$

$$\vec{s}_\beta = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$\vec{s}_\alpha = \vec{s}_\beta$] starting point not
important for displacement

The Position Vector

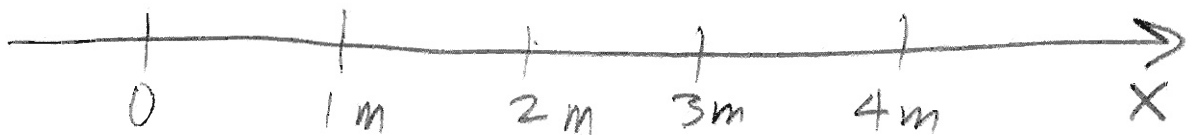
$$x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$\alpha: \left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{r}_{1\alpha} = 0 \\ \vec{r}_{2\alpha} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \end{array} \right\} \vec{s}_\alpha = \vec{r}_{2\alpha} - \vec{r}_{1\alpha}$$

$$\beta: \left. \begin{aligned} \vec{r}_{1\beta} &= -3\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 17\hat{k} \\ \vec{r}_{2\beta} &= -2\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} + 20\hat{k} \end{aligned} \right\} \vec{s}_{\beta} = \vec{r}_{2\beta} - \vec{r}_{1\beta}$$

- Position vectors depend on where you put the origin of your coordinate system ("Bound" vector).
- Displacement vectors do not] a bit more fundamental

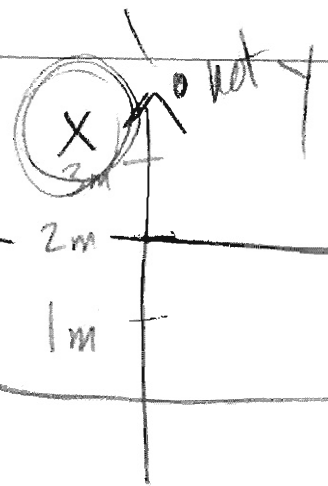
Motion in one dimension (1.6)



- "point" particle
- if massive, applies to its center of mass
- suppose it sits, at, say, $x = 2m$ FOREVER (all time)

$$x(t) = 2m = A \quad (A = 2m)$$

plot that...



$x(t) = A$ ("constant position")

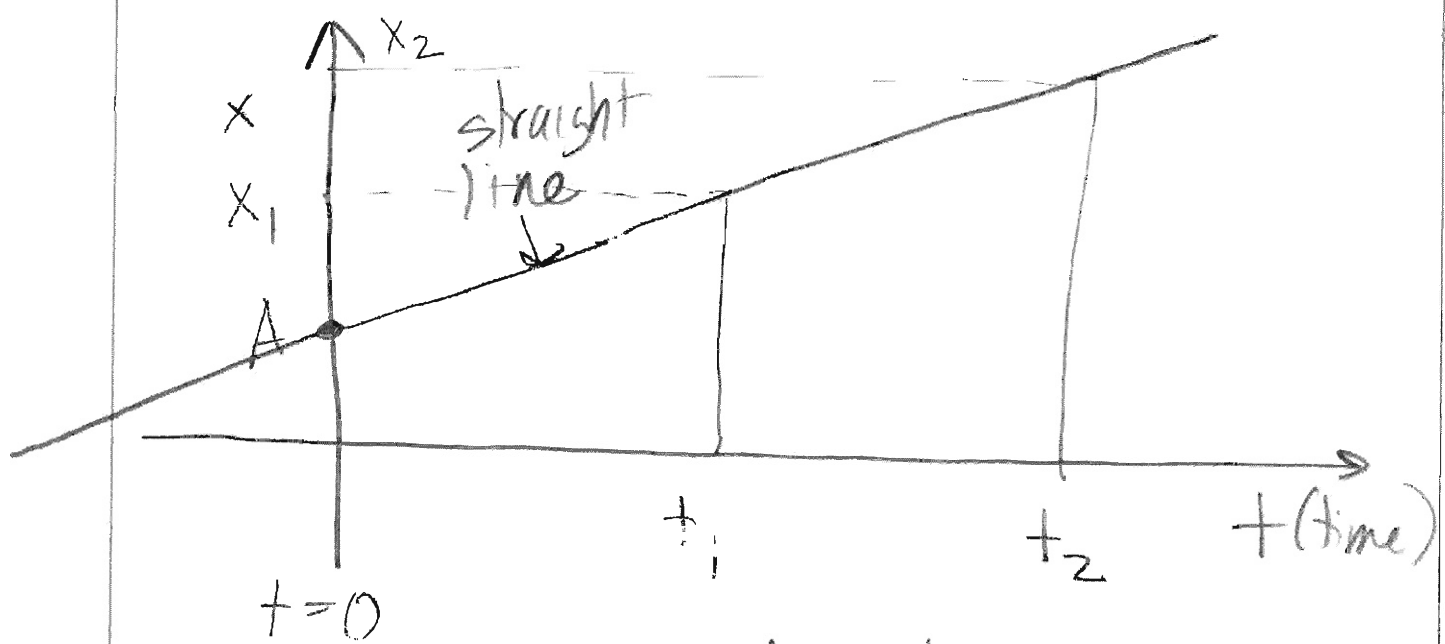
(A can be < 0)

t (time)
not x!

now imagine $x(t) = A + Bt$

("constant velocity")

graph:



$x_1 = A + Bt_1$

$x_2 = A + Bt_2$

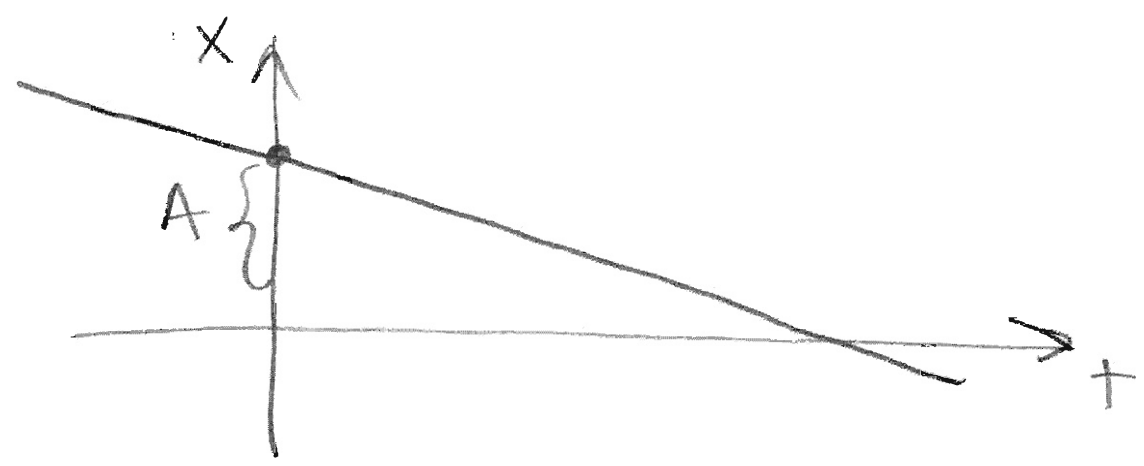
slope (rise over run)

$$= \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time interval}} = \frac{A + Bt_2 - A - Bt_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$

$$= B \frac{t_2 - t_1}{t_2 - t_1} = B \text{ independent of } t - t_1$$

Imagine $t_2 \rightarrow t_1$... get B for slope no matter how close t_2 gets to t_1 .

B : can be < 0
can be > 0



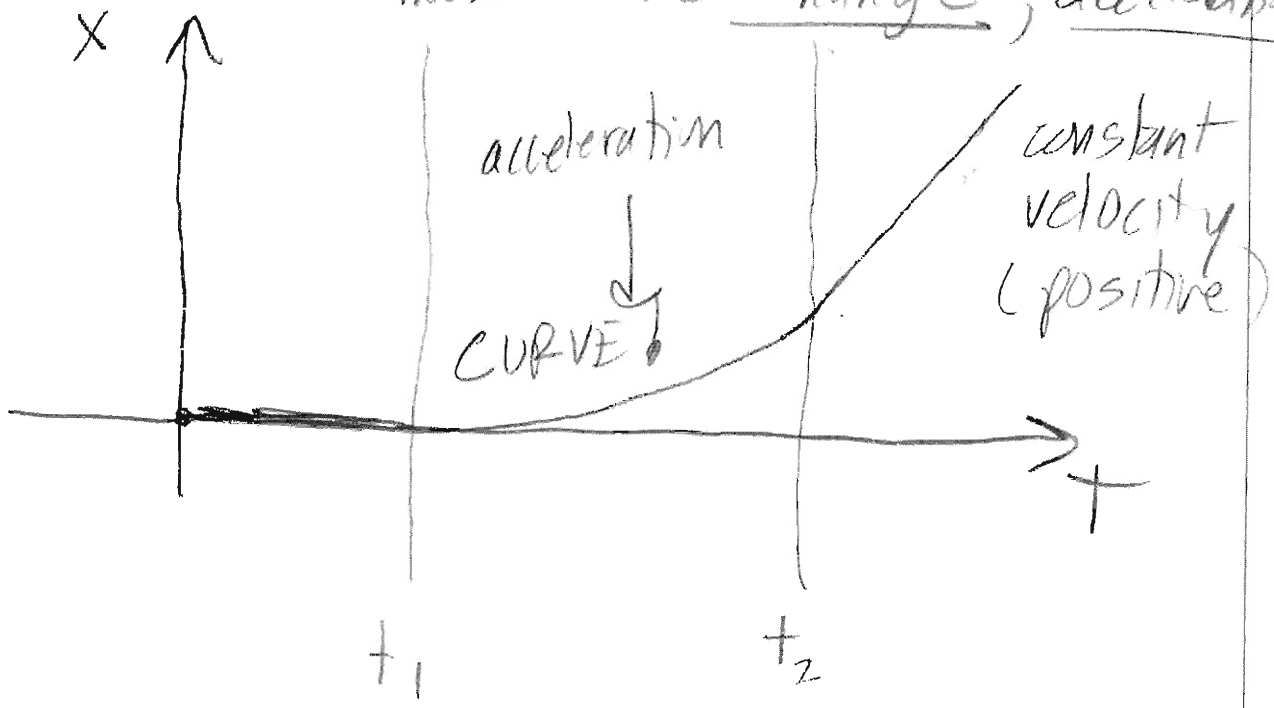
B is a 1-d vector
called velocity.
 $|B|$ called speed
more fun in 2-d.
constant speed \neq constant velocity
give example

Einstein: If you were moving with constant velocity, without external influence (like, air...) you see all the same laws of physics as someone else moving with a different constant velocity. Relativity.

Acceleration = change in velocity

is where interesting stuff happens particularly in 1-d (1-d for now)

Best example: start from rest ($x=0$, say) get to constant velocity must have change, acceleration



VISUALLY:

⌒
+
acceleration
(holds water)

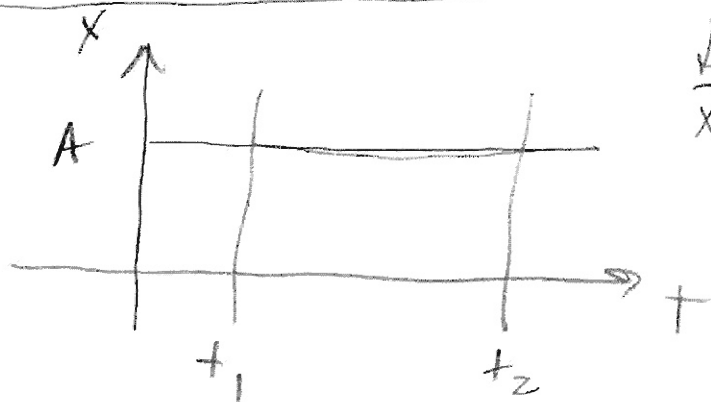
⌒
-
acceleration
(dumps water)

Average, Instantaneous

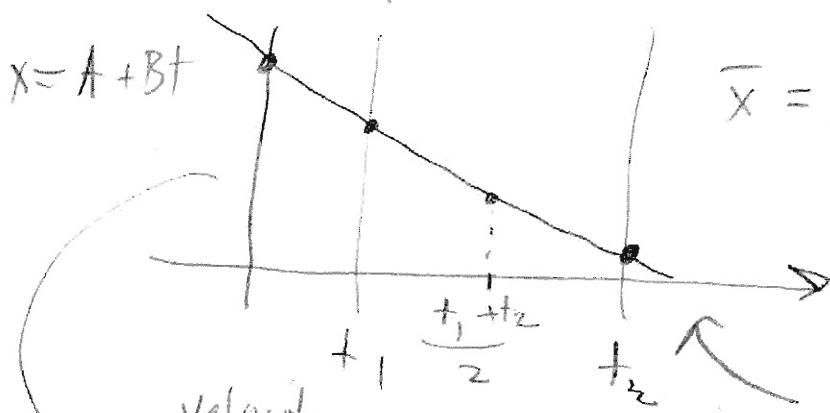
Position
Velocity
Acceleration

(1-d vectors all)

in a time interval $\rightarrow t_1$ to t_2



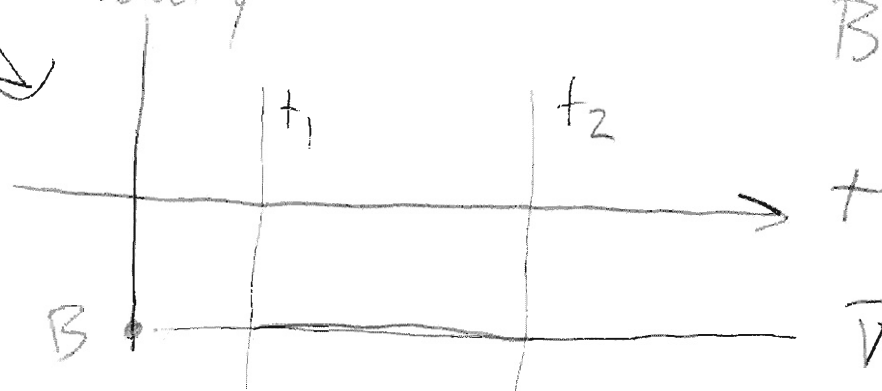
average
 \downarrow
 $\bar{x} = A$



$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{2} (A + Bt_1 + A + Bt_2)$$

$$= A + B \cdot \left(\frac{t_1 + t_2}{2} \right)$$

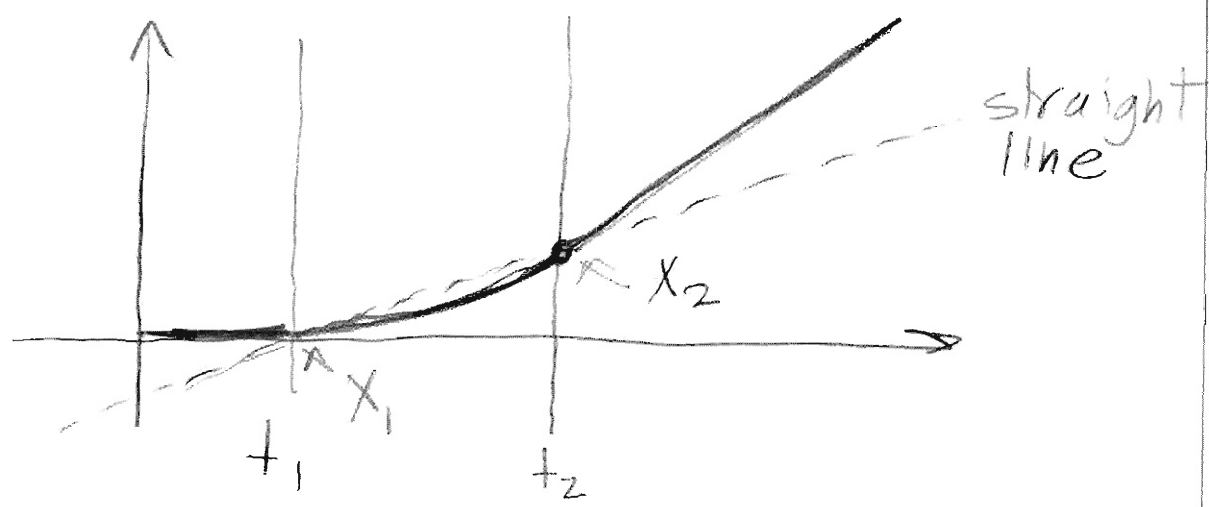
slope always B



$\bar{v} = B$

acceleration = 0
ALL 'EASY'

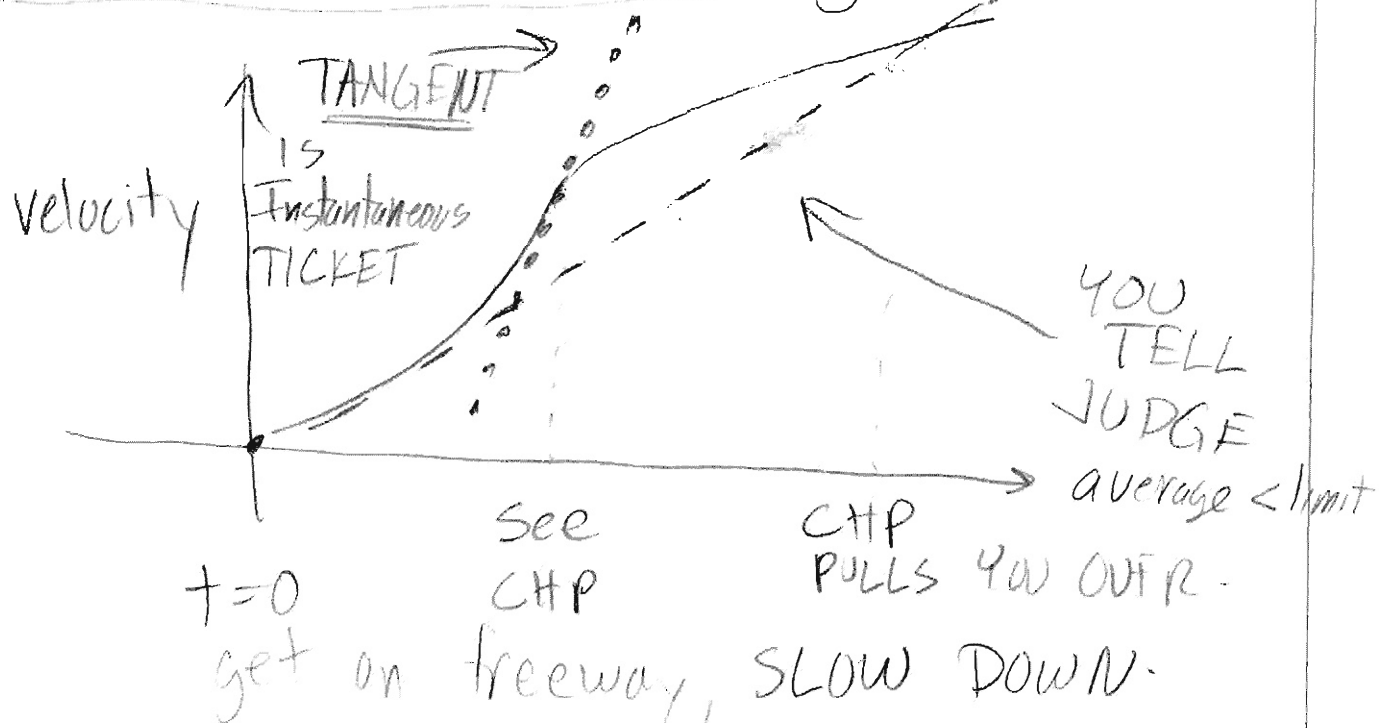
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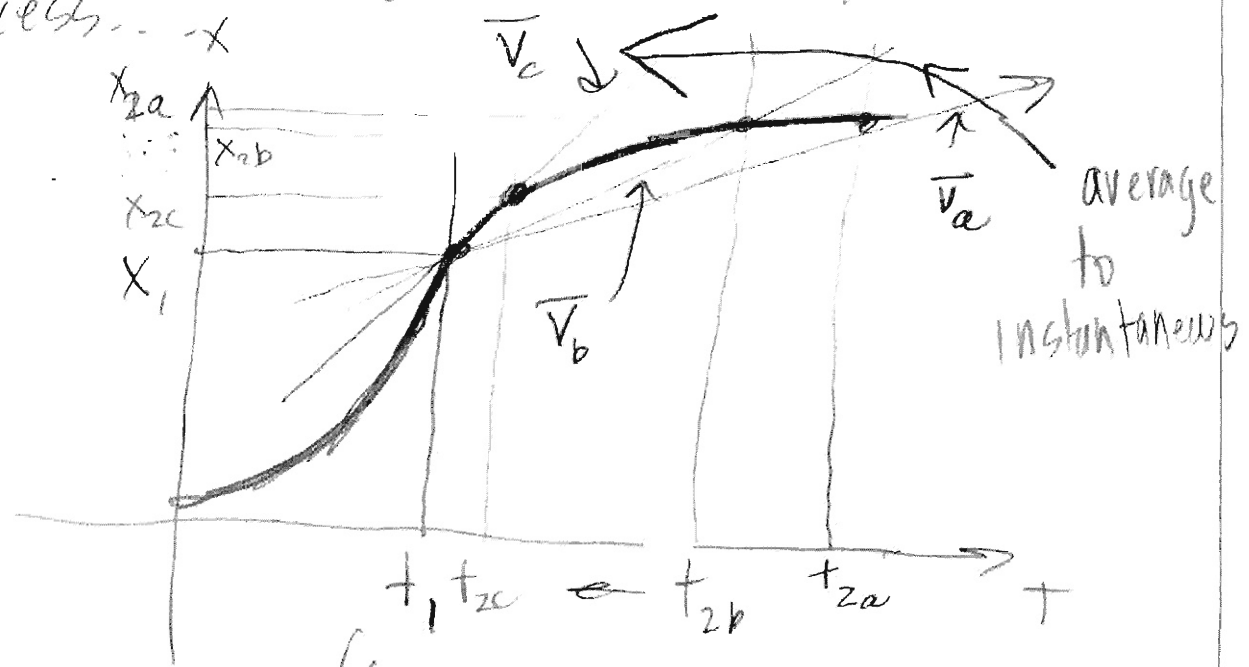
\bar{v} : that velocity that gets you from x_1 to x_2 with no acceleration... "straight line"

$$\bar{v} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$

Instantaneous velocity gets you a ticket!



FORMALLY, tangent defined by a limiting process...



(see
CHP.)

$$\bar{v}_a = \frac{x_{2a} - x_1}{t_{2a} - t_1}$$

$$\bar{v}_b = \frac{x_{2b} - x_1}{t_{2b} - t_1}$$

$$\bar{v}_c = \frac{x_{2c} - x_1}{t_{2c} - t_1}$$

$$v(t_1) = \lim_{t_2 \rightarrow t_1} \frac{x_2(t_2) - x_1(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1}$$

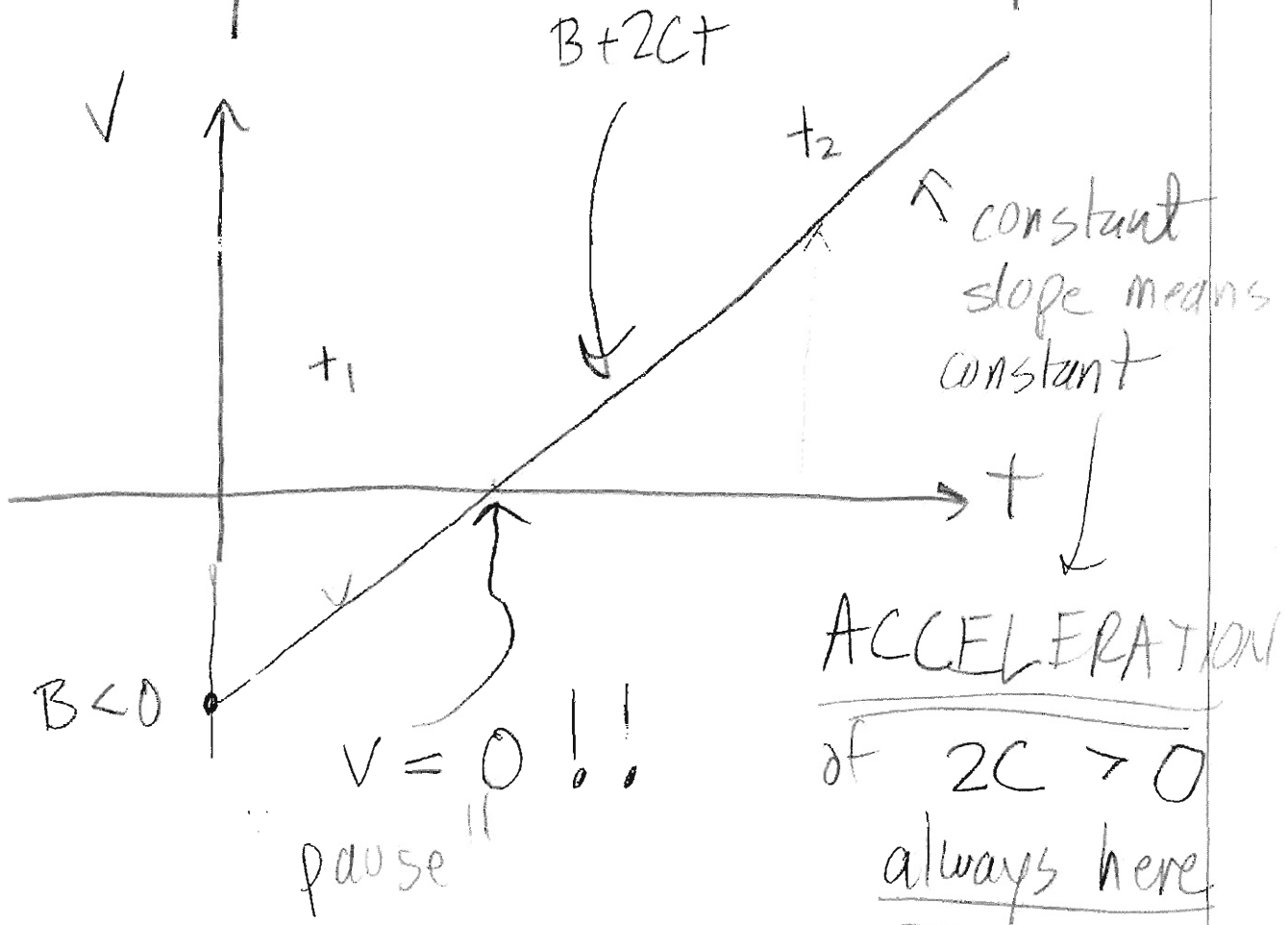
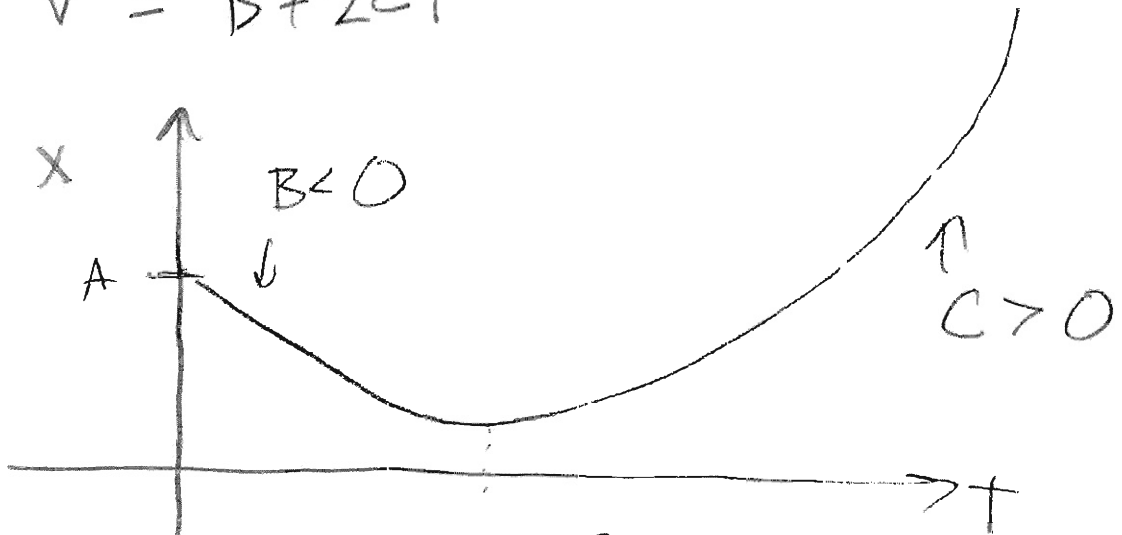
$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = x' = \dot{x}$$

"CLASSICS"

$$x(t) = A + Bt + Ct^2$$

$$V = 0 + B + 2Ct \approx \frac{dx}{dt}, \quad x', \quad \dot{x}$$

$$V = B + 2Ct$$



Calculate \bar{v} between t_1 & t_2 ?

$$\frac{1}{2} [B + 2Ct_1 + B + 2Ct_2]$$

$$\bar{v} = B + C(t_1 + t_2)$$

Displacement

$$= \bar{v}(t_2 - t_1)$$

$$= B(t_2 - t_1) + C(t_1 + t_2)(t_2 - t_1)$$

$$s = B(t_2 - t_1) + C(t_2^2 - t_1^2)$$

All this week's problems could now be done... one exception --

$$x(t) = Dt^n$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x' = \dot{x} = nDt^{(n-1)}$$