

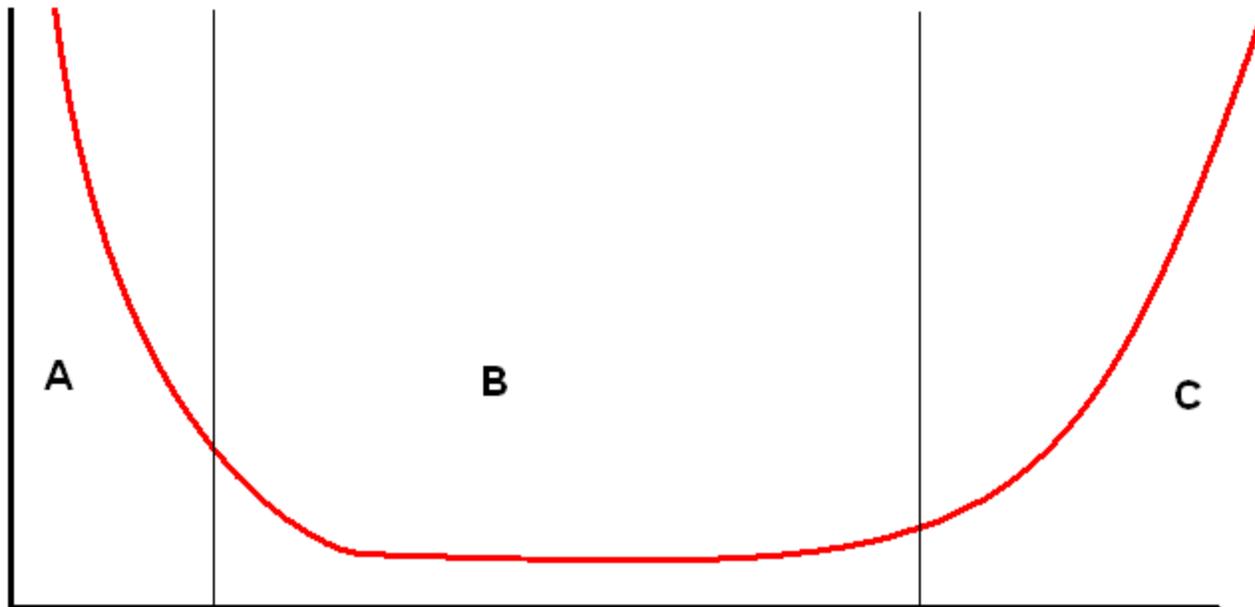
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“CLOSING THE LOOP”
OR FALLING FARTHER BEHIND THE CURVE

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Frequency
of Events

The Bathtub Curve



A= EARLY FAILURE PERIOD
B= INTRINSIC FAILURE PERIOD
C= WEAROUT FAILURE PERIOD

Time →