

Order of current variance in the simple exclusion process

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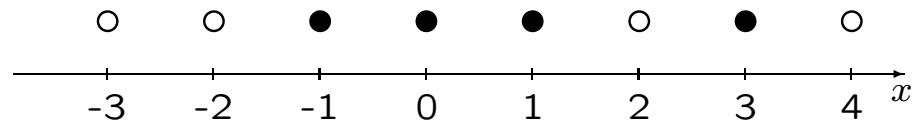
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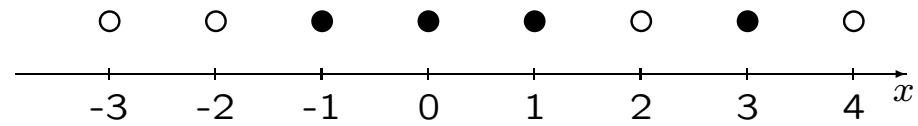
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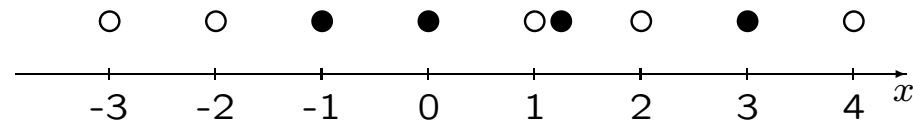
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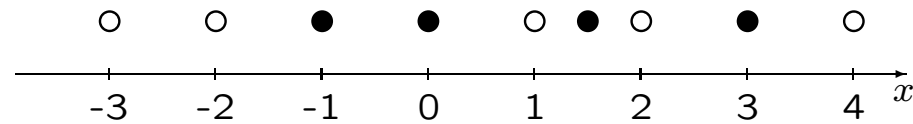
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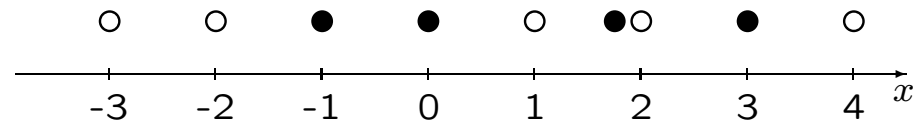
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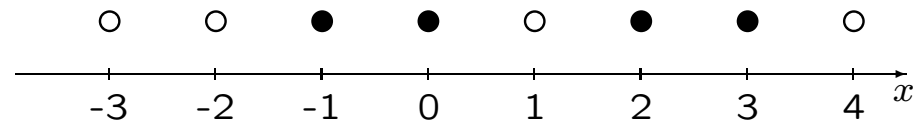
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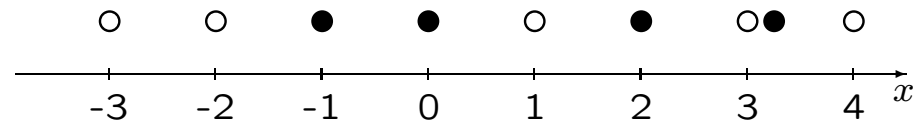
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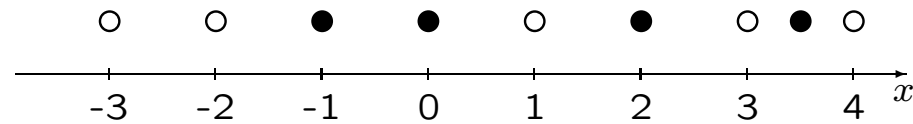
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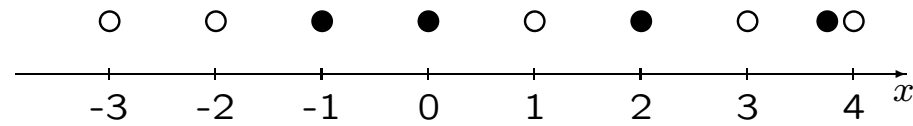
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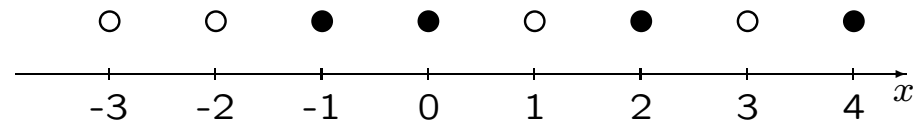
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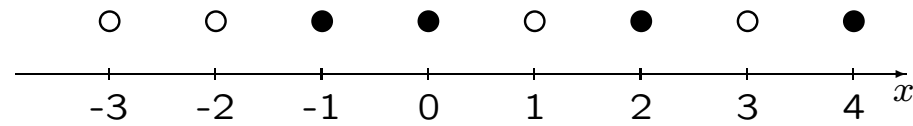
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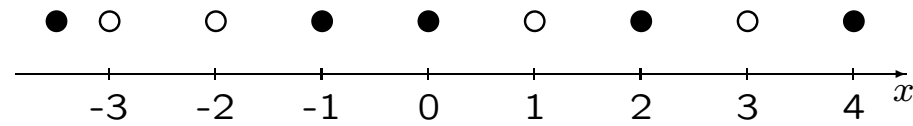
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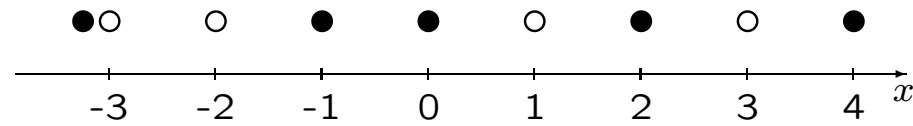
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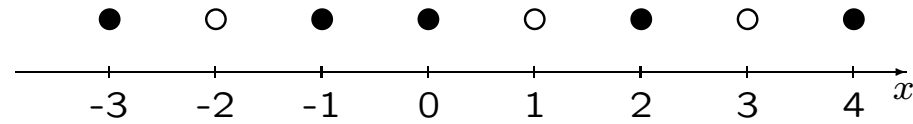
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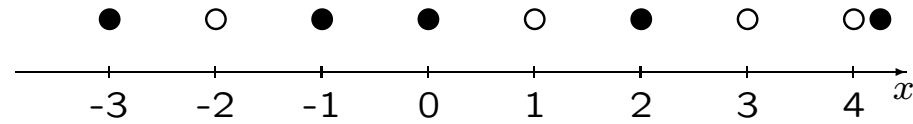
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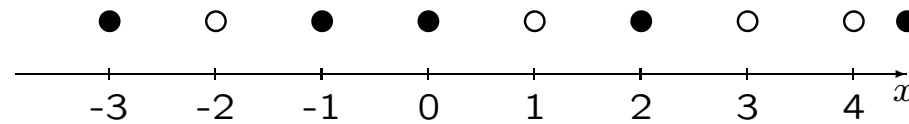
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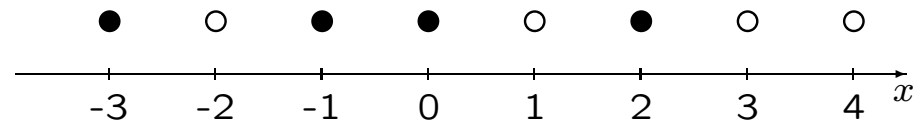
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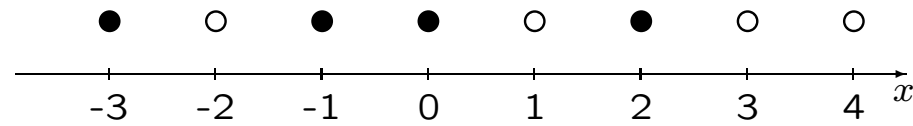
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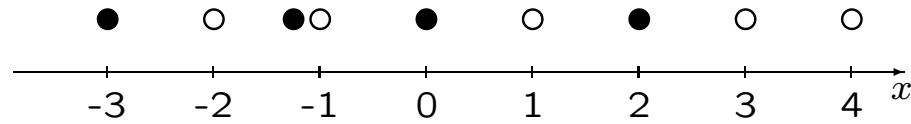
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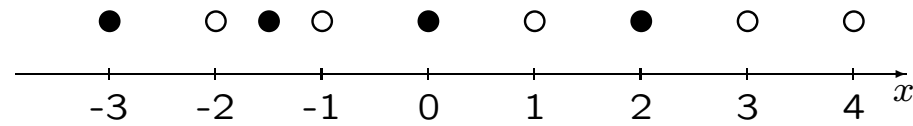
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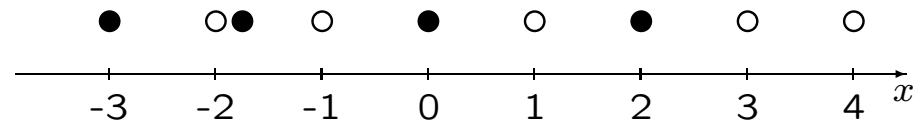
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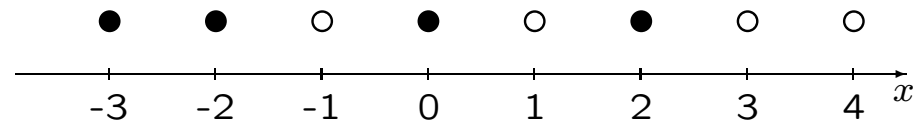
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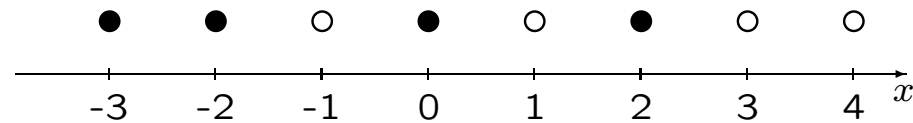
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Any translation-invariant stationary distribution is a mixture of Bernoullis.

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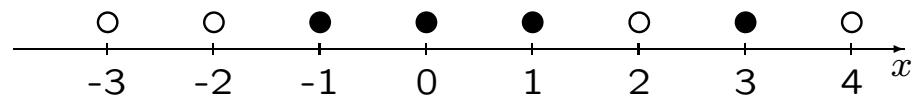
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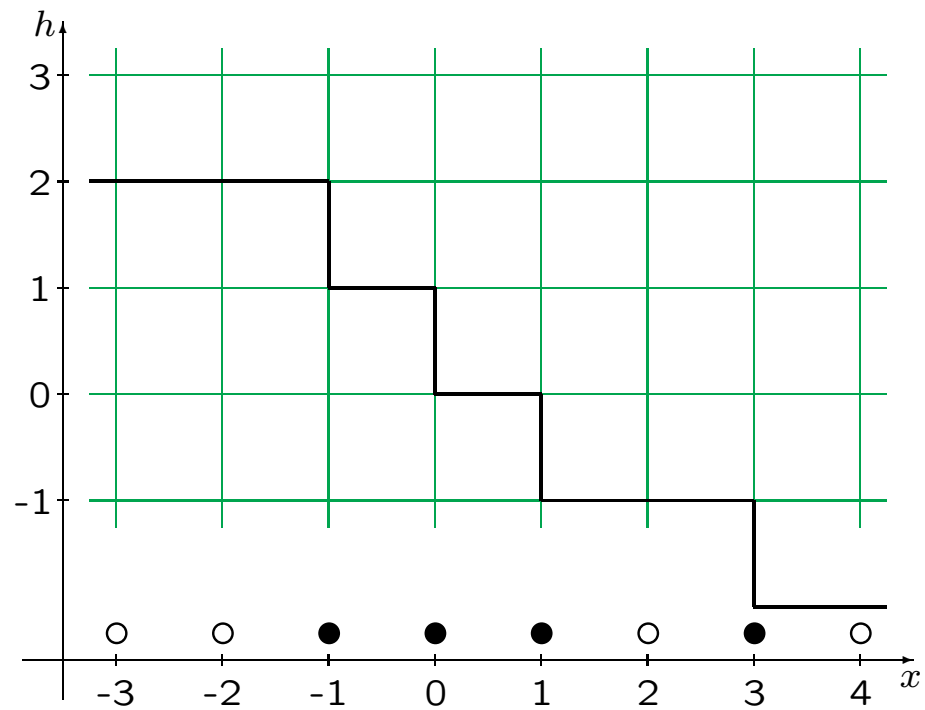
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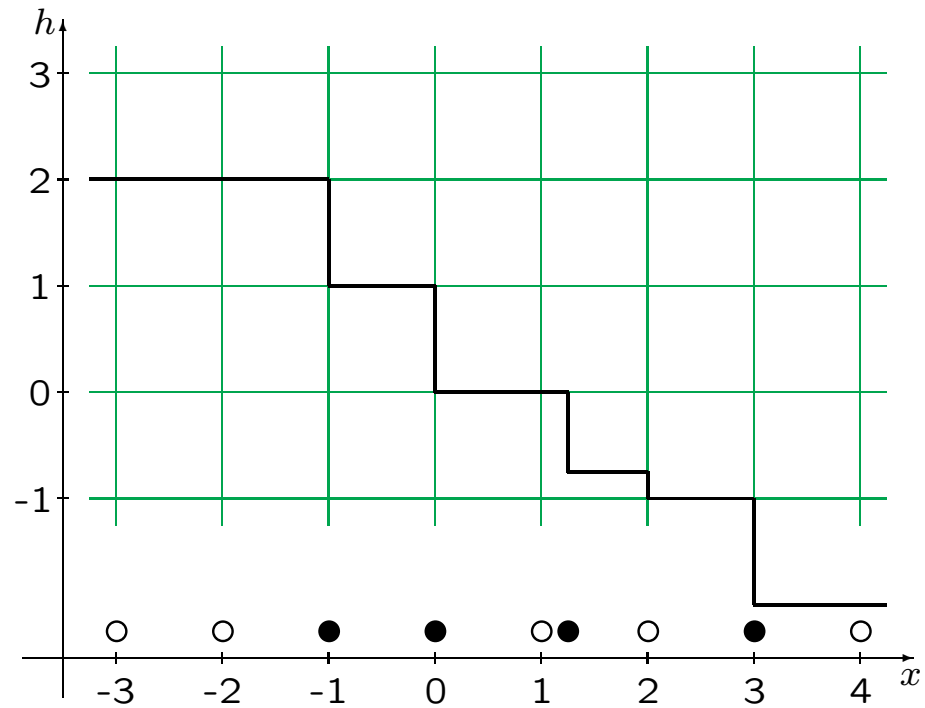
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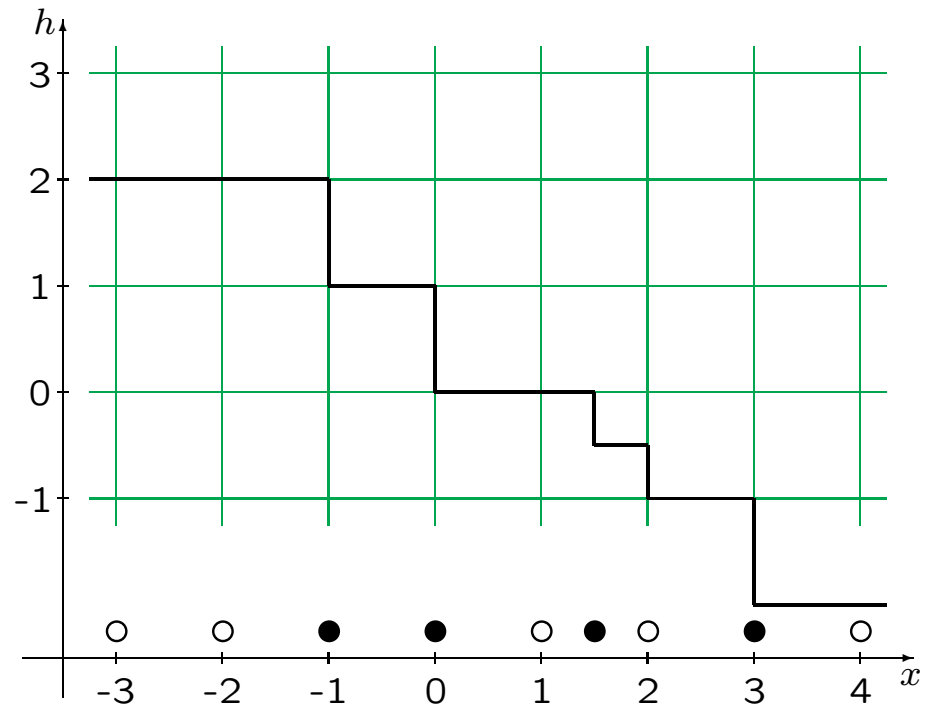
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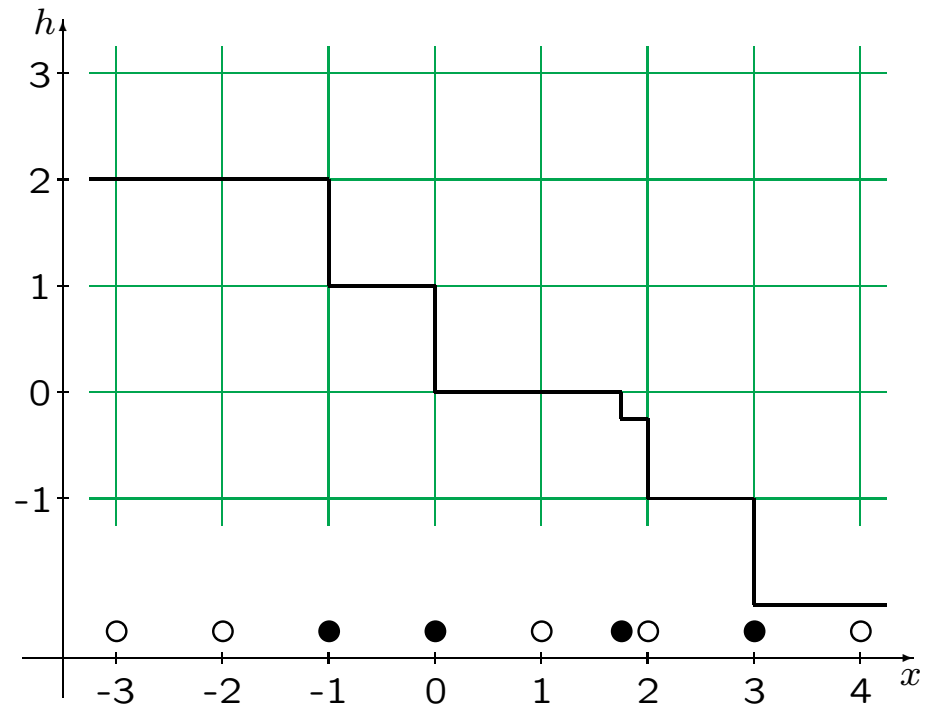
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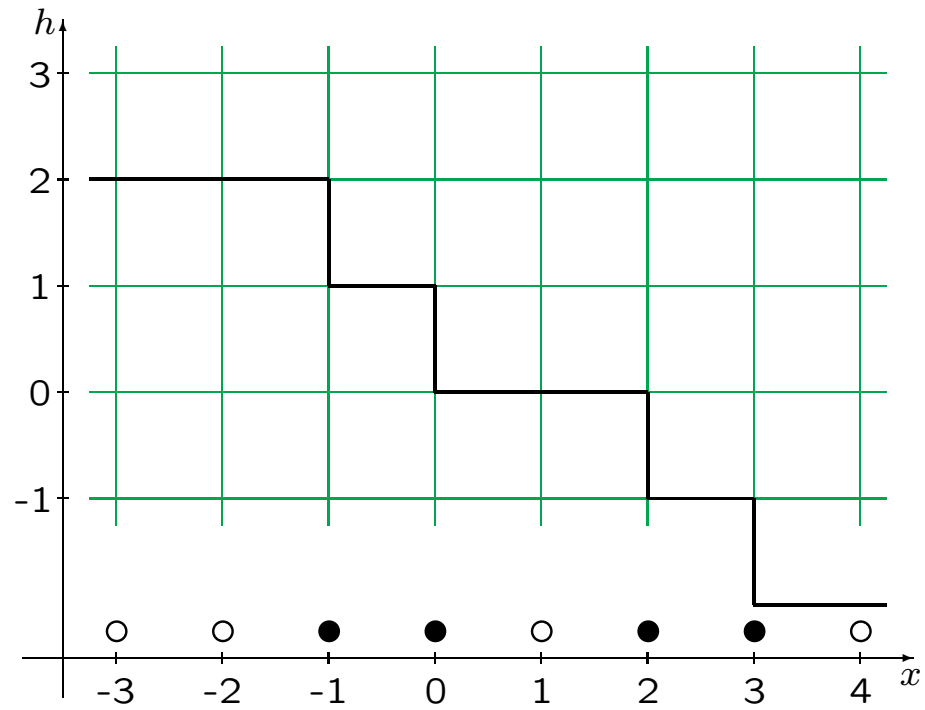
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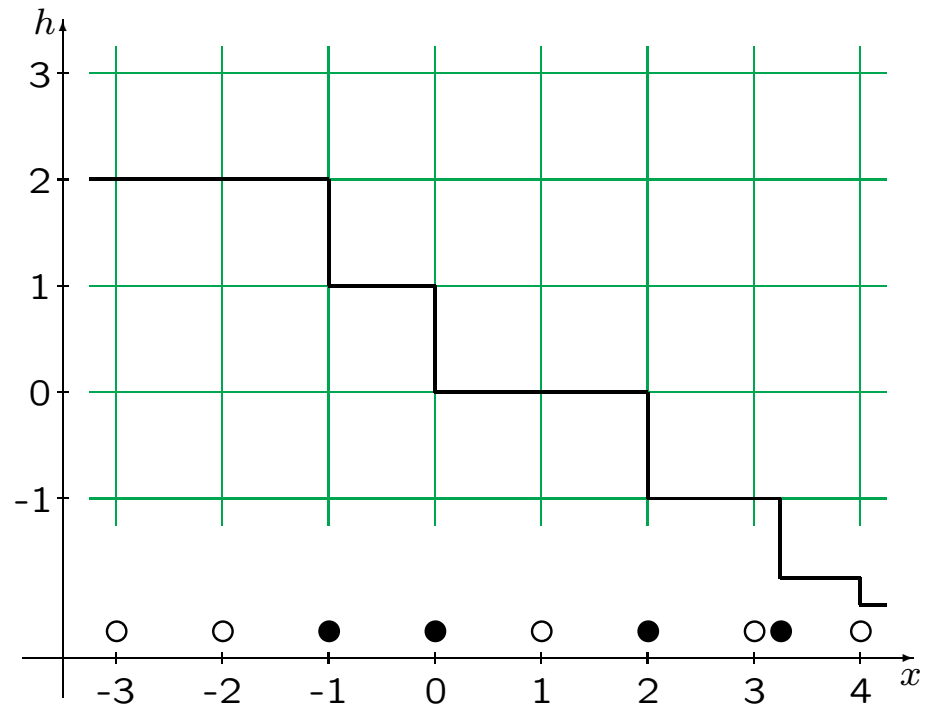
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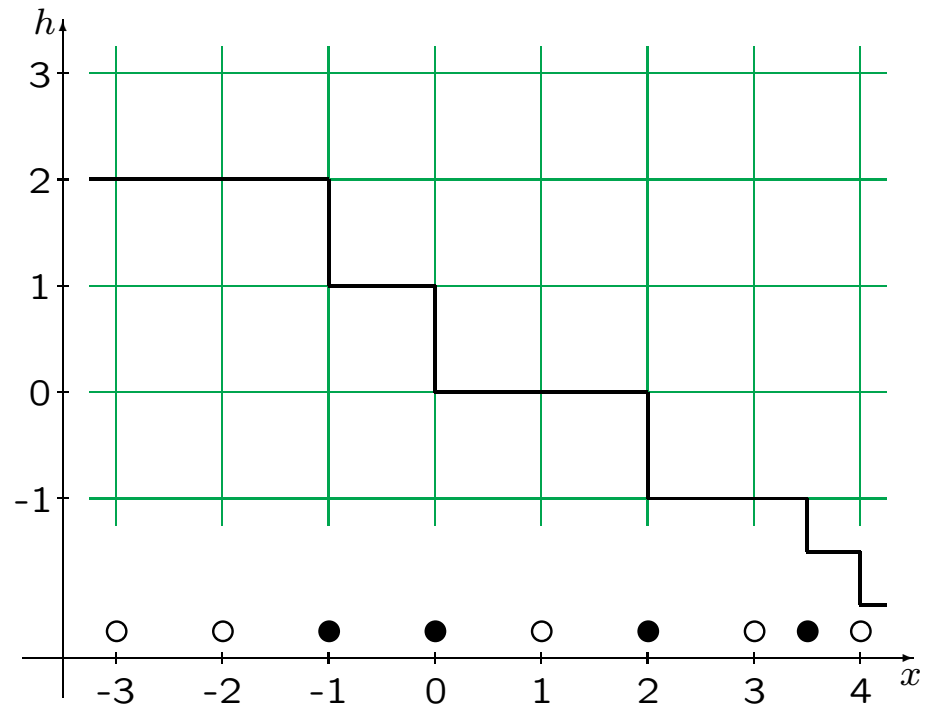
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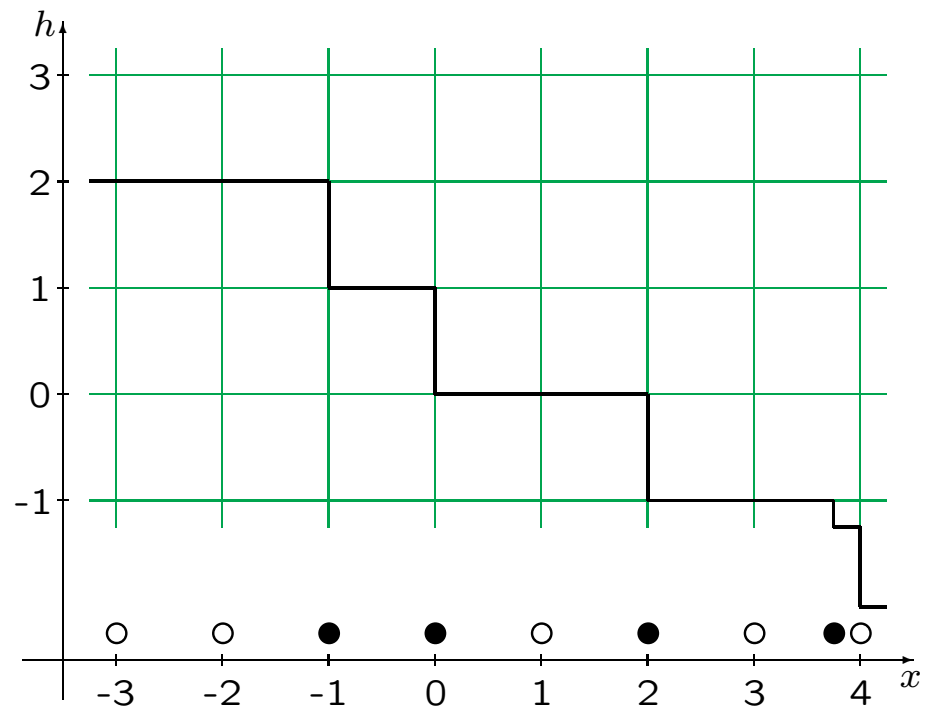
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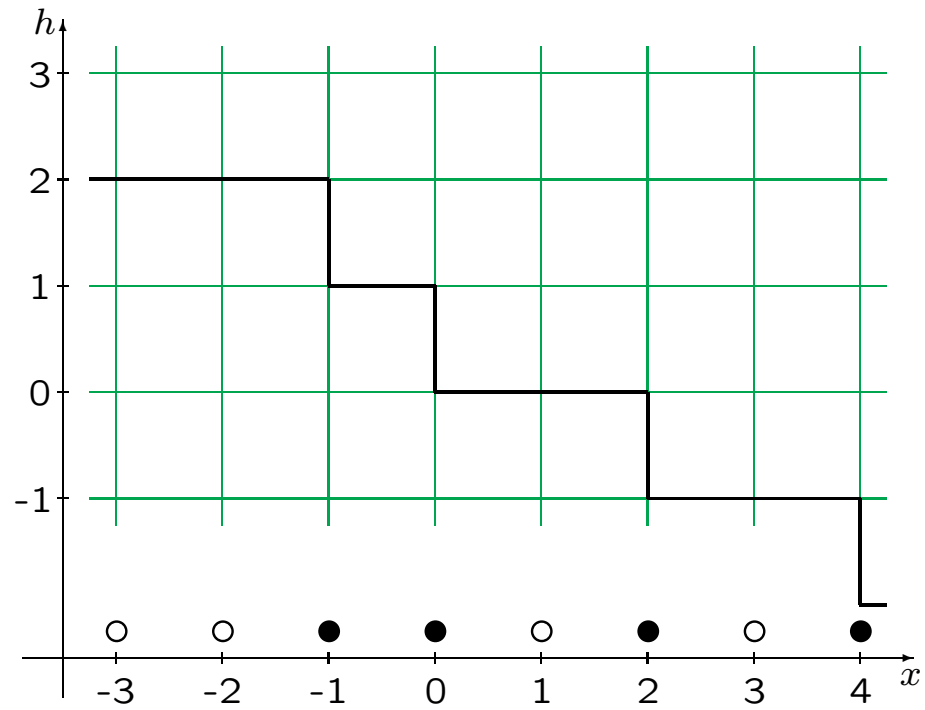
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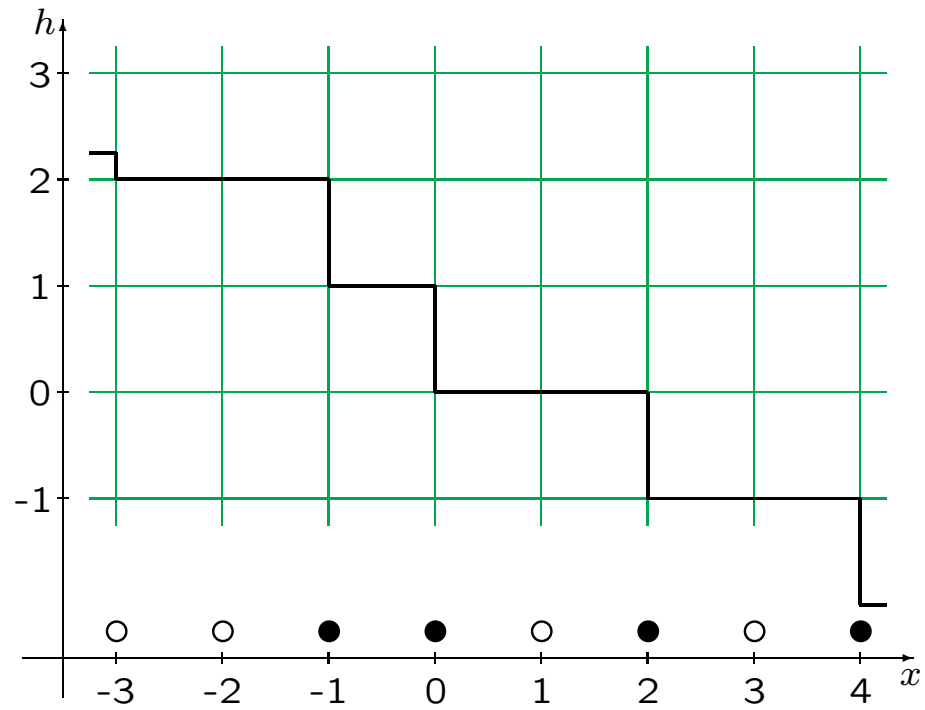
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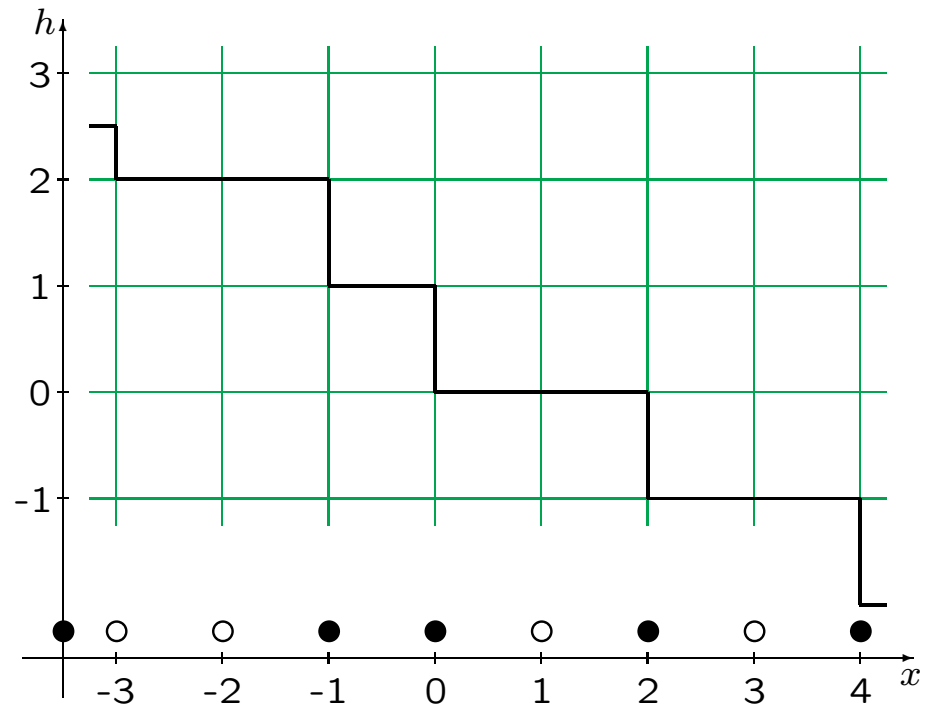
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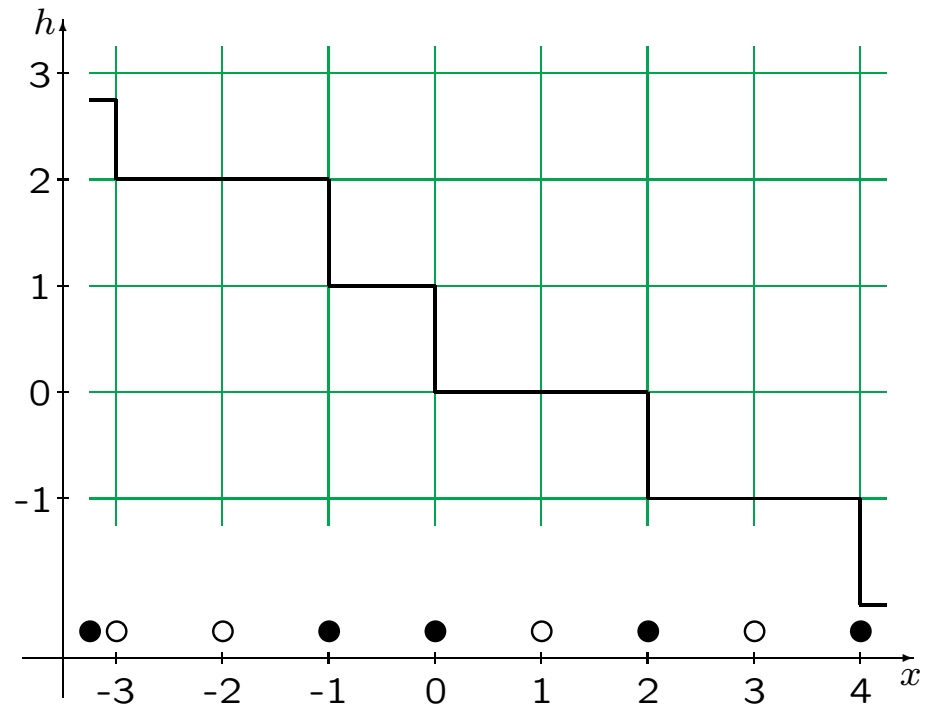
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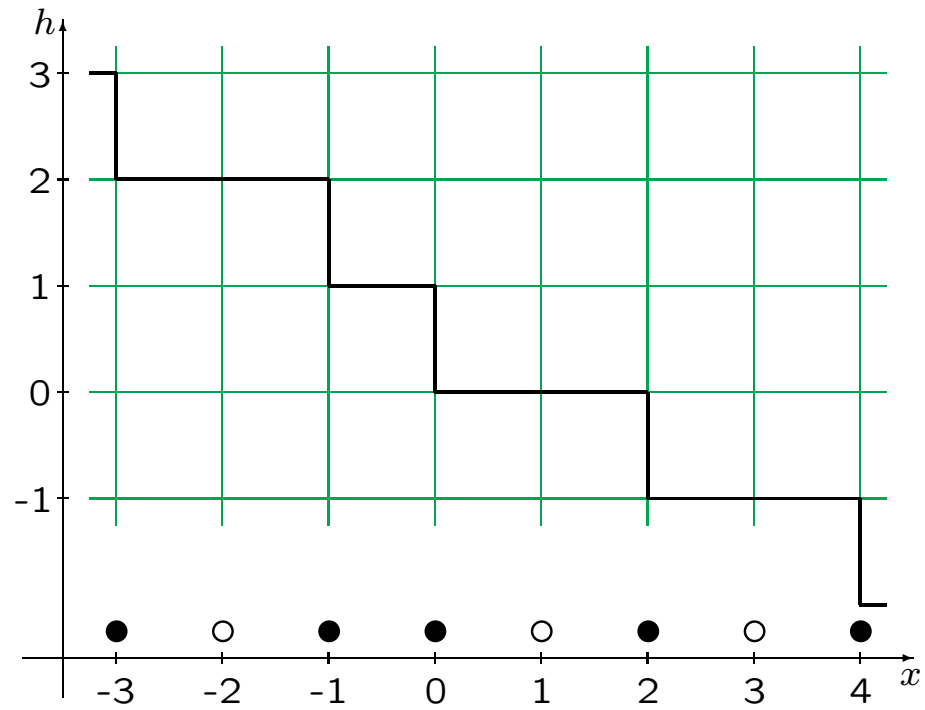
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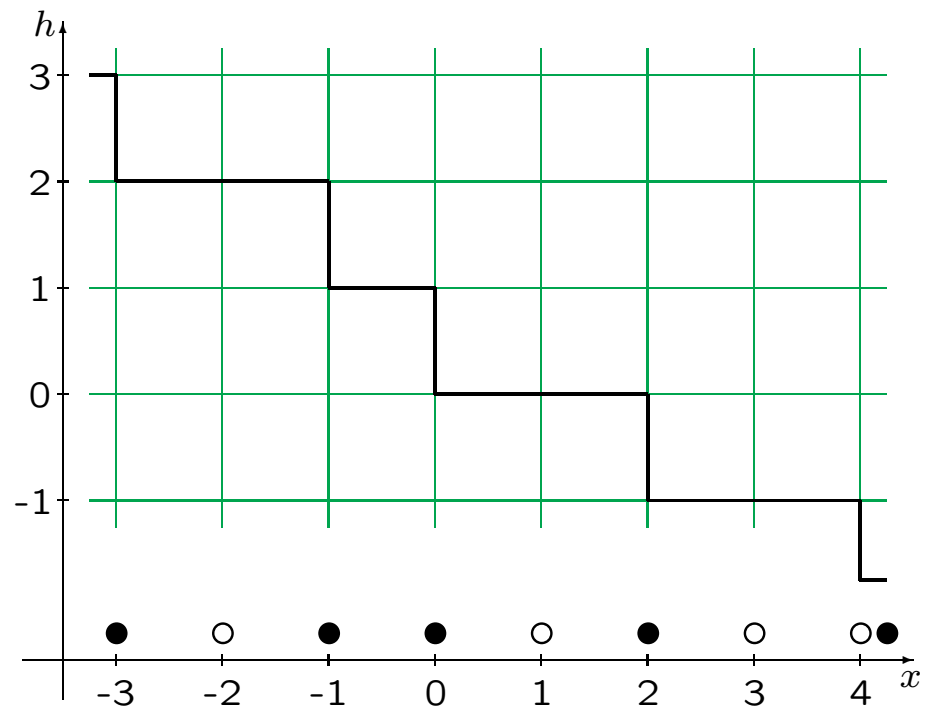
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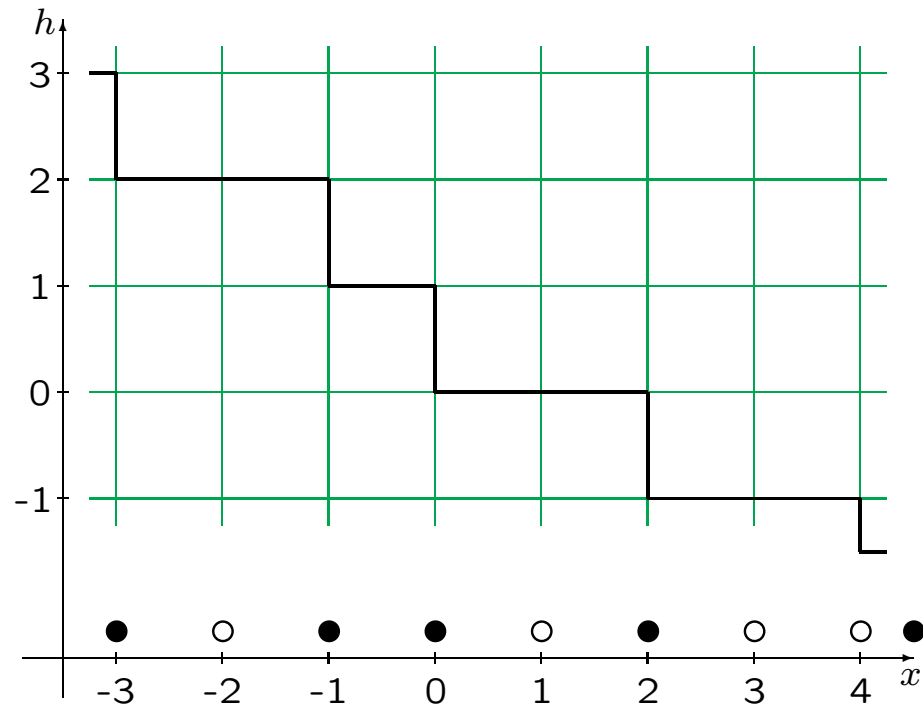
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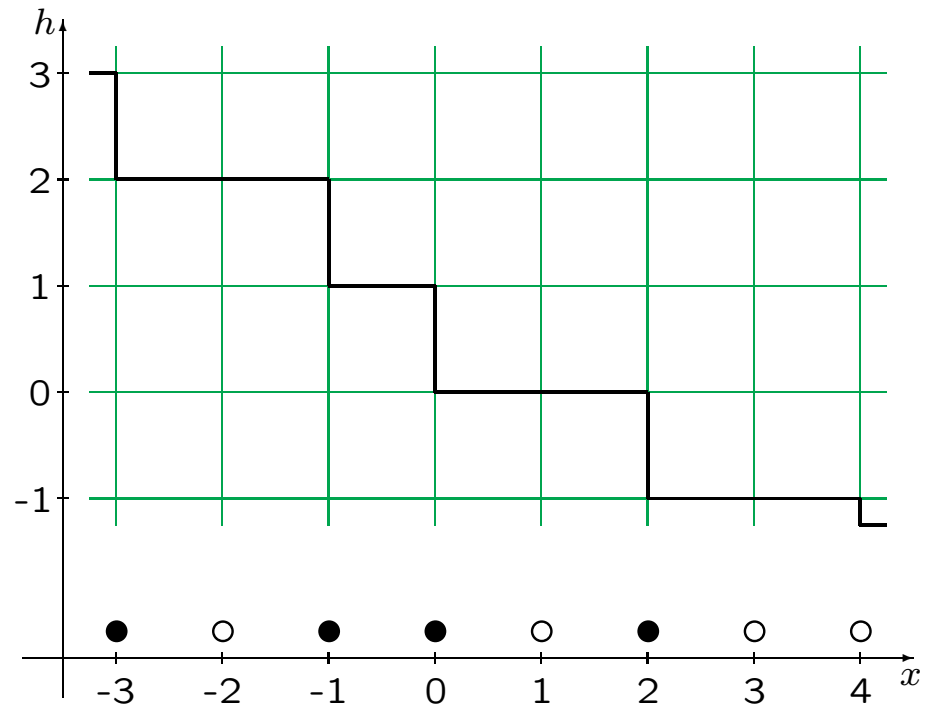
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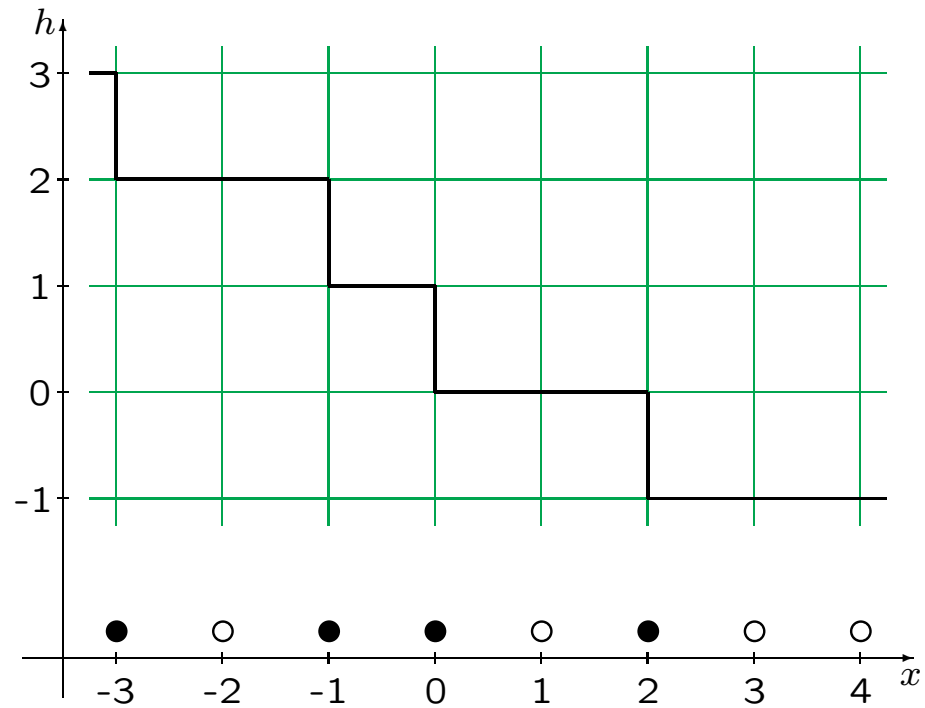
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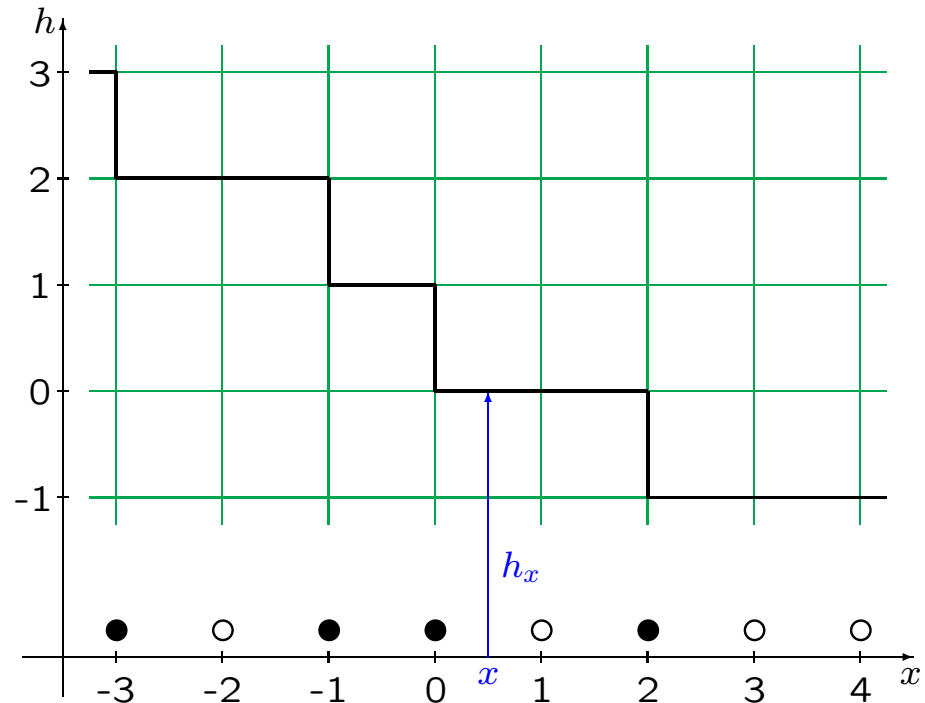
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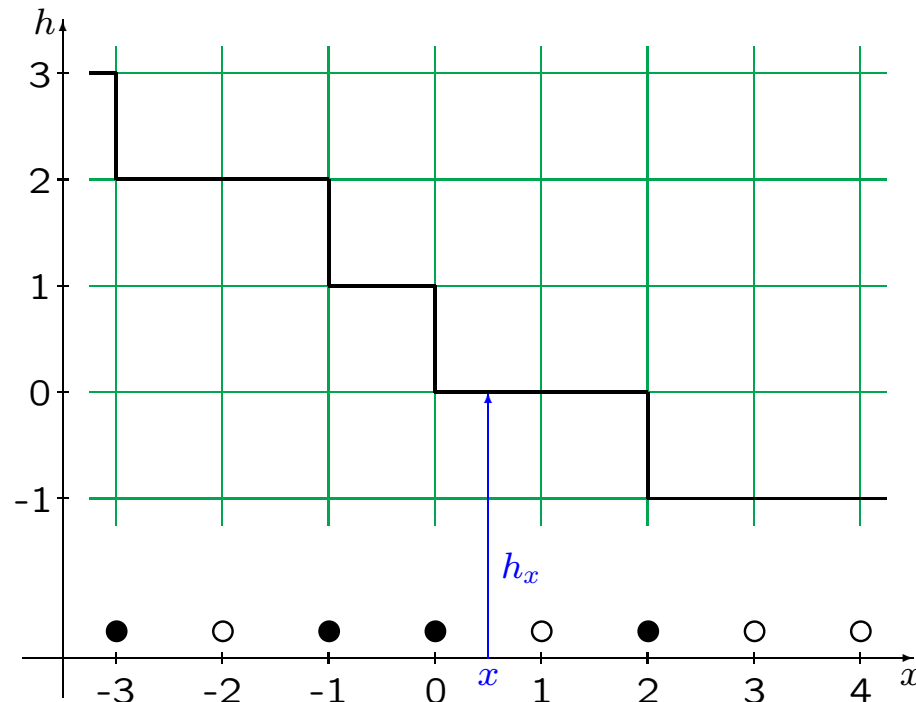


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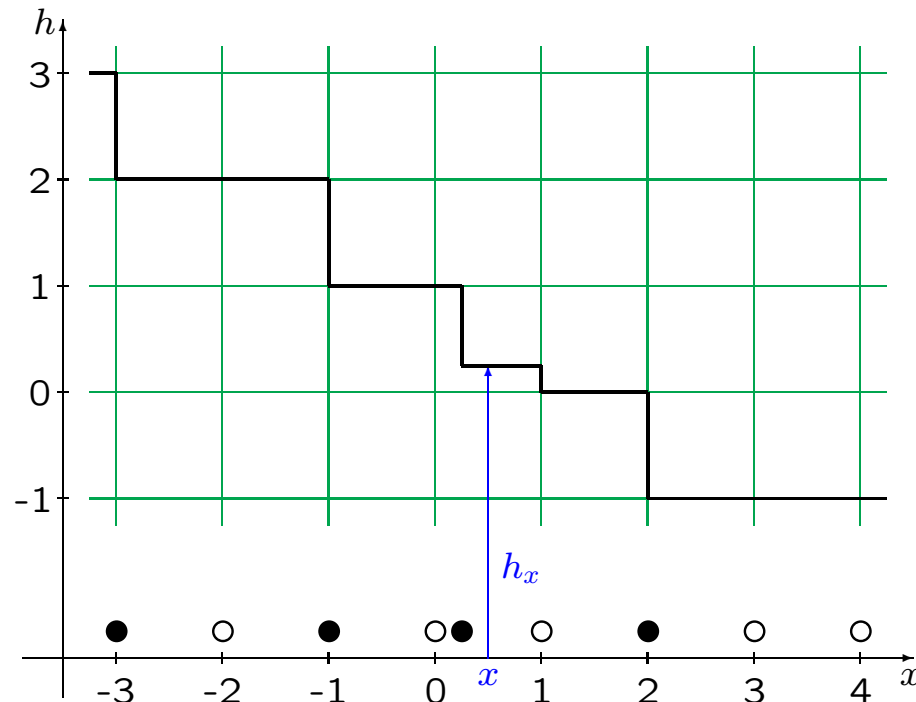
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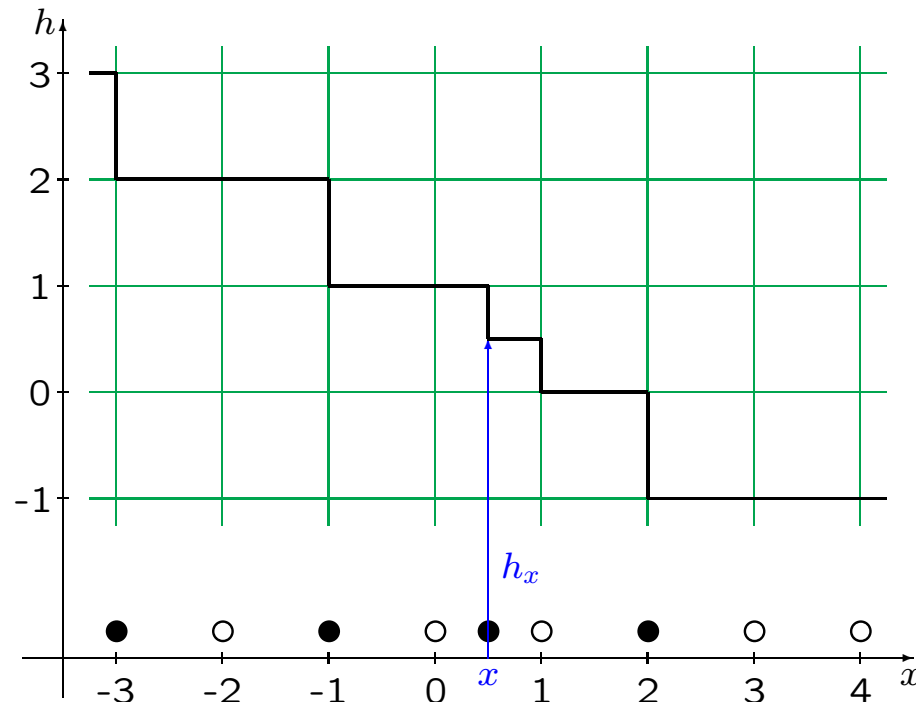
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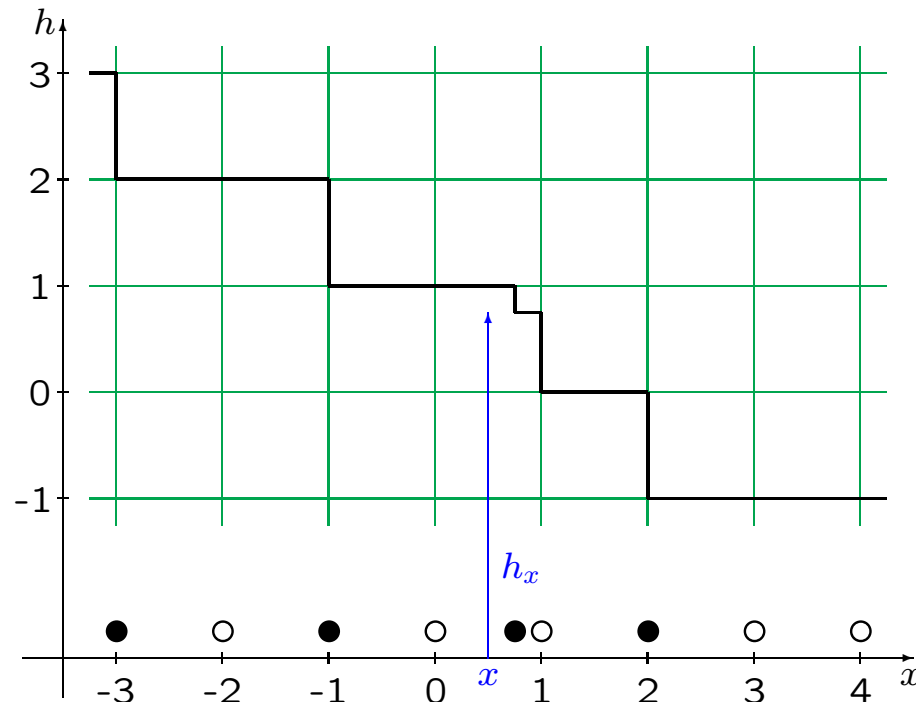
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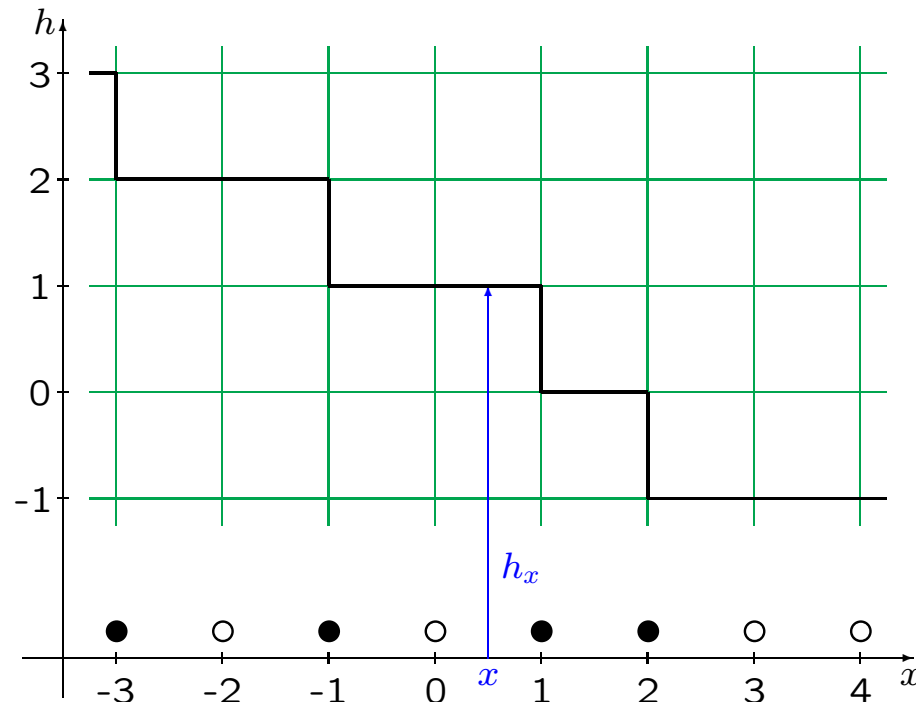
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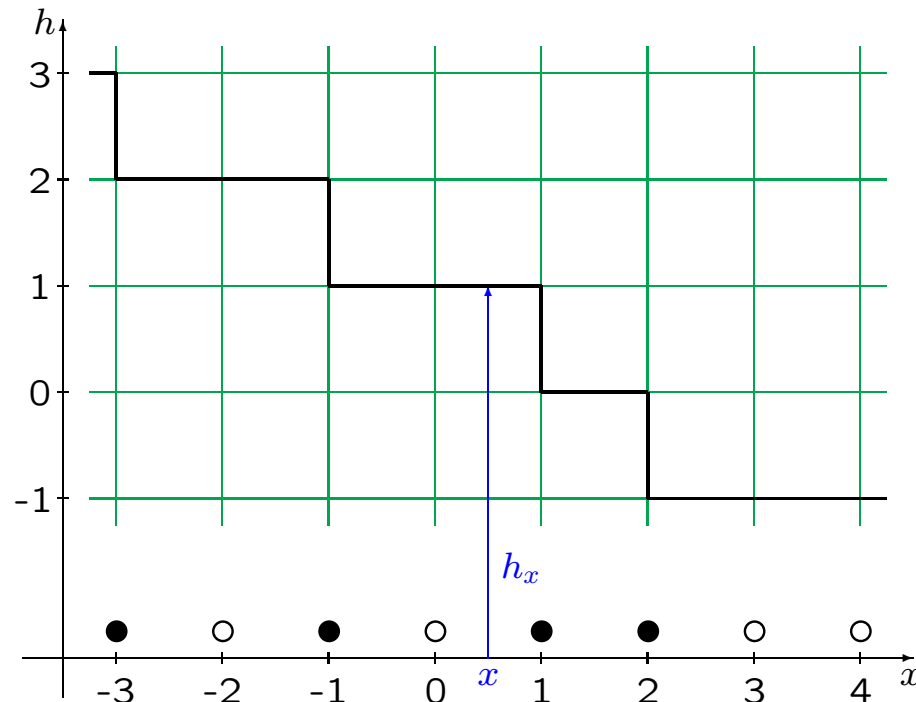
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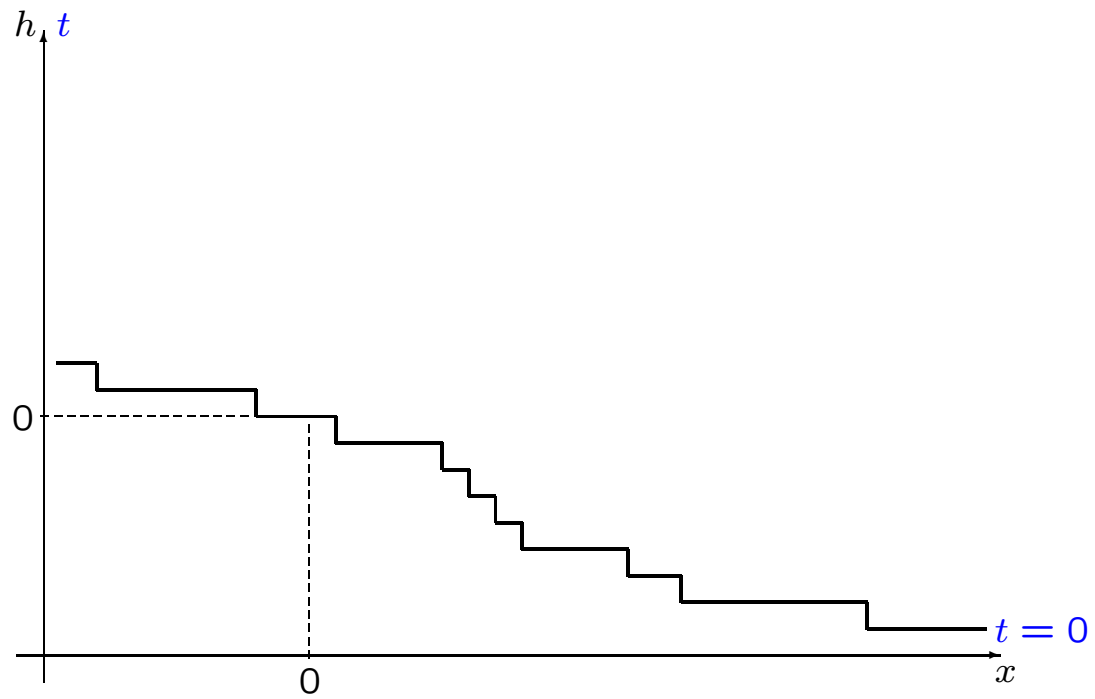


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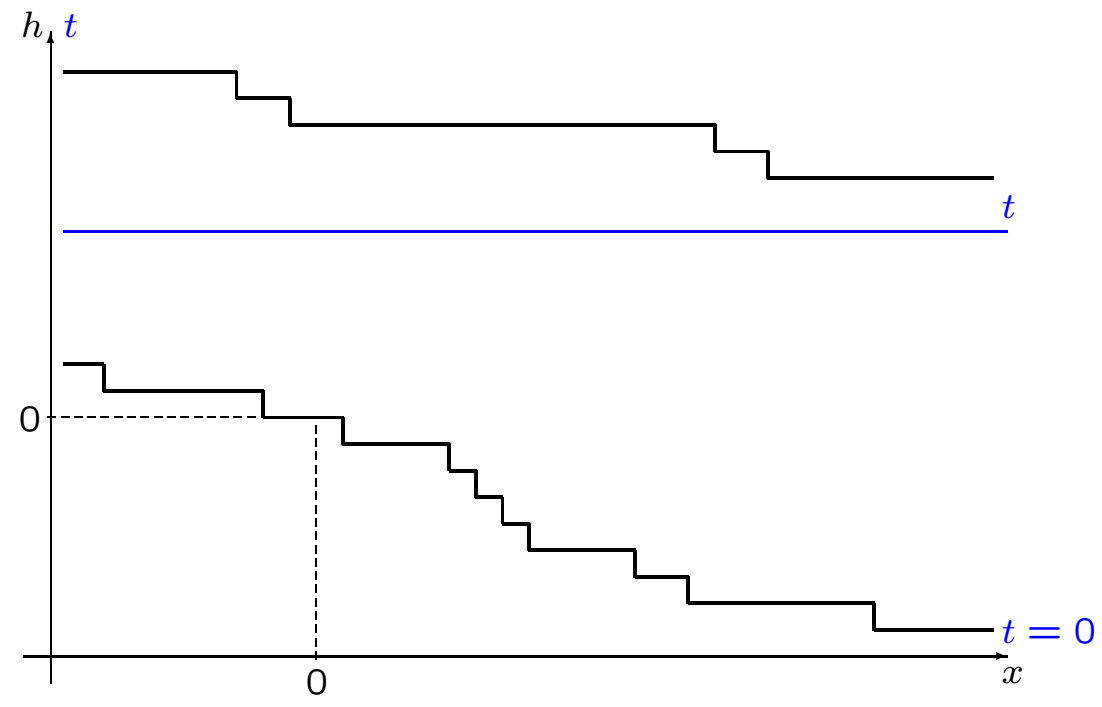
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$h_{Vt}(t)$ = net number of particles passed through the moving window at Vt ($V \in \mathbb{R}$).

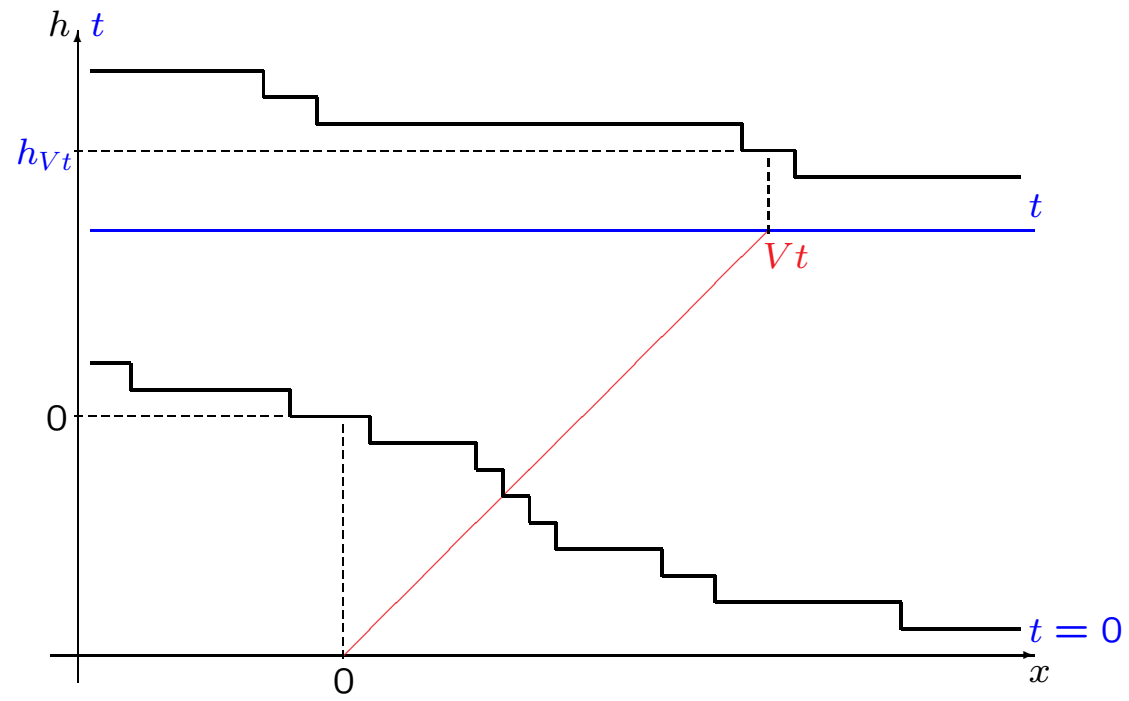
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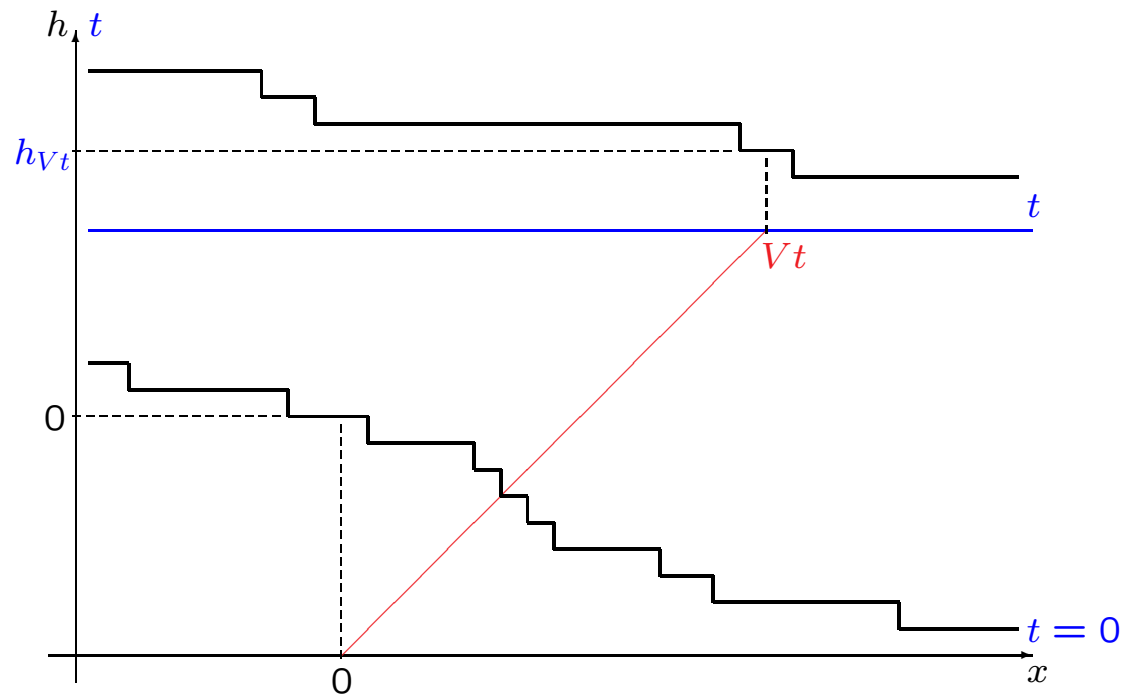
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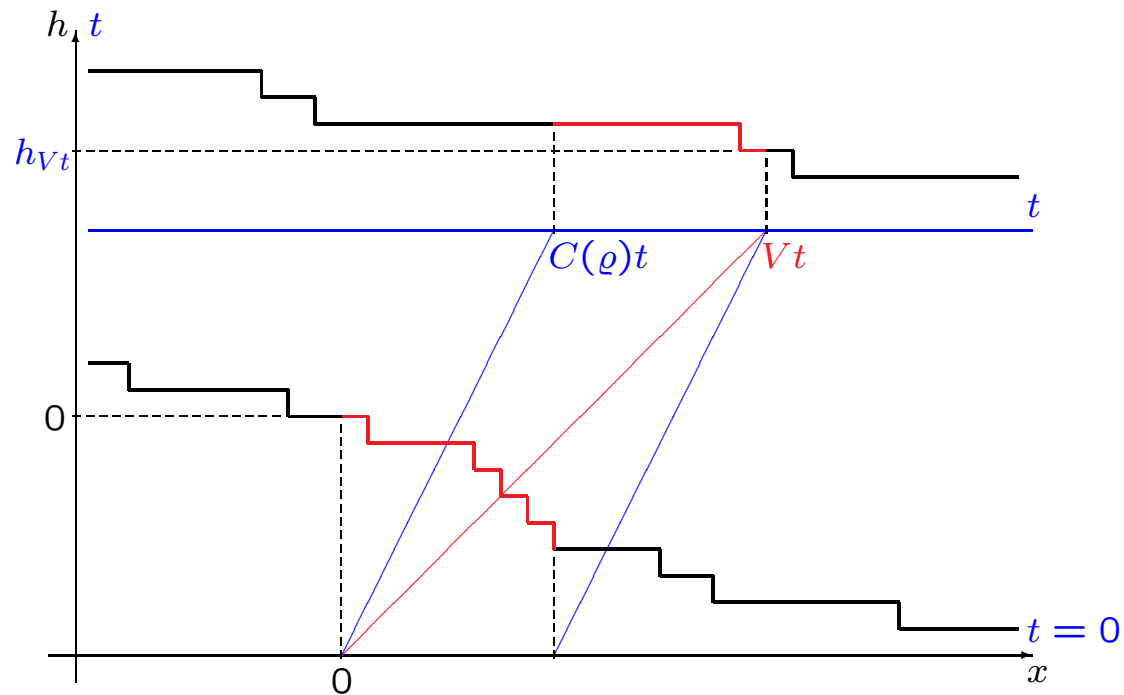


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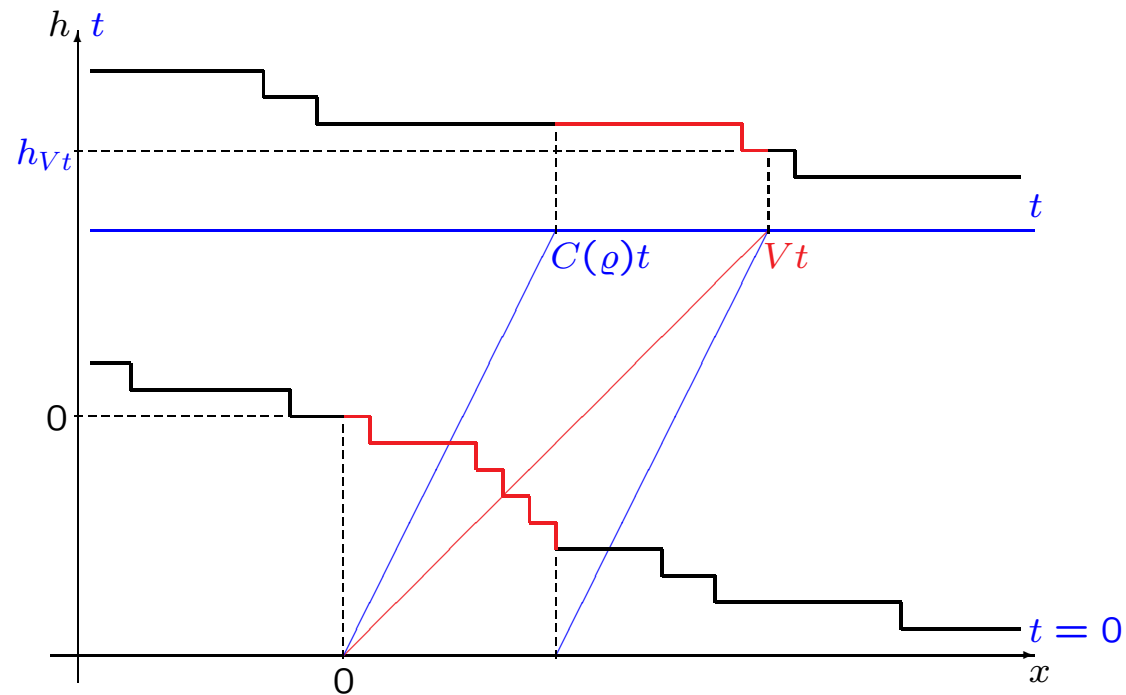
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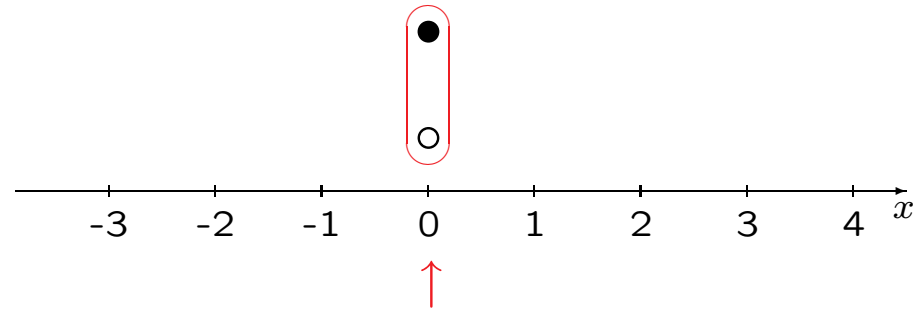
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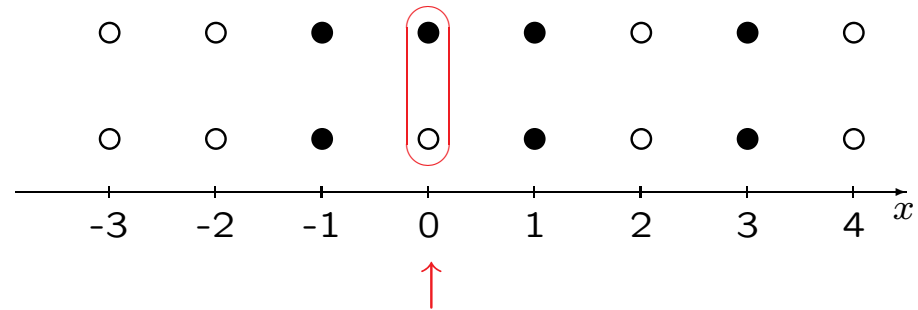
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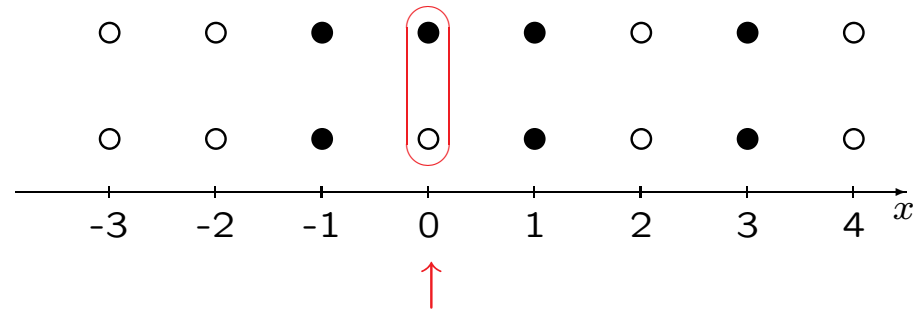


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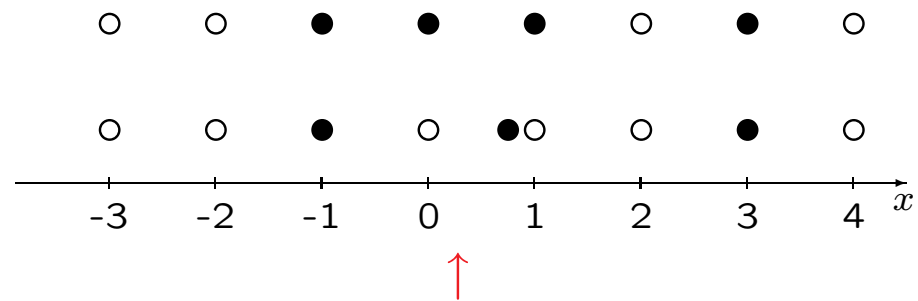
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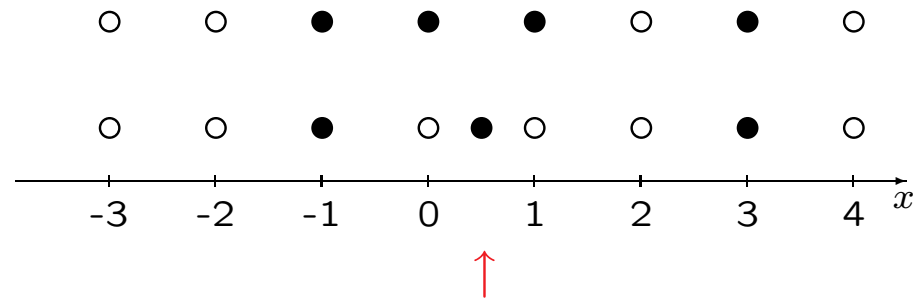
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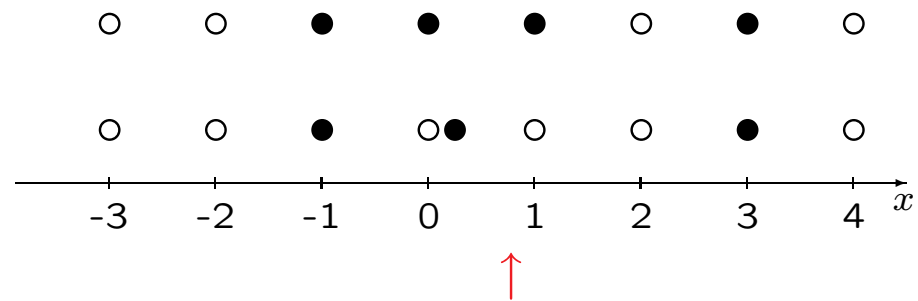
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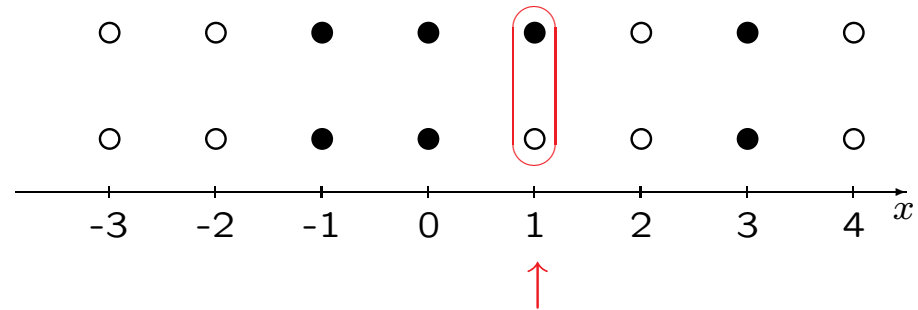
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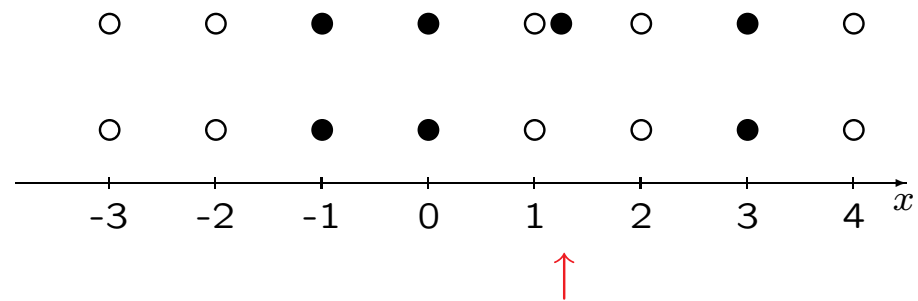
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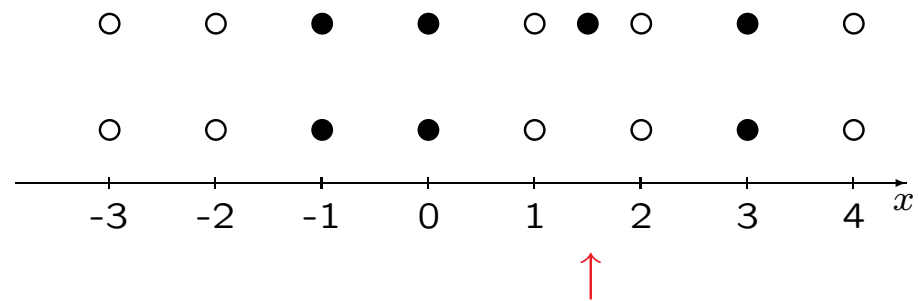
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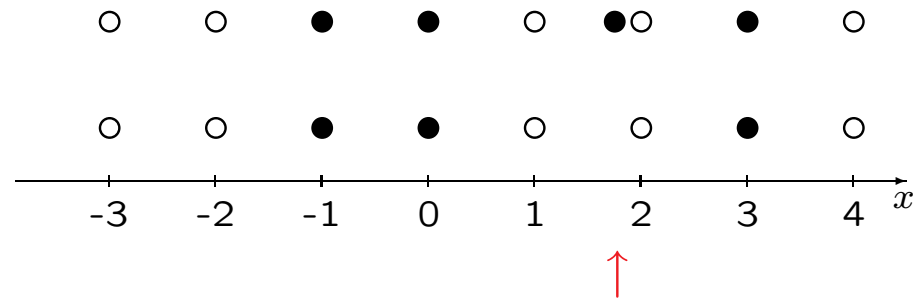
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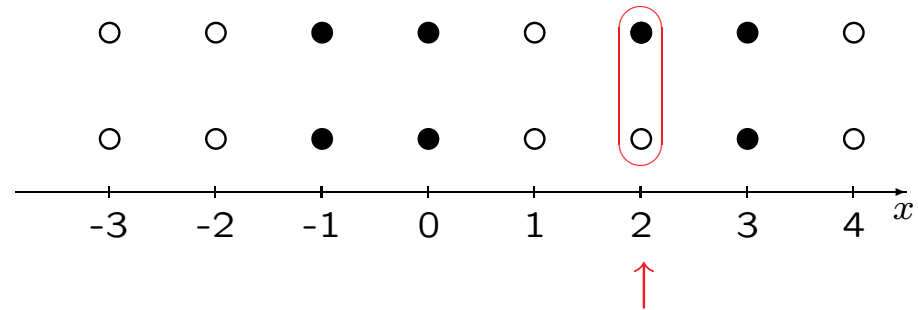
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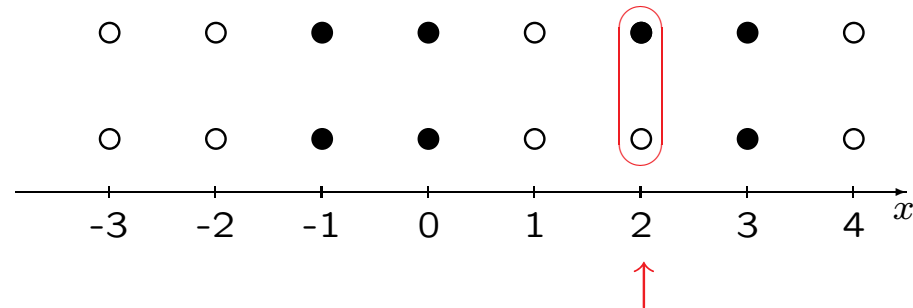
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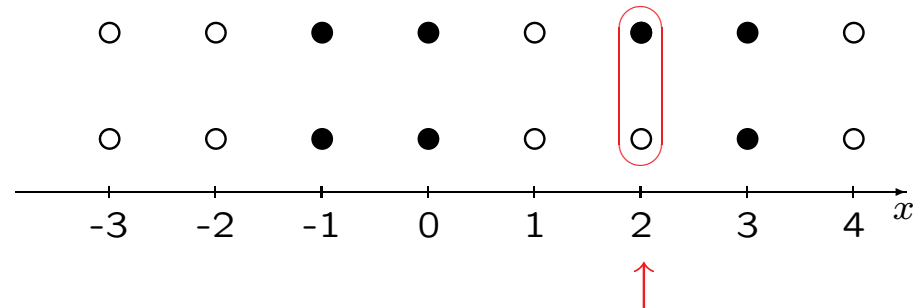
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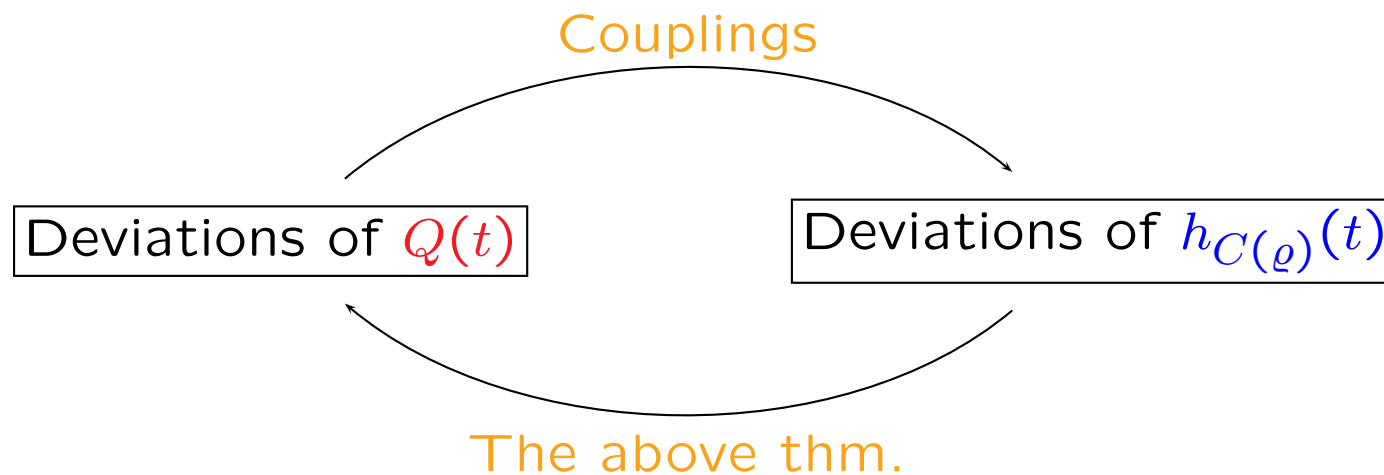
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The proof is based on ideas of Bálint Tóth, he said these ideas were standard.

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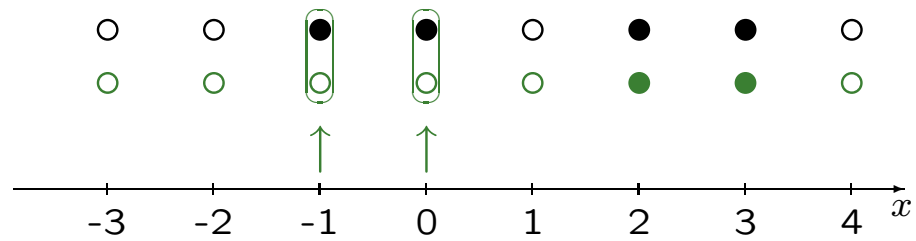
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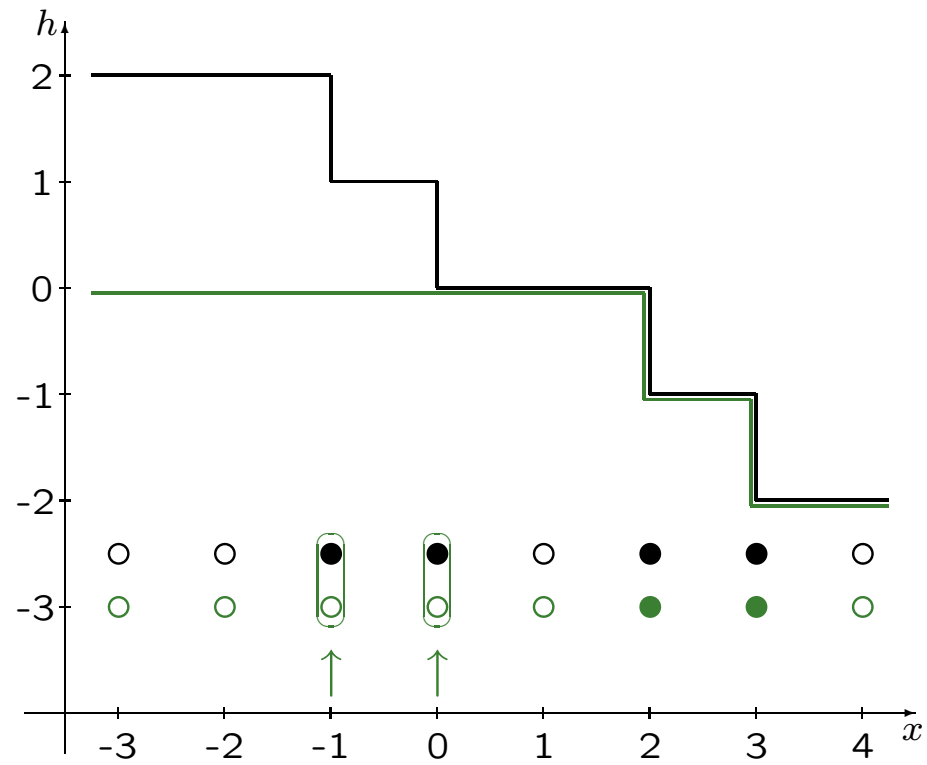
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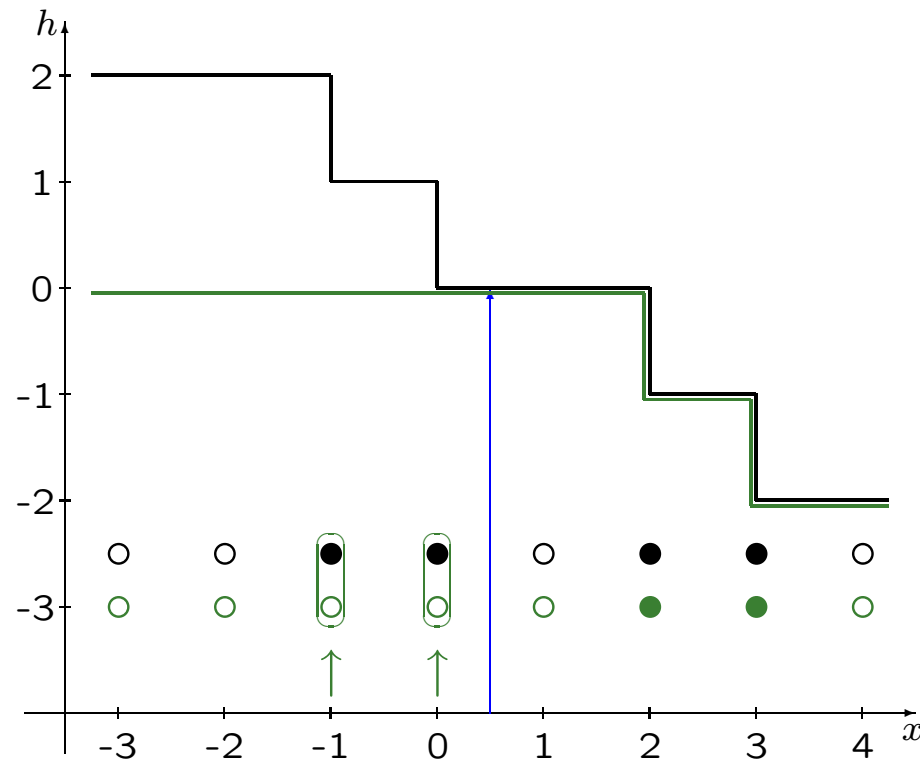
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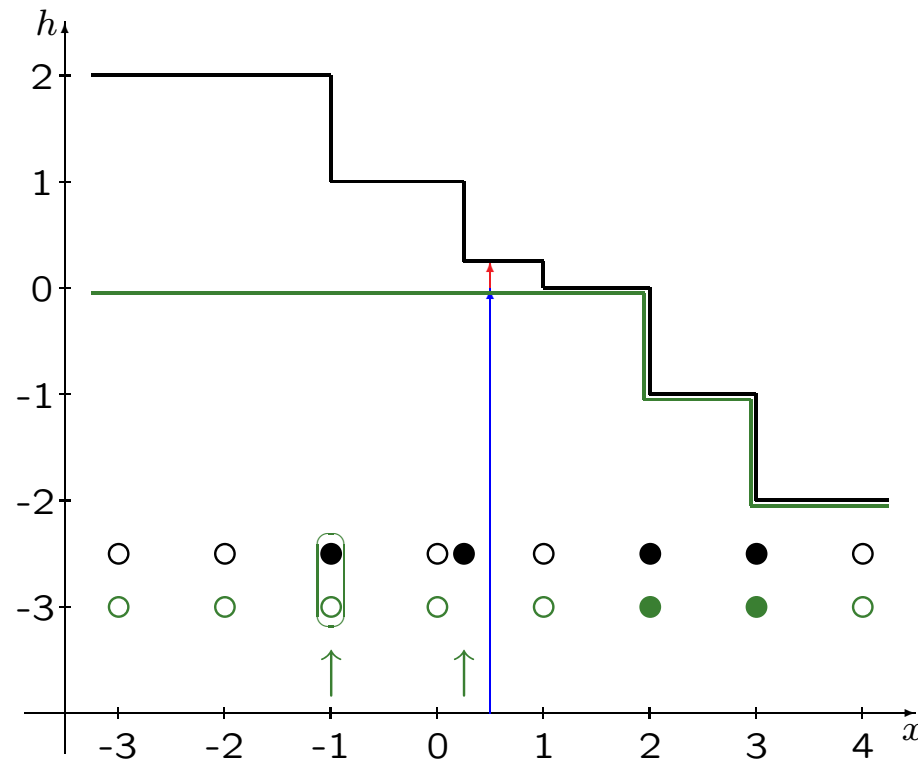


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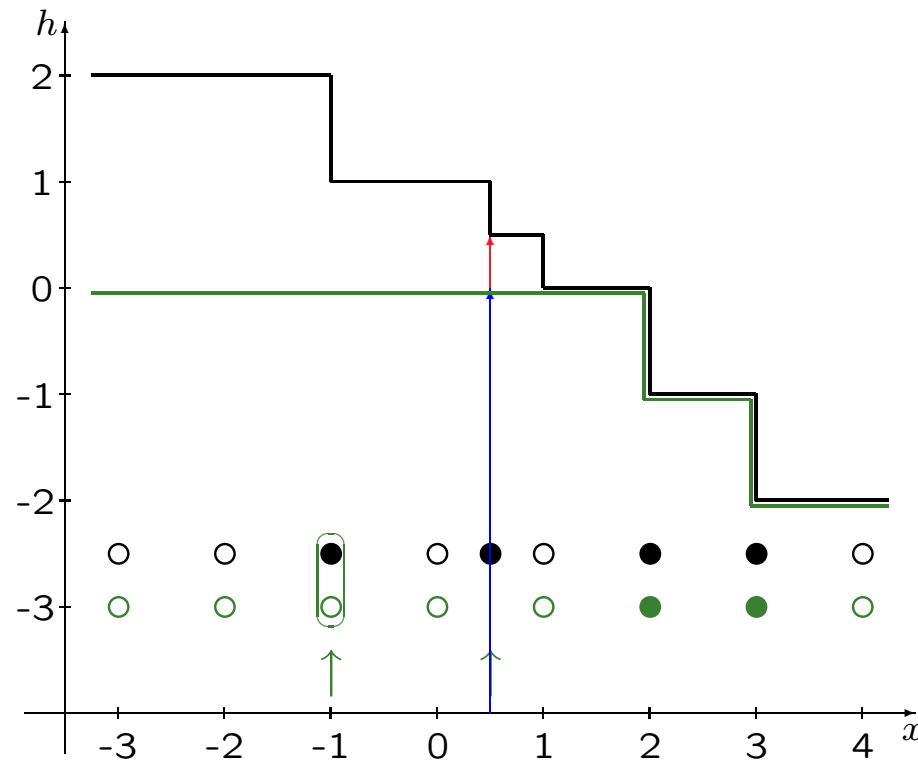
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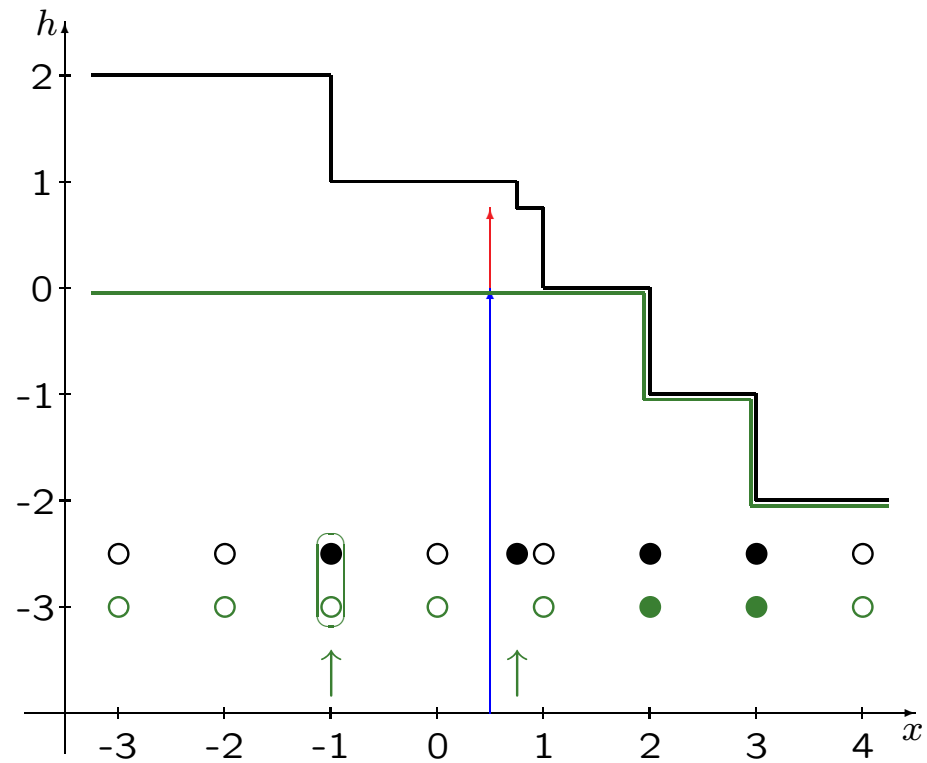
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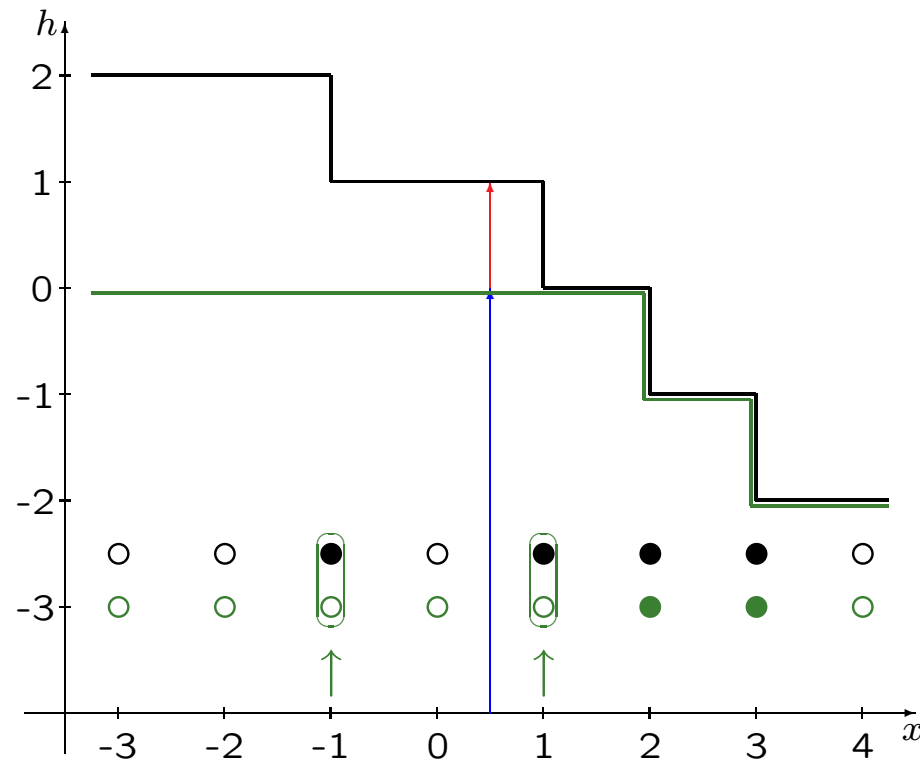
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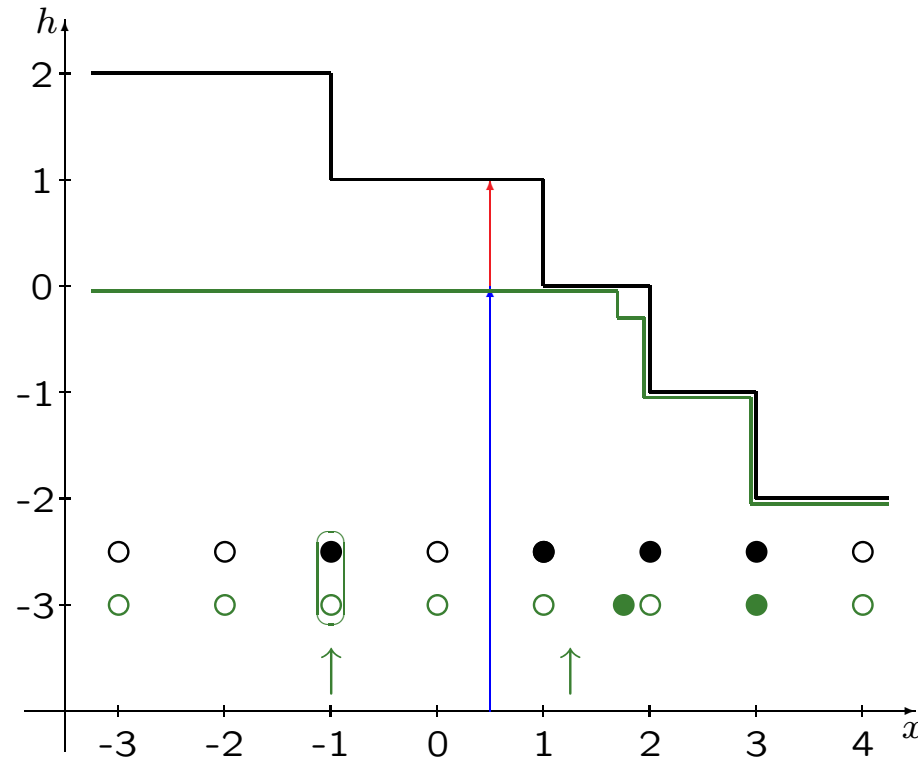
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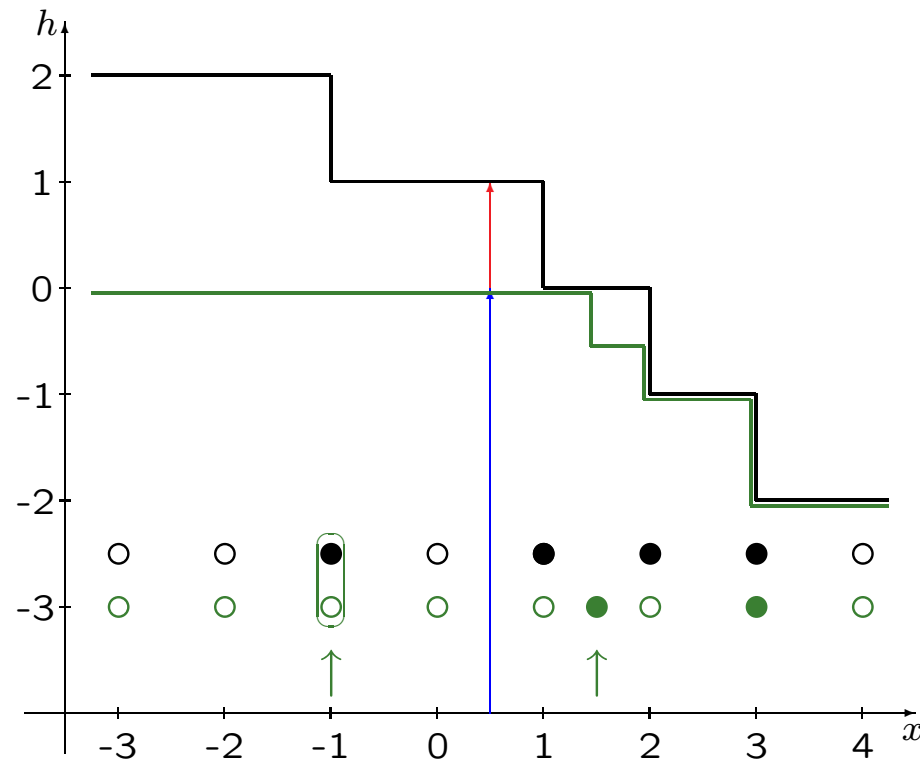
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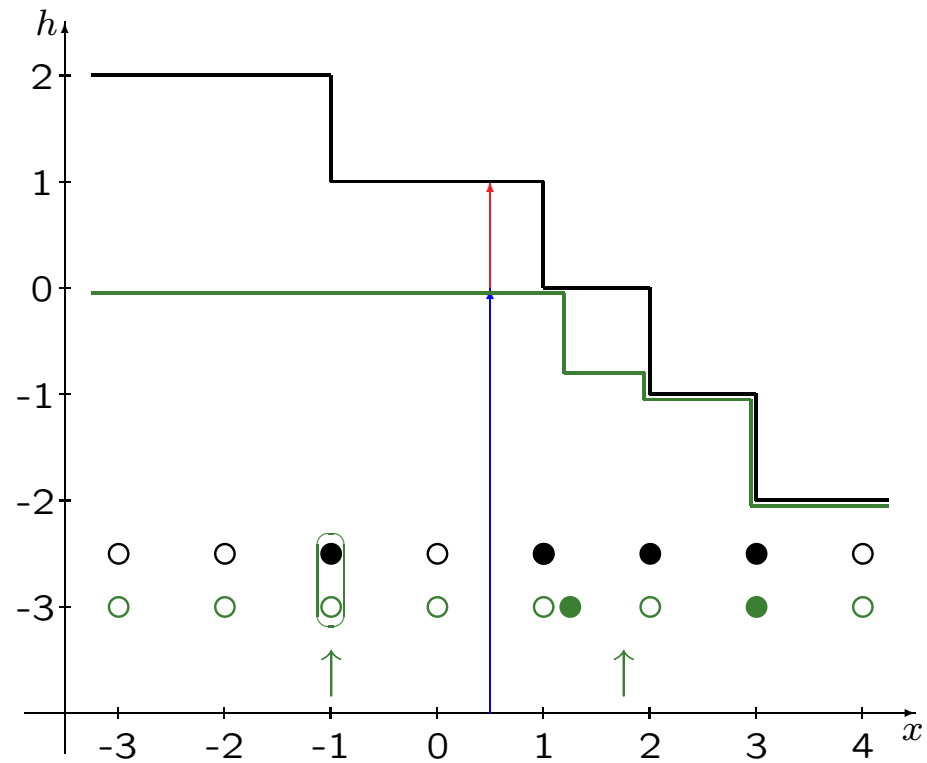
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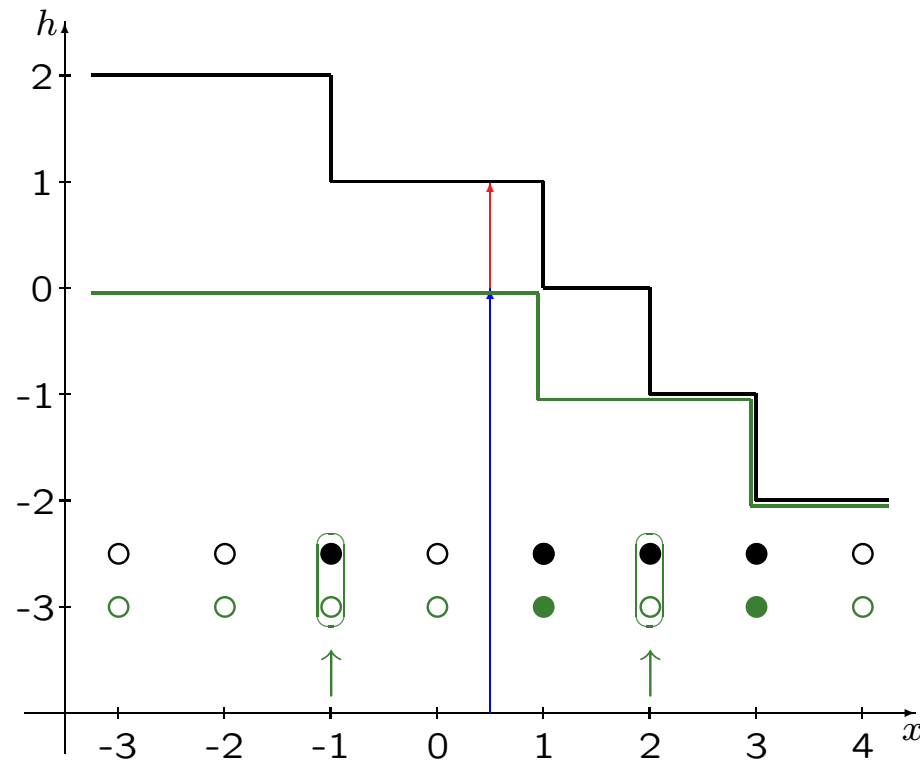
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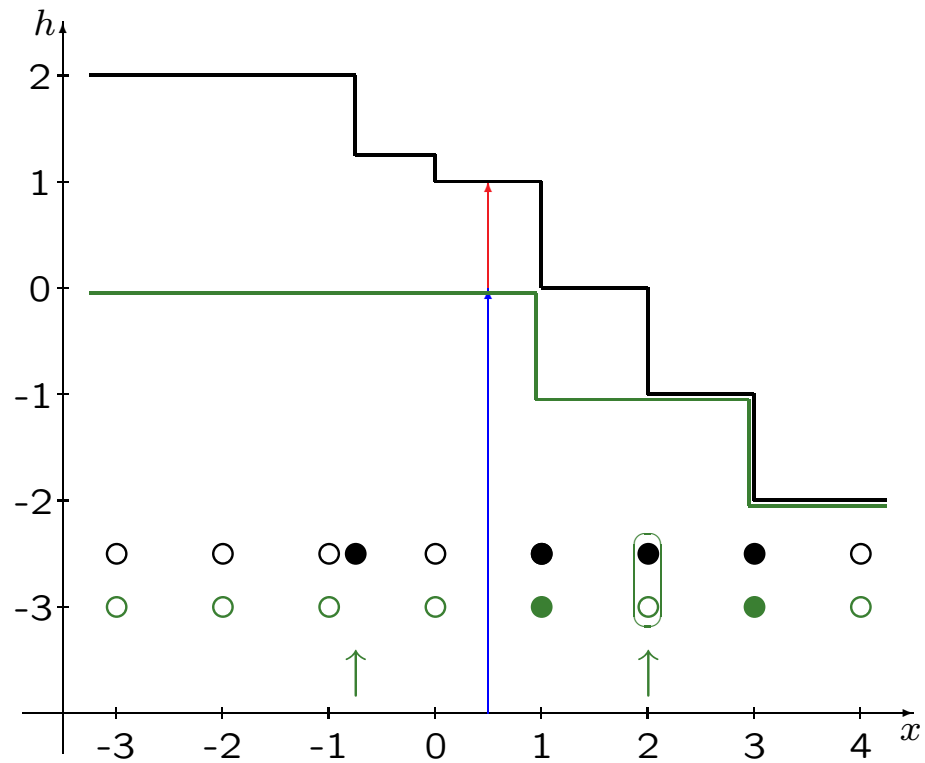
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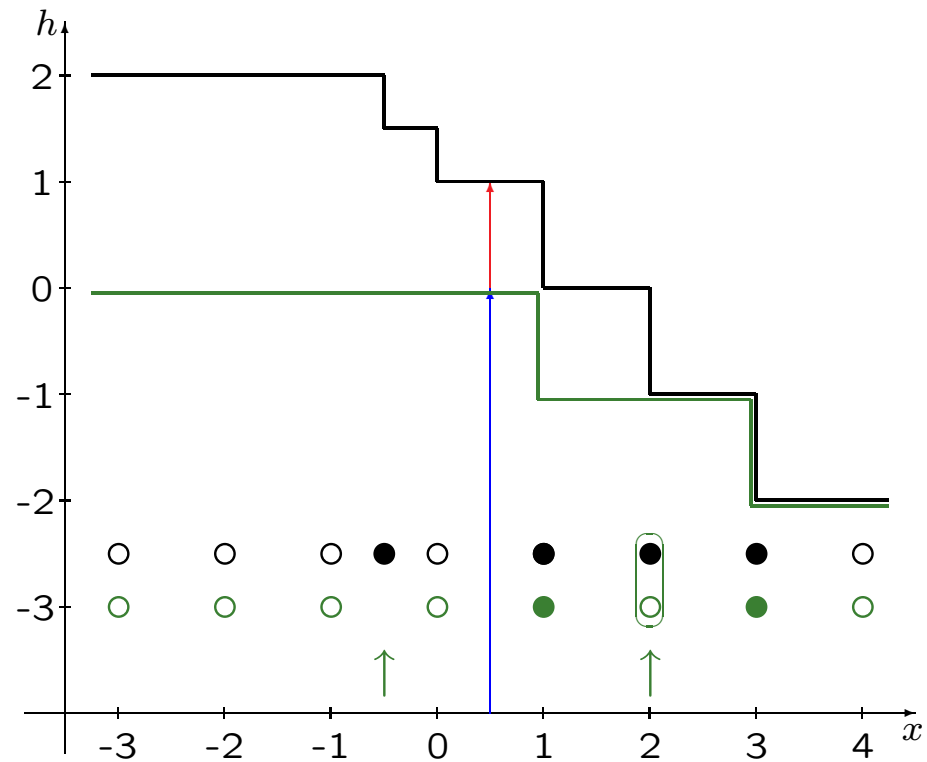
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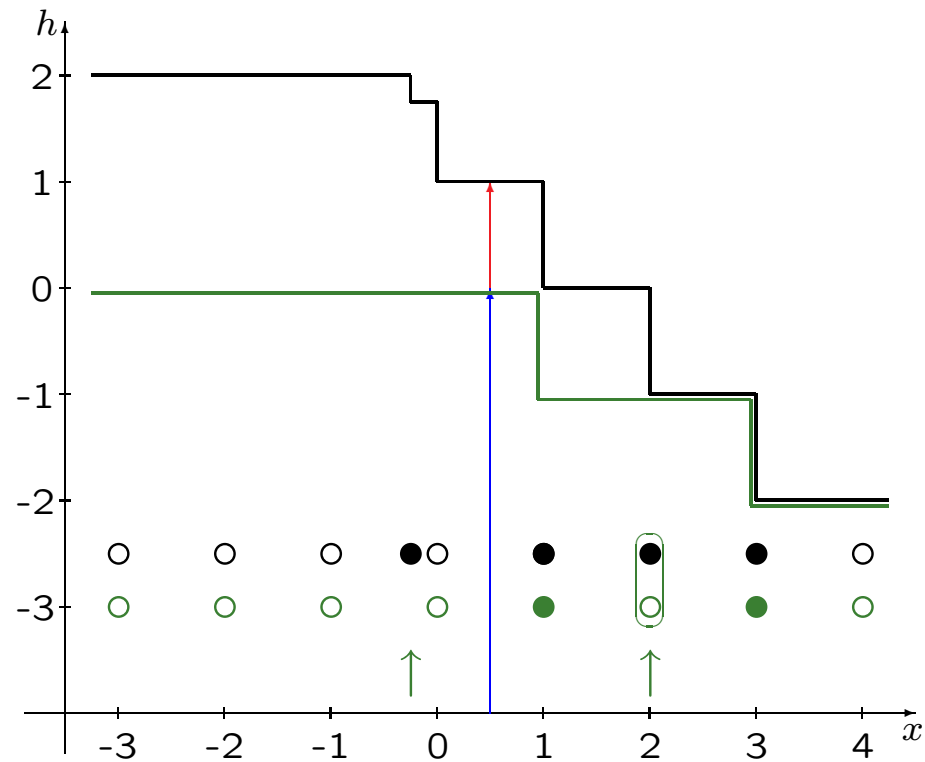
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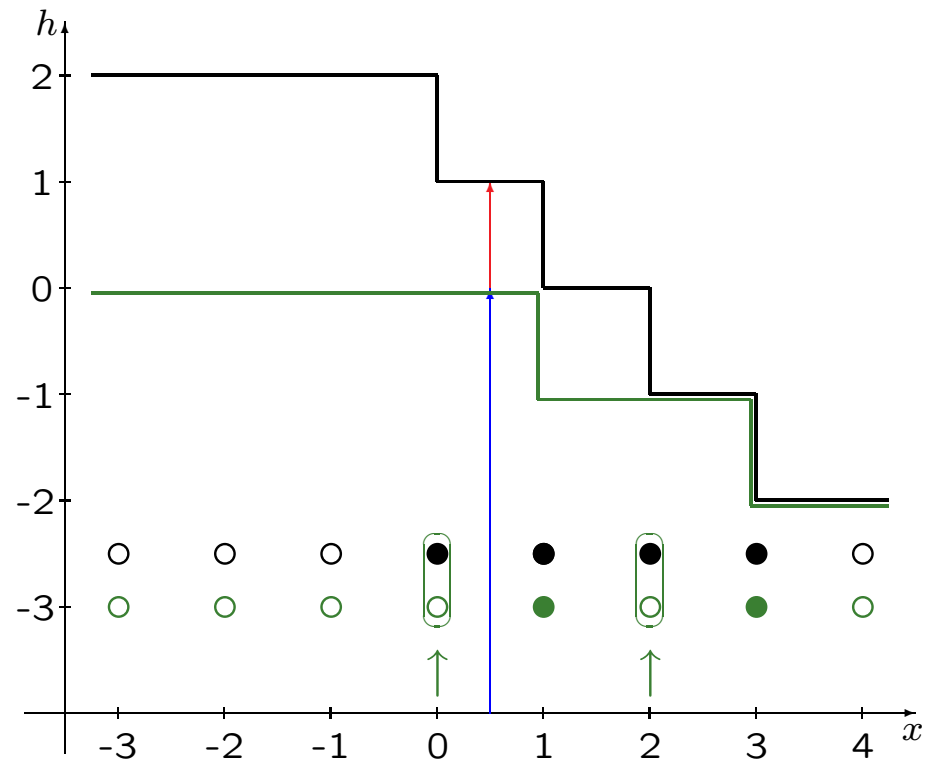
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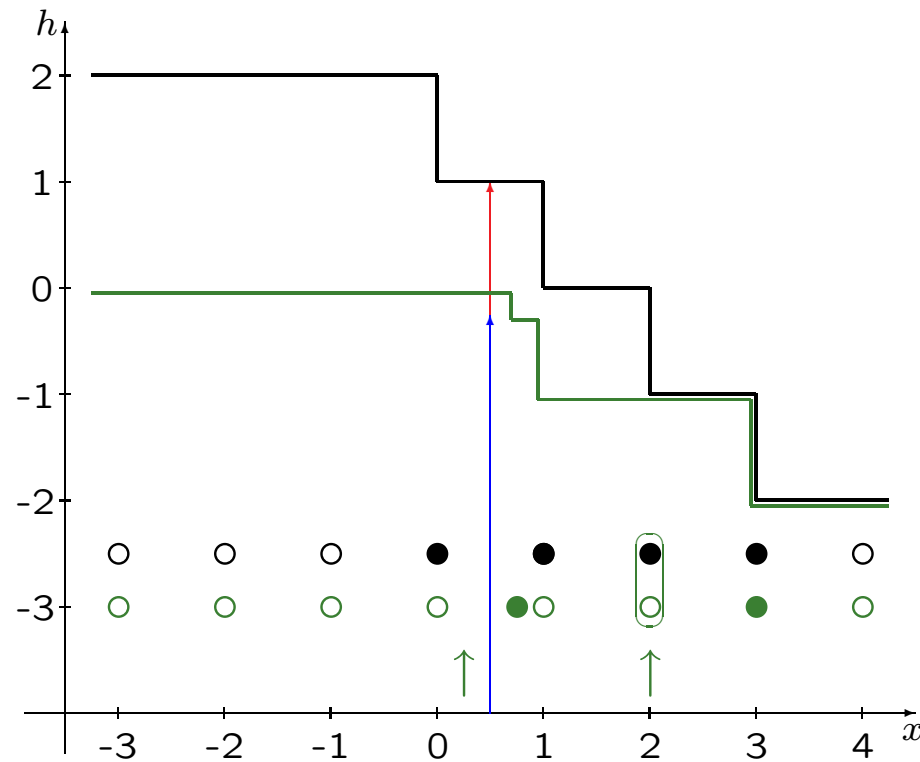
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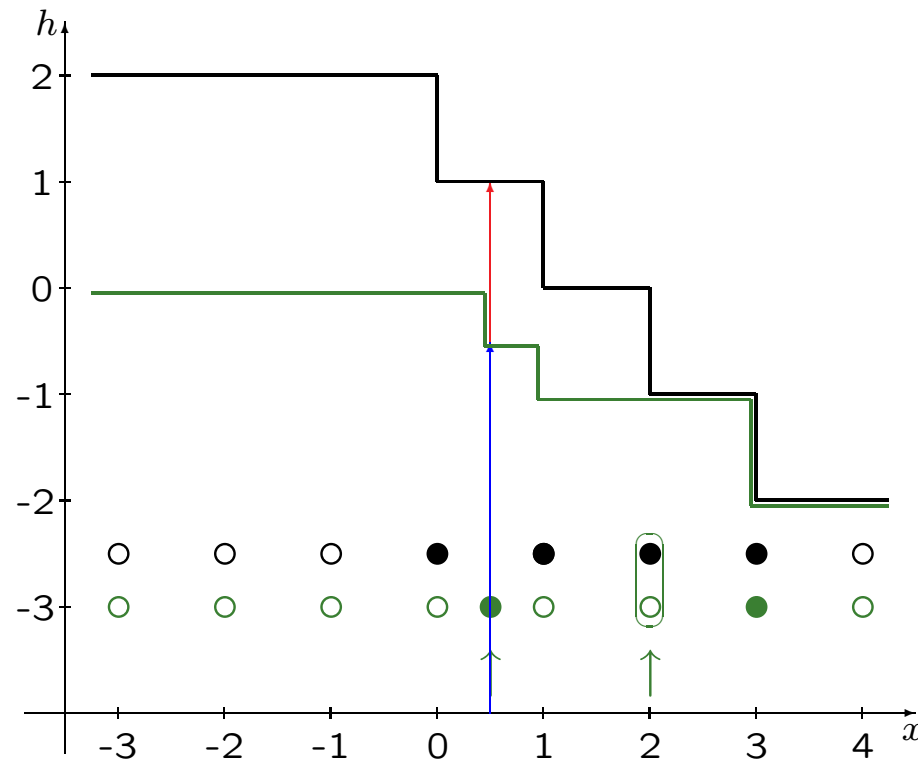
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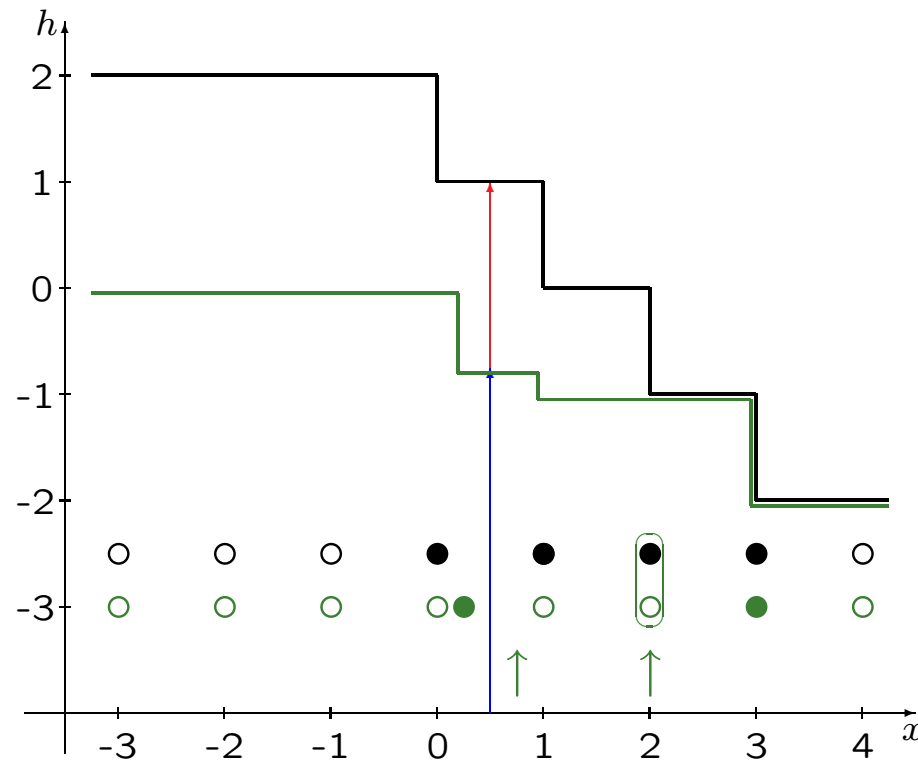
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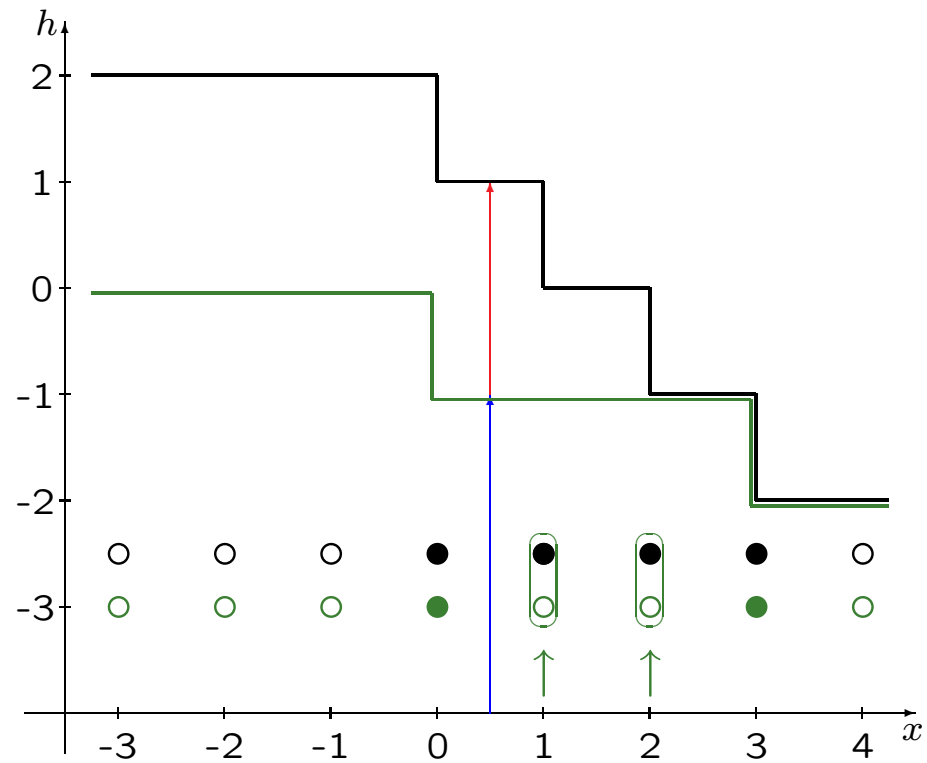
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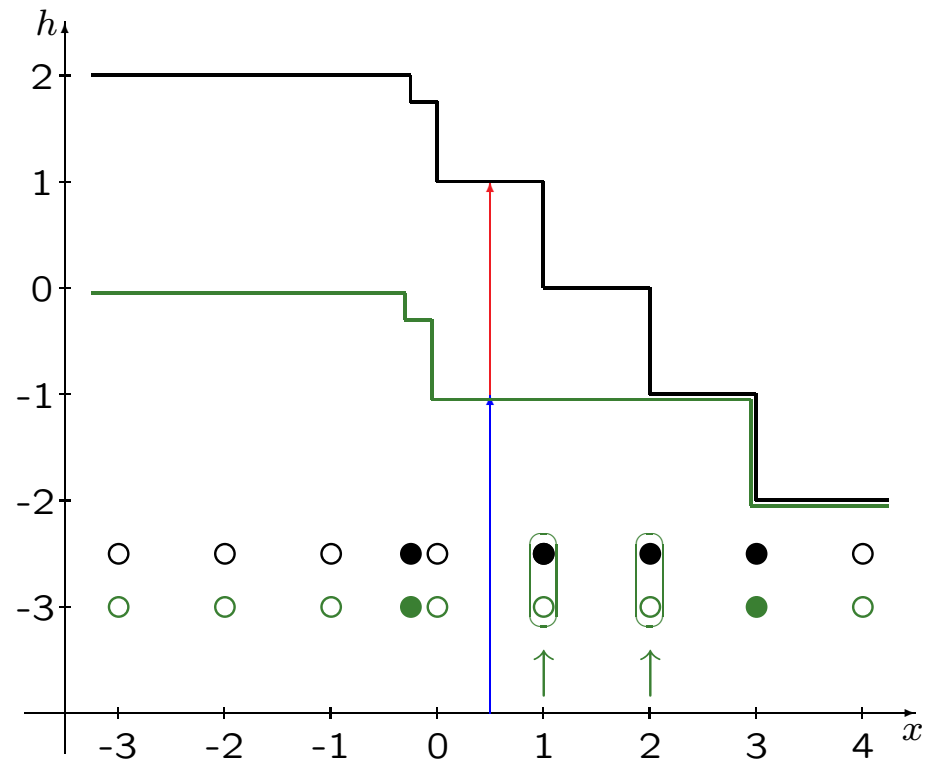
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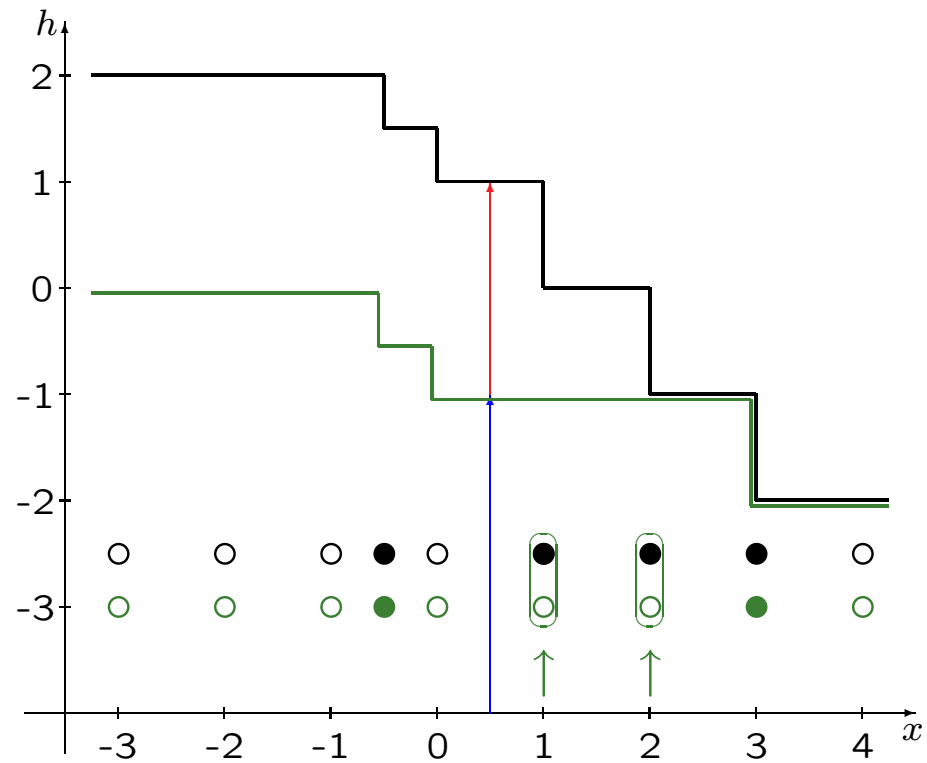
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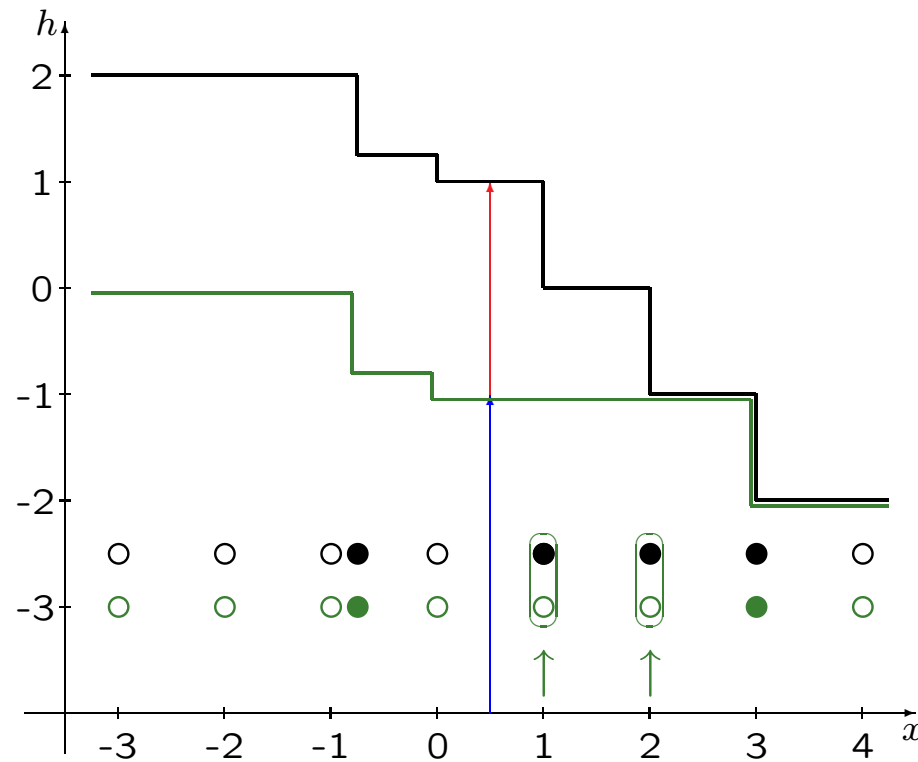
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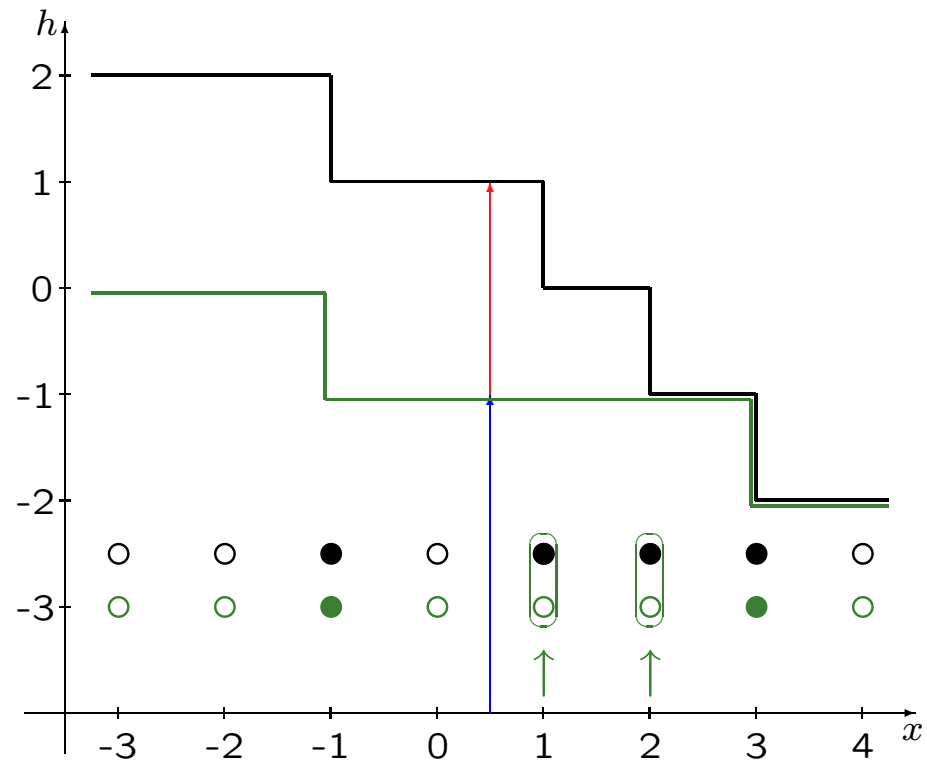
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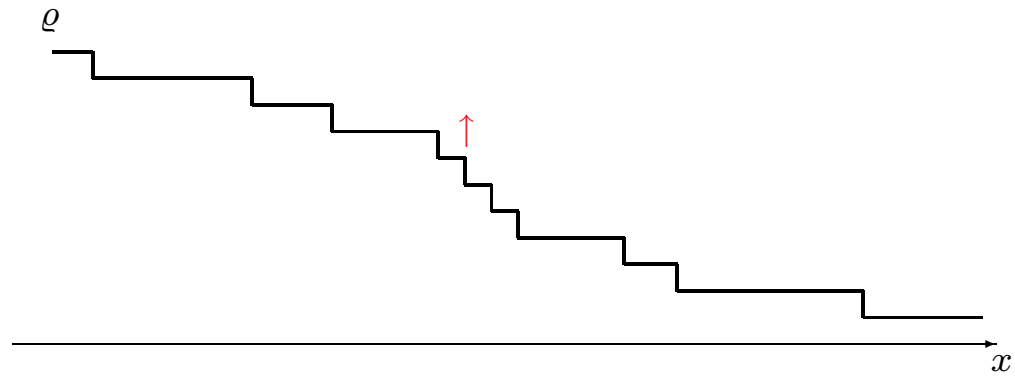
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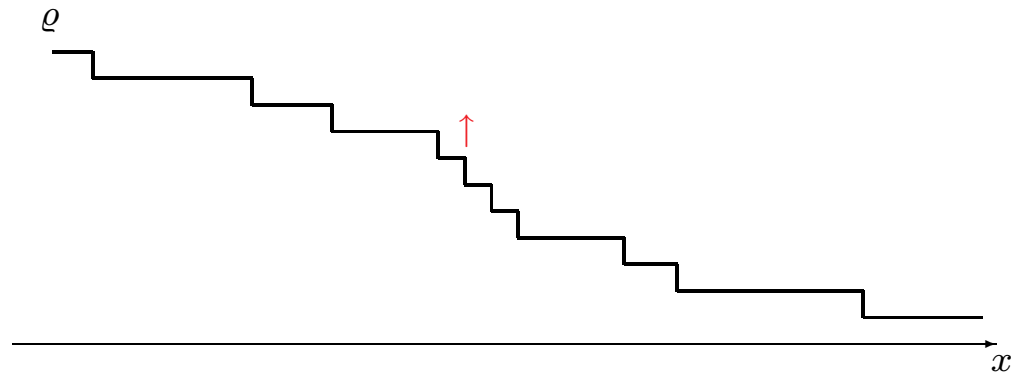


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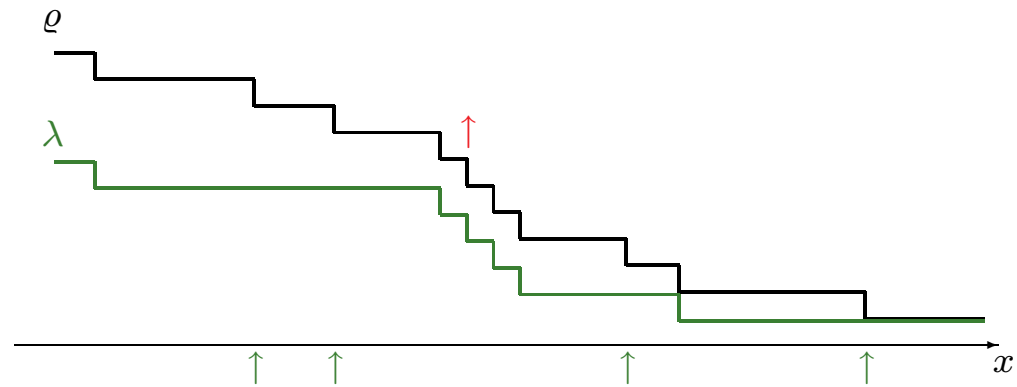


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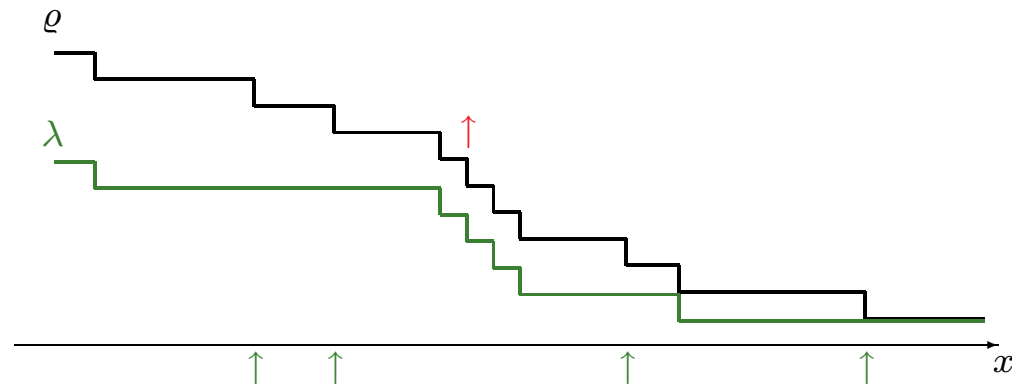
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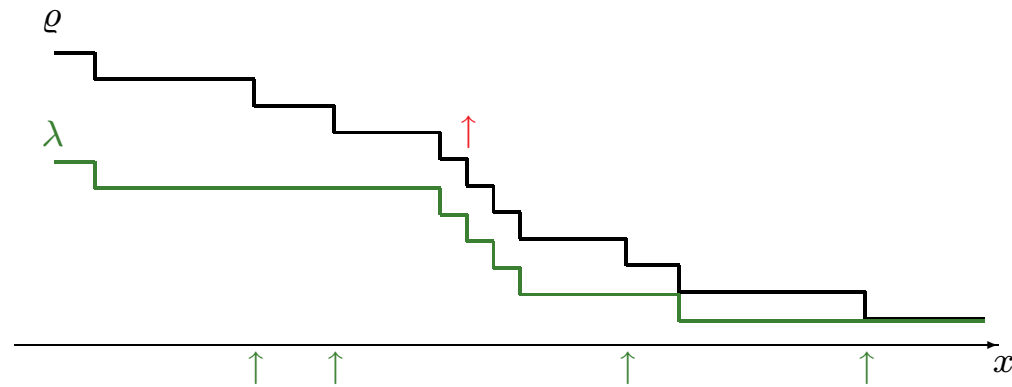
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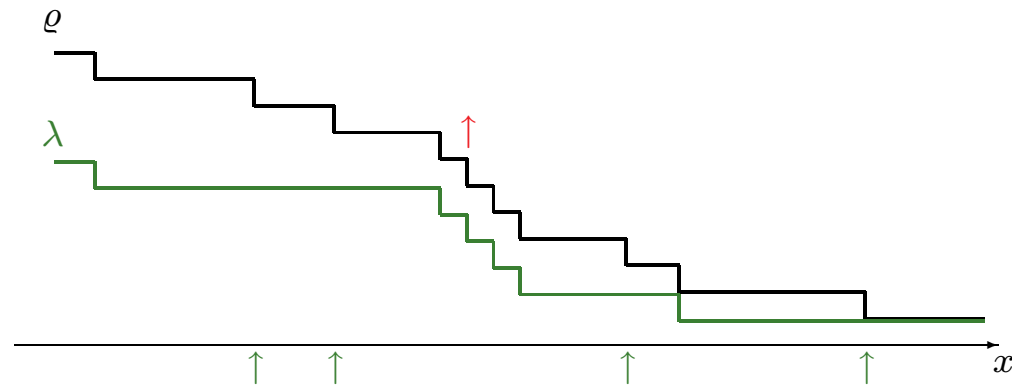
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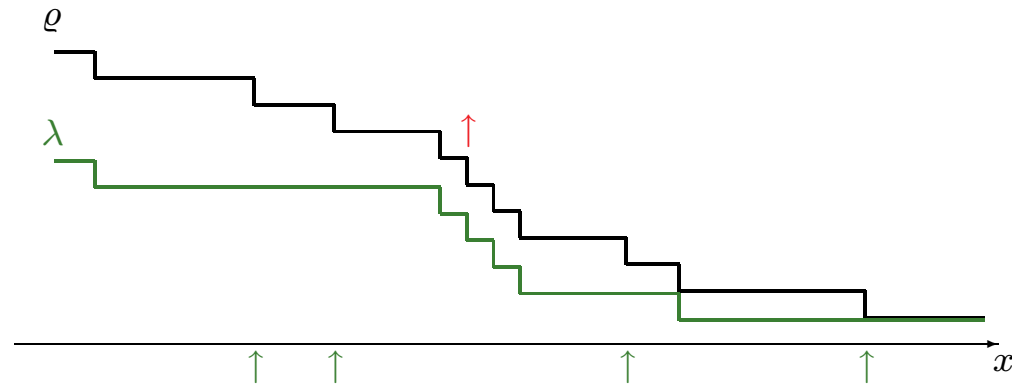
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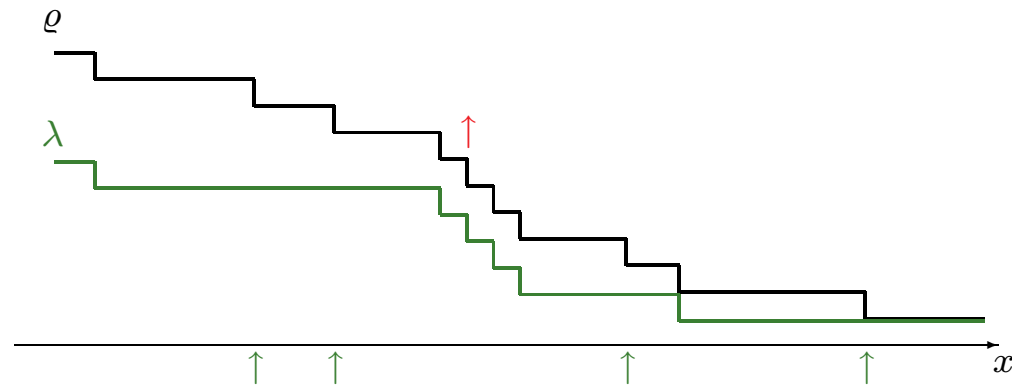
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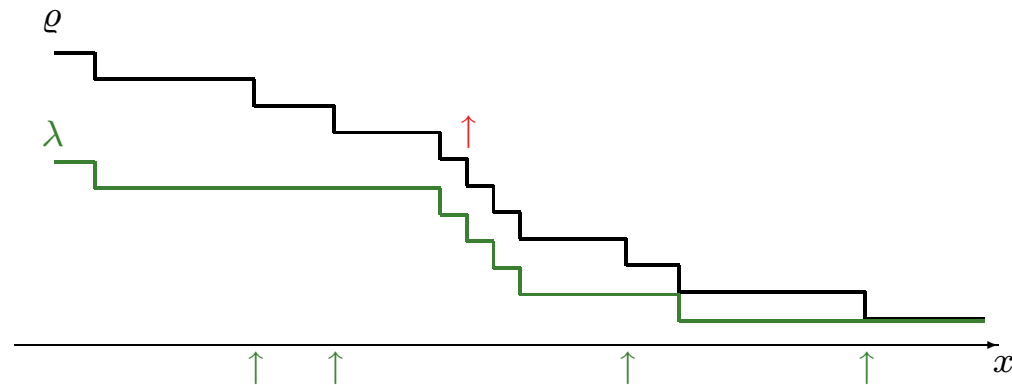
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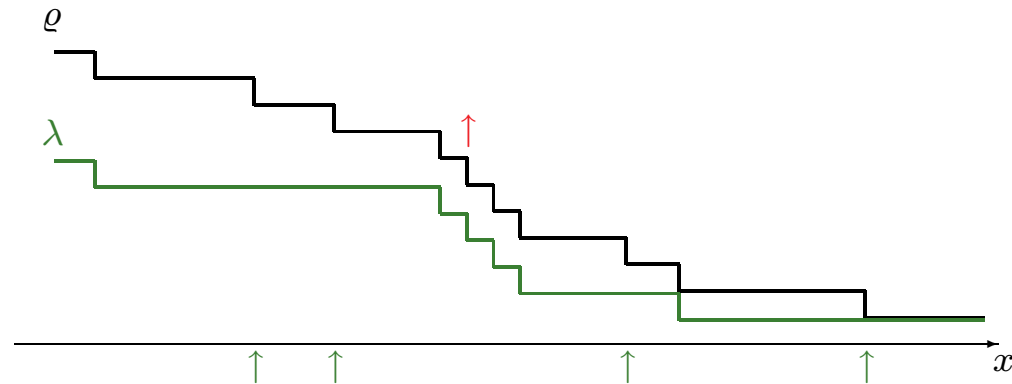


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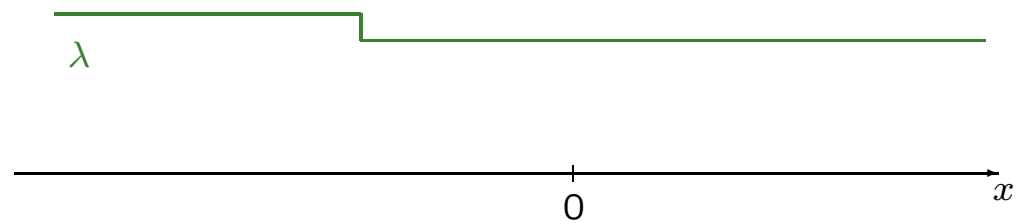
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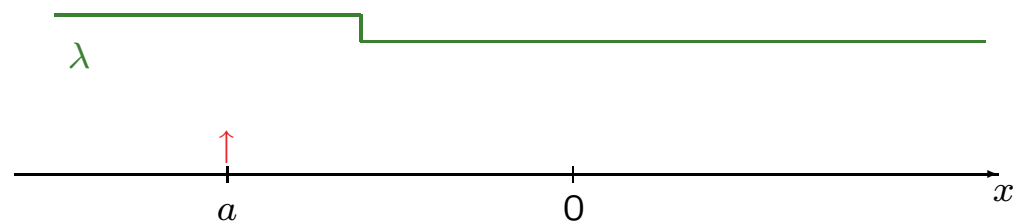
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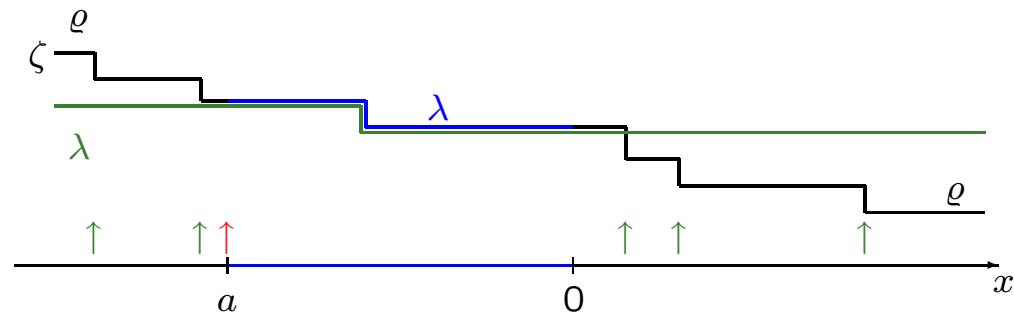


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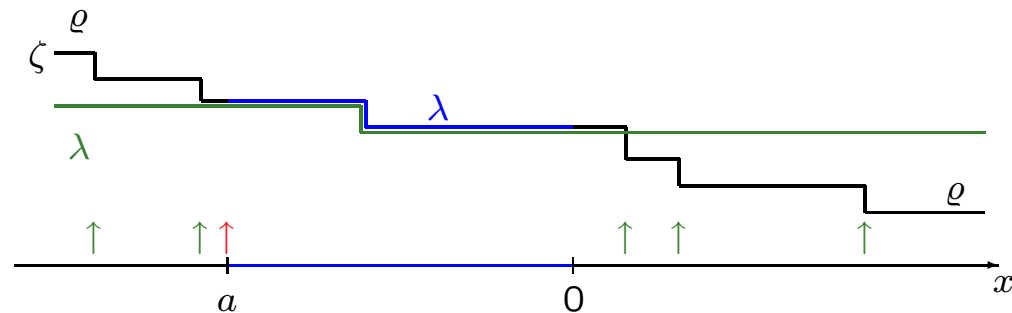
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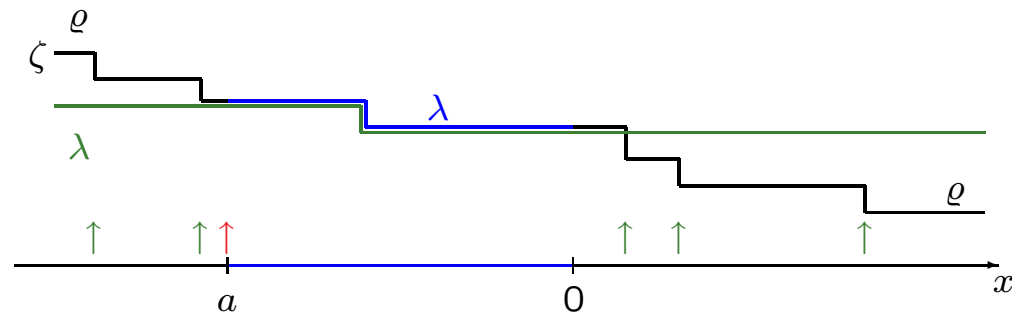
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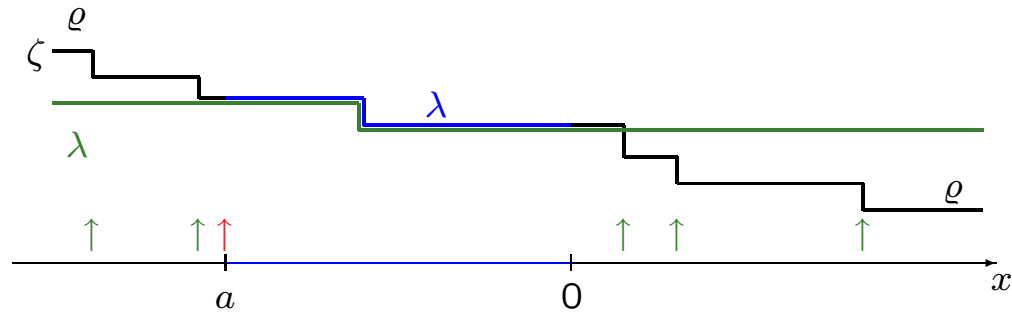


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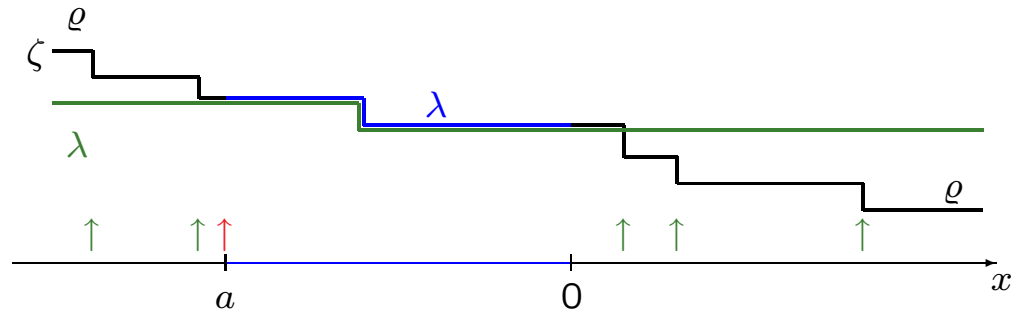
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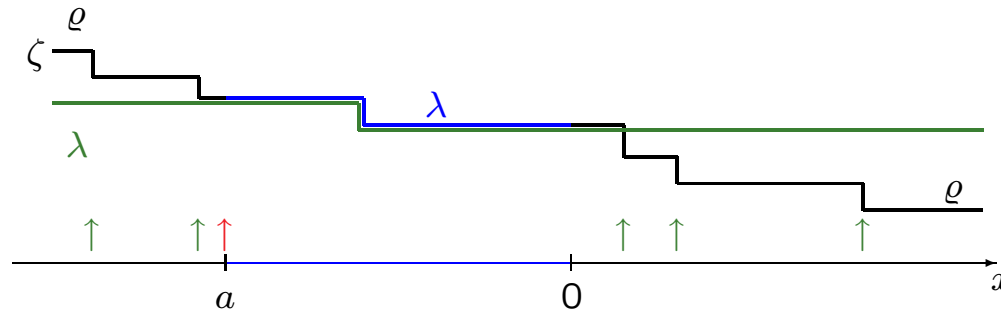


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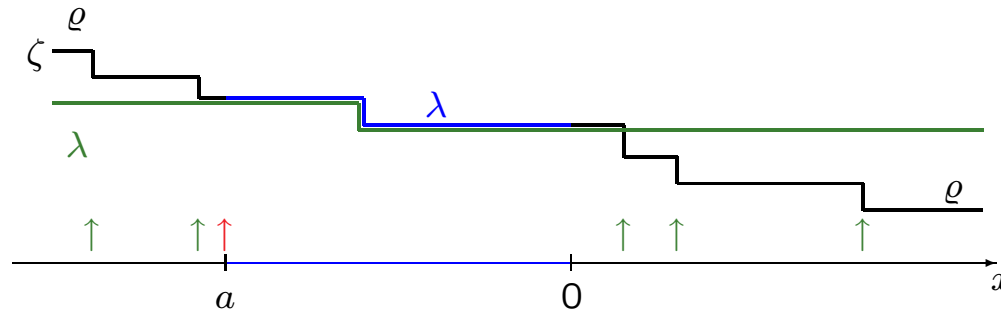
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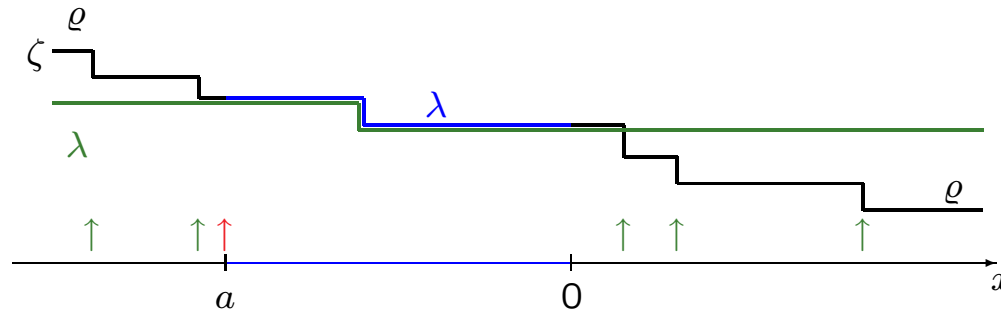
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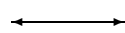
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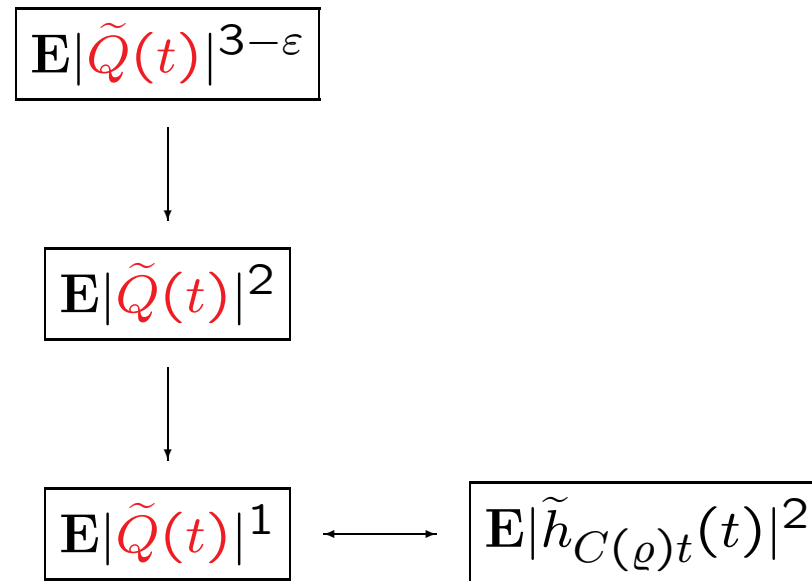


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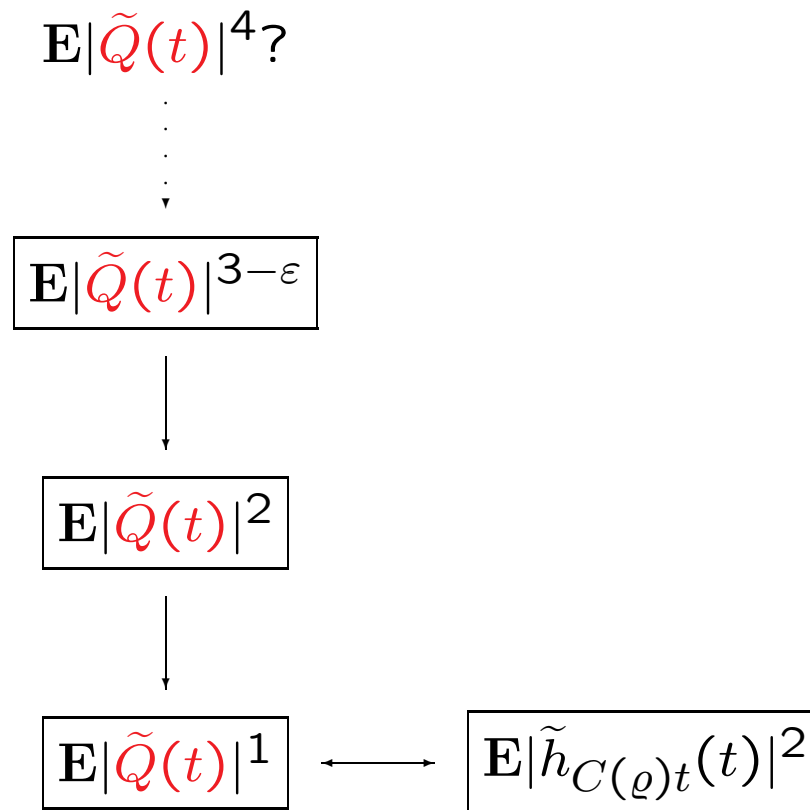


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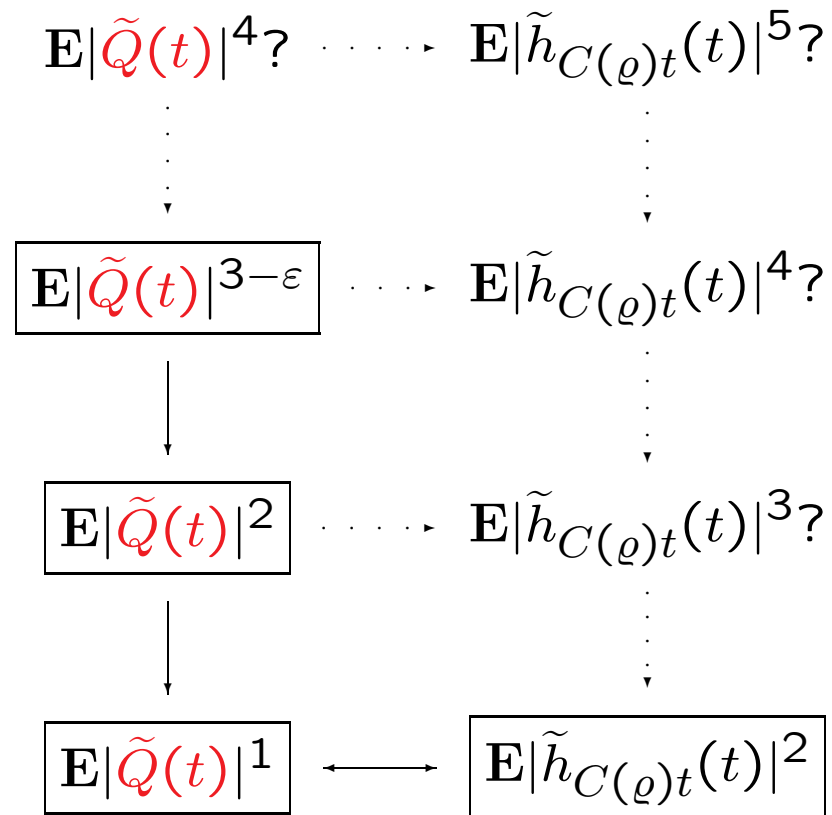
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