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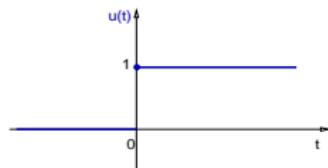
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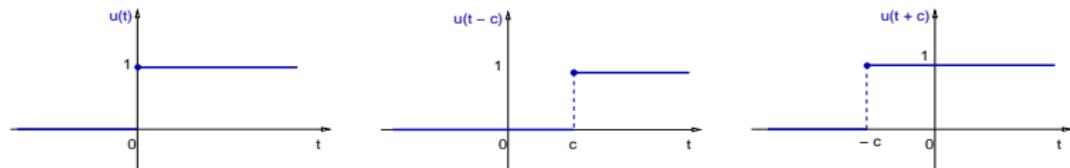
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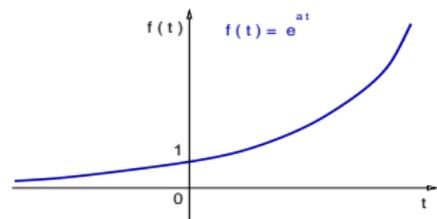
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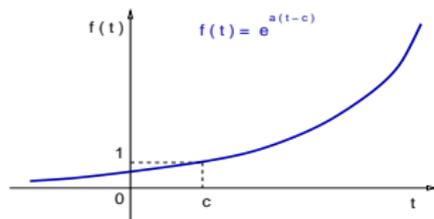
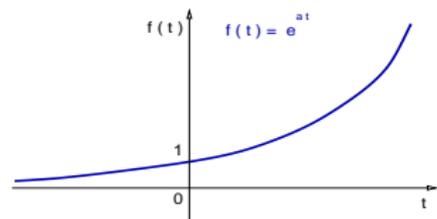
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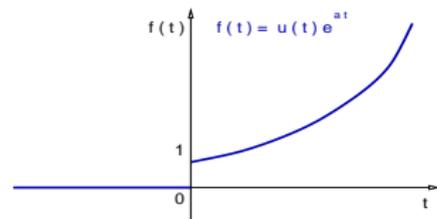
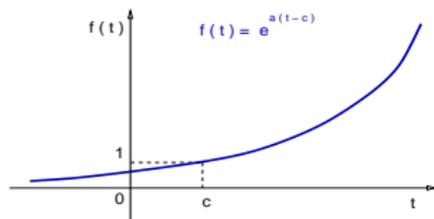
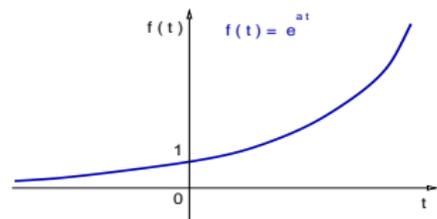
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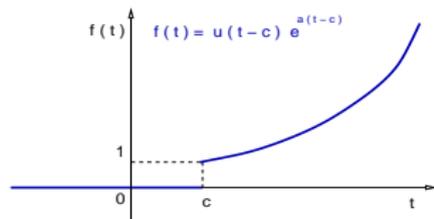
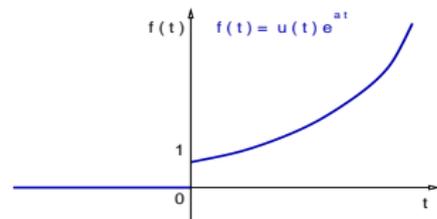
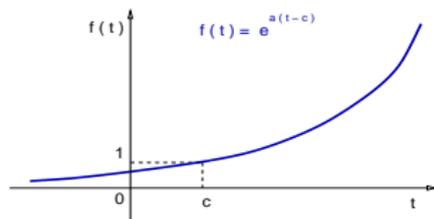
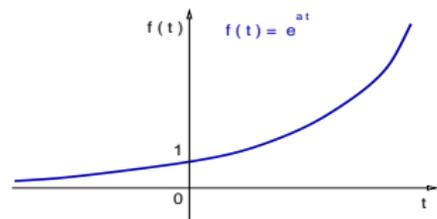
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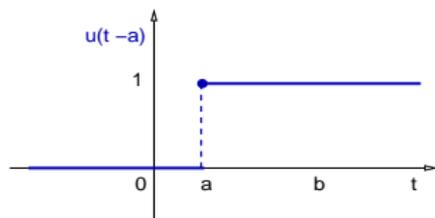
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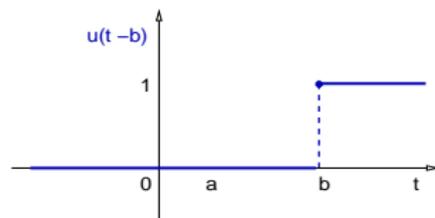
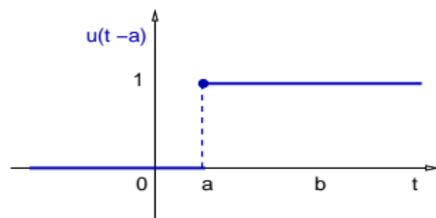


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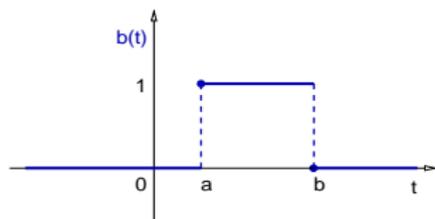
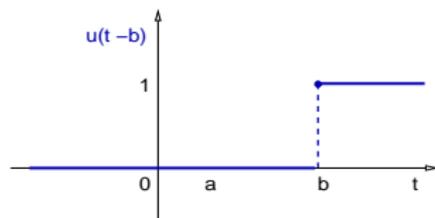
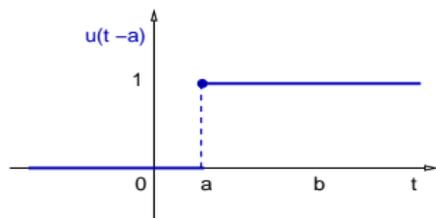


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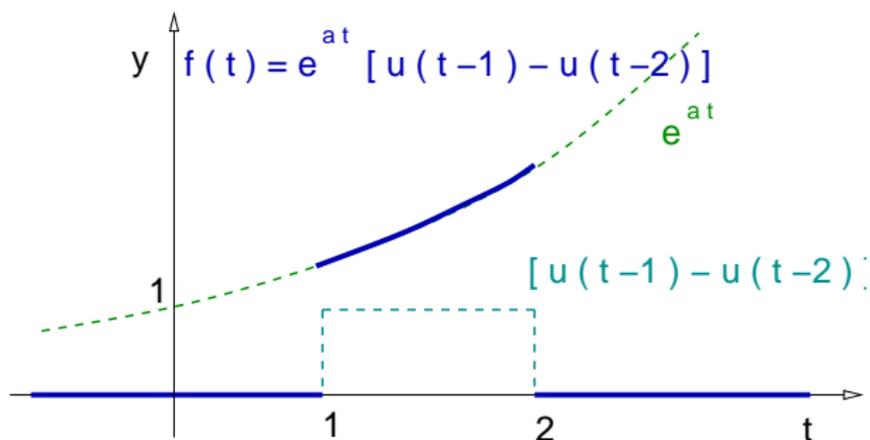
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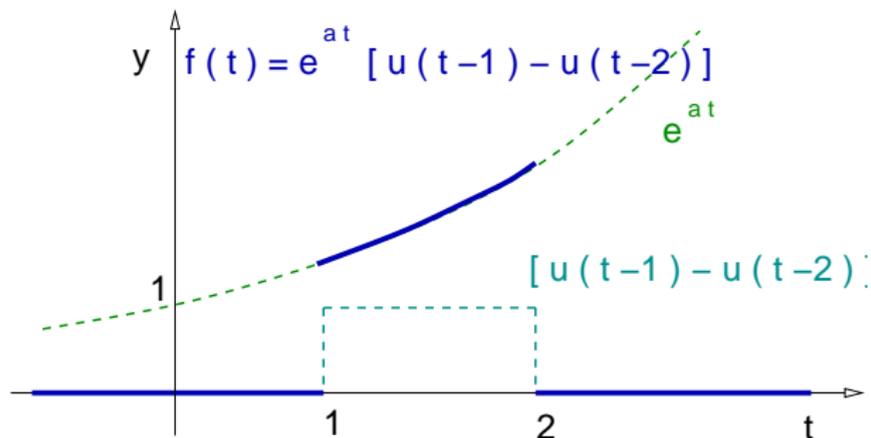


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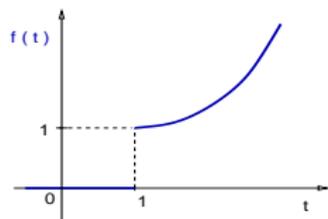
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We conclude that

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Equations with discontinuous sources (Sect. 6.4).

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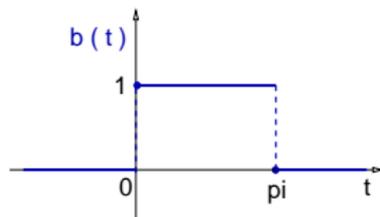
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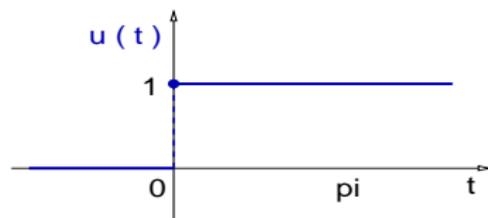
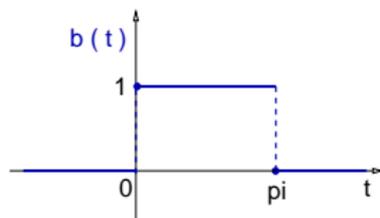
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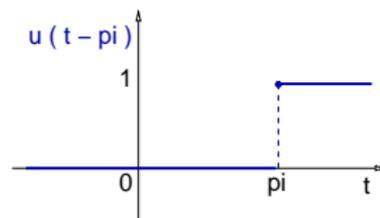
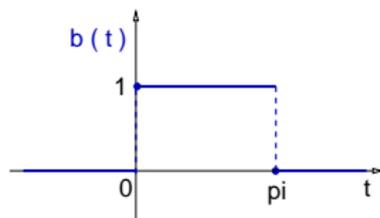
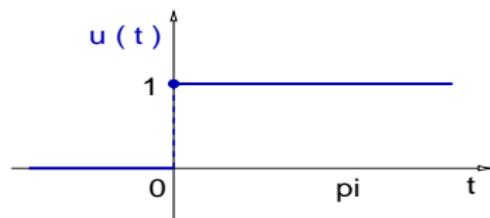
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We arrive at the expression: $\mathcal{L}[y] = (1 - e^{-\pi s})\frac{1}{s(s^2 + s + \frac{5}{4})}$.

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Equations with discontinuous sources (Sect. 6.4).

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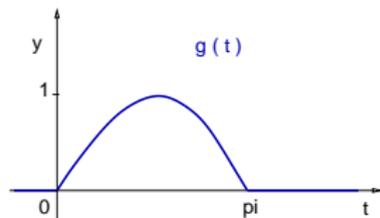
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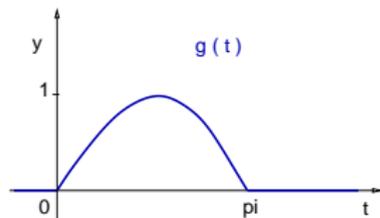
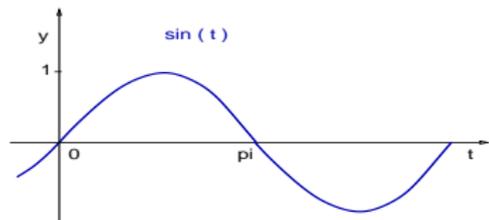
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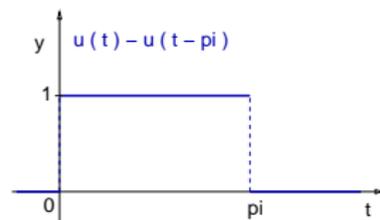
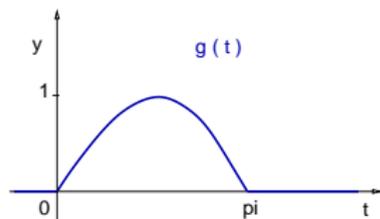
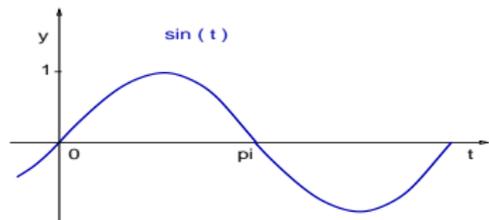
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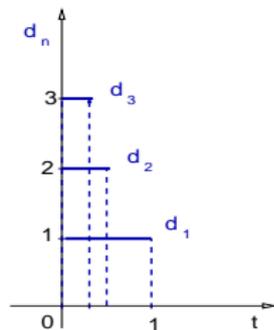
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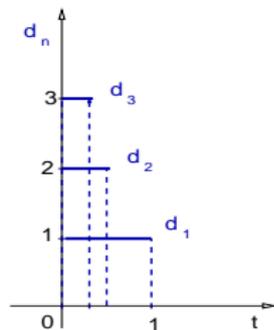


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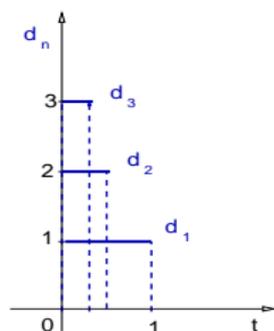
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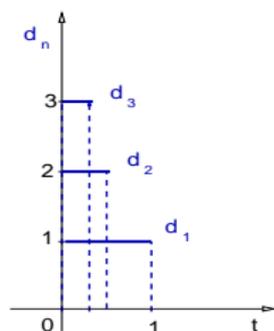
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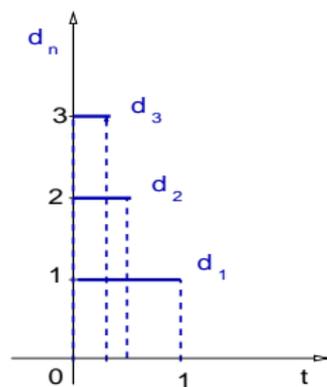
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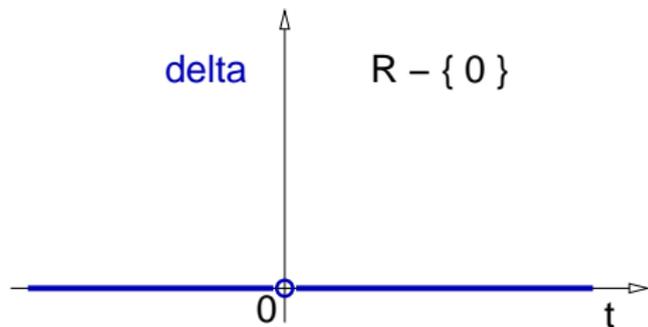
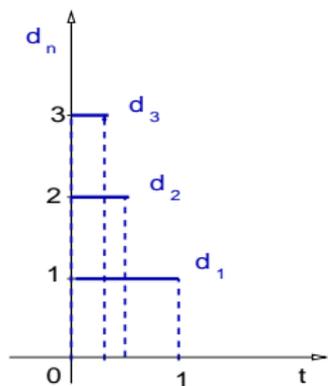
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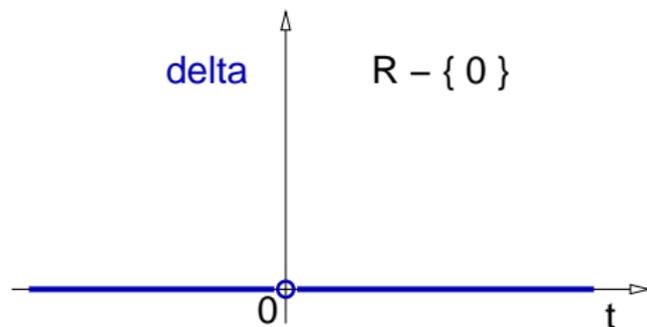
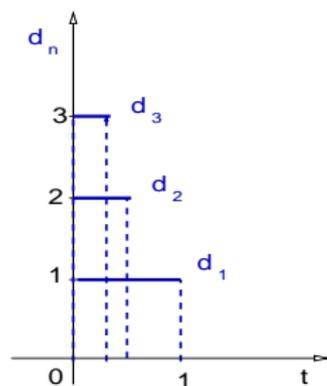
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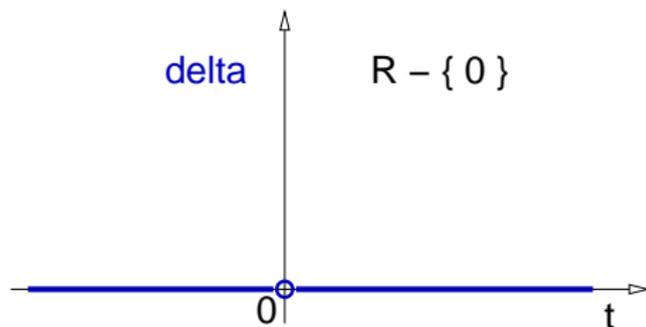
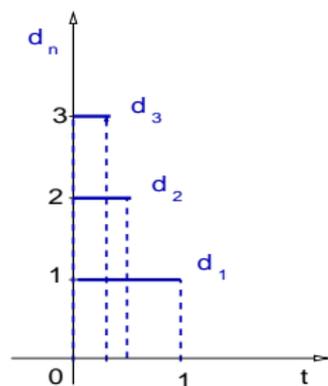
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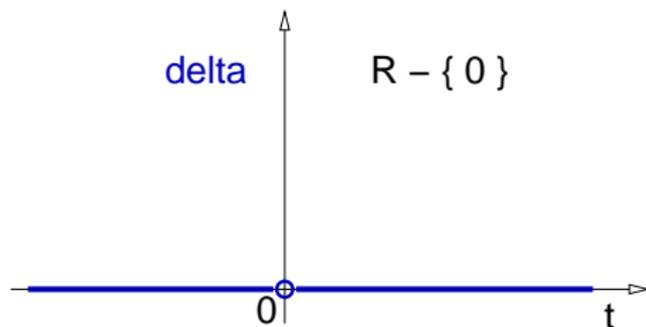
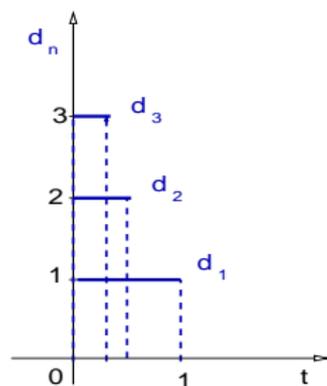
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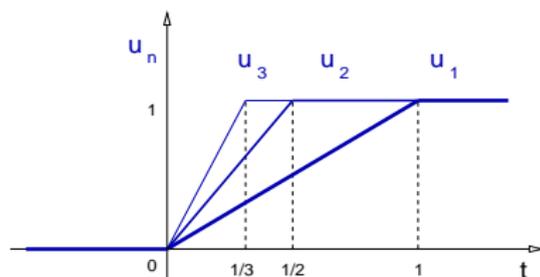
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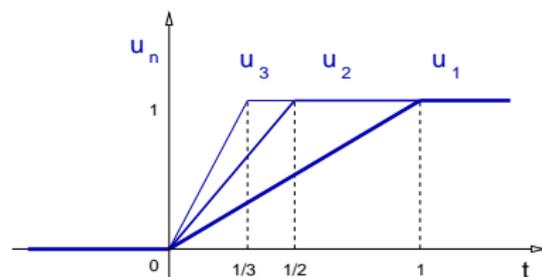


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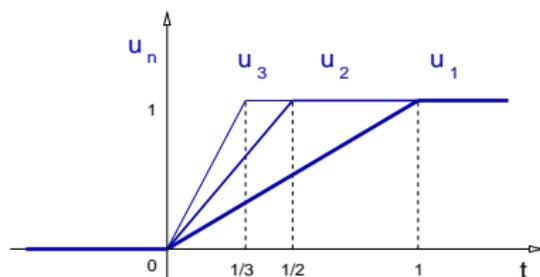
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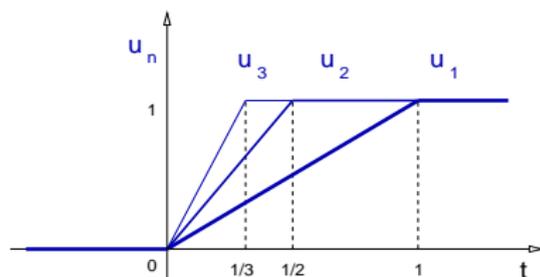
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