



stair function

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A *stair* function is a real function of the form

$$\phi = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \chi_{I_k} \tag{1}$$

where $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$, χ_{I_k} is the characteristic function, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n are bounded, pairwise disjoint intervals, for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.