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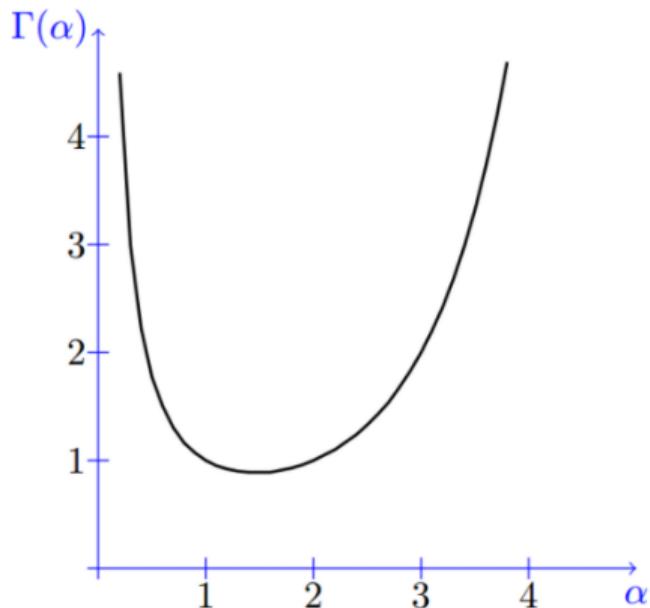


Figure: Gamma function for positive real values

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Make a change of variable: $x = \lambda y, dx = \lambda dy$. When $x=0, y=0$
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We have

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Integrating by parts.

$$= \lambda^{\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x} dx \right)$$

$$\text{Let us}\int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\lambda^{\alpha+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(\alpha+1) = \alpha \Gamma(\alpha)$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 0$$

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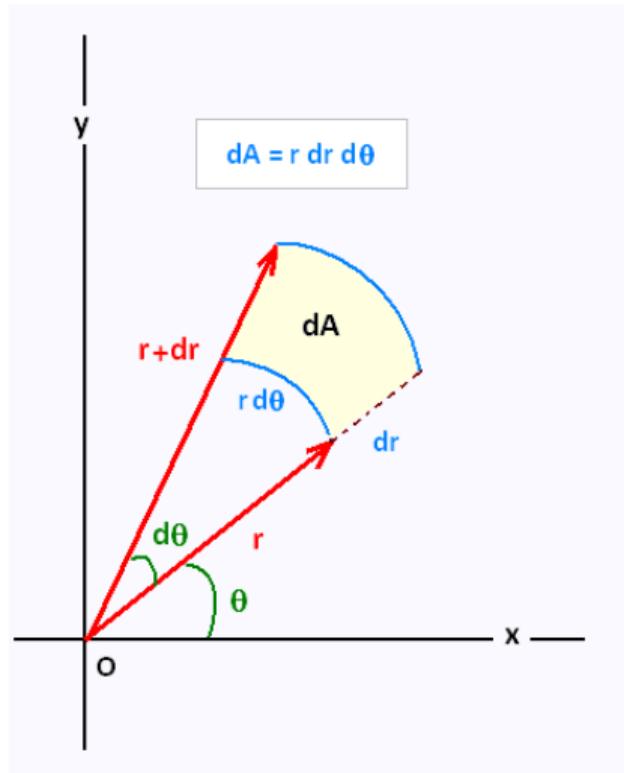
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Step-3: Proof of $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$

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Problem on Gamma Function

→ Find $\Gamma(7/2)$

Find the value of the following integral

$$I = \int_0^\infty x^6 e^{-5x} dx$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Use known:

$$\int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\lambda^\alpha}$$
$$\alpha=7, \lambda=5 \quad I = \frac{\Gamma(7)}{5^7} = \frac{6!}{5^7} //$$
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Answer to previous problem...



Solved Problem 1

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Let $U \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ and $X = -\ln(1 - U)$. Show that $X \sim \text{Exponential}(1)$.

Solution:

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- • Find $P(X > 2 | Y < 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(-2 < Y < 1) &= F_Y(1) - F_Y(-2) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{1 - (-1)}{4}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{-2 - (-1)}{4}\right) \\ &\stackrel{=} \Phi(0.5) - \Phi(-0.25) \\ &\stackrel{\text{look in the tables.}}{=} \end{aligned}$$

• $X \sim N(2, 4)$, $\mu_X = 2$, $\sigma_X = 2$

$$P(X > 1) = 1 - P(X \leq 1) = 1 - F_X(1) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{1-2}{2}\right) = 1 - \Phi(-0.5) = \Phi(0.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot P(-2 < Y < 1). \text{ Since } Y &= 3 - 2X && \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Recall, if } Y = ax + b, \\ \text{then } \mu_Y = a\mu_X + b \end{array} \right] \\ \Rightarrow Y &\sim N(-1, 16) \rightarrow \text{std. m.} \\ &\quad \text{top-} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 2 | Y < 1) &= P(X > 2 | 3 - 2X < 1) \\ &= P(X > 2 | X > 1) = \frac{P(X > 2, X > 1)}{P(X > 1)} \\ &= \frac{P(X > 2)}{P(X > 1)} = \frac{1 - P(X \leq 2)}{P(X > 1)} \\ &= \frac{1 - F_X(2)}{P(X > 1)} = \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{2 - \mu}{\sigma}\right)}{P(X > 1)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \Phi(0)}{P(X > 1)} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{known from} \\ \text{tables} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 - 2X &< 1 \\ -2X &< -2 \\ X &> 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solved Problem 3

$N(0,1) \leftarrow$ std normal

Problem 3

Let $X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$. Find $E[|X|]$.

Solution: \nearrow normal but not necessarily std. normal

$X = GZ$, where Z is std. normal, $Z \sim N(0,1)$.

$$E[|X|] = E[G|Z|] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E[|GZ|] e^{-t^2/2} dt = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-t^2/2} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[|Z|] &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |t| e^{-t^2/2} dt \stackrel{\text{even}}{=} \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-t^2/2} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t^2/2}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{d}{dt} (-t^2/2)} dt = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} -e^{-t^2/2} dt \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[\frac{e^{-t^2/2}}{-1} \right]_0^{\infty} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} [0 - (-1)] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Rightarrow E[|X|] = G \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \end{aligned}$$

Solved Problem 4

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Show that

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

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Example of mixed random variable

Let X be a continuous random variable with the following PDF

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let

$$Y = g(X) = \begin{cases} X & 0 \leq X \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & X > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

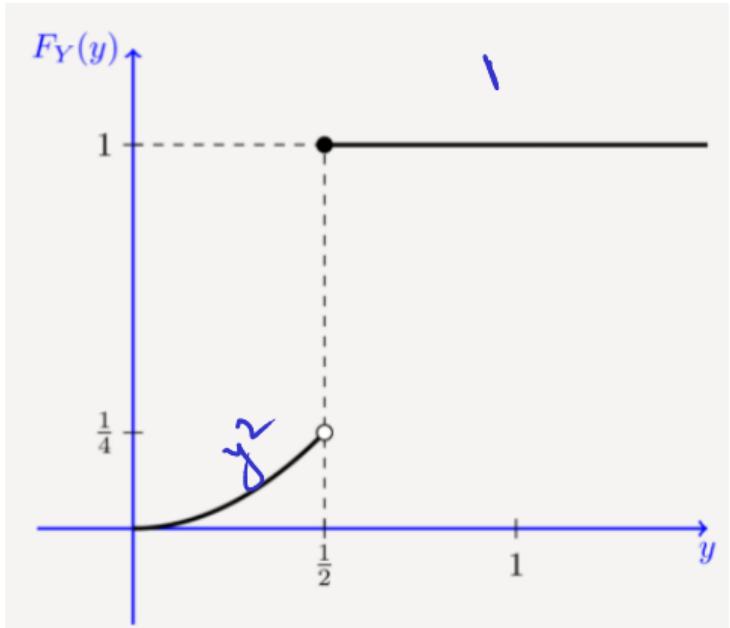
Find the CDF of Y .

$$f_X = [0, 1]. \text{ For } x \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow 0 \leq g(x) \leq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow R_Y = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$$
$$\Rightarrow F_Y = 0 \text{ for } y < 0 \quad \boxed{P(Y = \frac{1}{2}) = P(X > \frac{1}{2}) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 2x dx = \frac{3}{4}}$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \text{for } y > \frac{1}{2}$$

for $0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2}$

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(X \leq y)$$
$$= \int_0^y 2x dx = y^2$$
$$\Rightarrow F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ y^2 & 0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & y > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

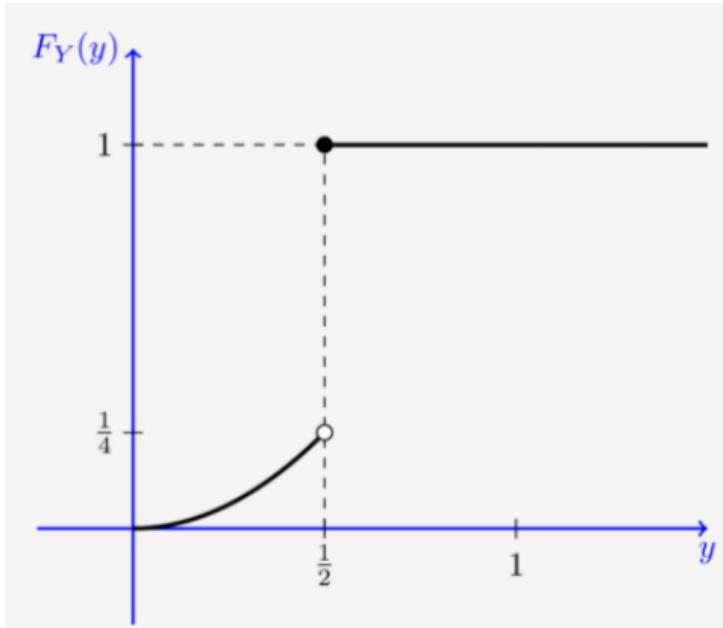
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$$\begin{aligned}F_Y(1) &= F_Y(\underline{y^2}) + P_Y(Y=y_2) \\&= \frac{1}{4} + \boxed{\frac{3}{4}} = 1\end{aligned}$$

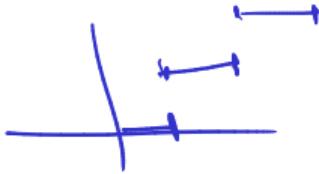
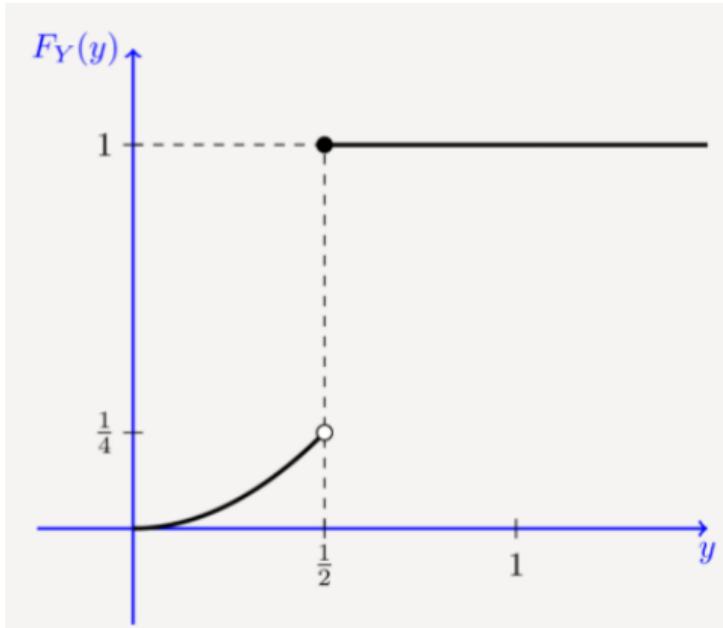
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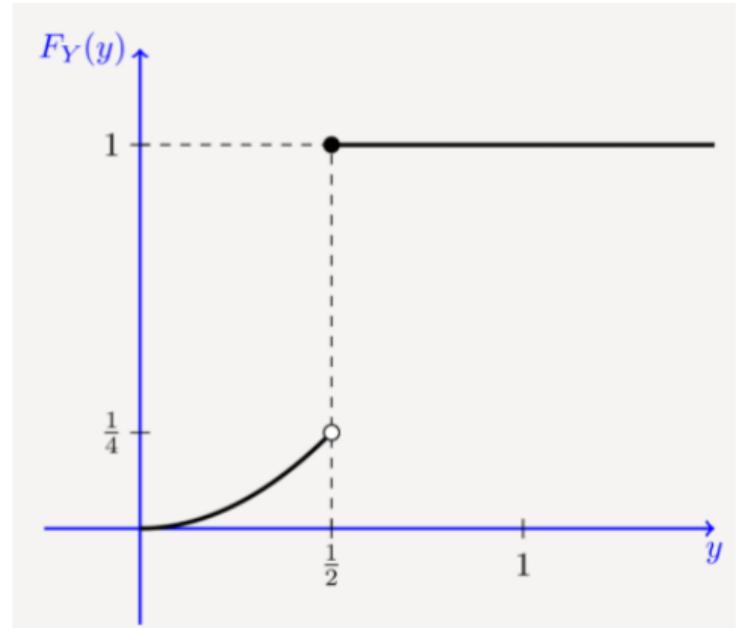
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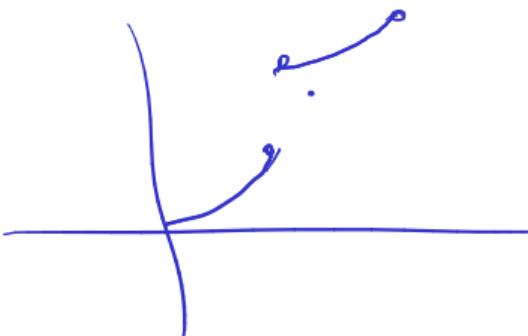


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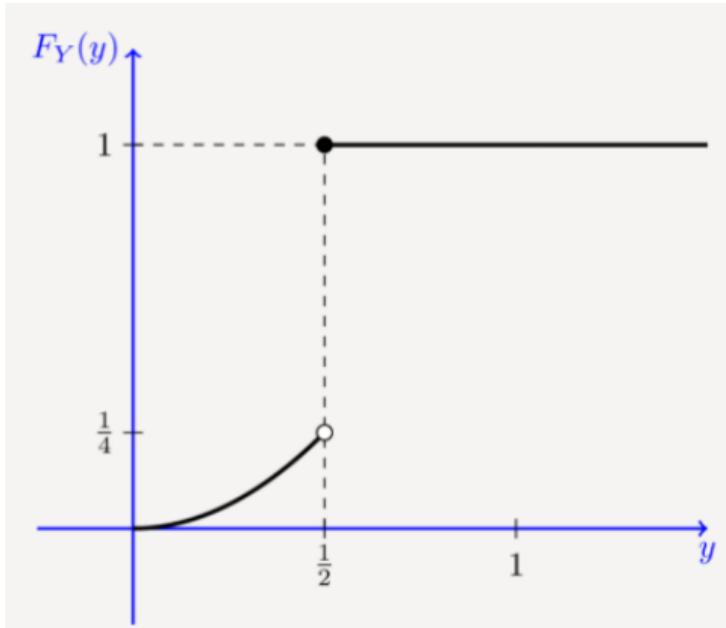
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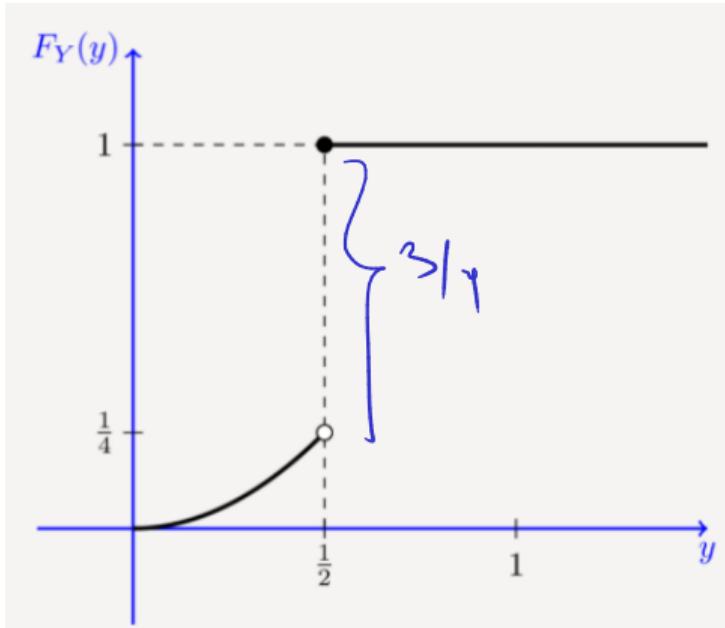


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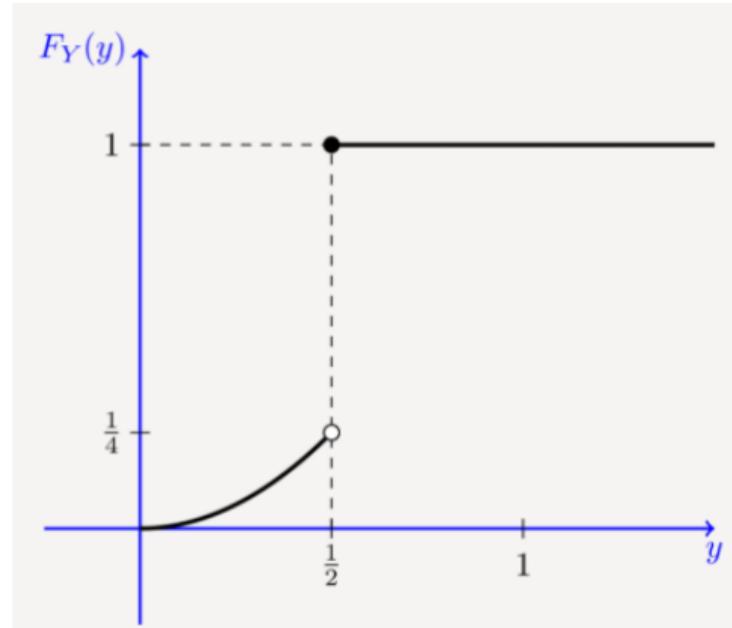
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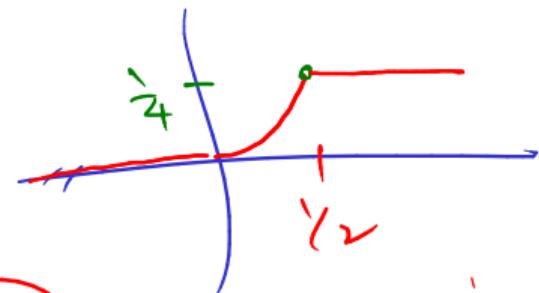
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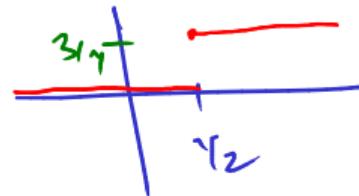
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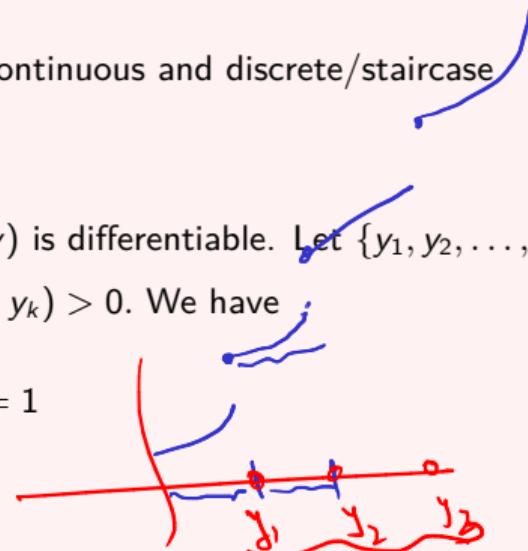
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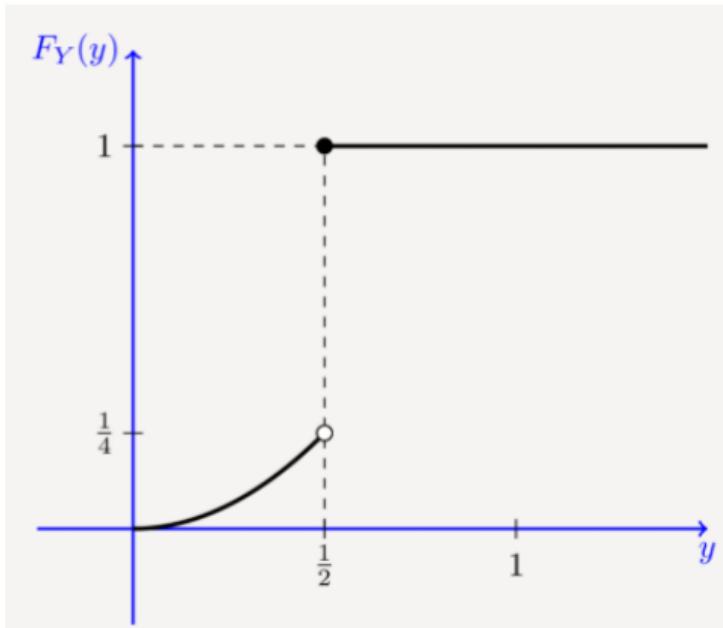
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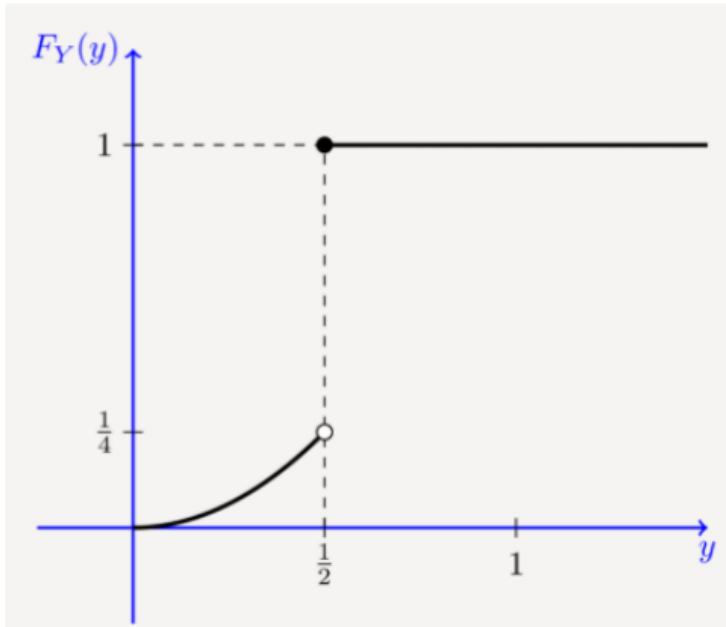


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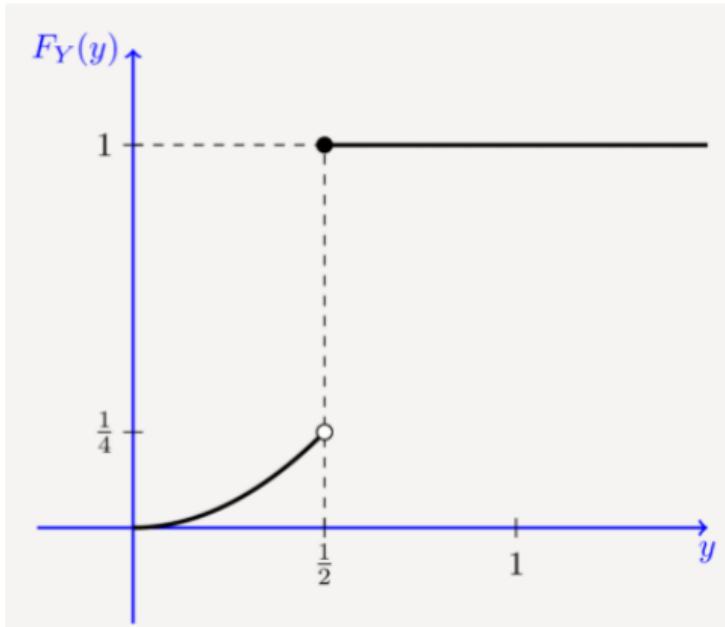


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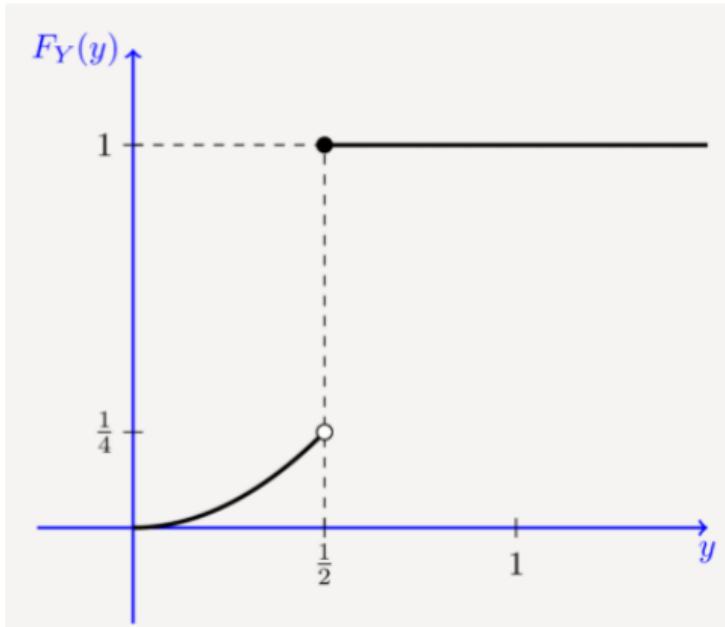
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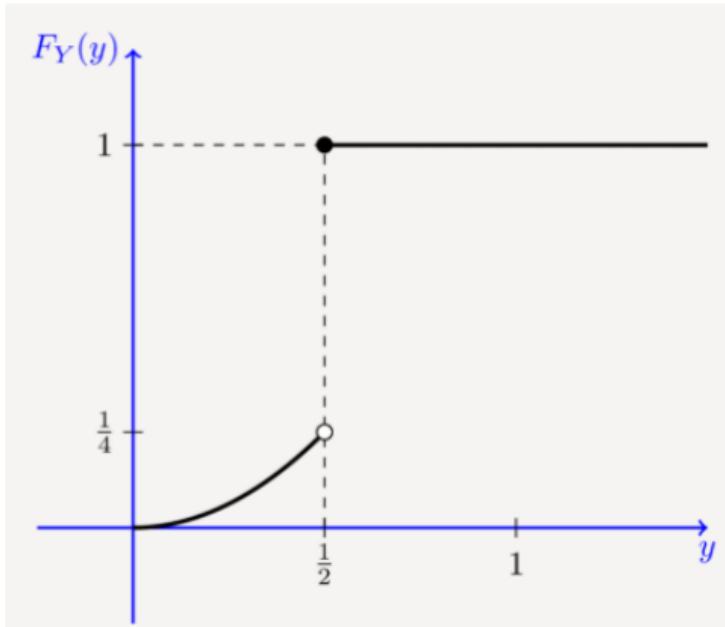


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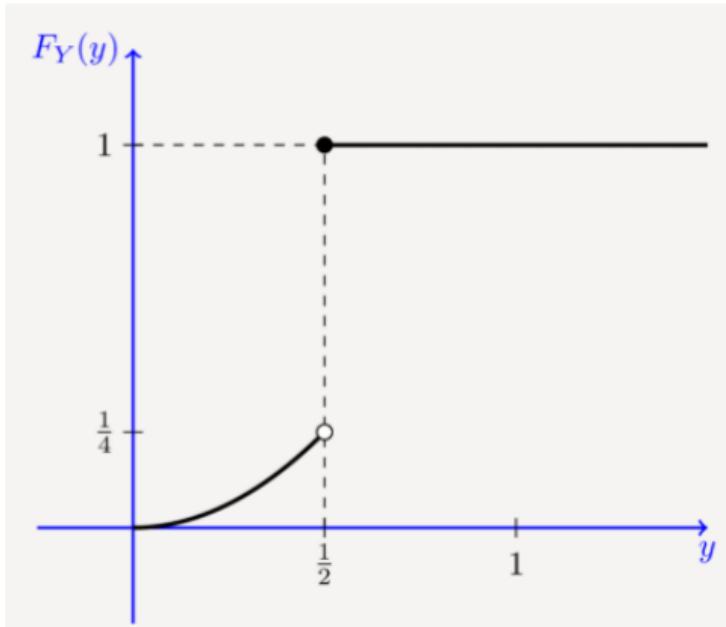
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