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where \mathcal{B} is the Borel σ -algebra and

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- ▶ This theorem is useful in some cases to find the densities of functions of continuous random variables

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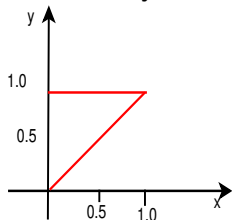
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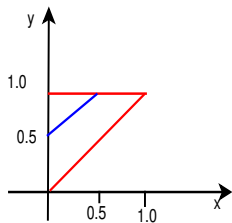
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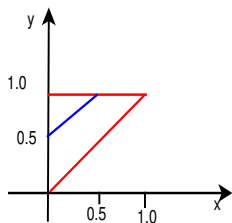
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