Lecture 7

- 4.1 Definition of the Laplace Transform
- 4.2 Solving Initial Value Problems

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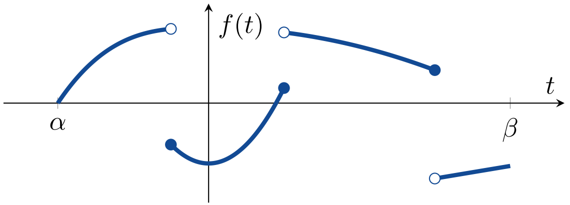

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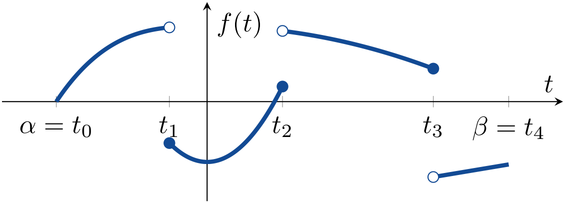

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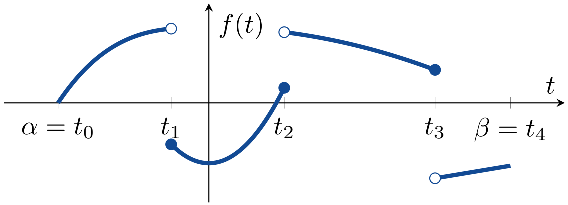

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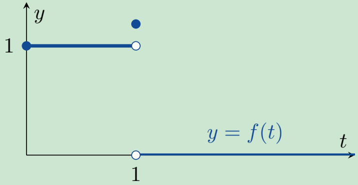

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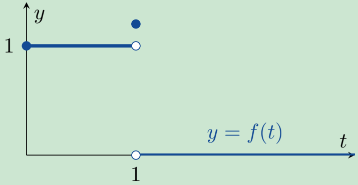

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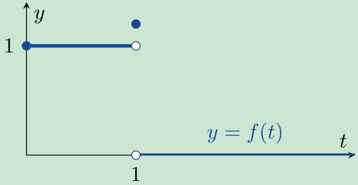

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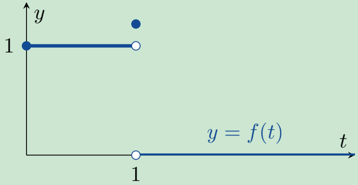

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Therefore the formula holds for $n = 1$.

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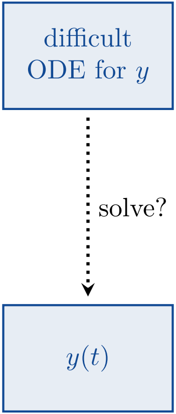

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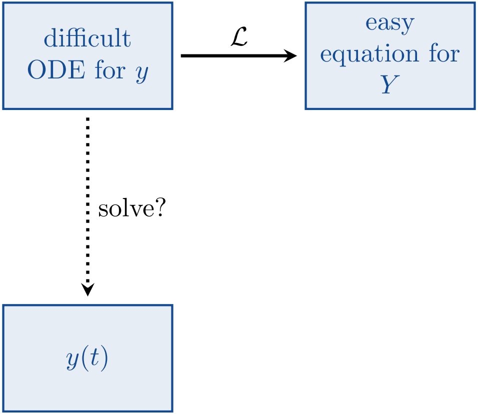

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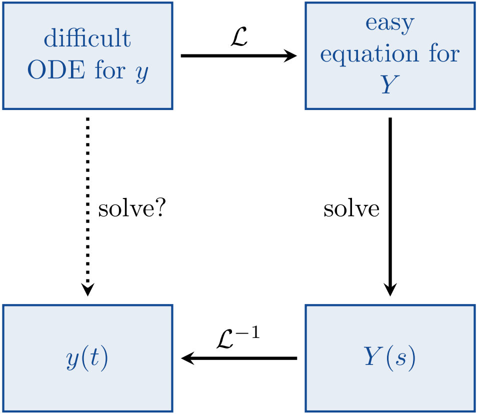

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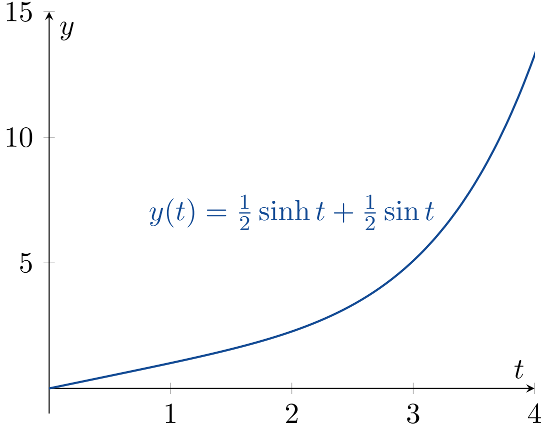

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