

# On some generalization of the classical concept of bounded variation with applications

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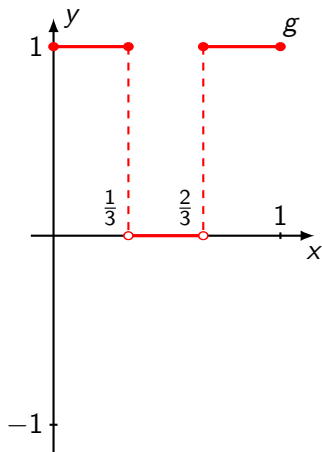
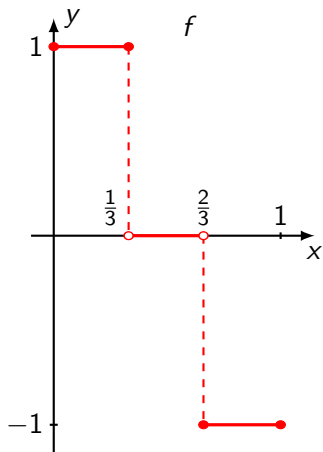
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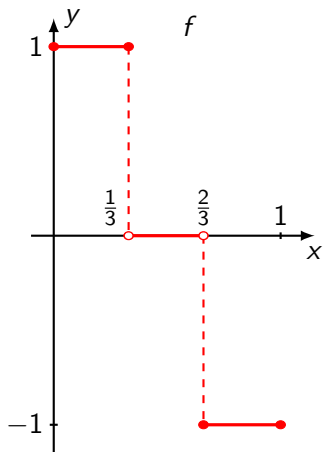
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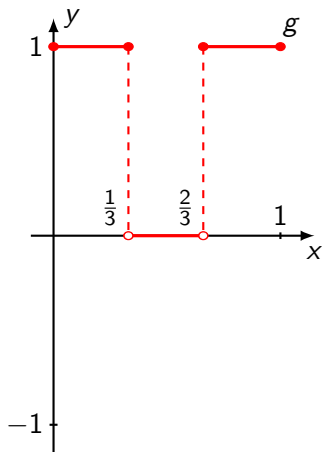
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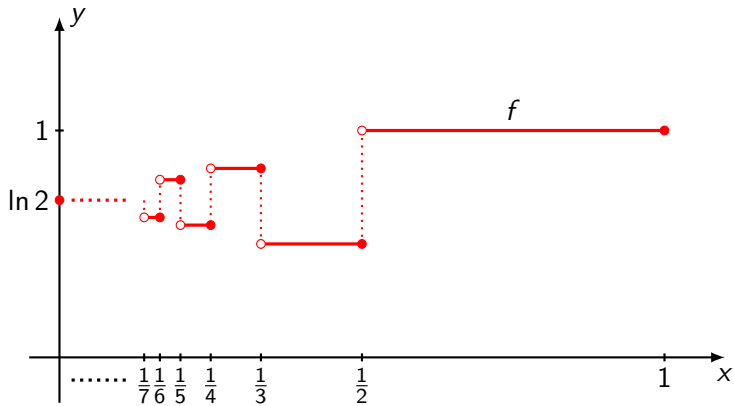
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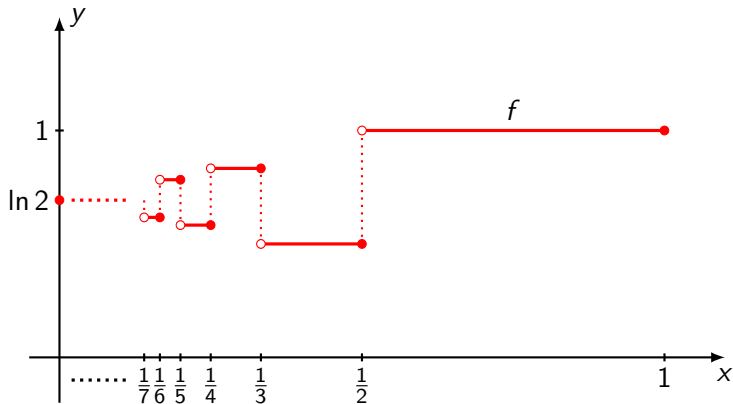
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**Theorem (Bugajewska, O'Regan, 2005)**

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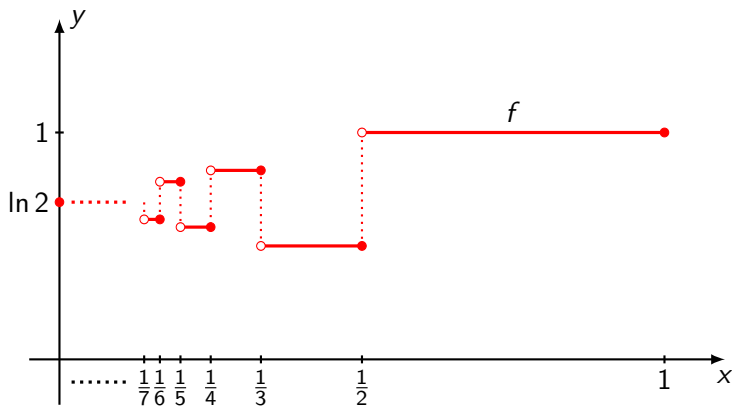
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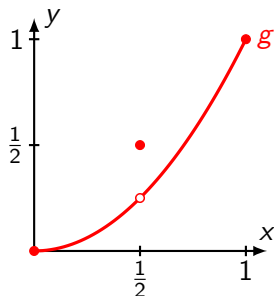
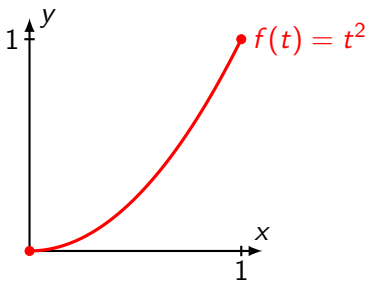
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Among all the solutions of  $(\underline{H})$  in  $\Lambda BV[0, 1]$  'the best' ones are the good representatives of the unique solution in  $\Lambda BV$  $[0, 1]$ .



Thank you  
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