

# Exact Support Recovery for Sparse Spikes Deconvolution

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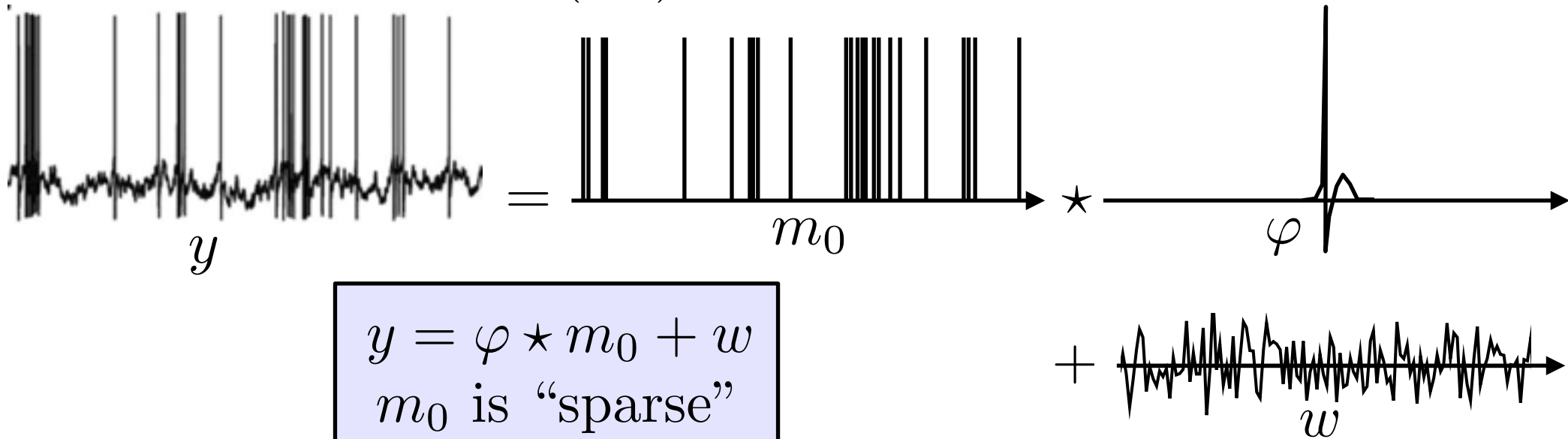


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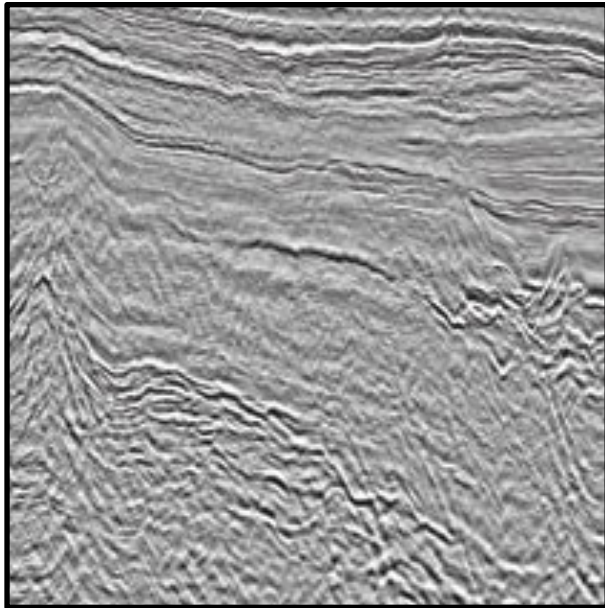
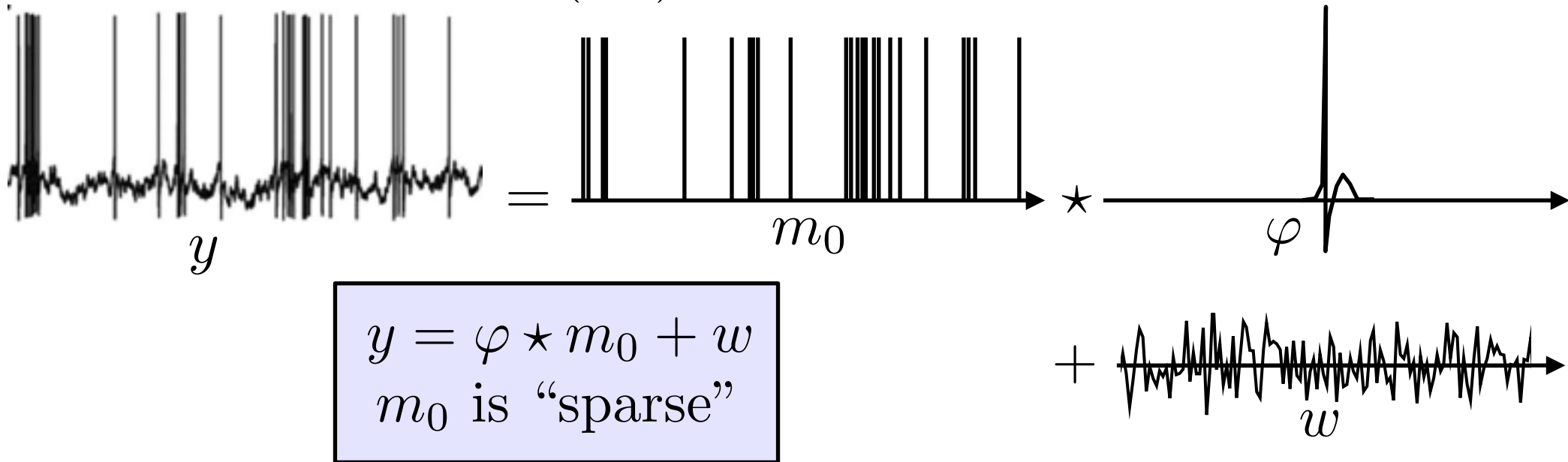


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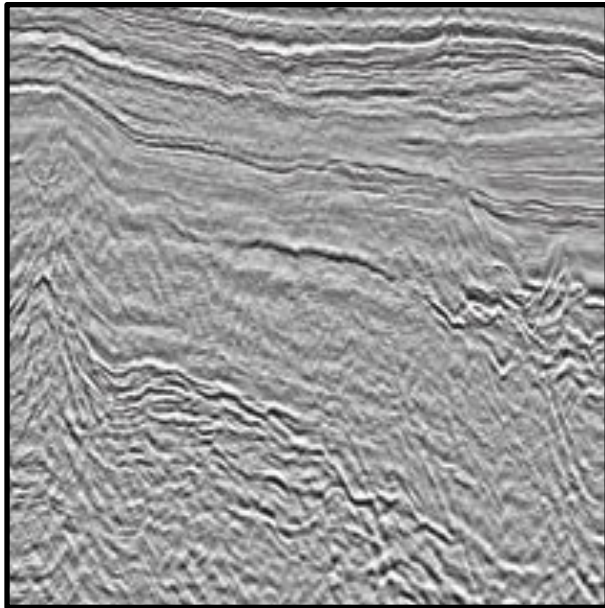
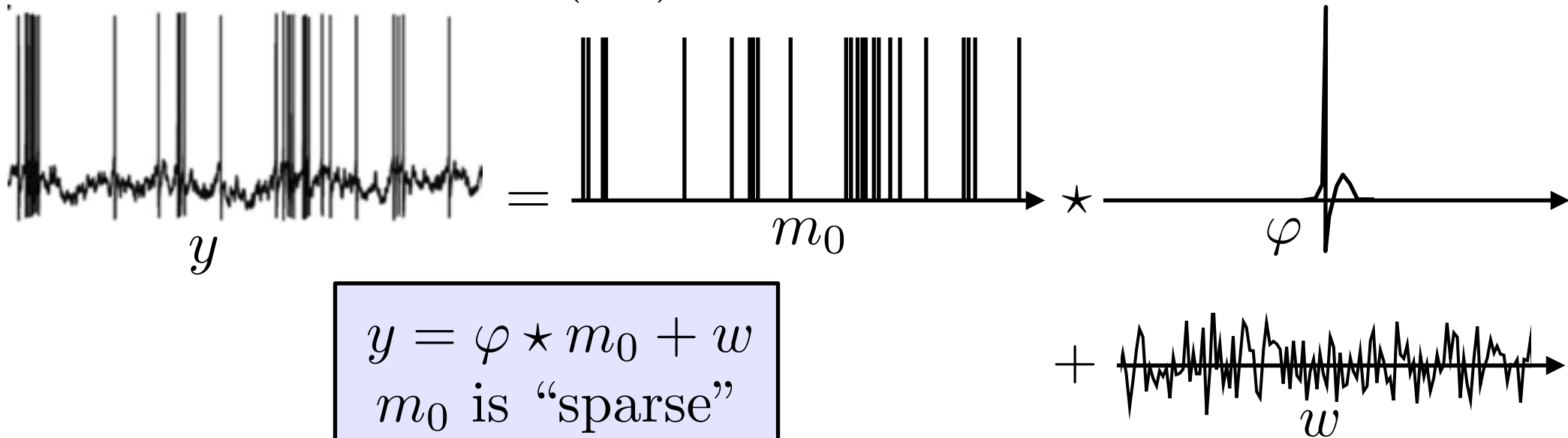
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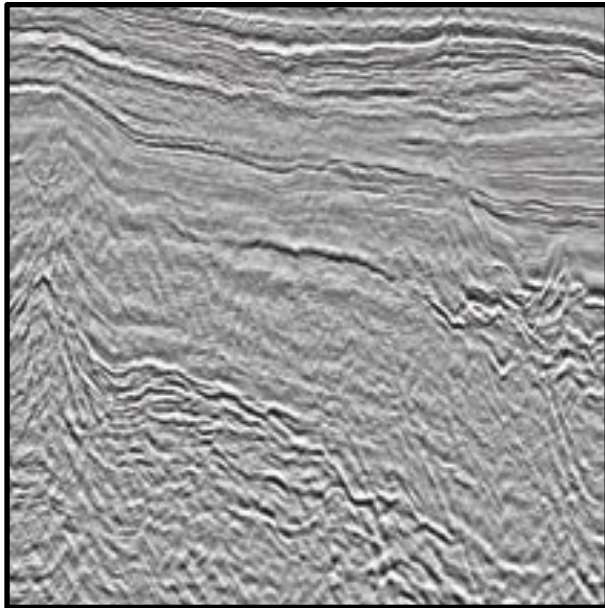
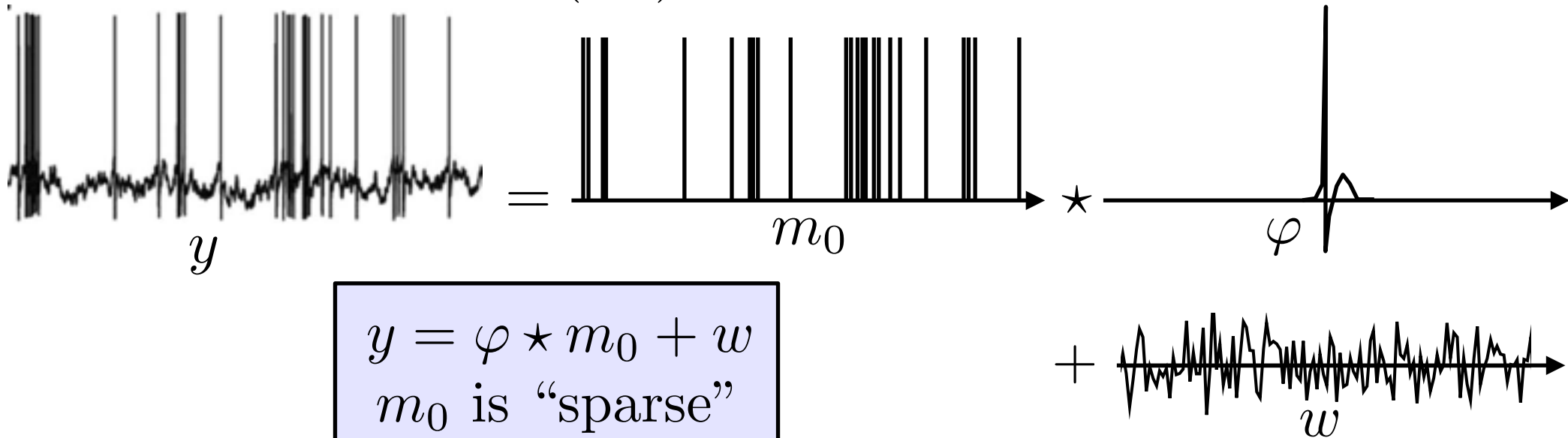


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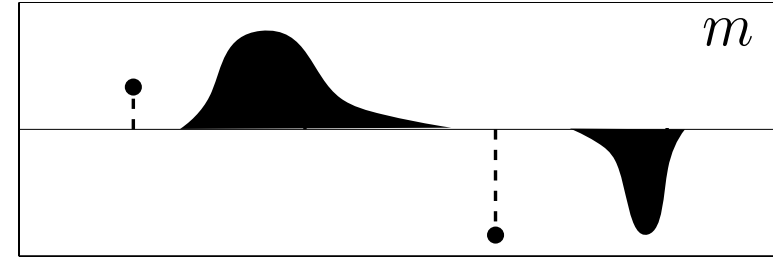
# Overview

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- **Sparse Spikes Super-resolution**
- Robust Support Recovery
- Asymptotic Positive Measure Recovery

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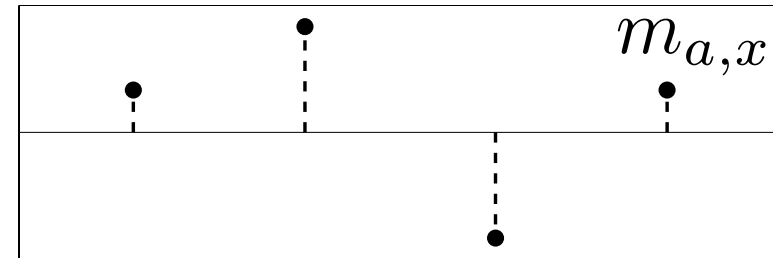
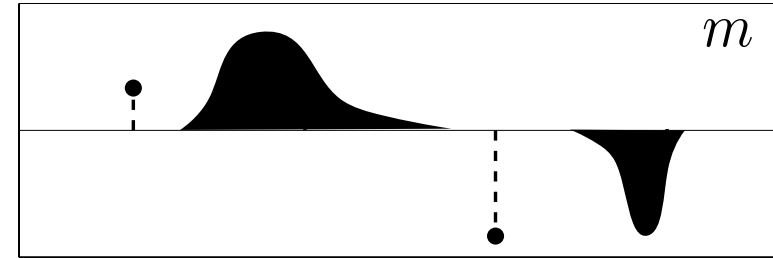


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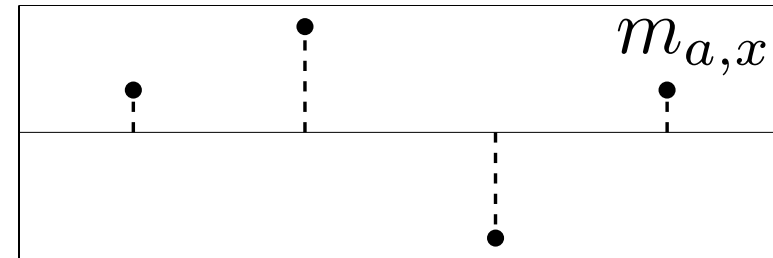
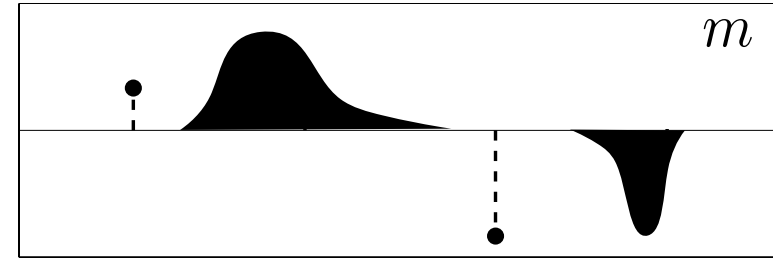
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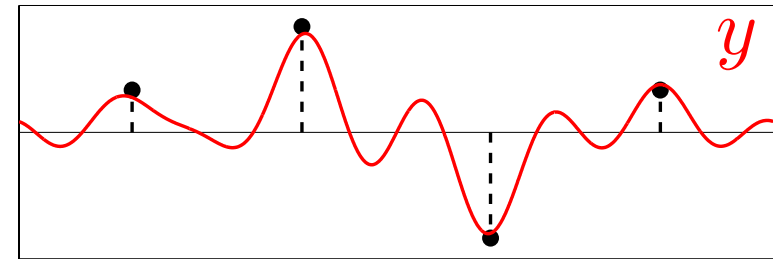
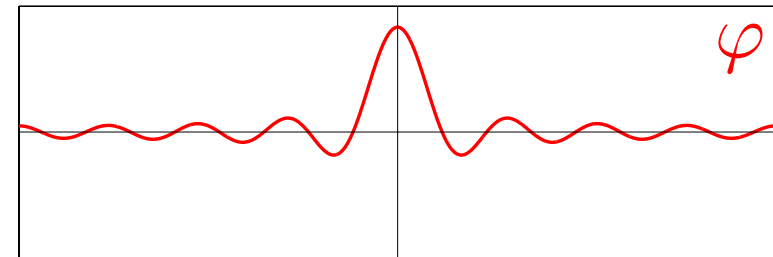
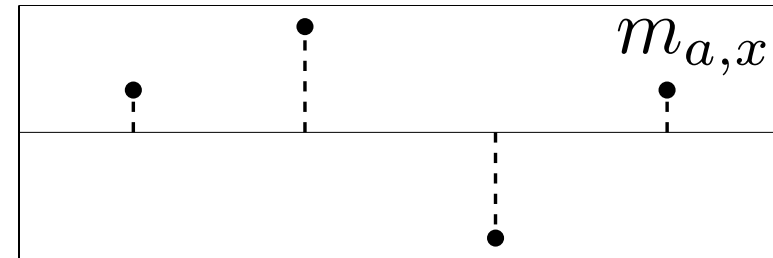
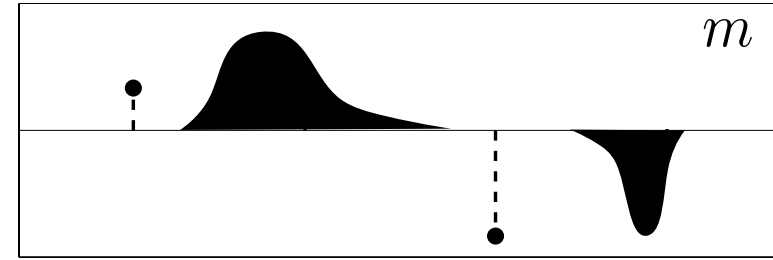
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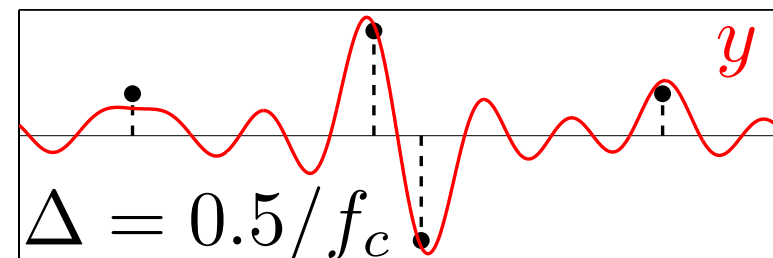
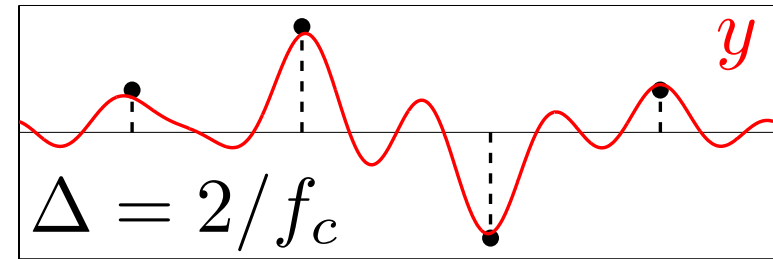
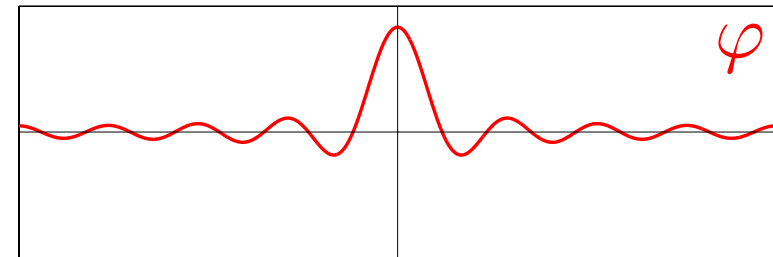
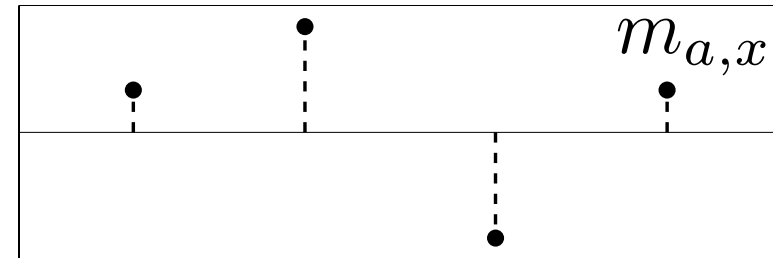
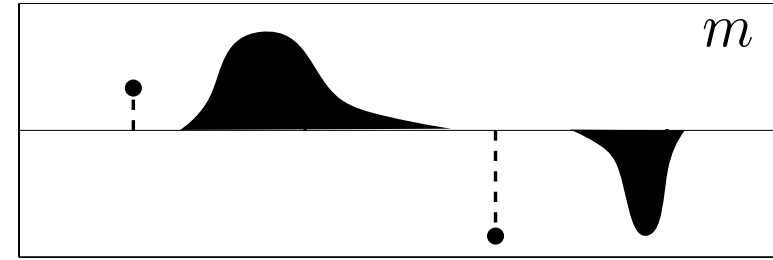
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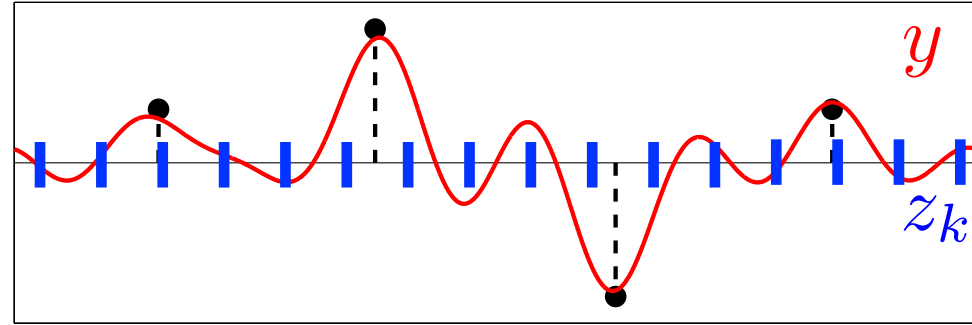
→ Signal-dependent recovery criteria.



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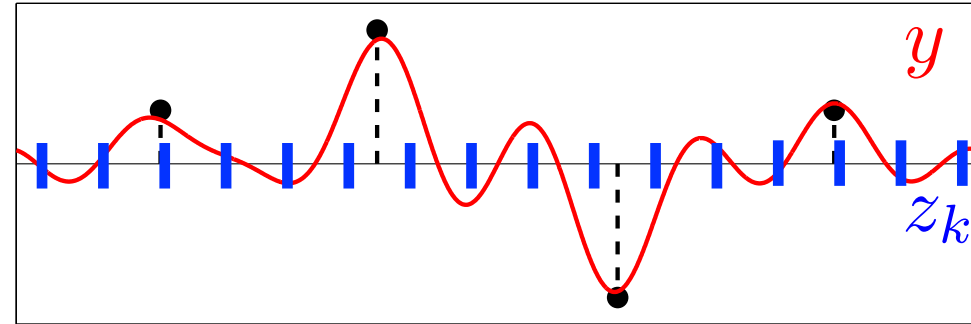
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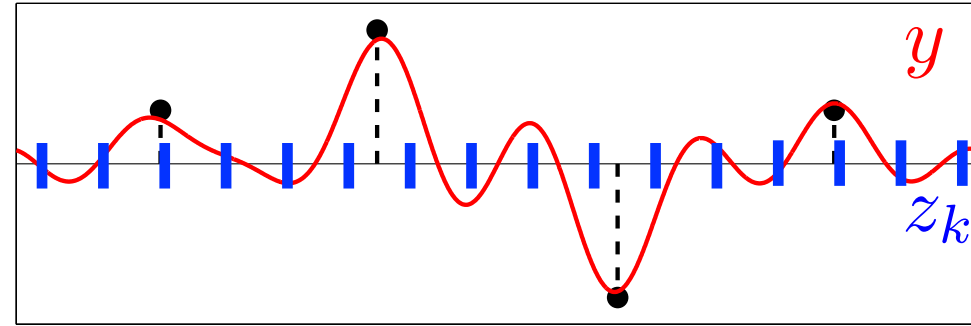
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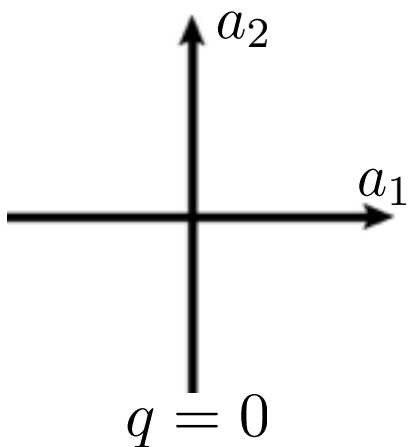


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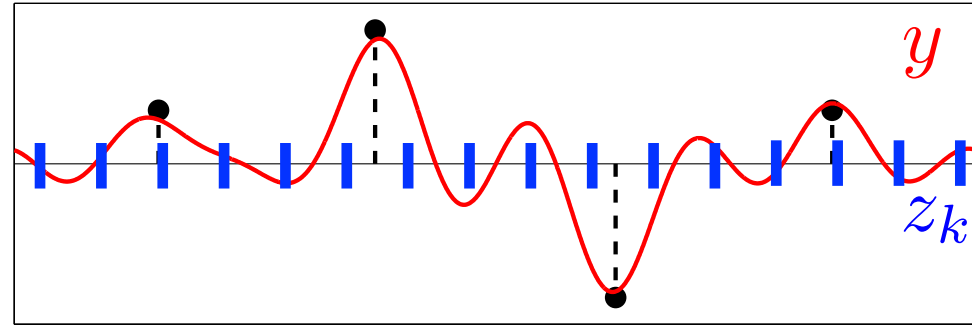
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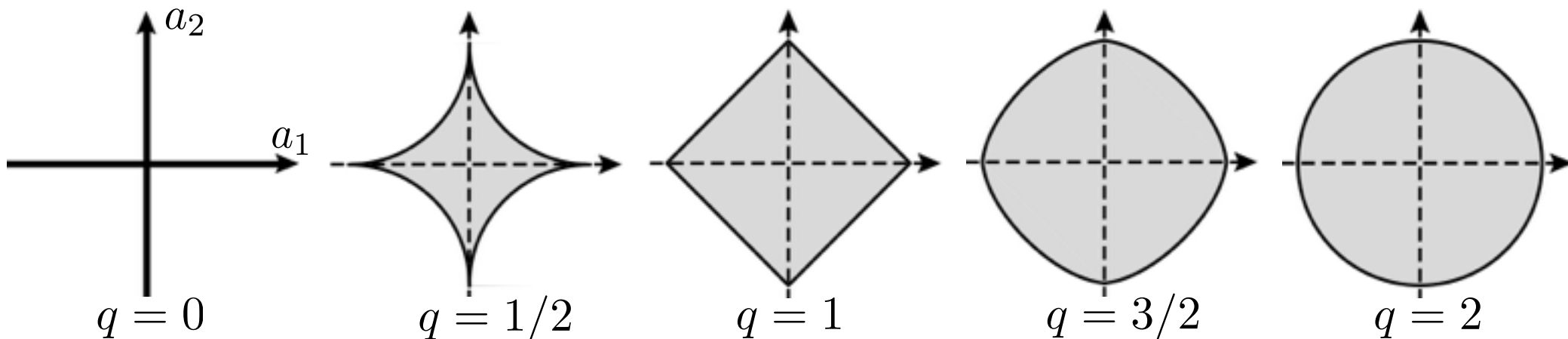
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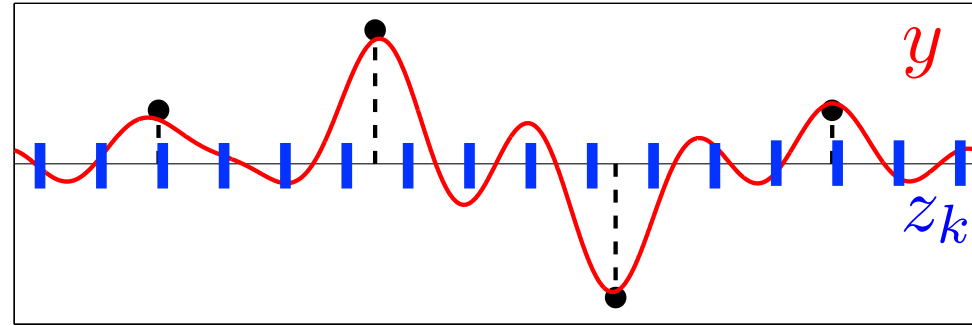
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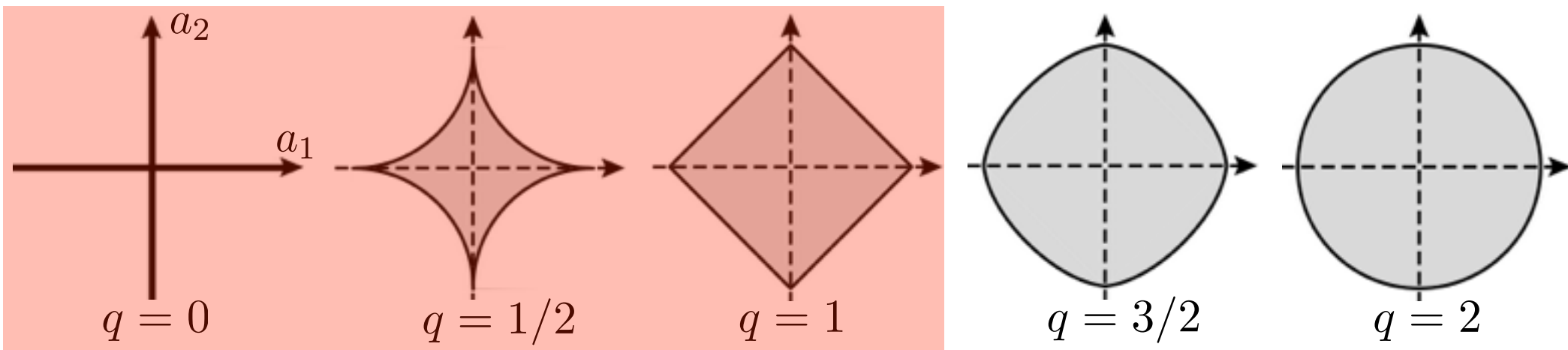
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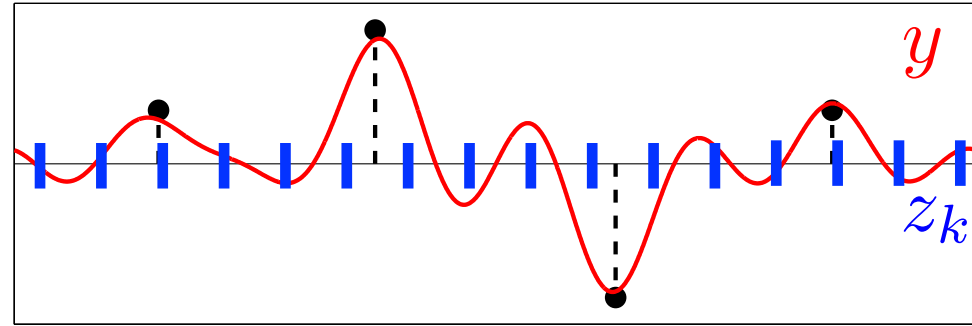
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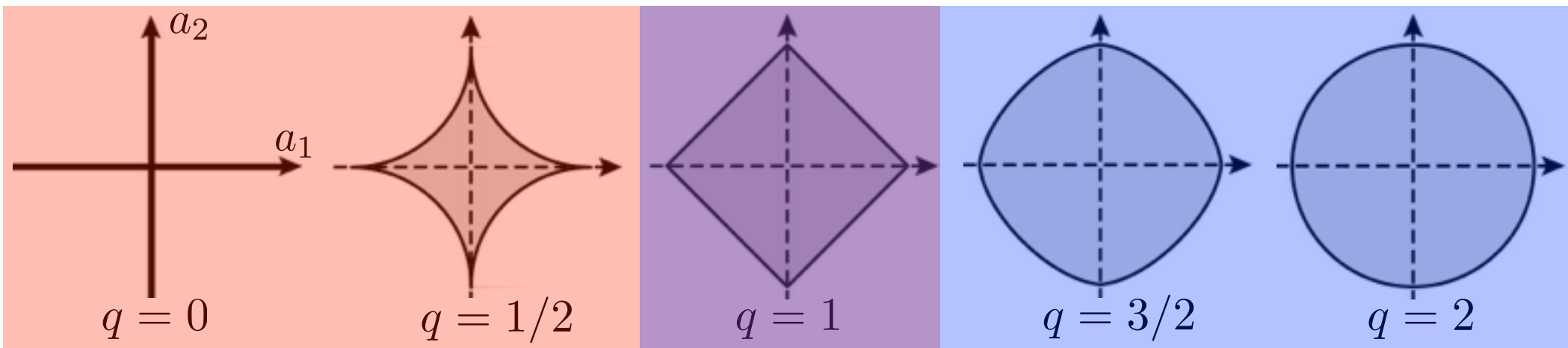
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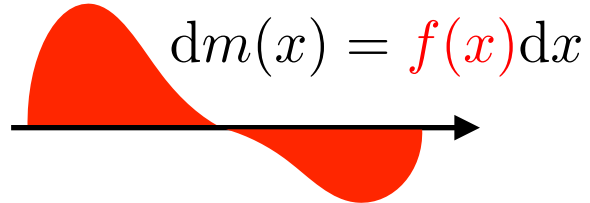
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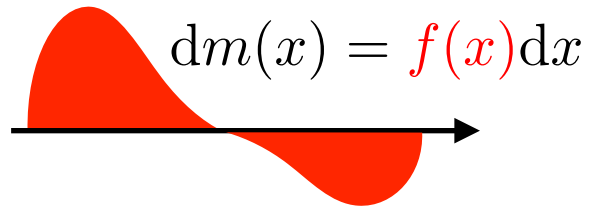


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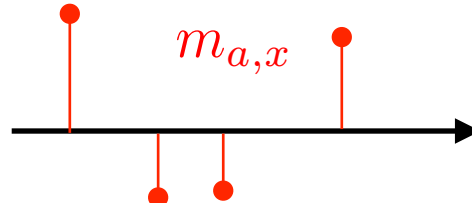
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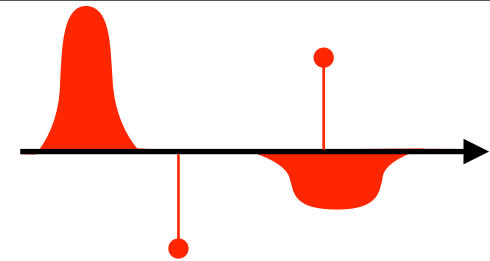
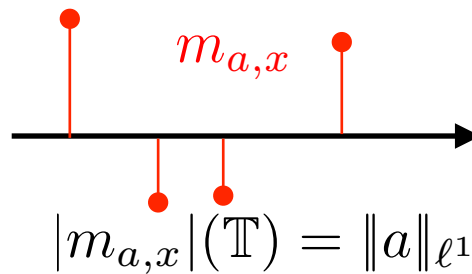
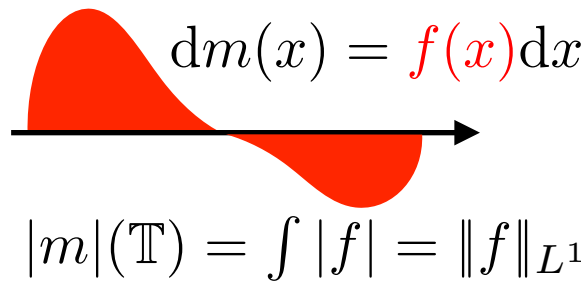
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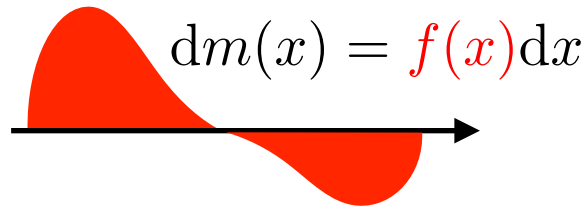
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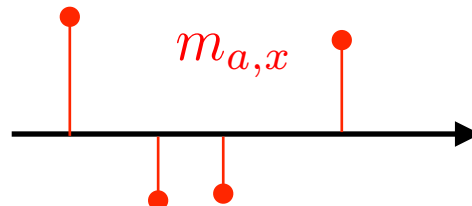
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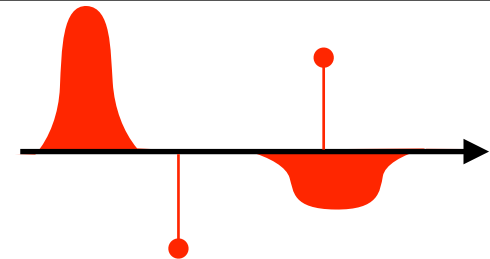
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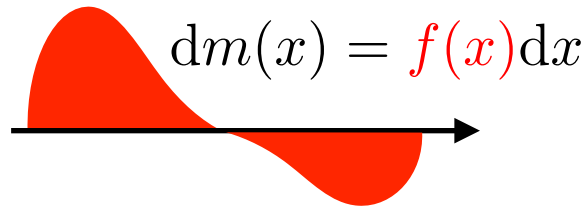
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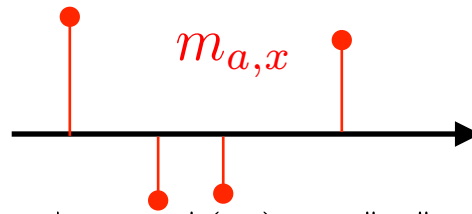
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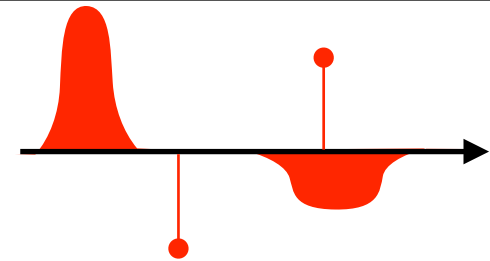
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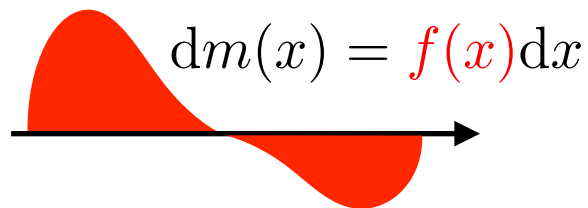
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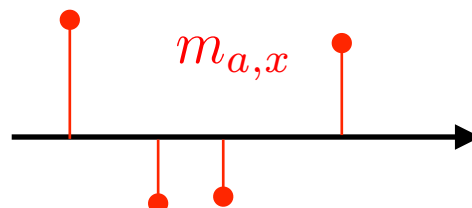
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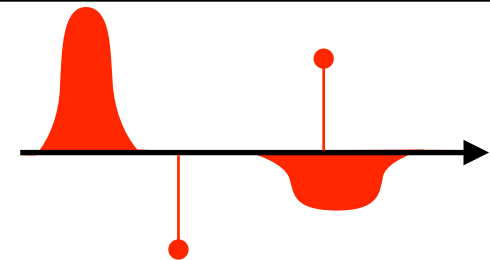
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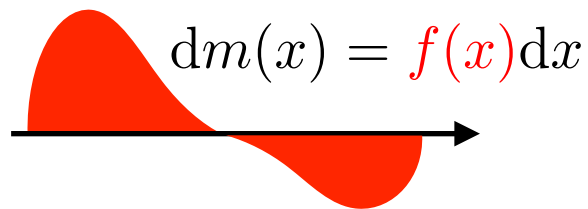
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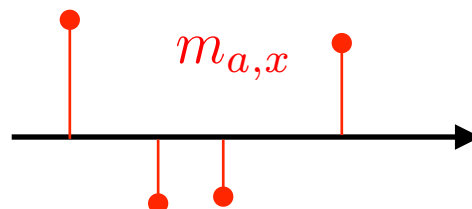
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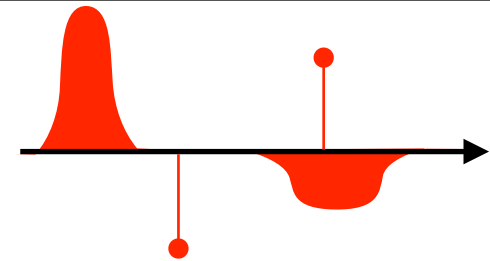
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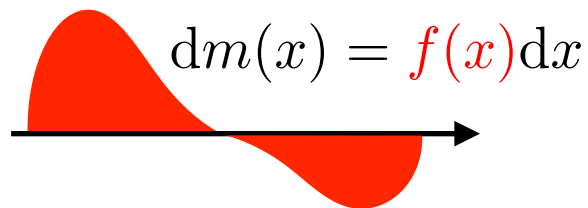
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→ Algorithms: [Bredies, Pikkarainen, 2010] (proximal-based)  
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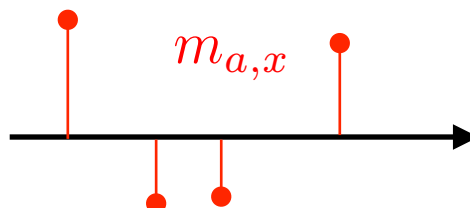
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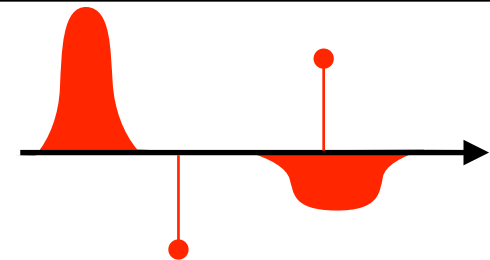
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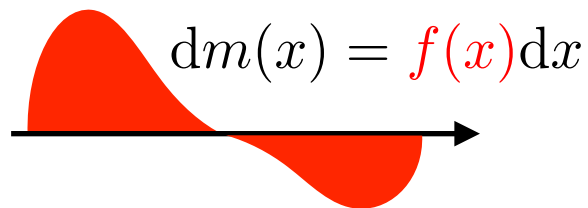
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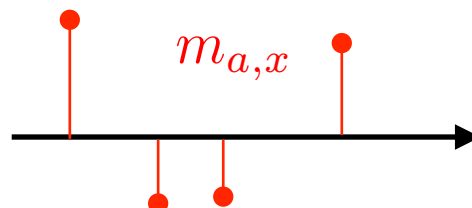
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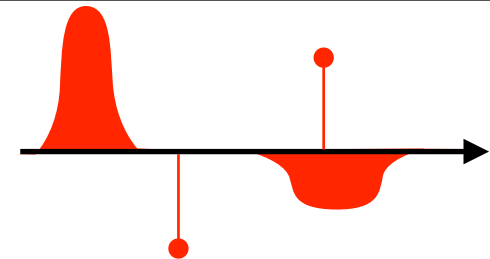
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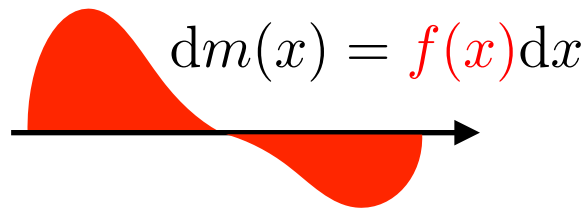
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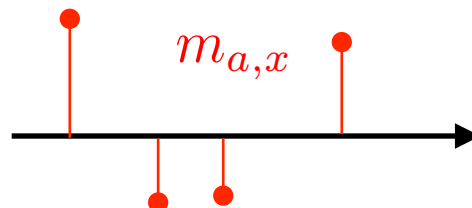
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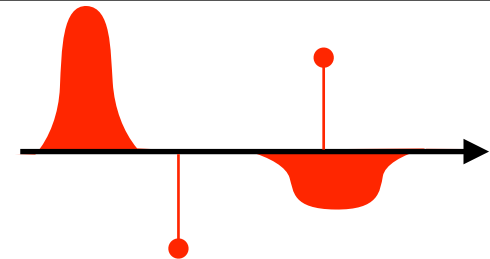
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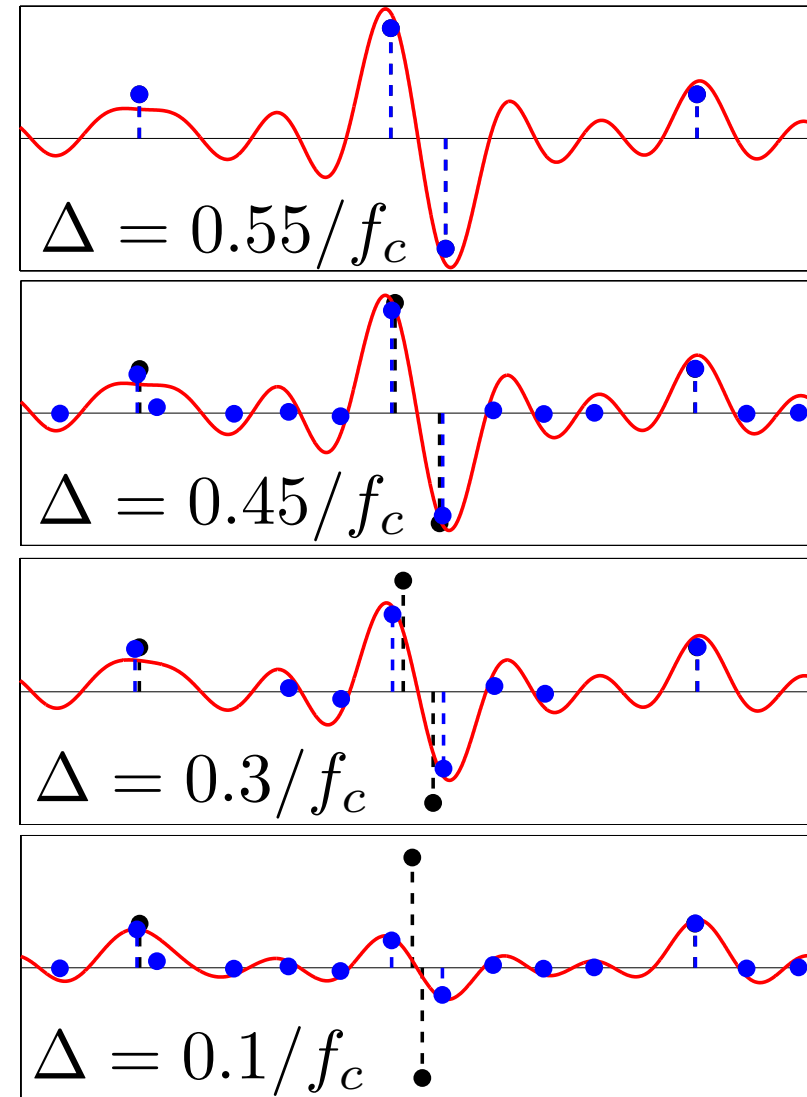
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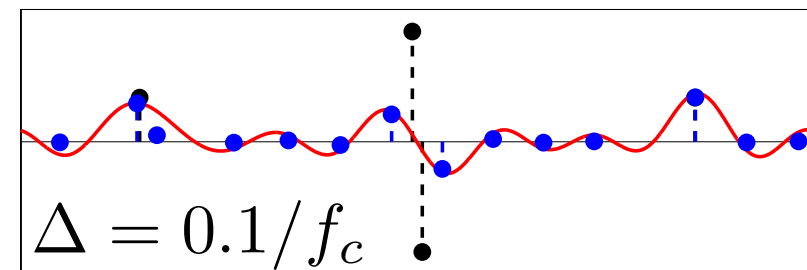
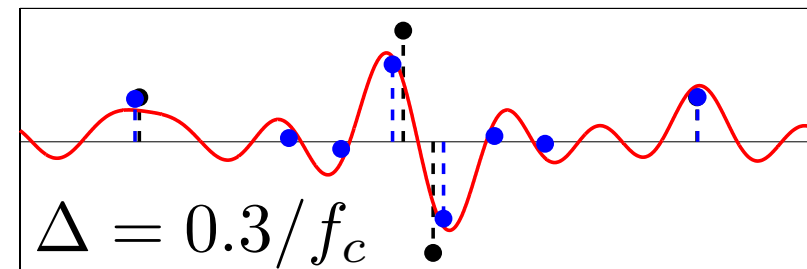
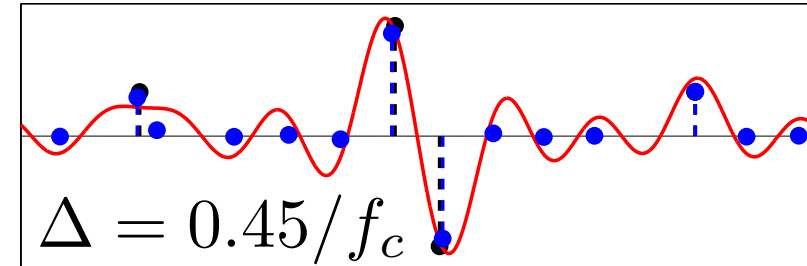
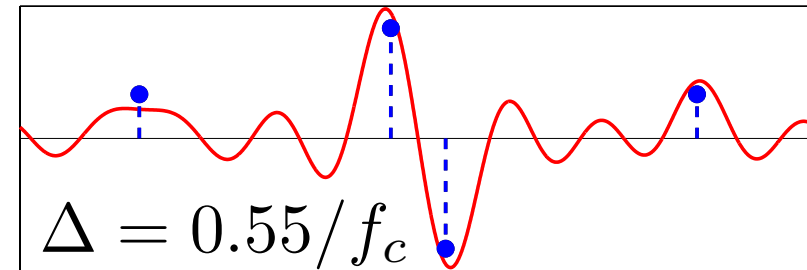
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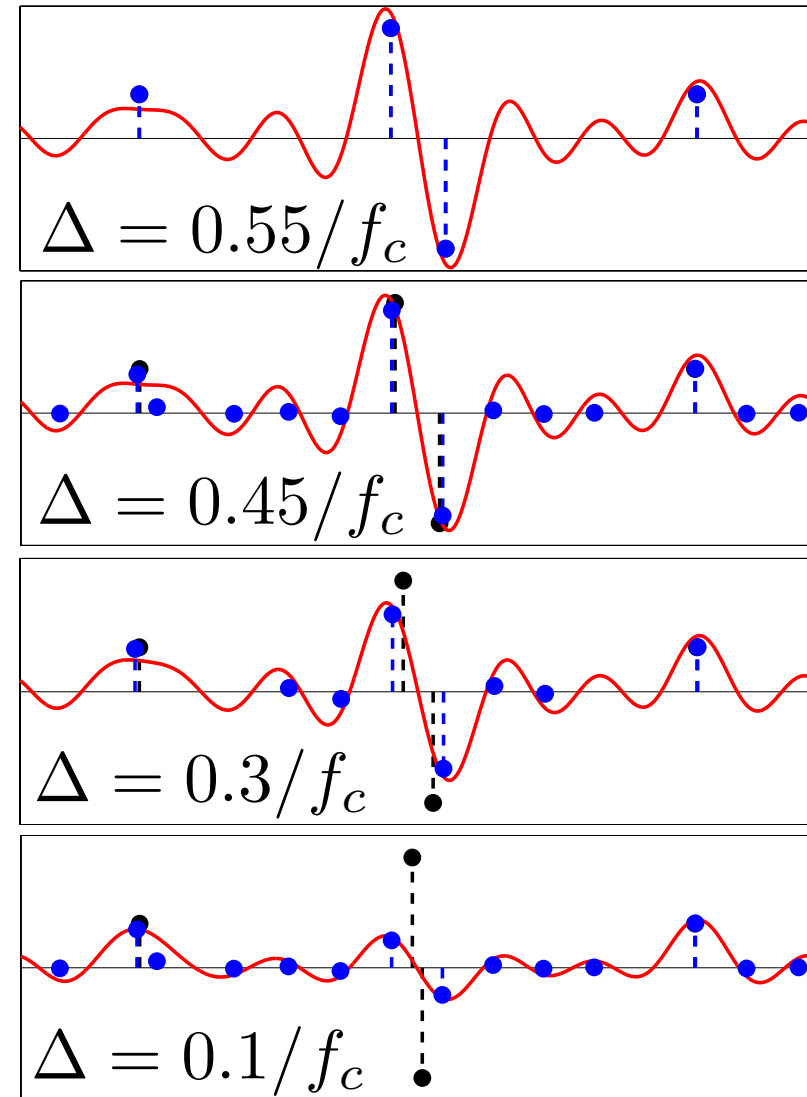
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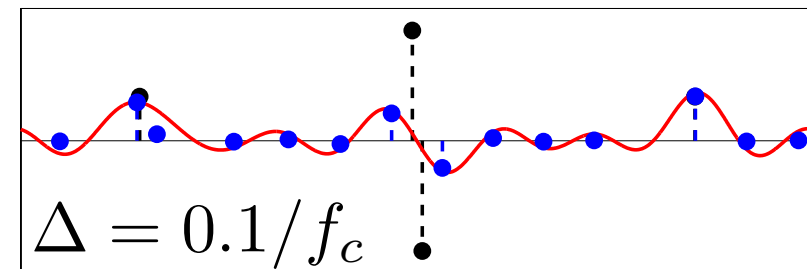
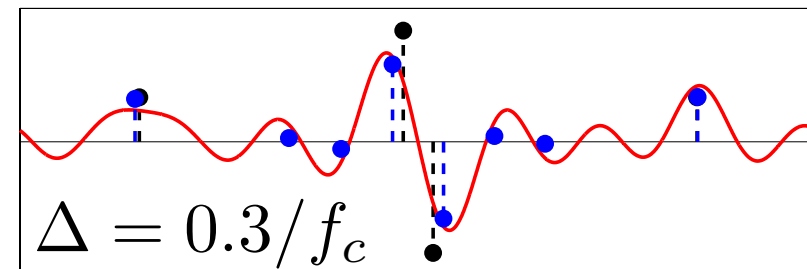
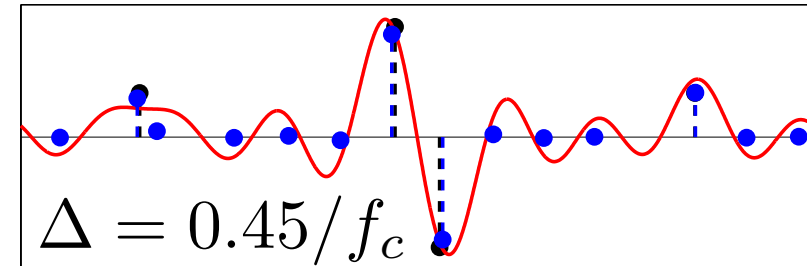
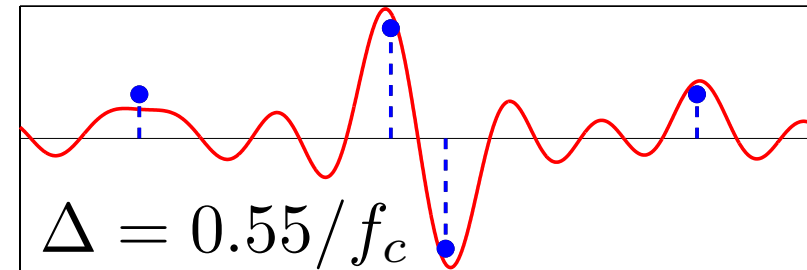
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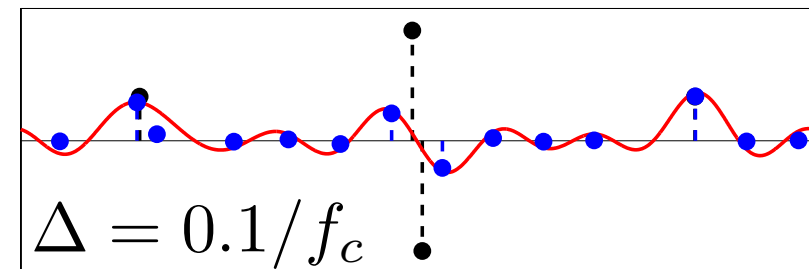
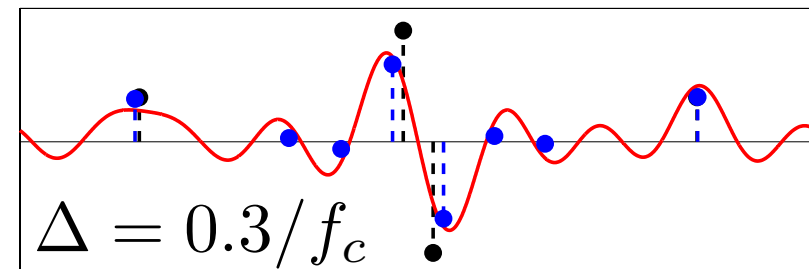
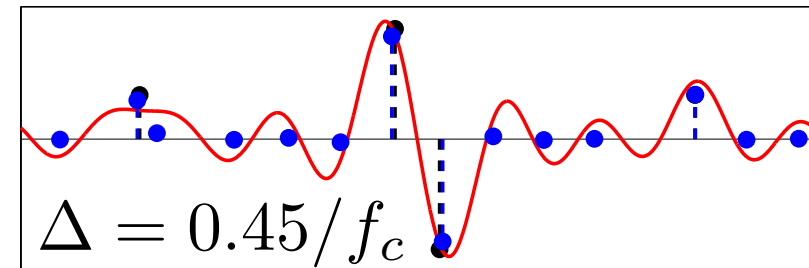
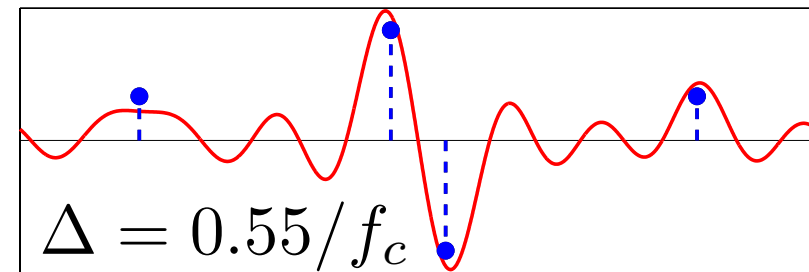
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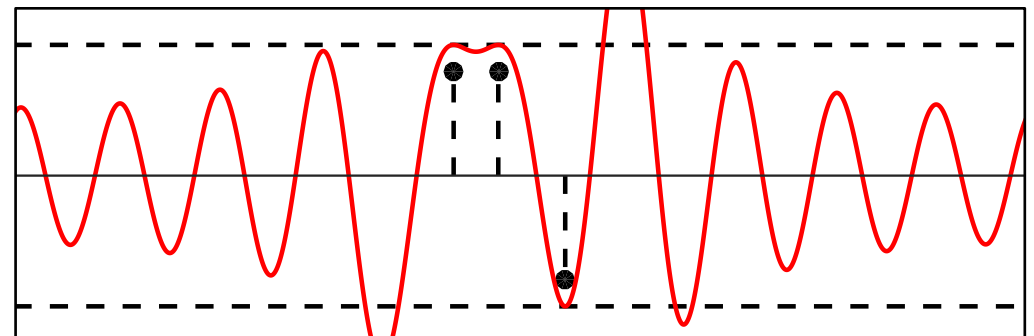
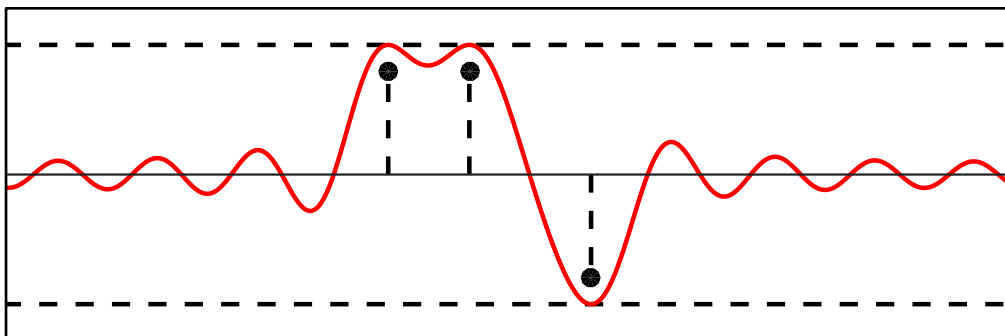
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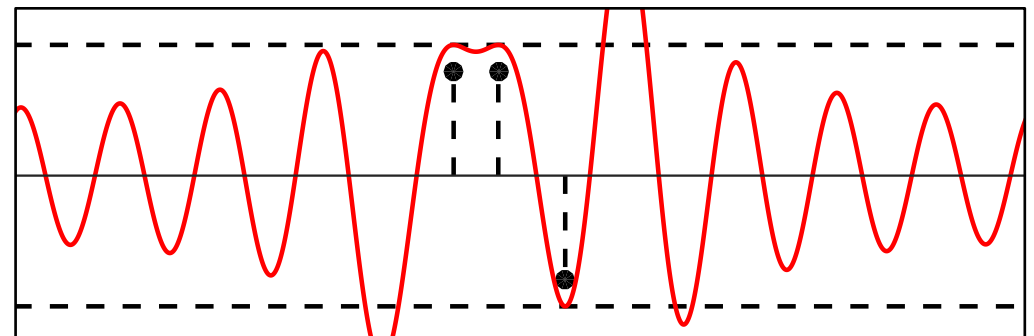
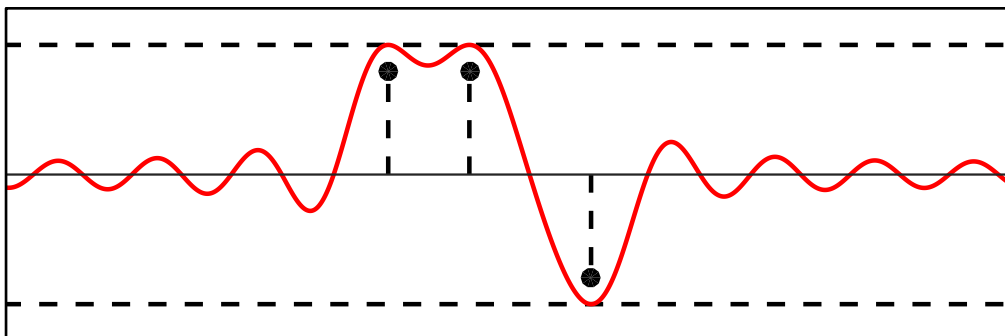
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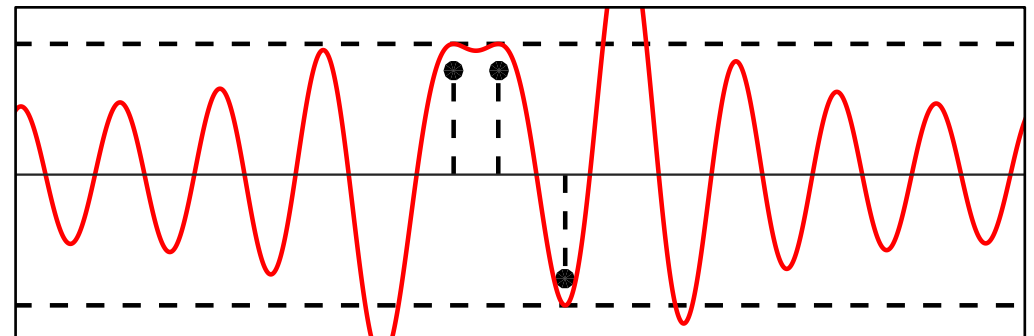
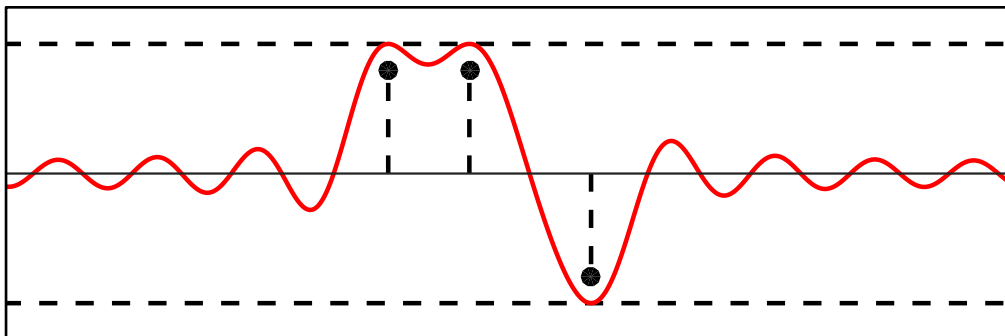
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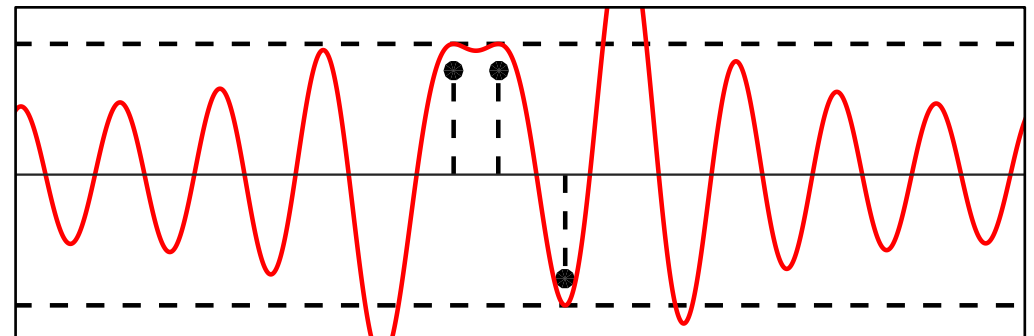
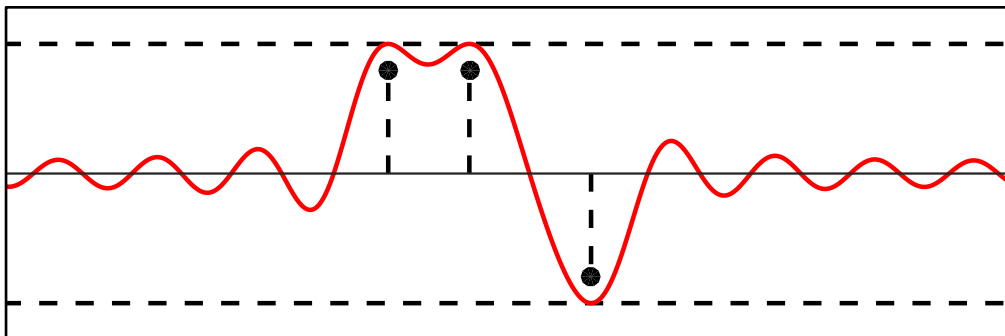
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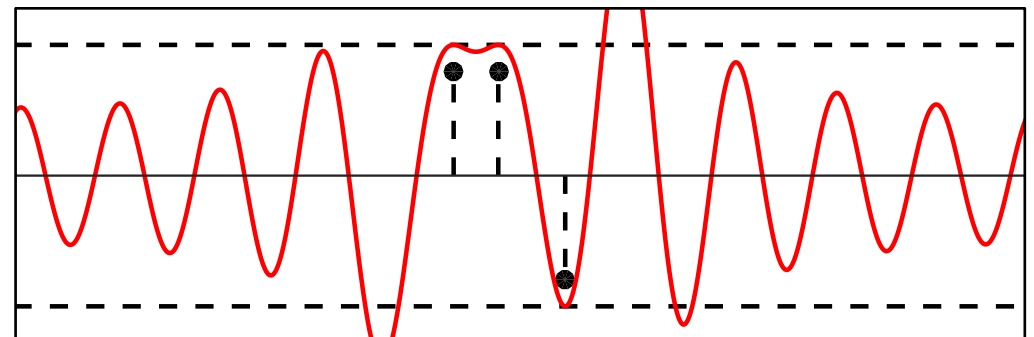
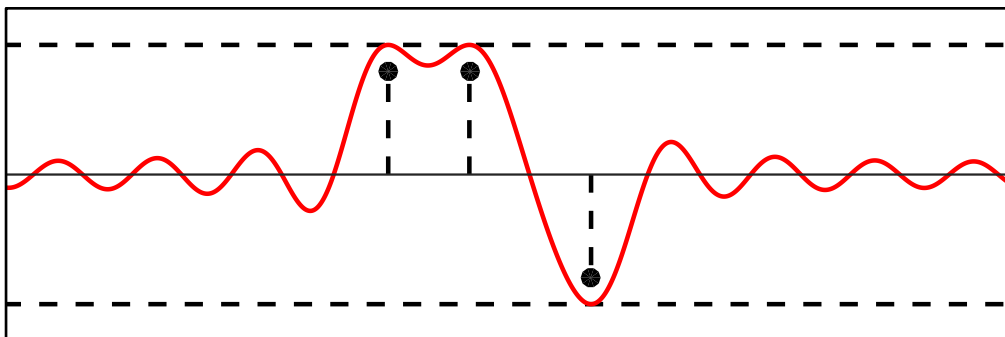
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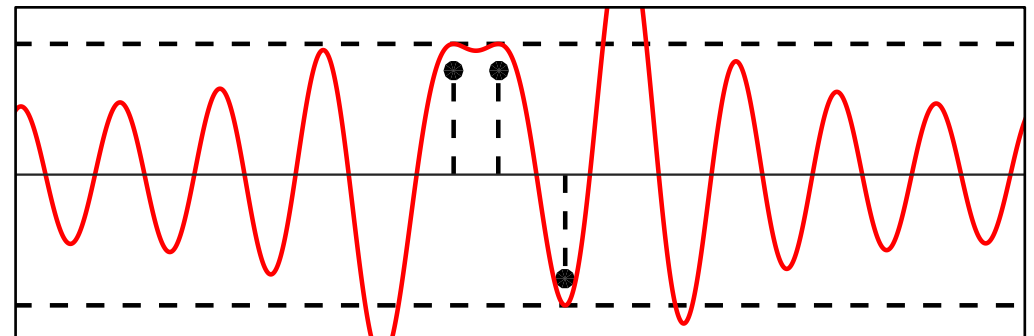
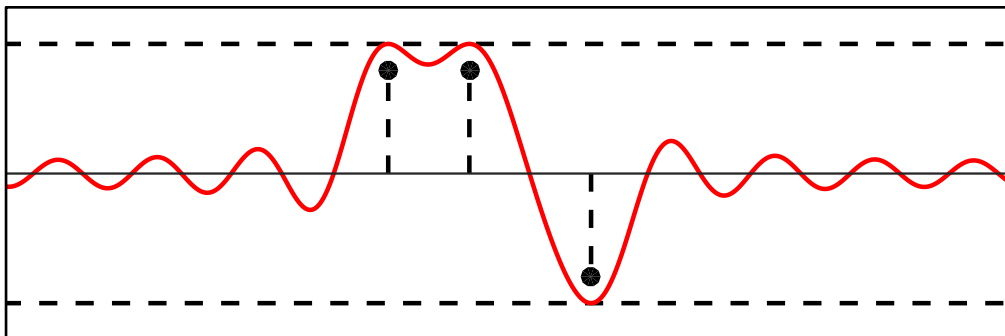
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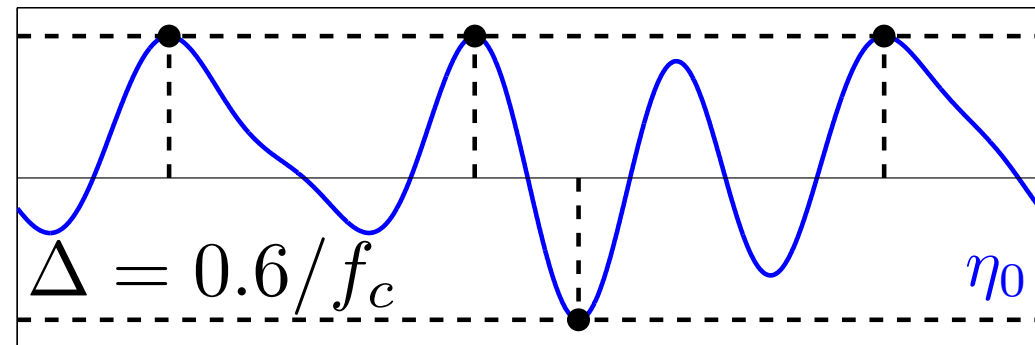
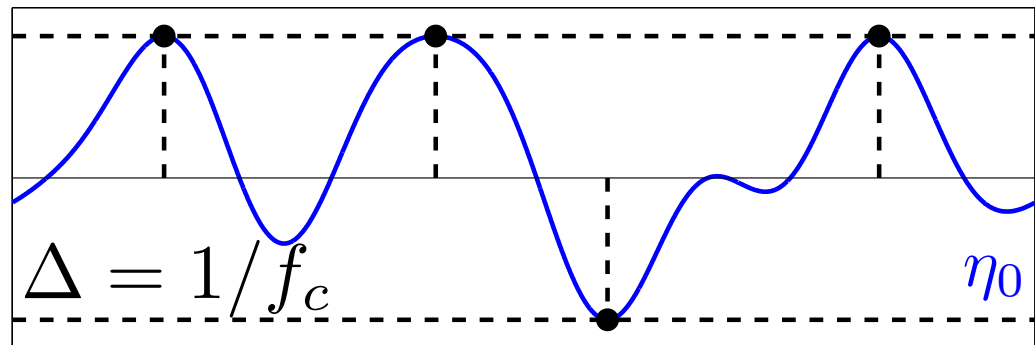
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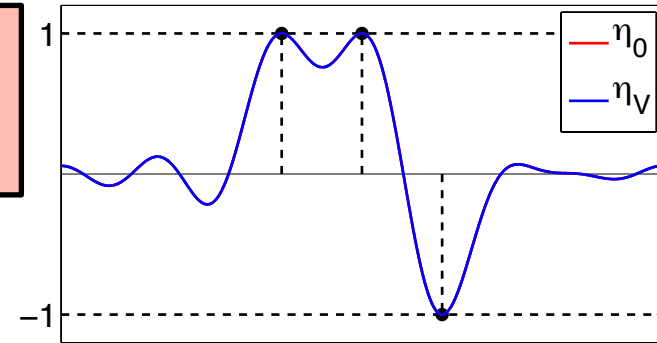


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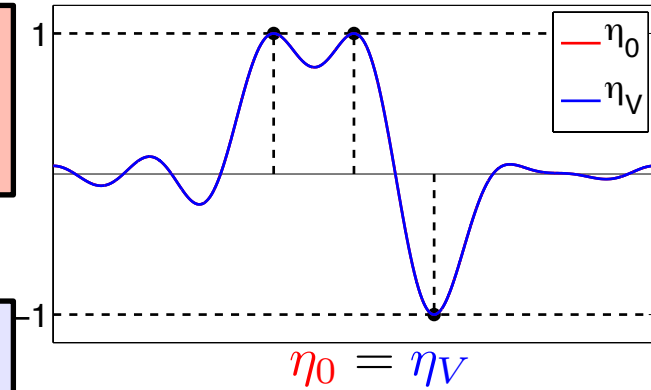
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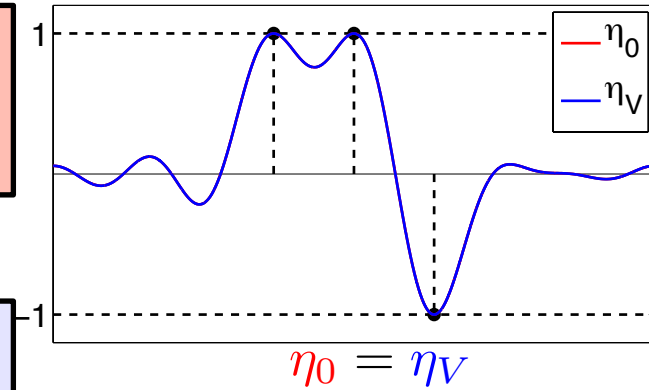
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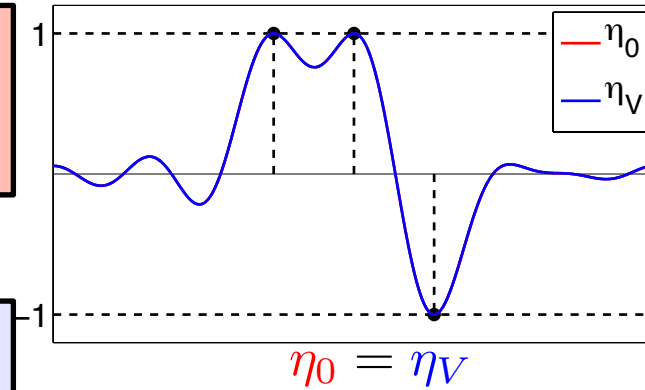
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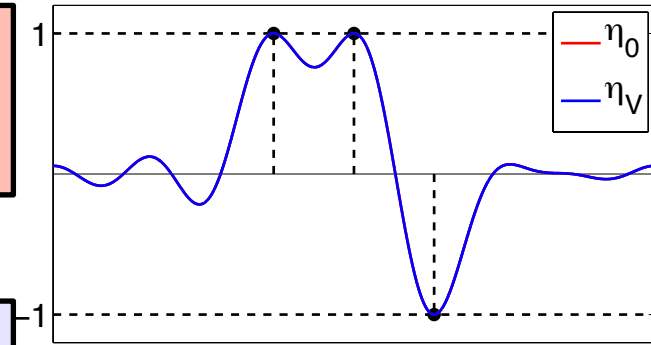
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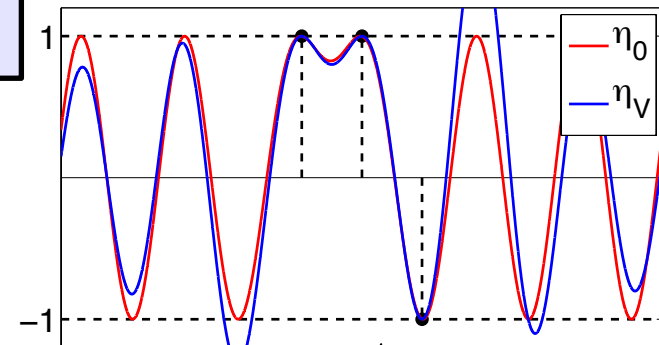
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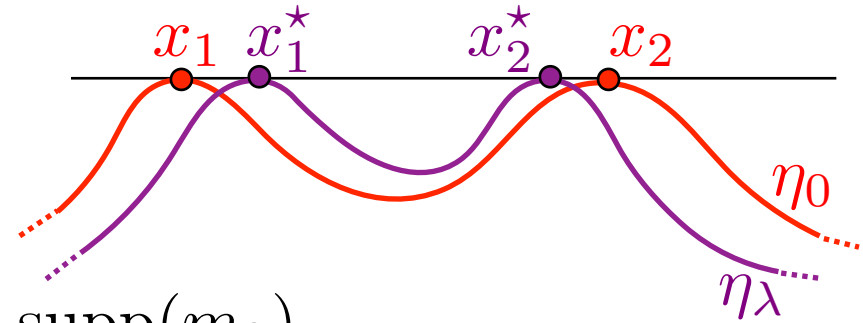
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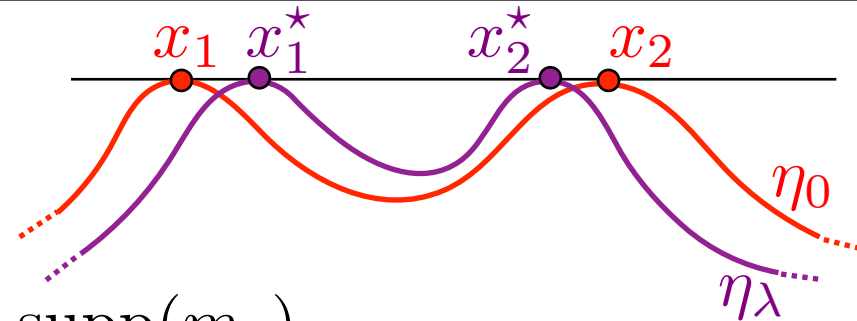
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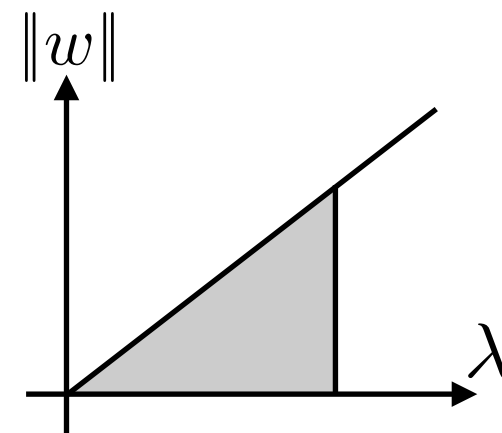
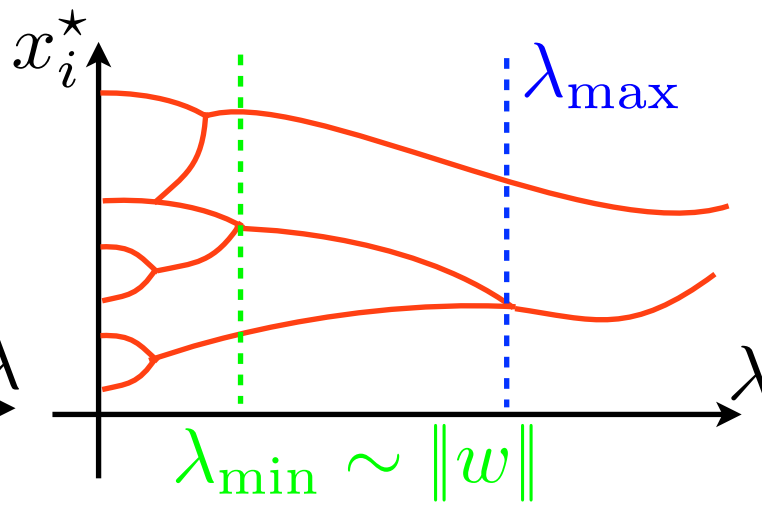
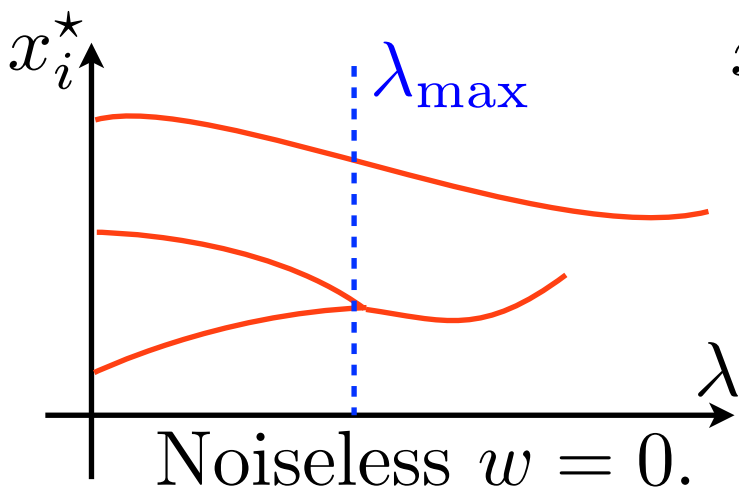
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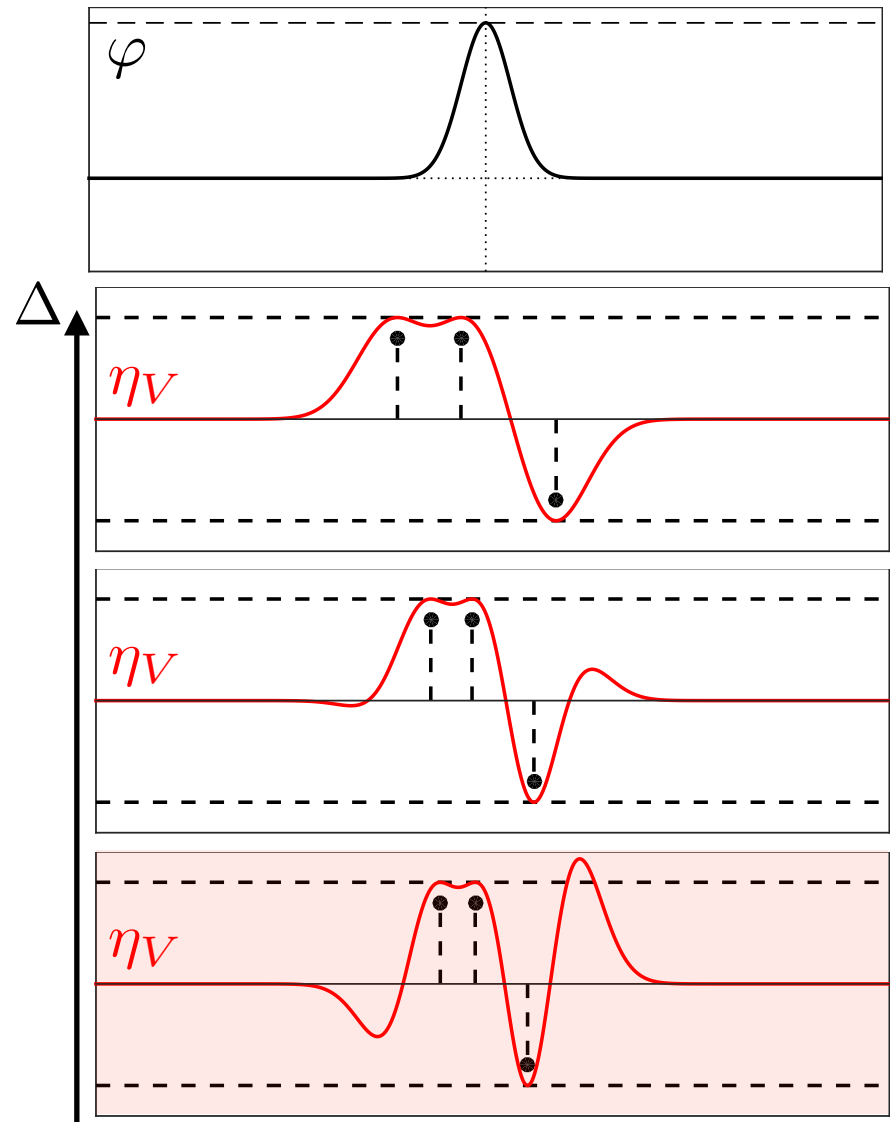
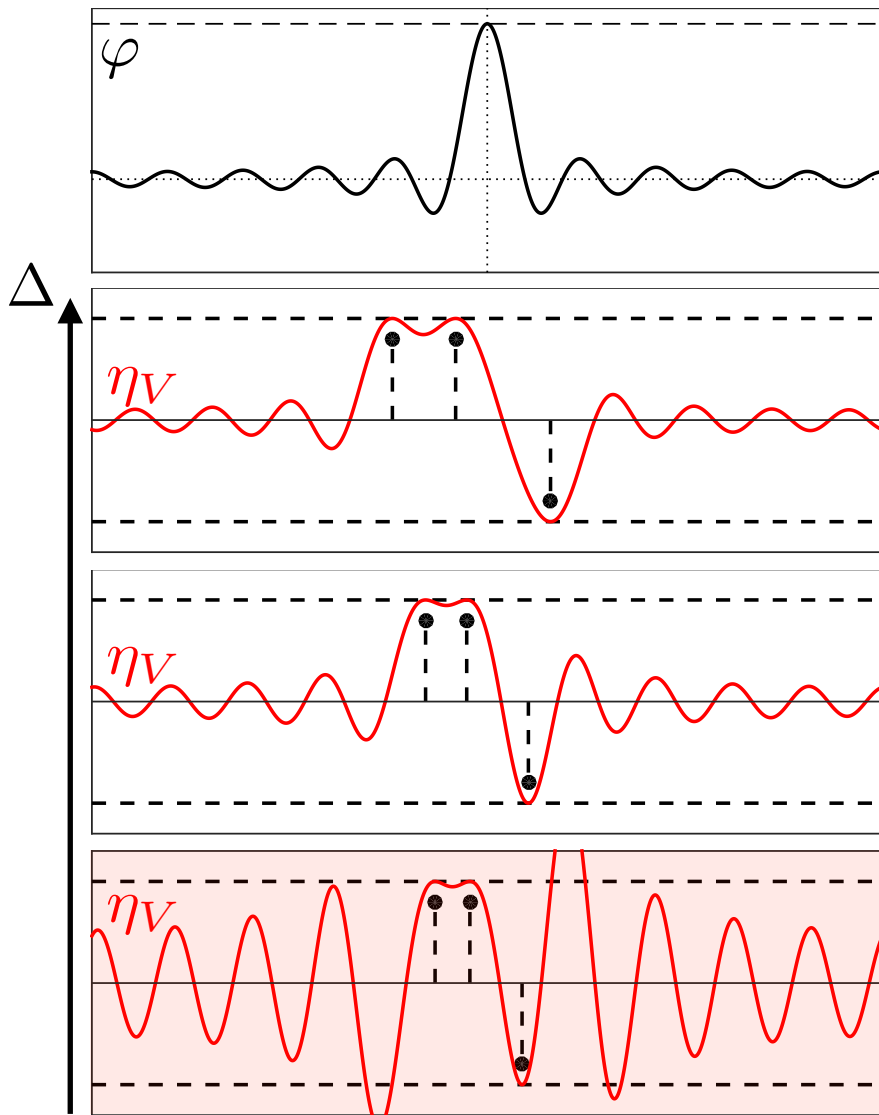
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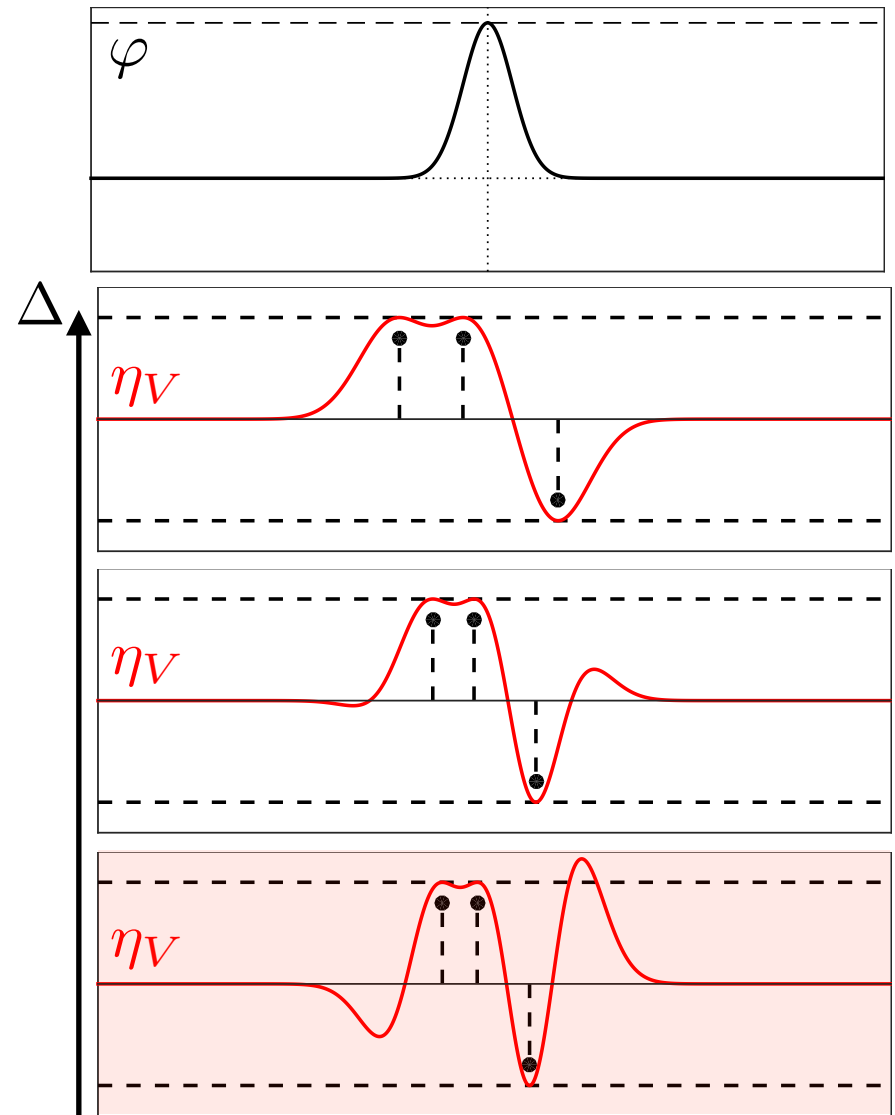
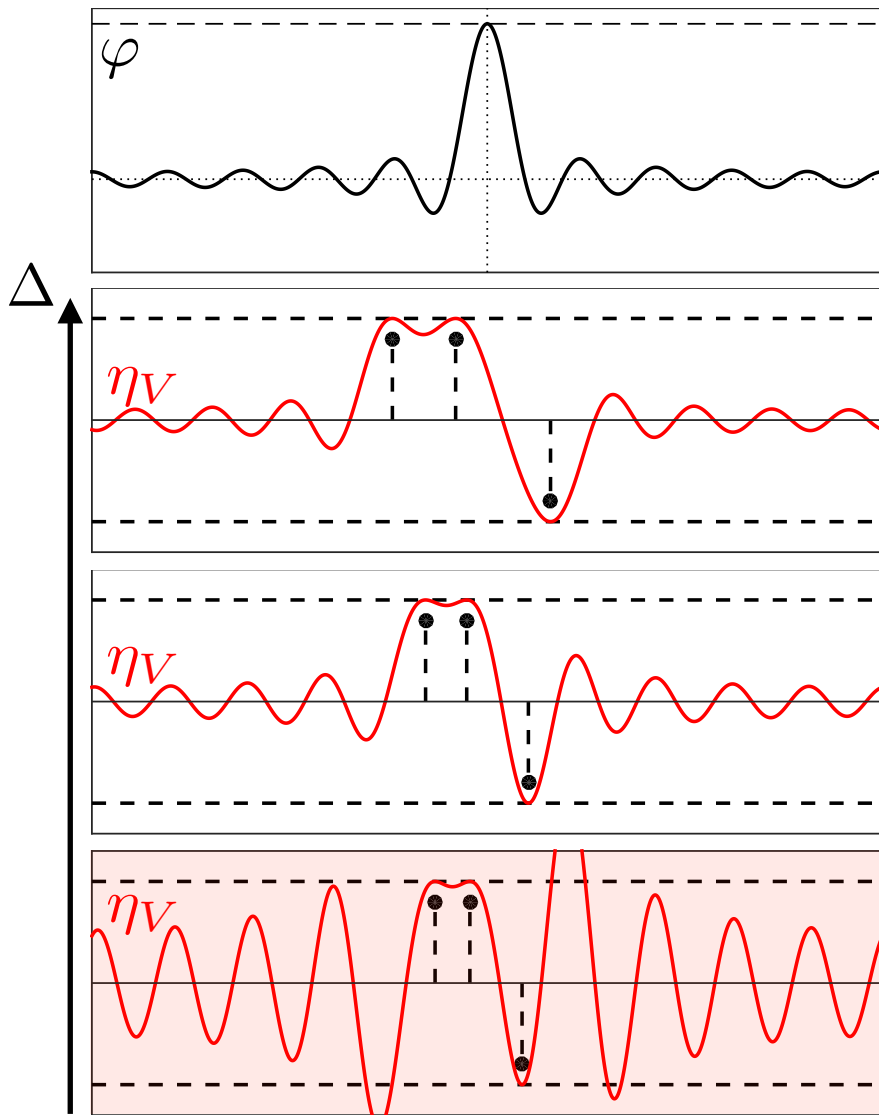
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# Overview

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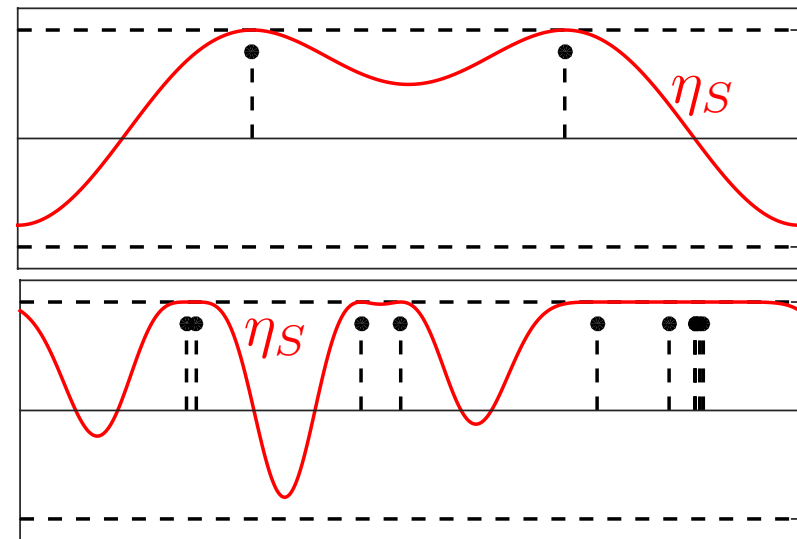
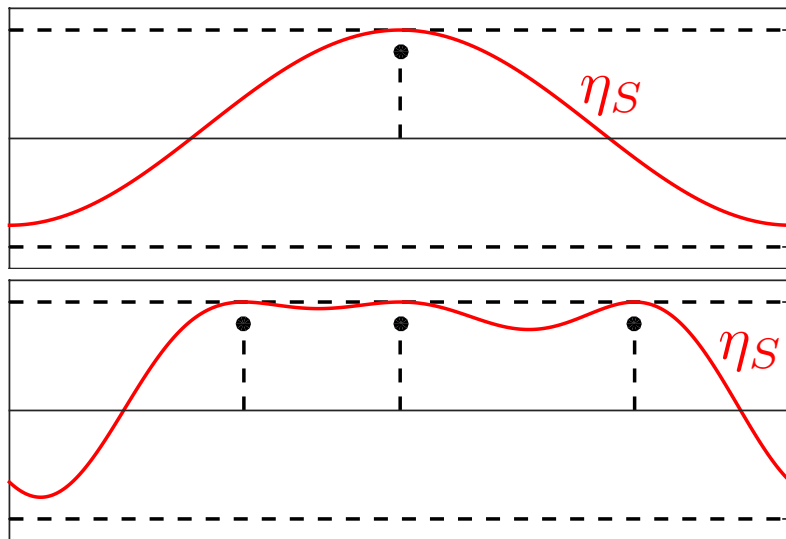
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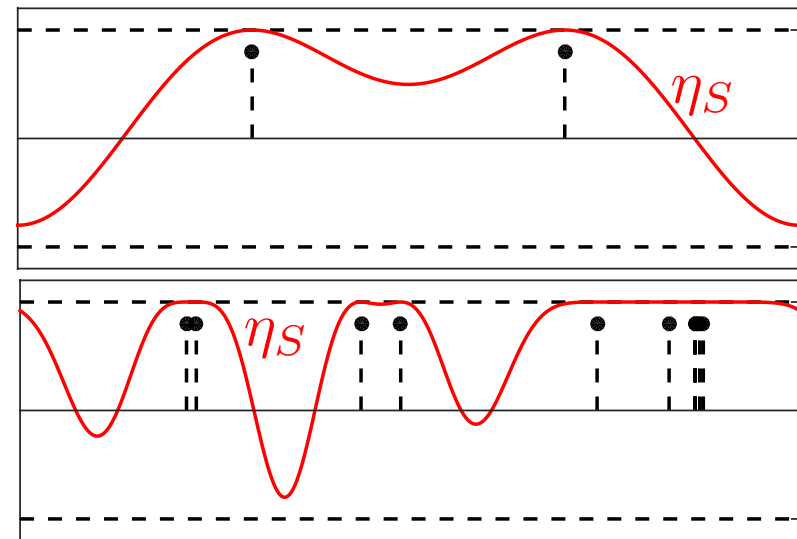
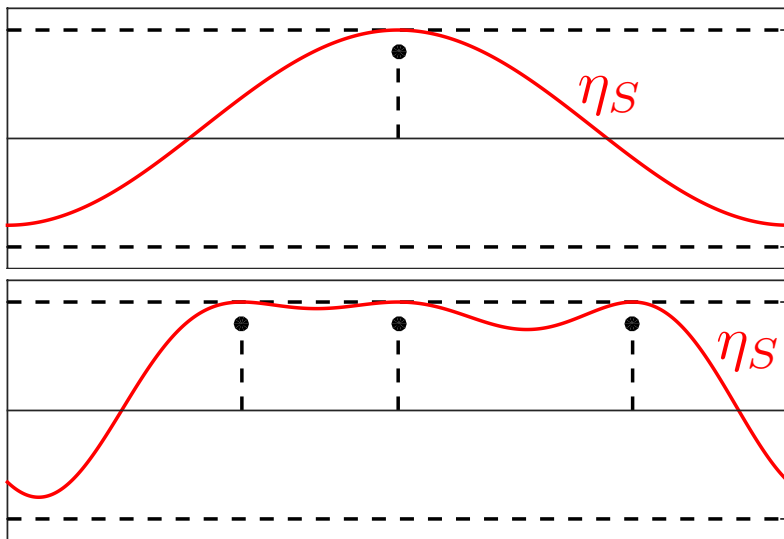
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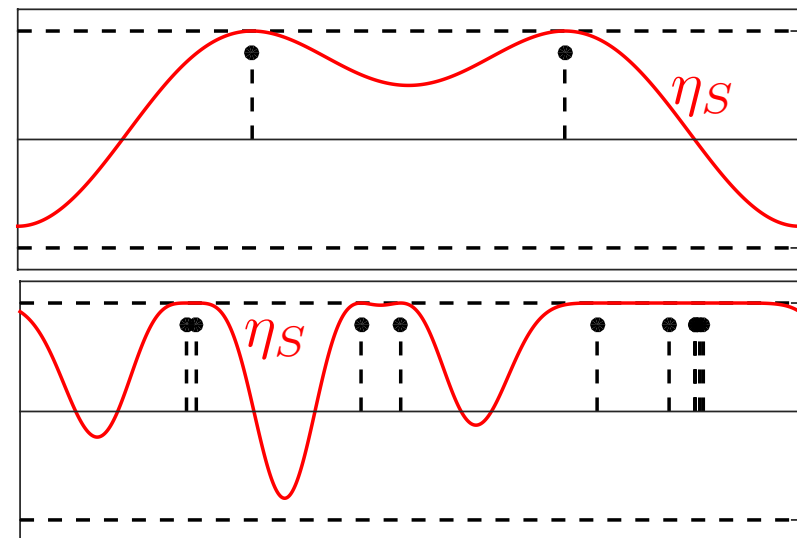
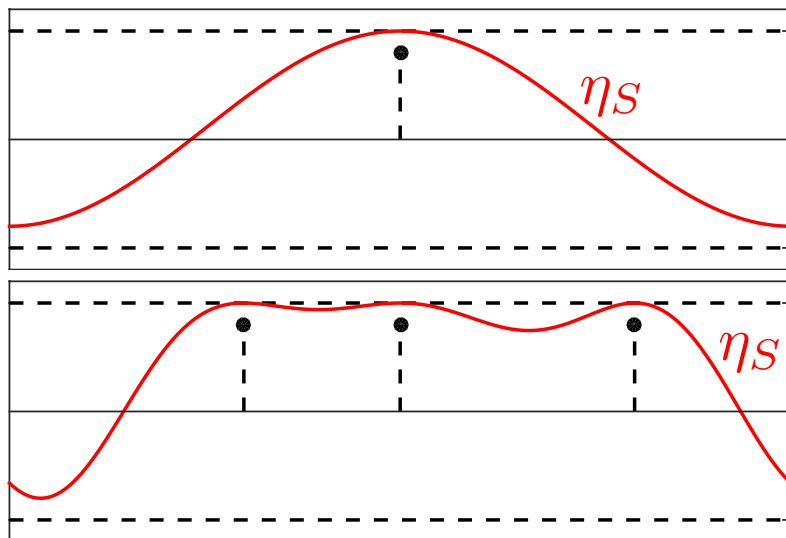
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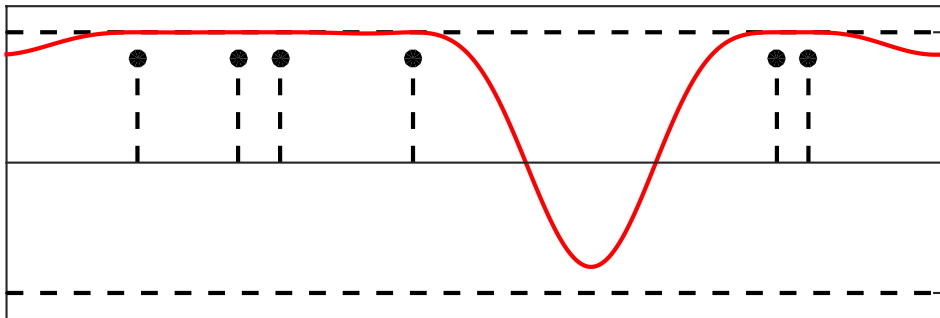
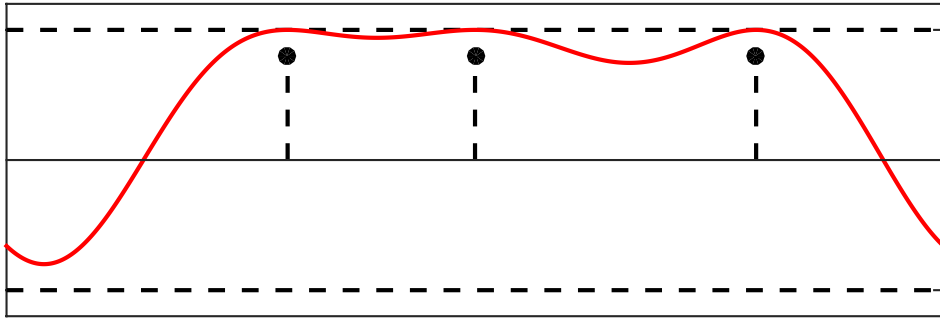
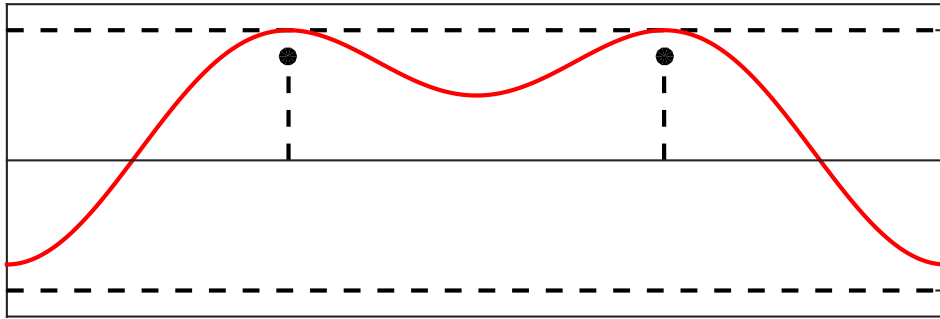
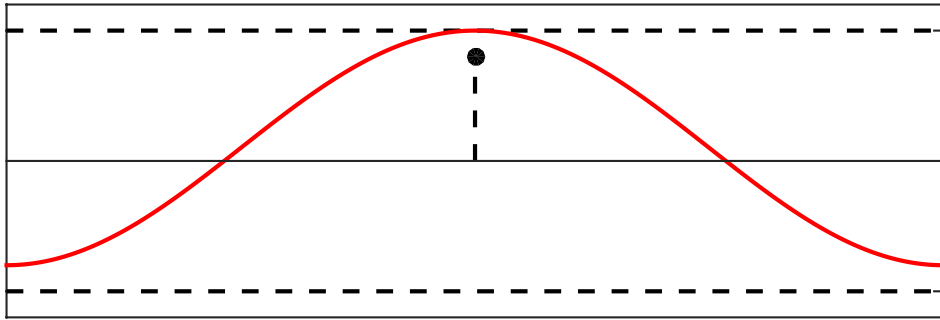
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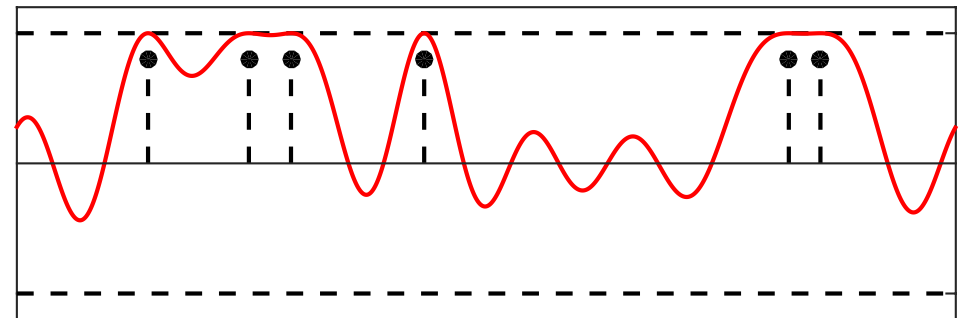
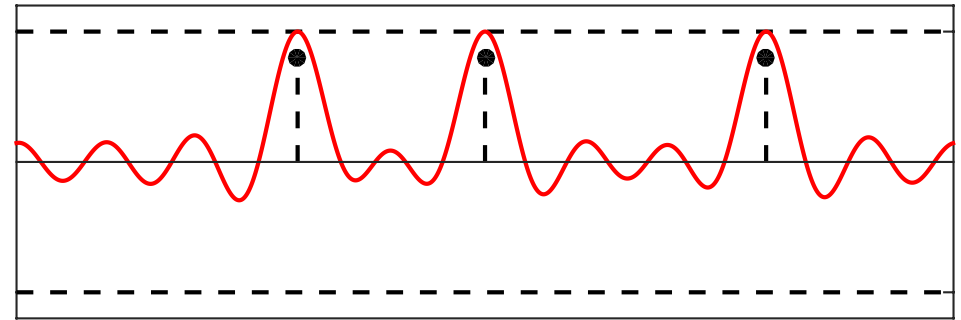
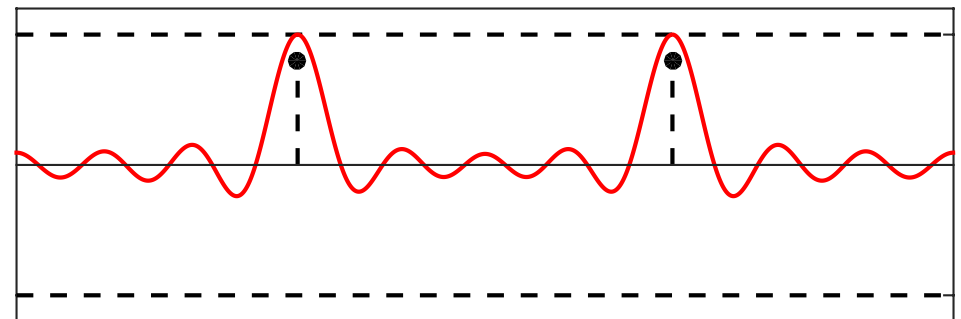
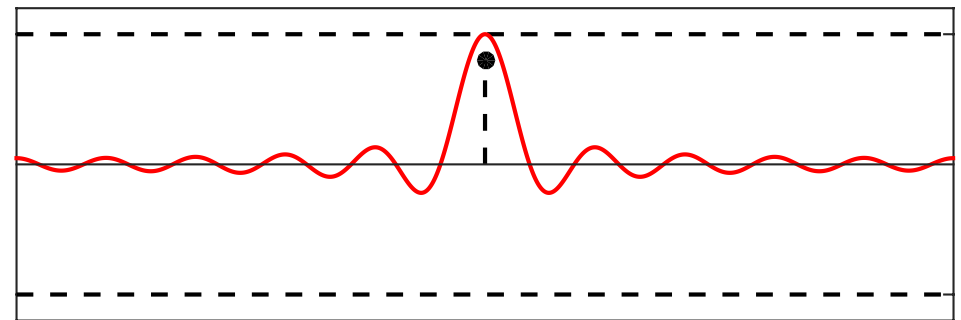


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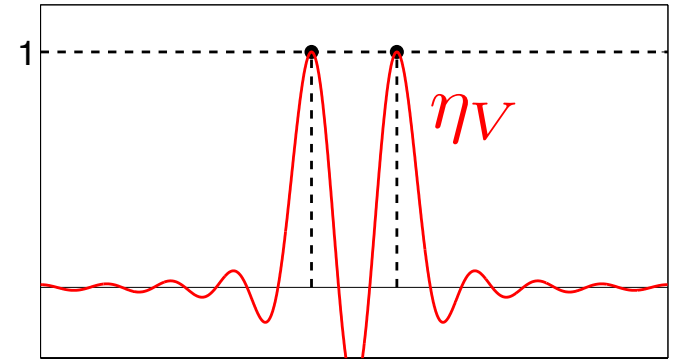
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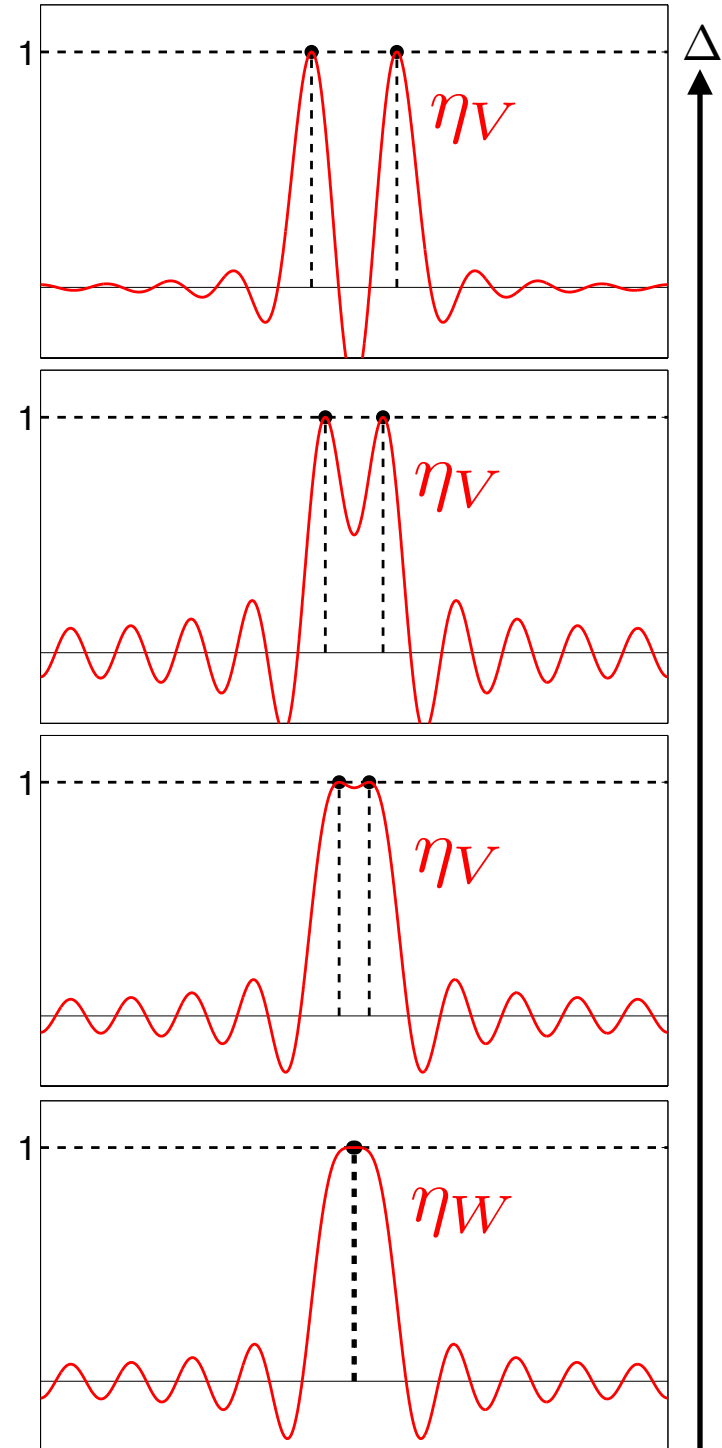
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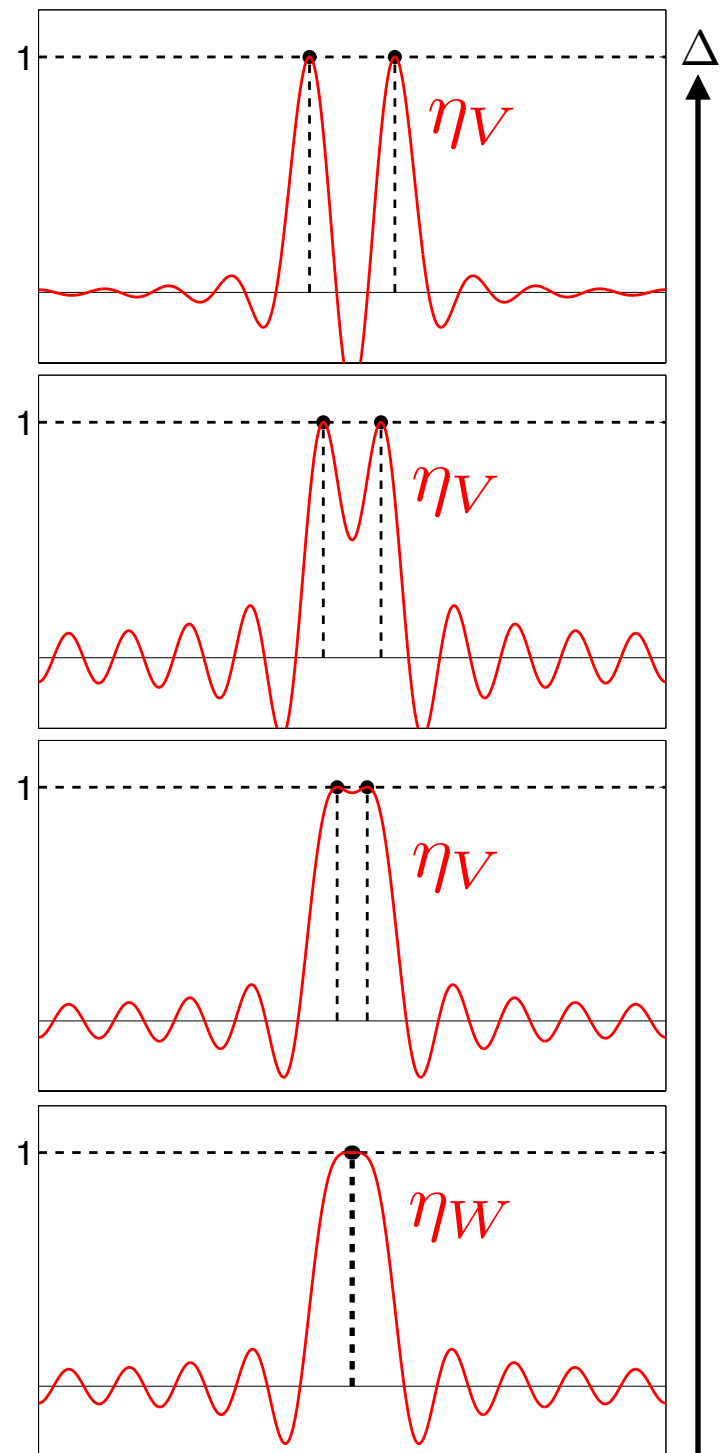
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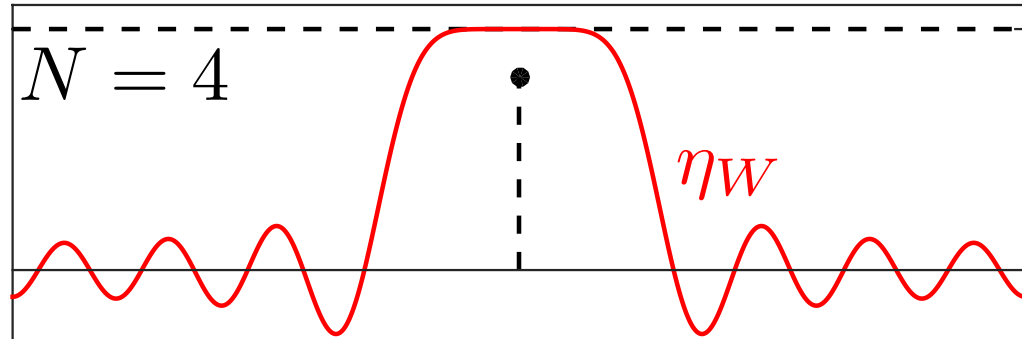
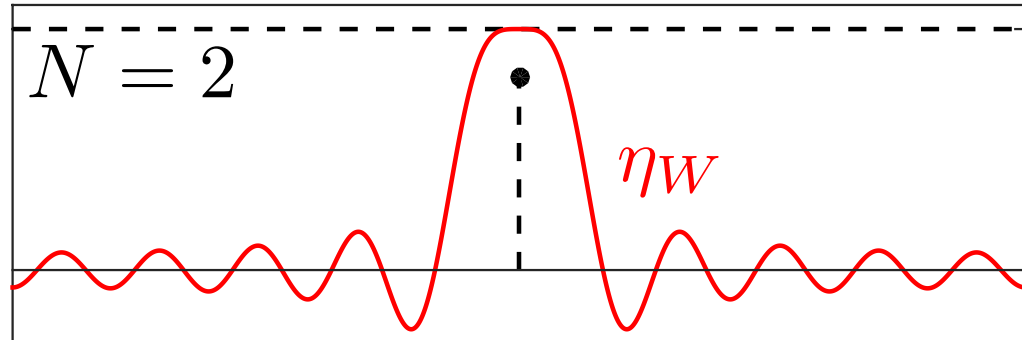
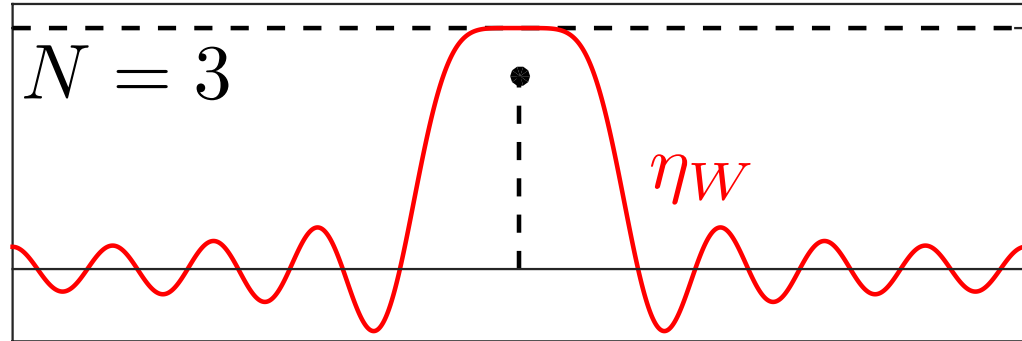
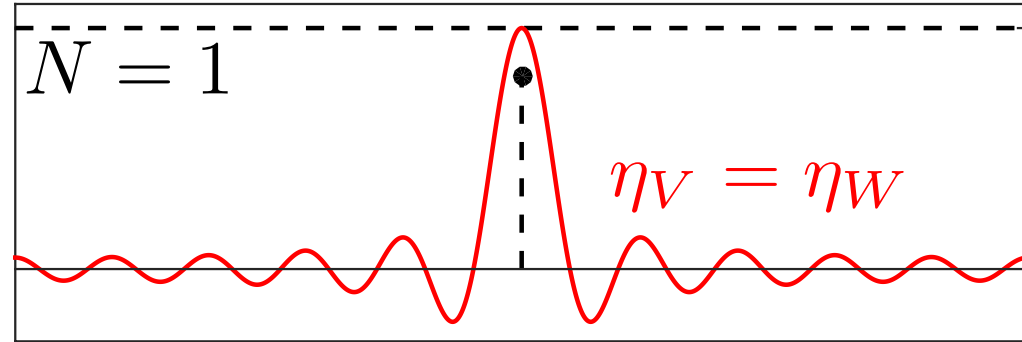


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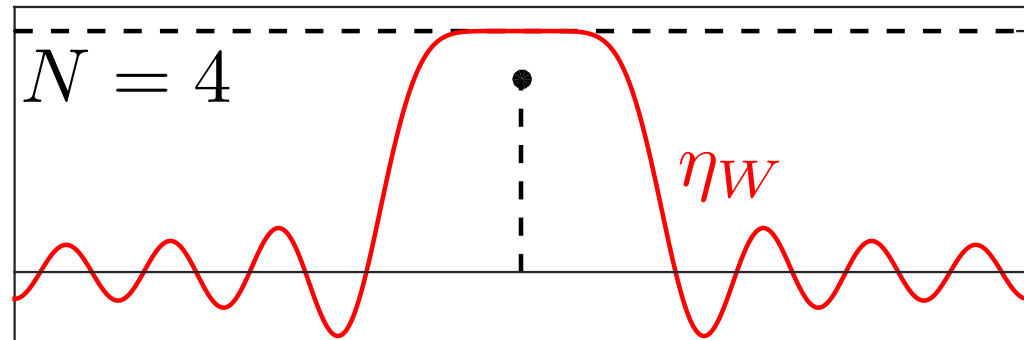
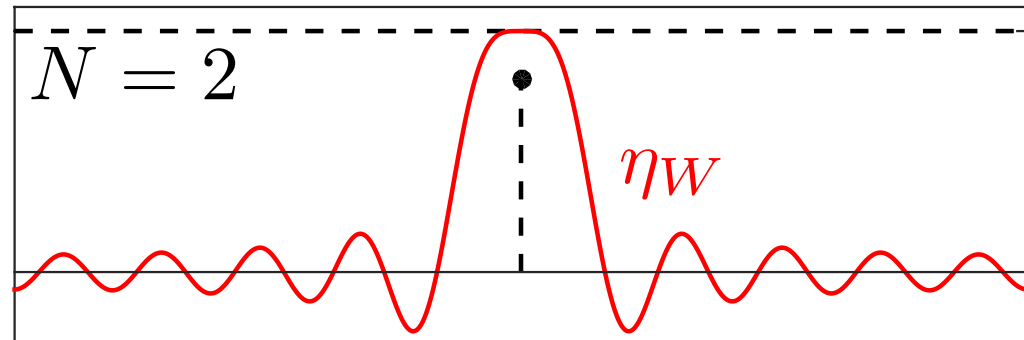
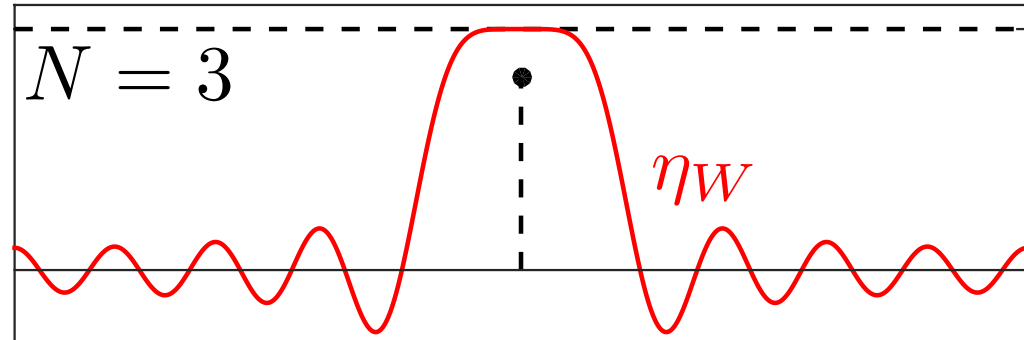
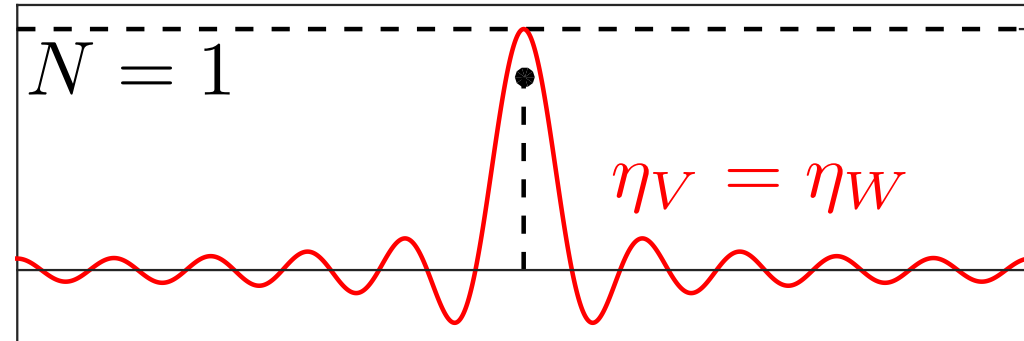
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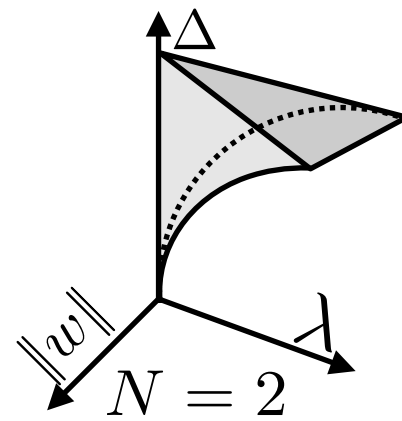
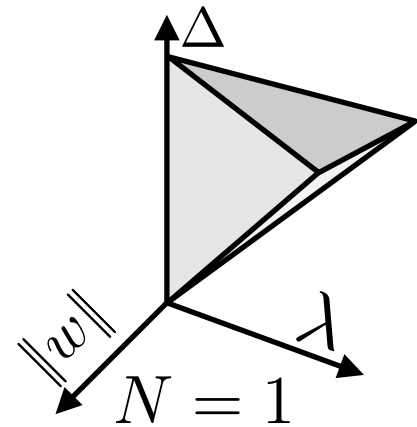
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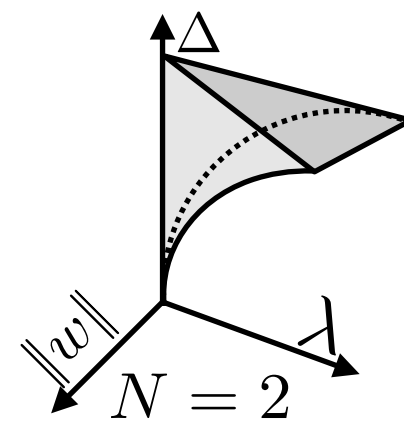
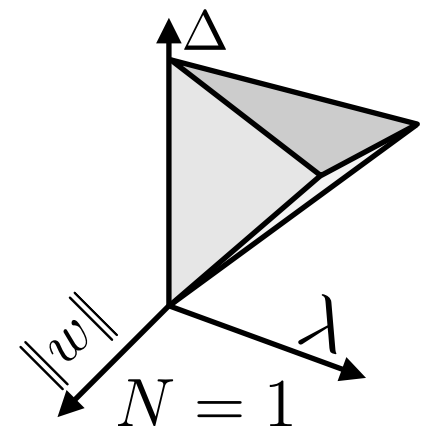
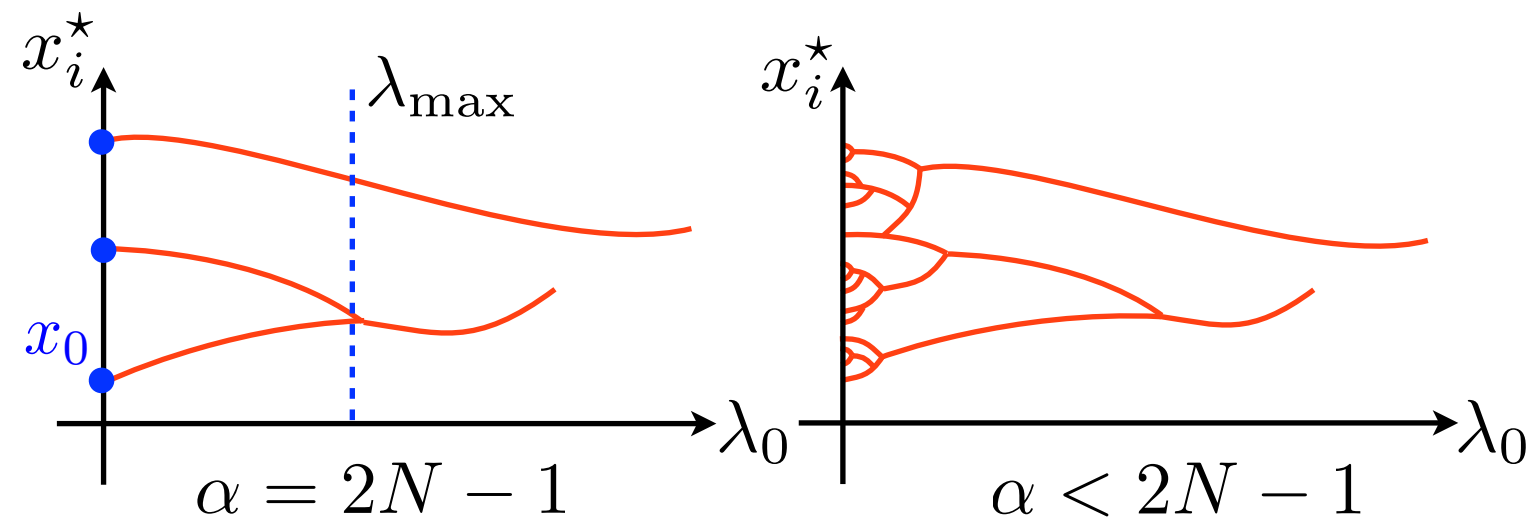
the solution of  $\mathcal{P}_\lambda(y)$  for  $y = \Phi(m_0) + w$  is

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Noise:  $w = \lambda w_0$ .

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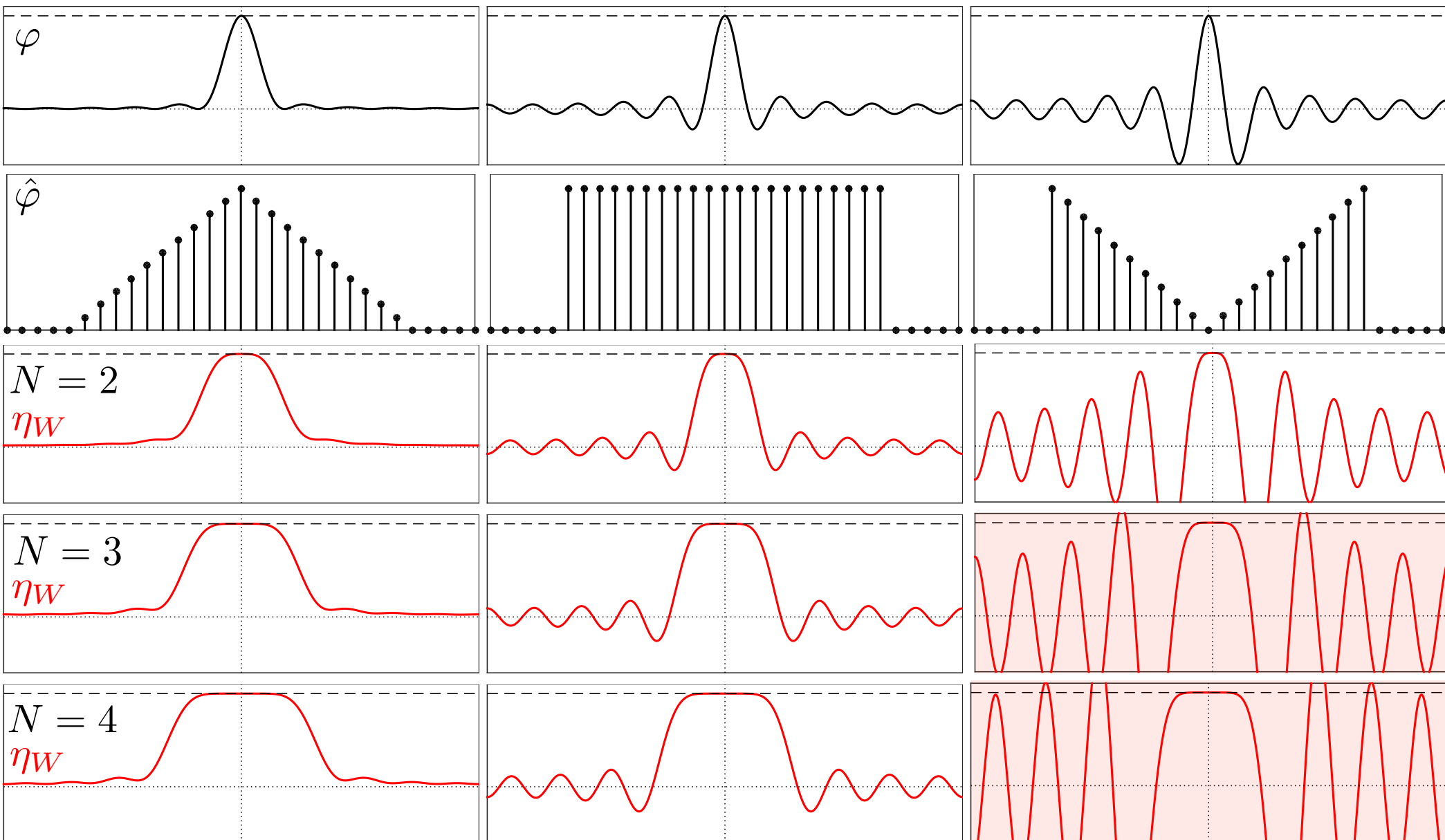
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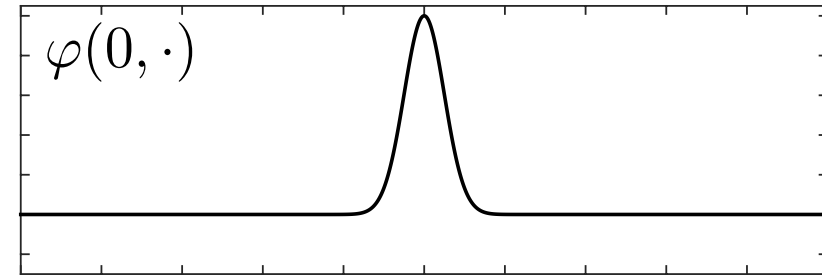


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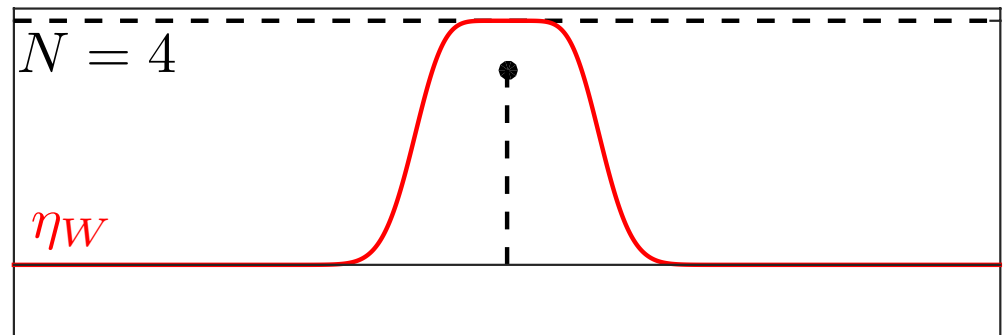
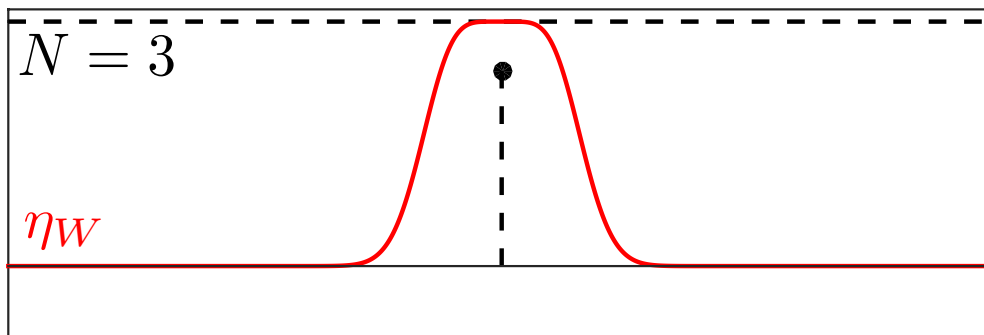
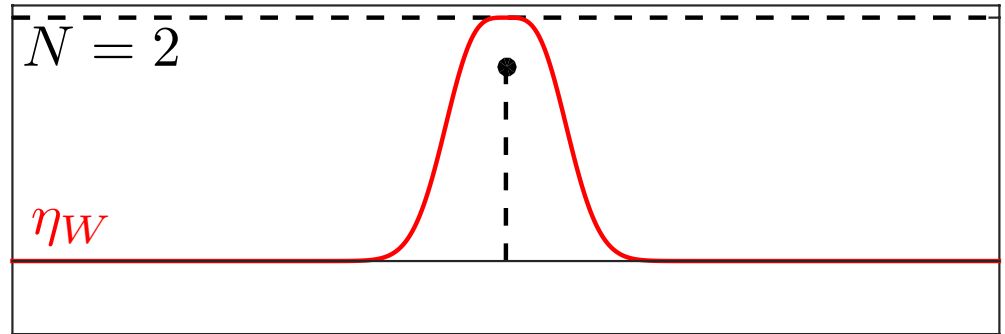
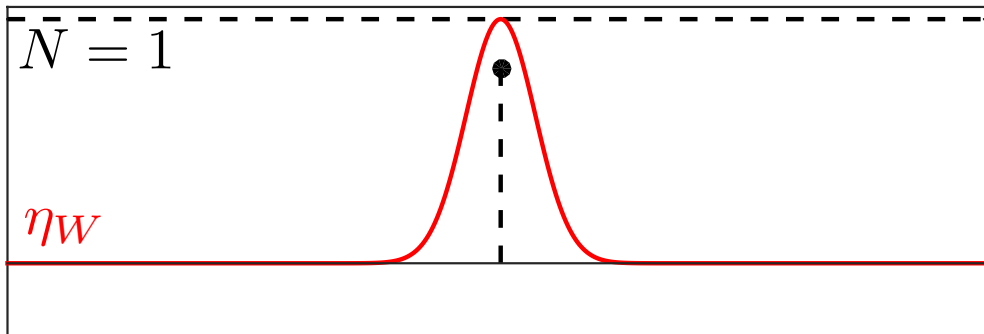
Gaussian convolution:  $\varphi(x, t) = e^{-\frac{|x-t|^2}{2\sigma^2}}$        $\Phi(m) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \int \varphi(x, \cdot) dm(x)$

Proposition:  $\eta_W(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{4\sigma^2}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{(x/2\sigma)^{2k}}{k!}$

In particular,  $\eta_W$  is non-degenerate.

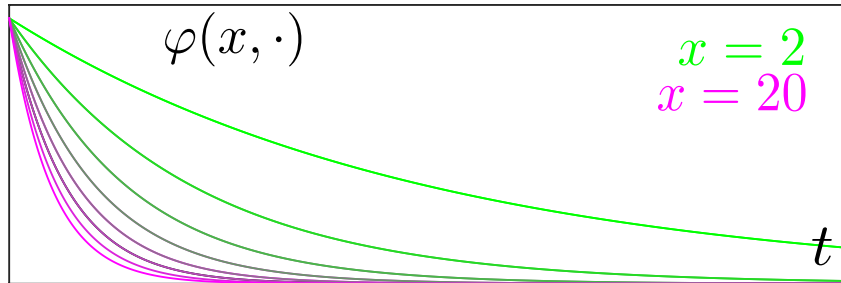


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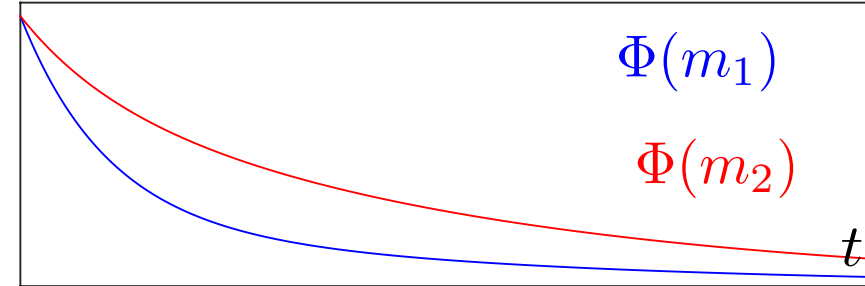
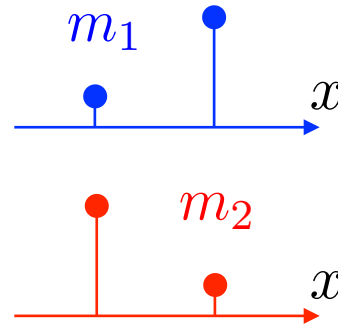
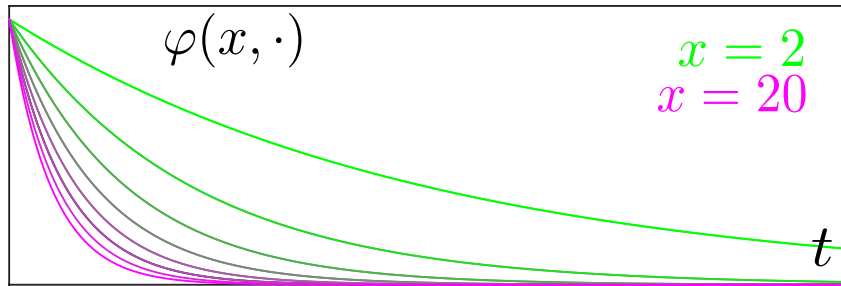
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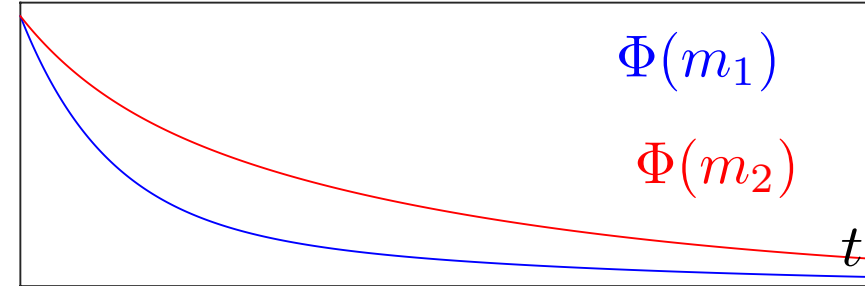
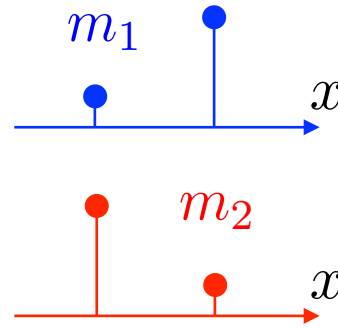
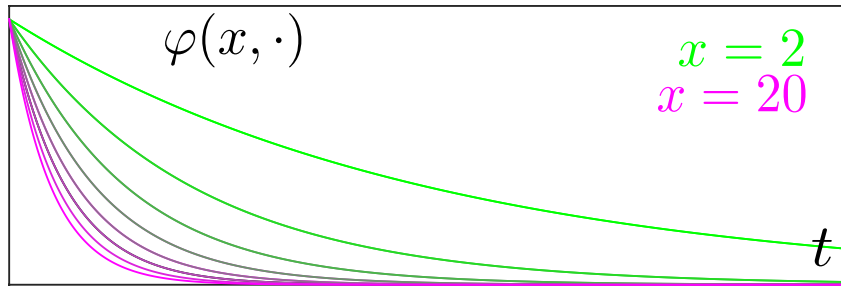
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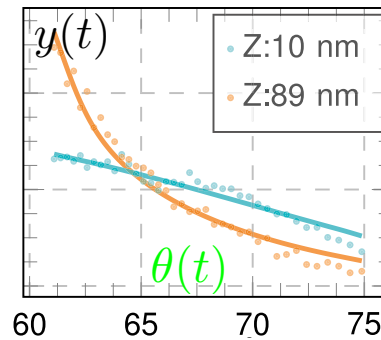
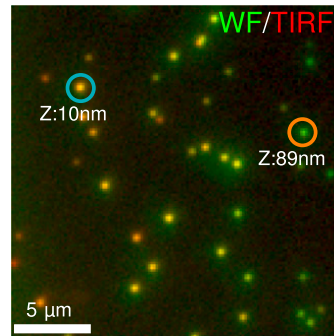
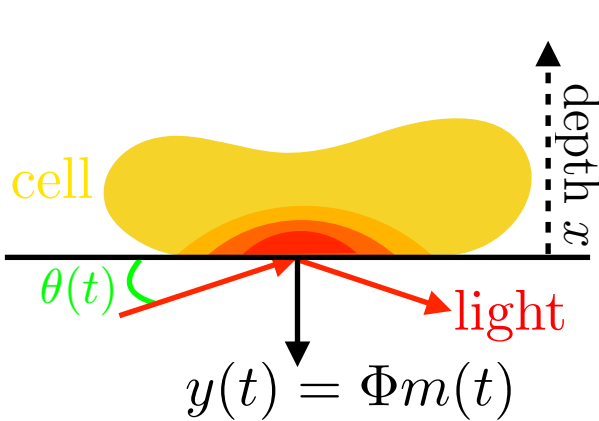


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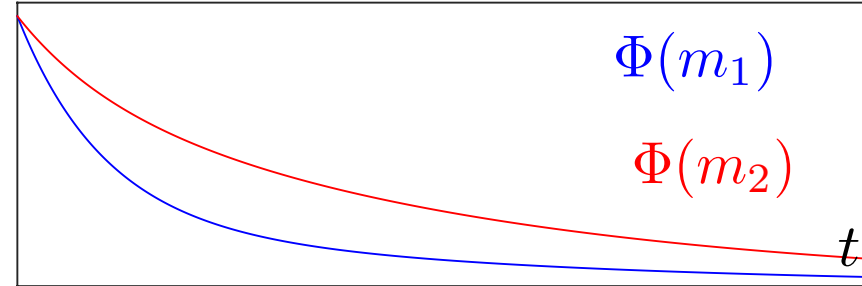
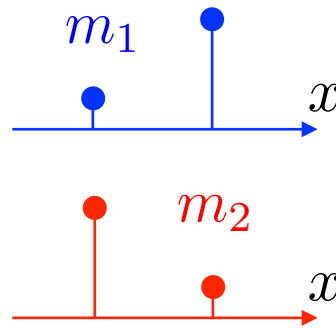
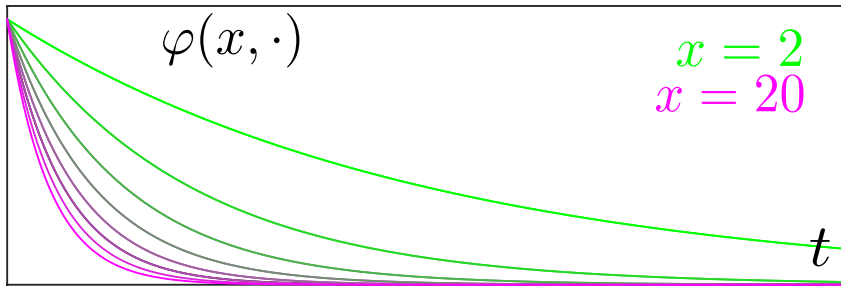
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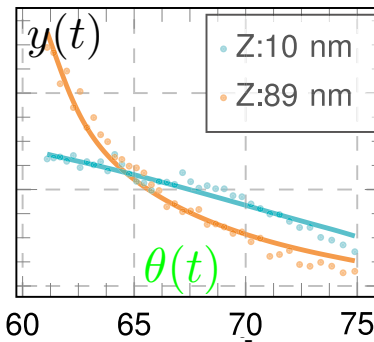
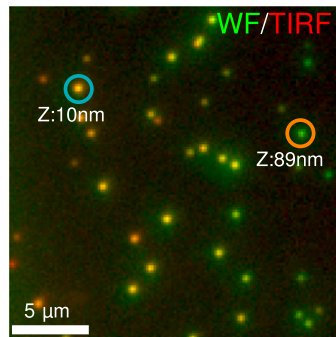
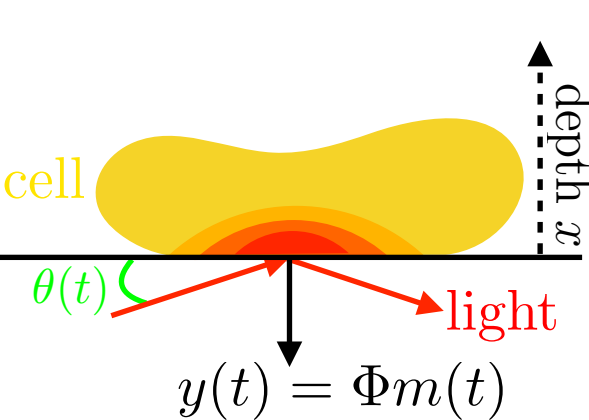
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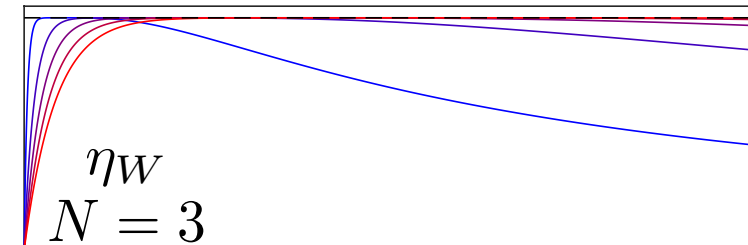
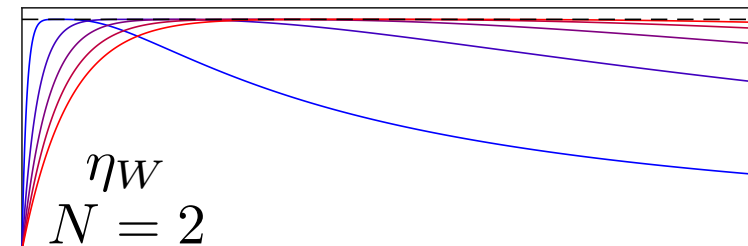
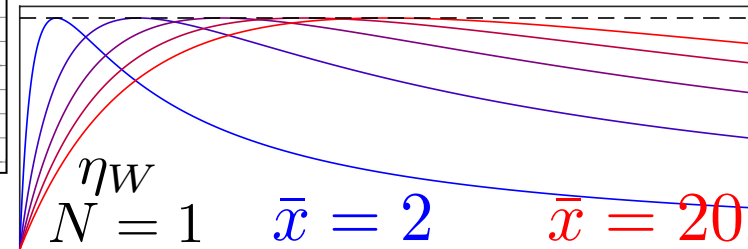
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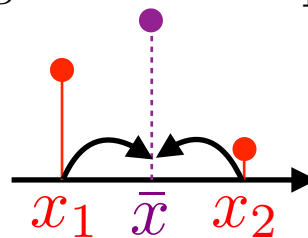
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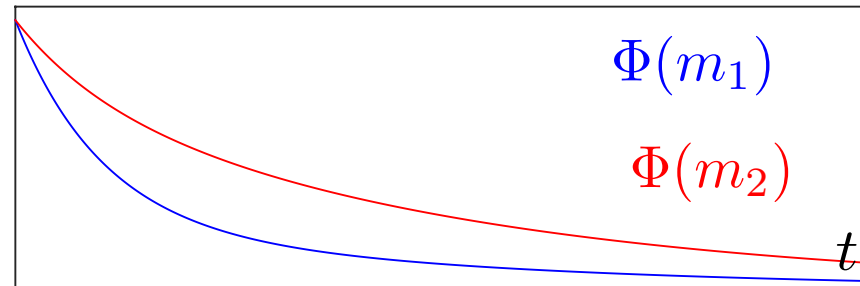
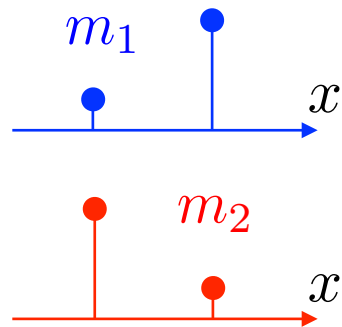
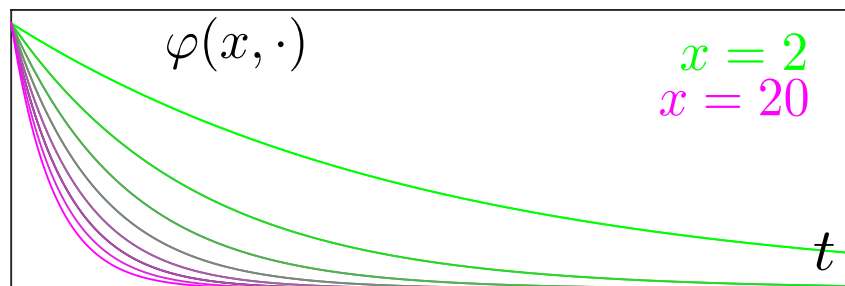


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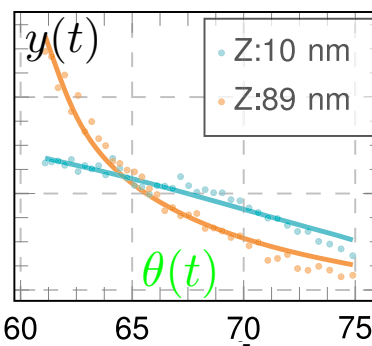
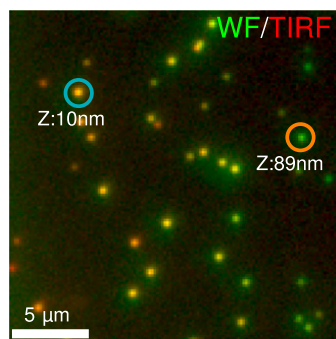
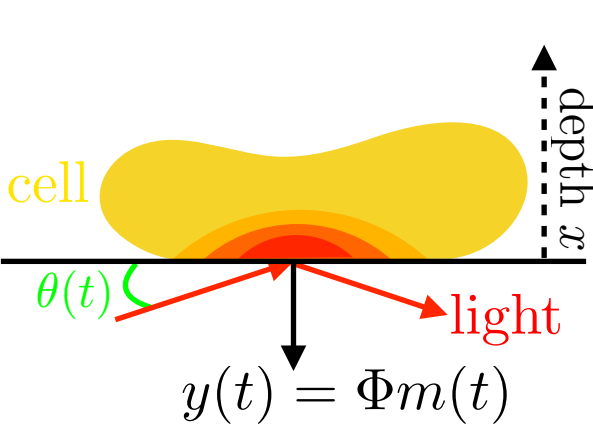


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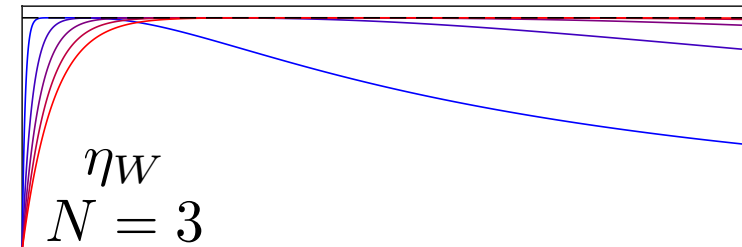
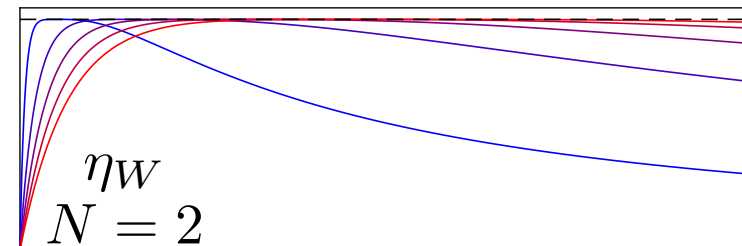
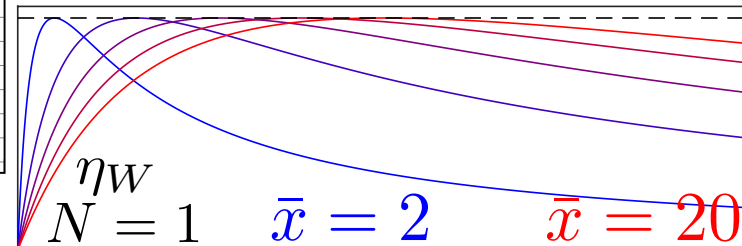
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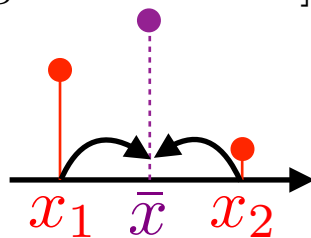
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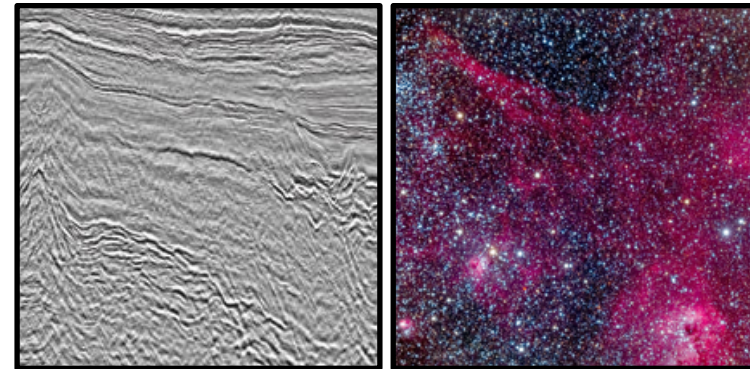
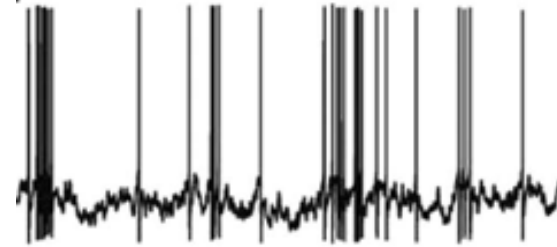
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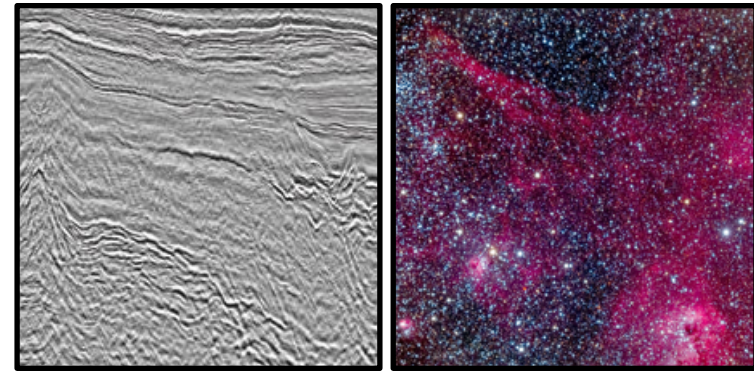
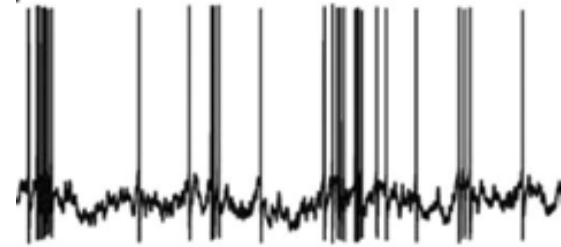
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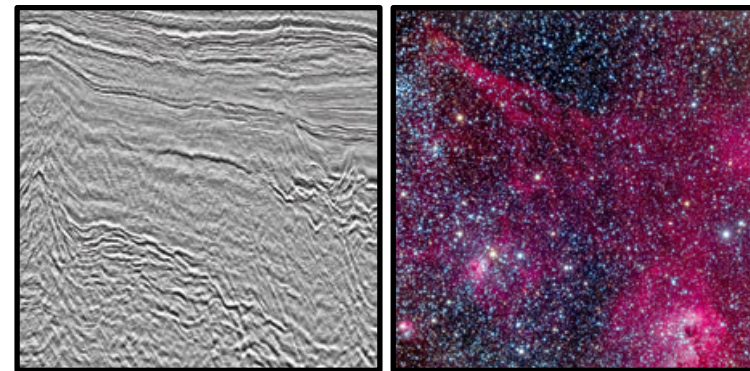
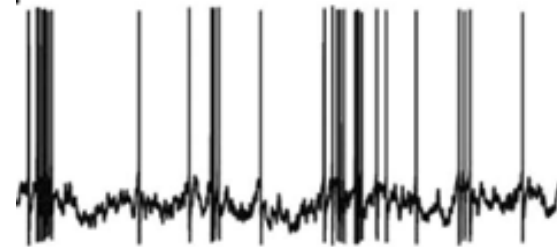
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