

# The Legendre transform and dually epi-translation contravariant valuations

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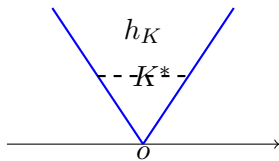
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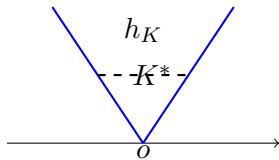
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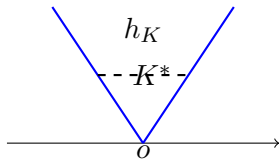






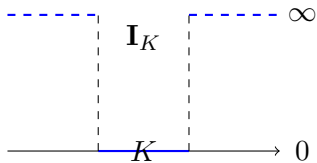
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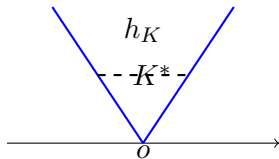
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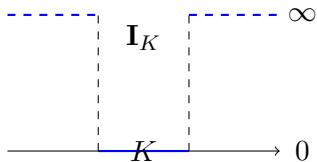
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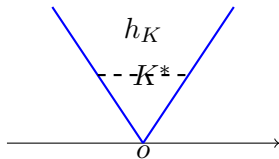
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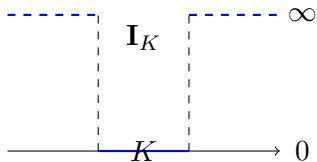
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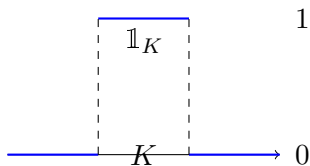
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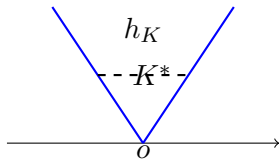
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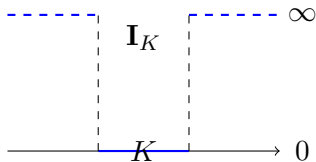
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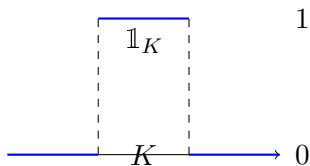
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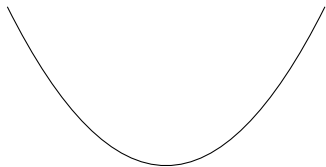
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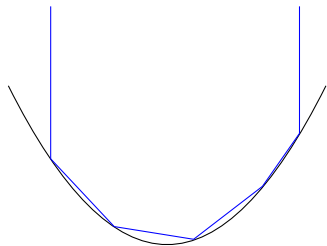
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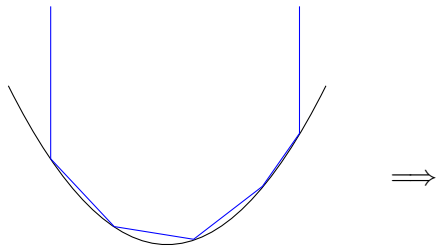
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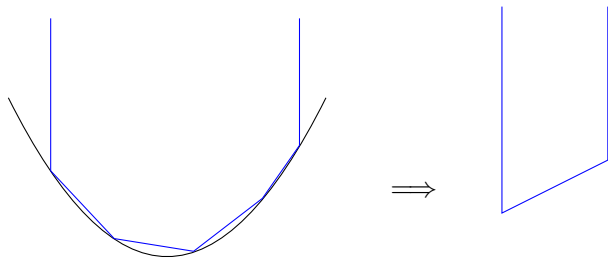


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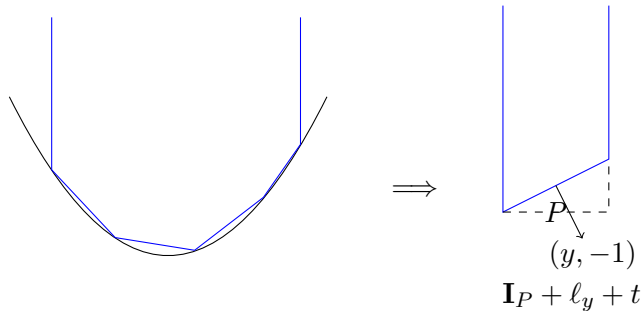




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- ◇ Exactly corresponding to the desired result

$$\mathcal{Z}u(x) = \begin{cases} \epsilon\sigma u^*(x/\epsilon) + c, & \epsilon \neq 0, \\ c'\delta_x^0 + c, & \epsilon = 0. \end{cases}$$

**Thank you!**