

# Chapter 3, Sect 5

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## The Set Up

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Sections 3.1-3.4: Compute  $y_h$

Sections 3.5, 3.6: How to find  $y_p$ .



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We have seen that:

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