

# Medietic numeration systems

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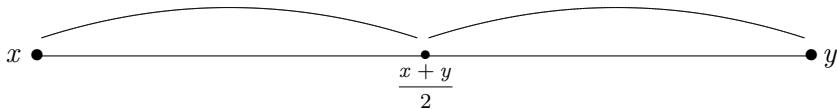
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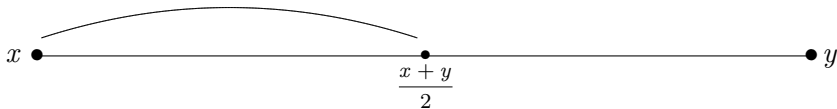
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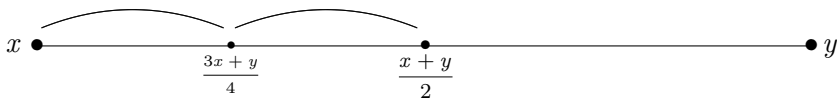
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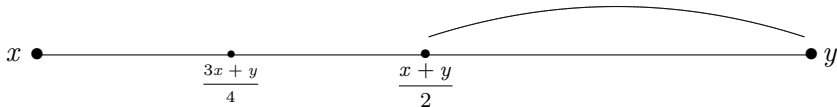
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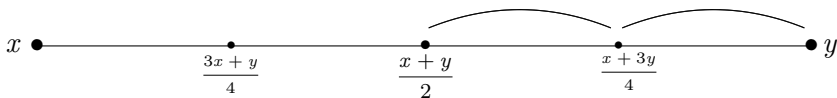
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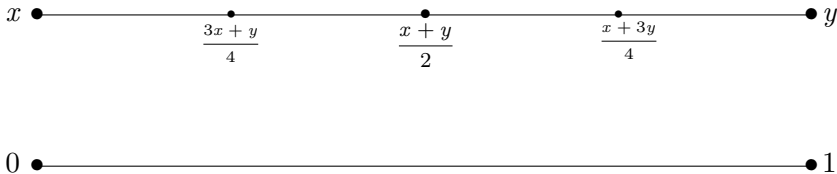
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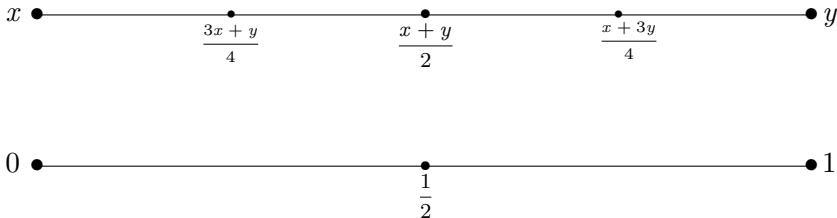
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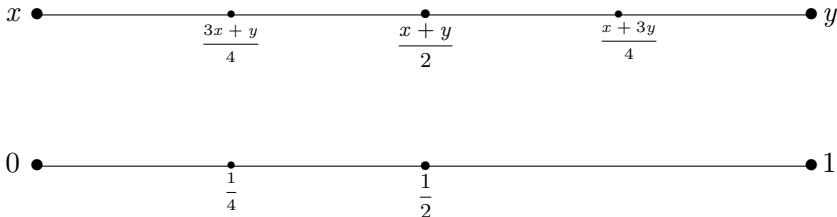
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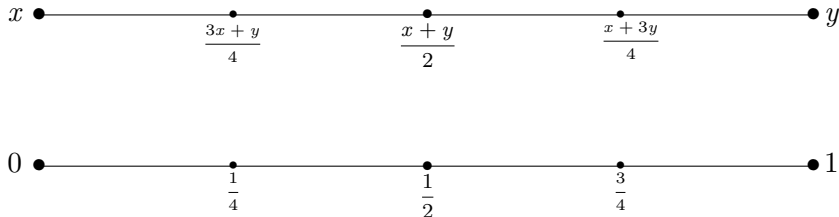
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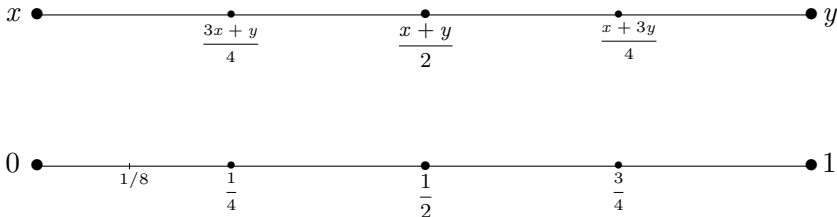
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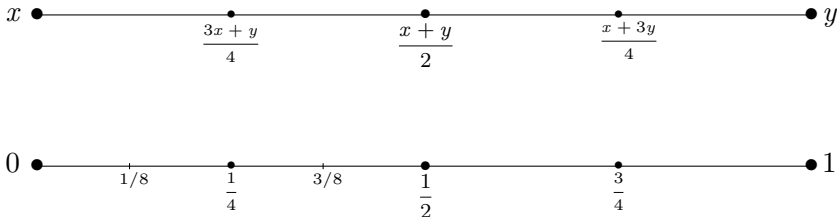
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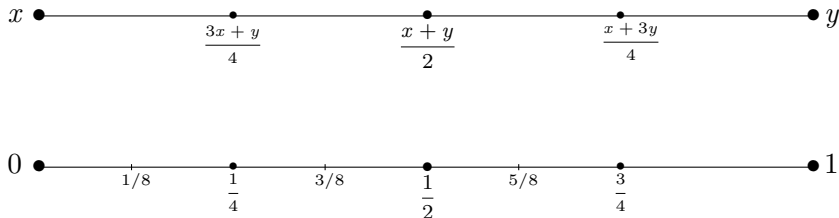
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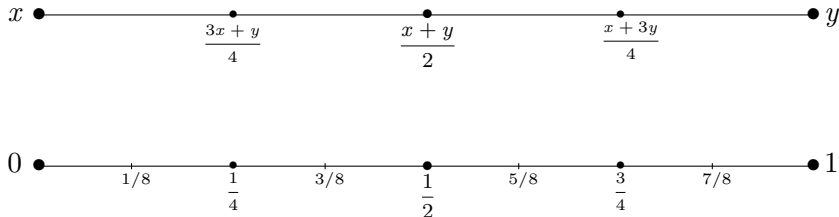
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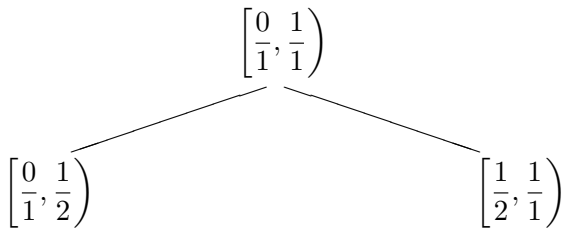
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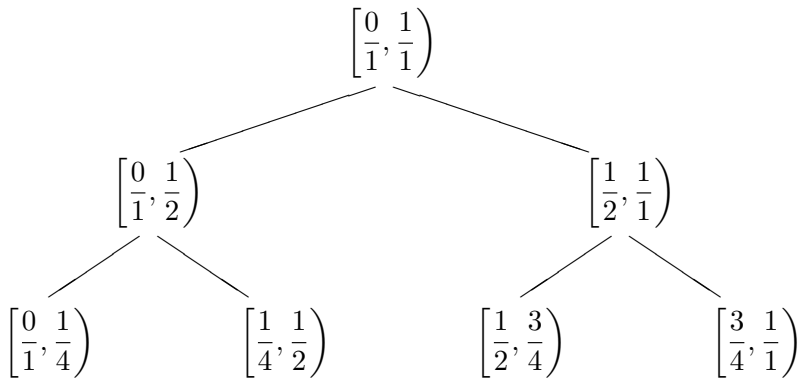
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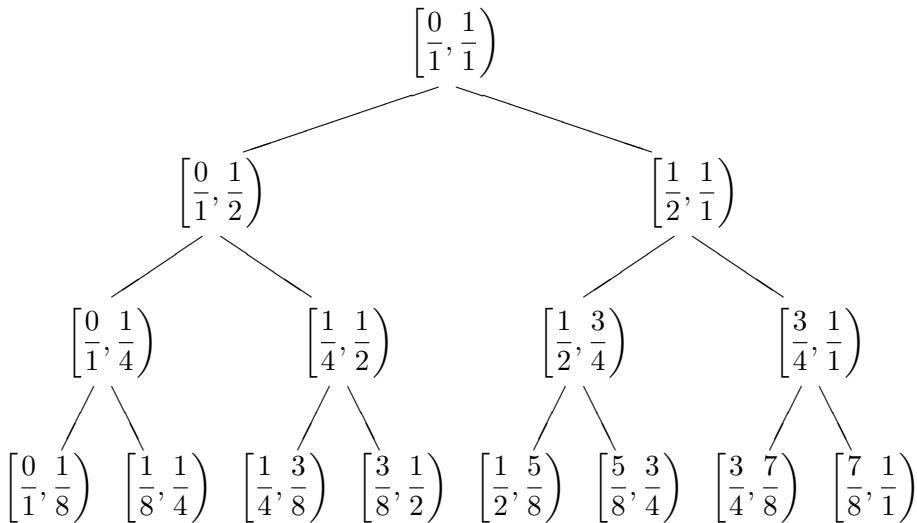
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$$x = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x_n}{2^n}.$$

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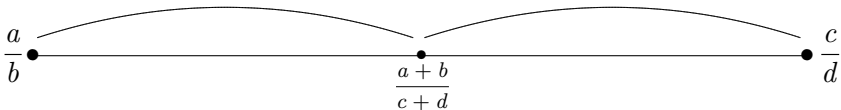
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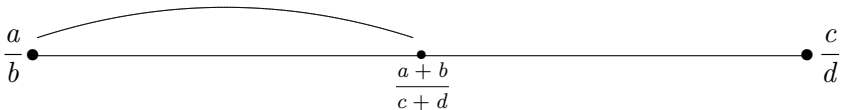
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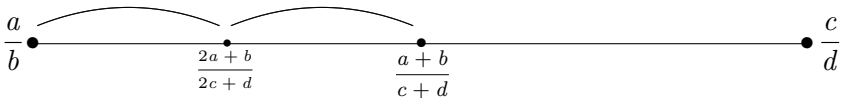
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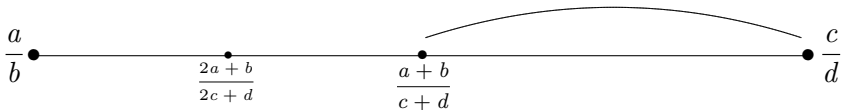
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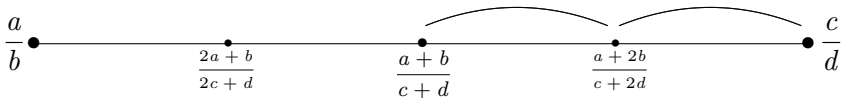
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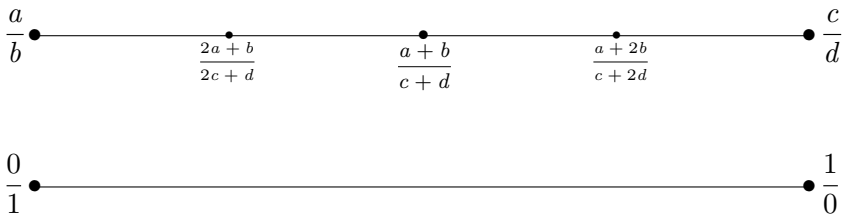
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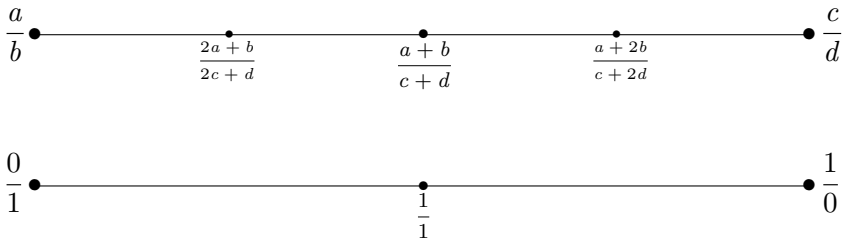
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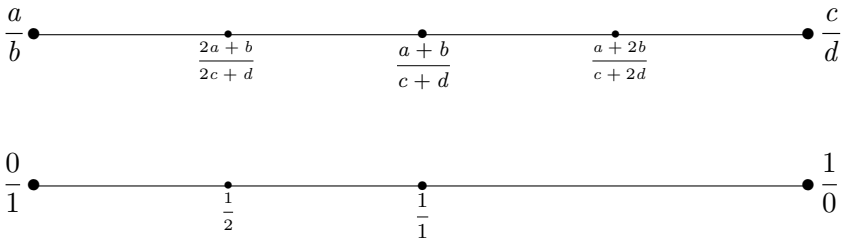
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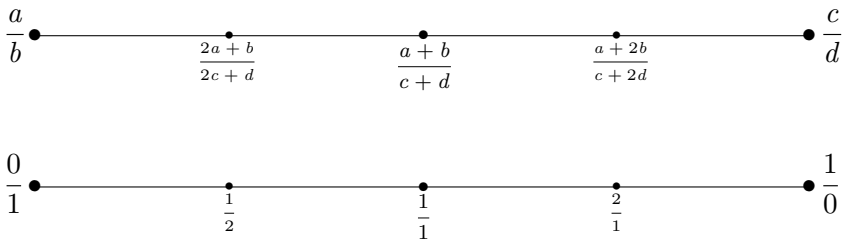
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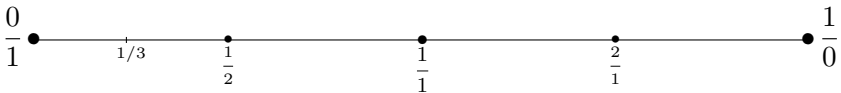
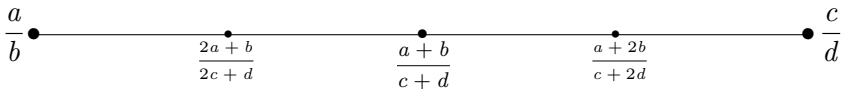
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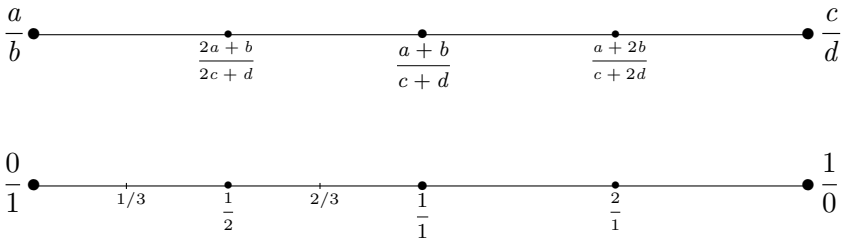
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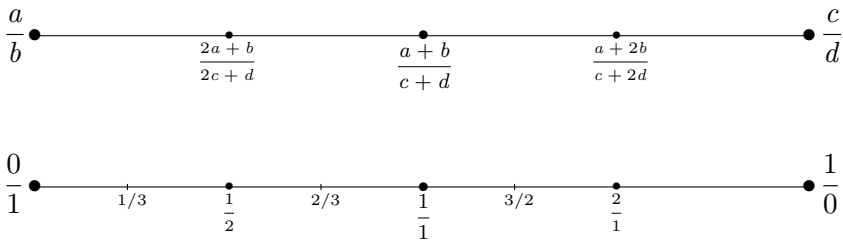
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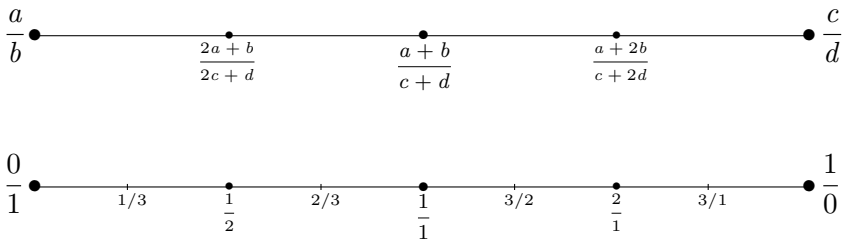
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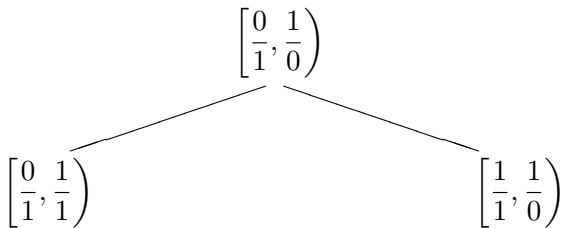
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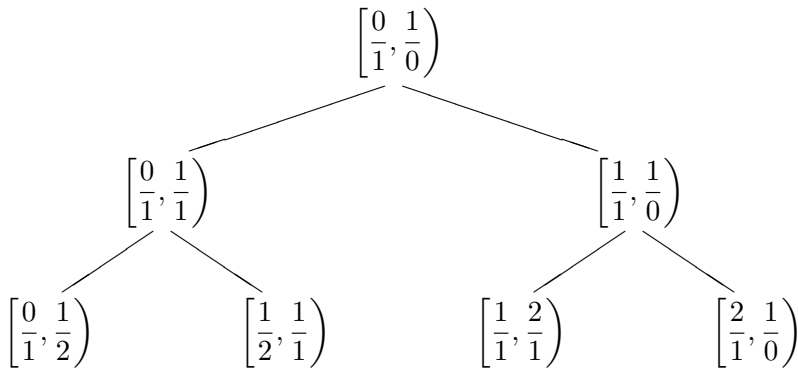
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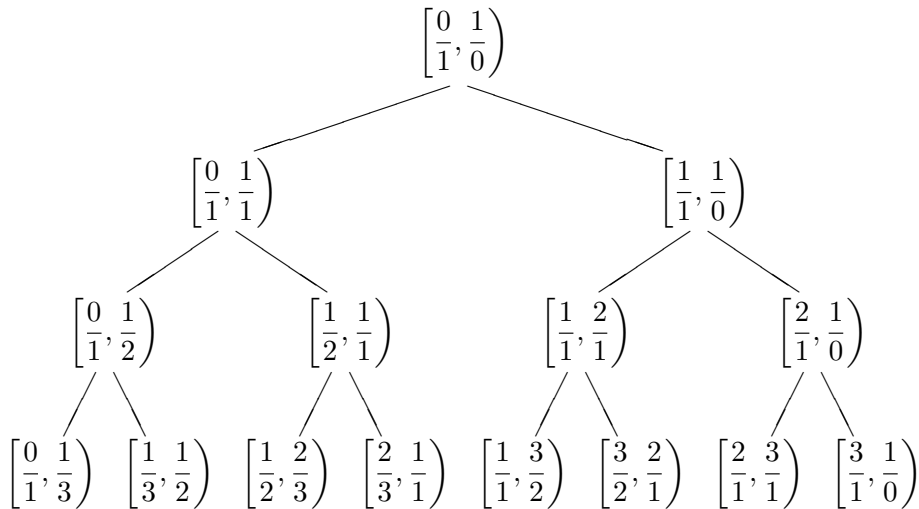
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$$x = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \dots}}}$$

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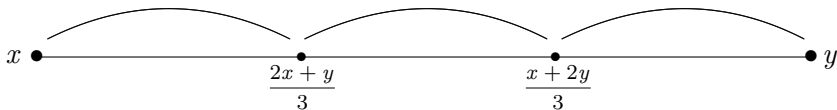
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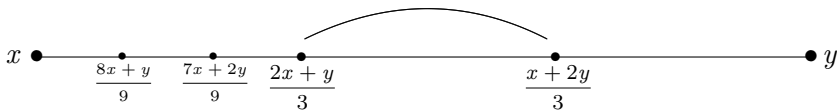
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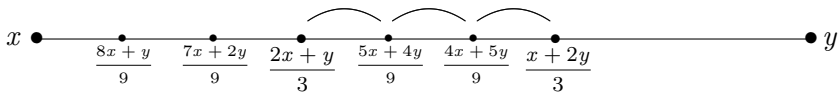
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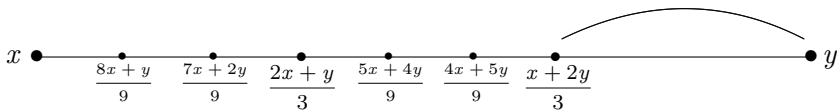
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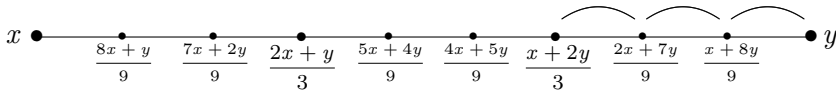
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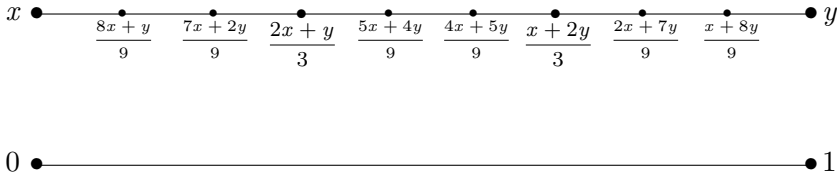
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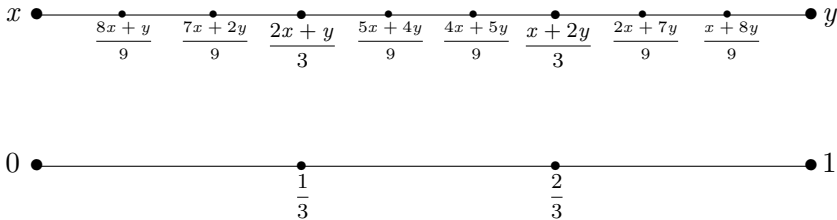
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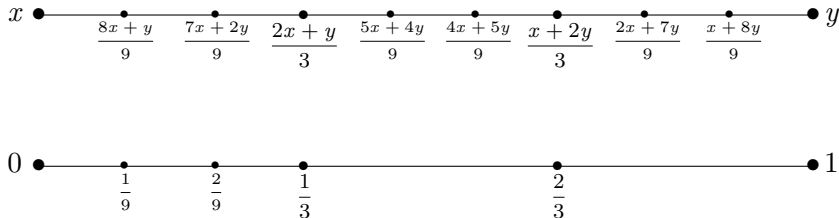
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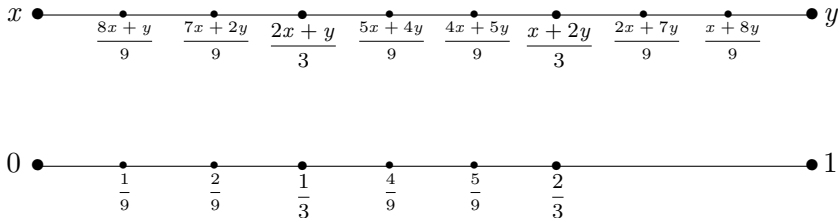
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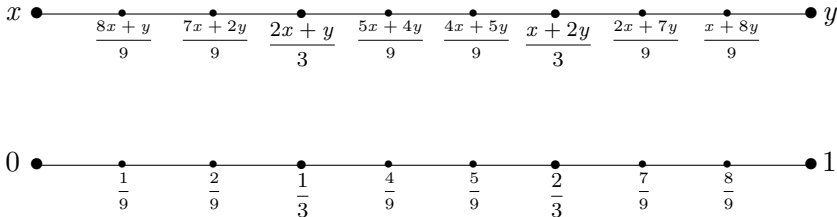
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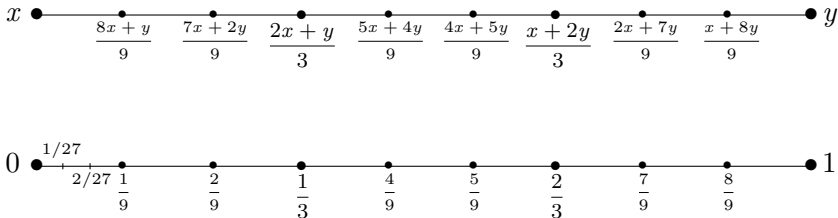
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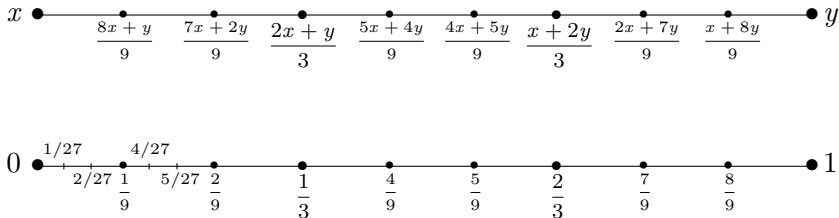
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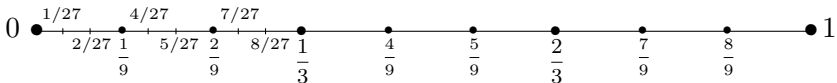
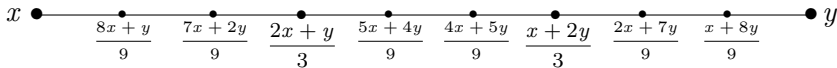
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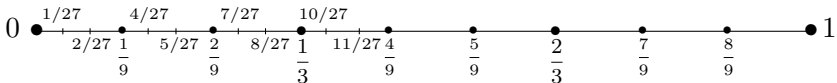
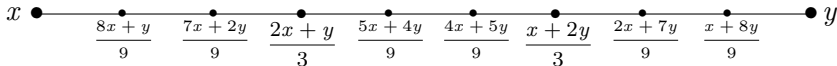
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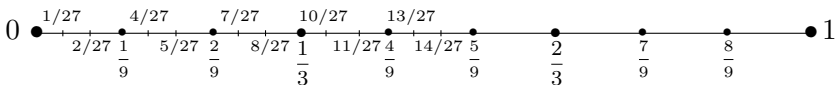
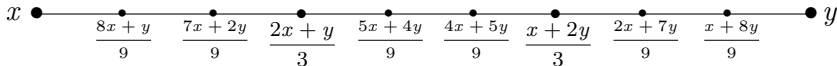
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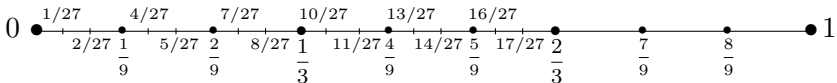
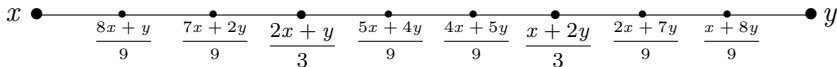
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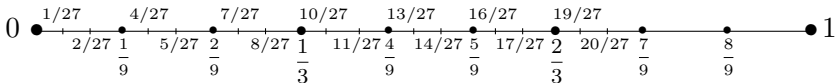
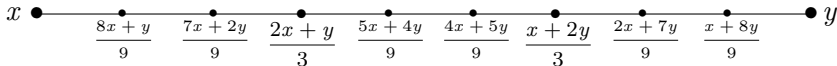
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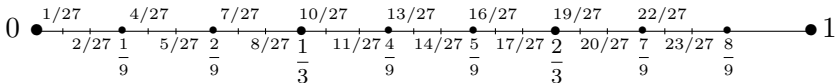
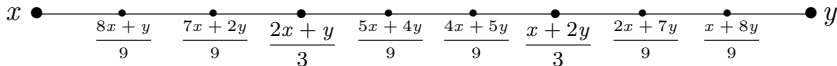
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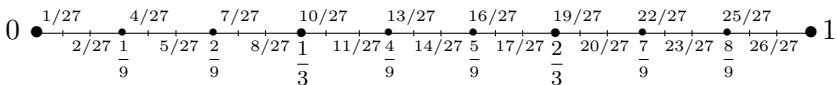
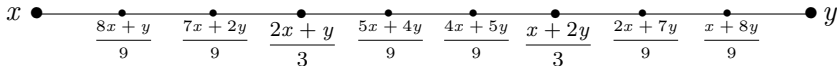
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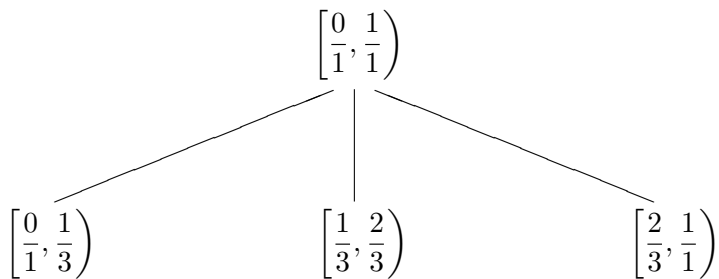


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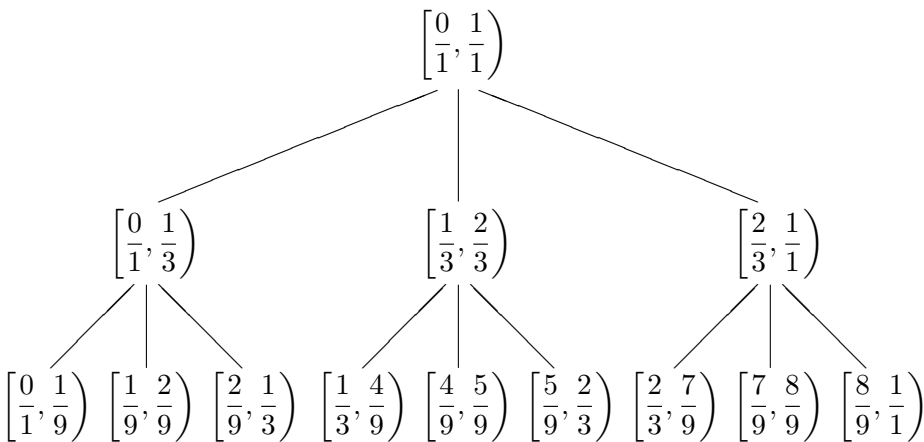
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The codage of  $x \in [0, 1)$  by the trichotomy algorithm gives an analytic expression of  $x$ , with the following rule: putting  $x_n = 0$  (resp.  $x_n = 1, x_n = 2$ ) when the left (resp. central, right) subinterval is chosen at the  $n$ -th step, we have

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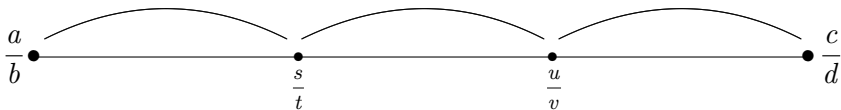
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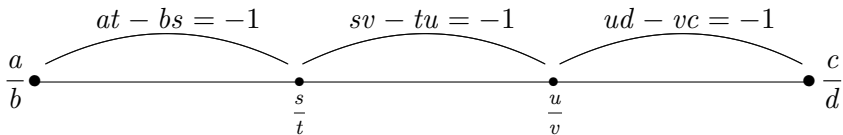
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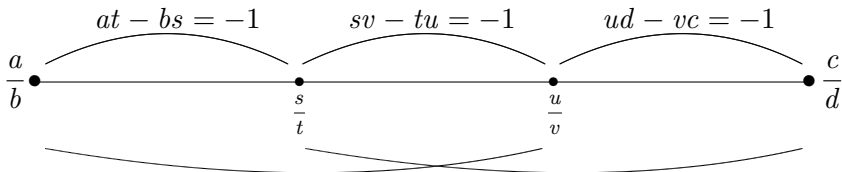
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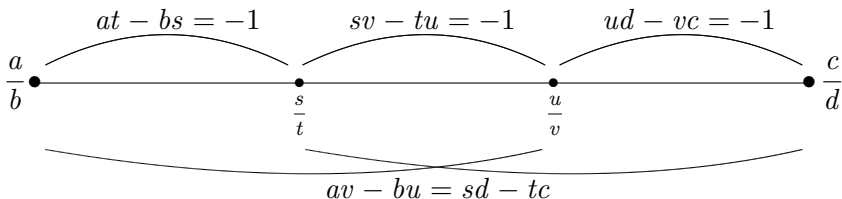
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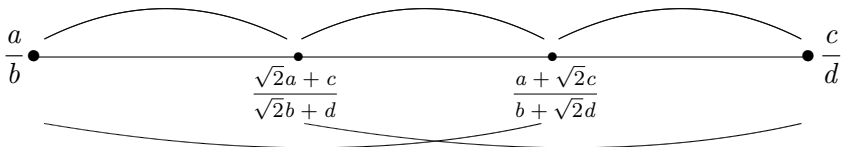
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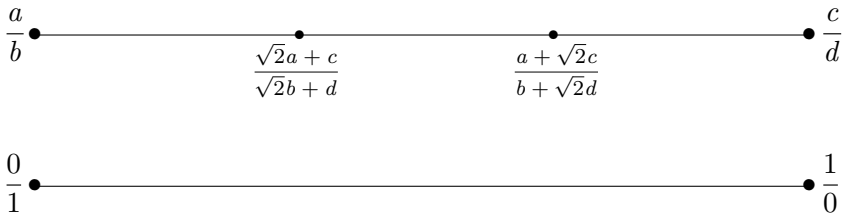
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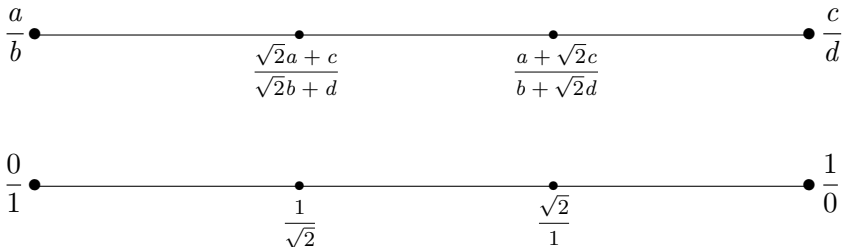
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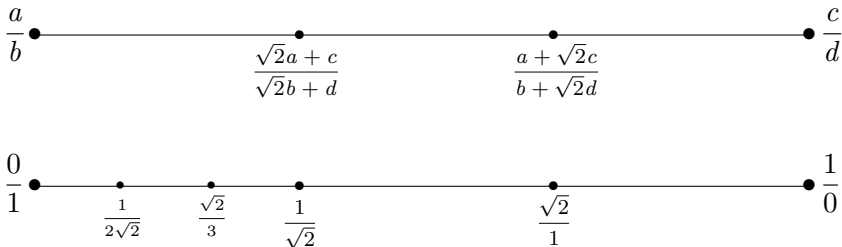
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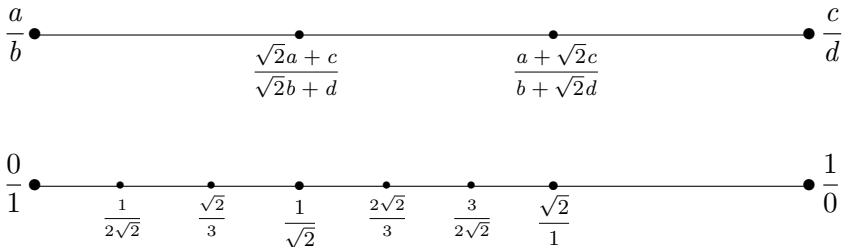
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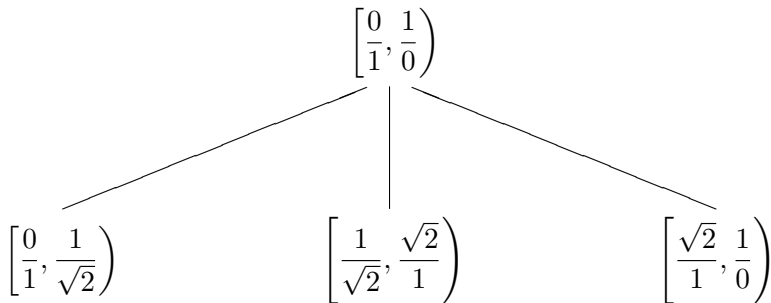
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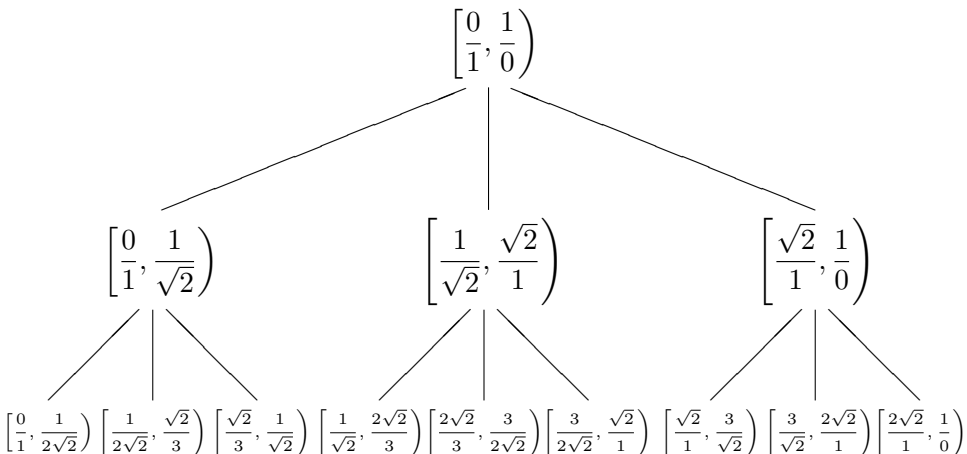
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where the  $a_n$  are integers, all different from 0 apart, possibly,  $a_0$ .

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In the interval  $[0, 2)$ , the values  $\lambda = 2 \cos(\pi/k)$  are the only ones for which the subgroup of homographies of  $\mathbb{H}^2$  generated by

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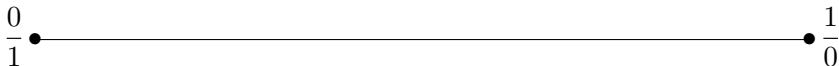
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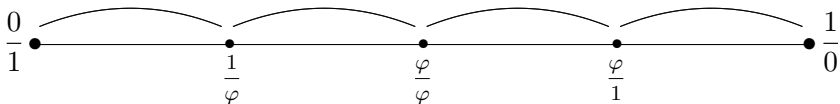


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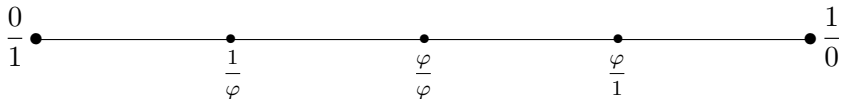


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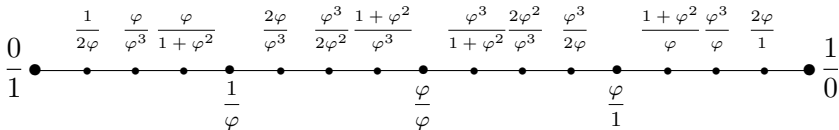


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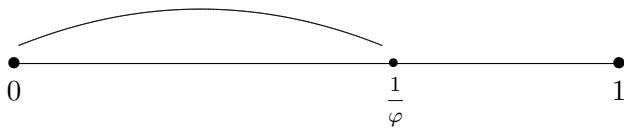
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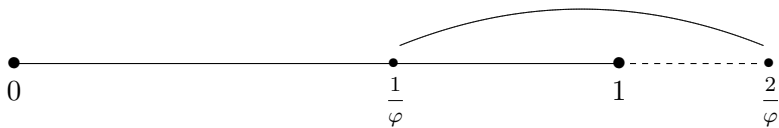
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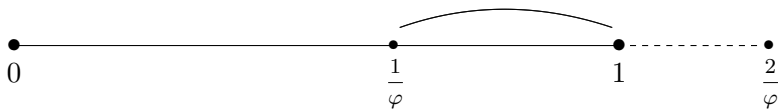
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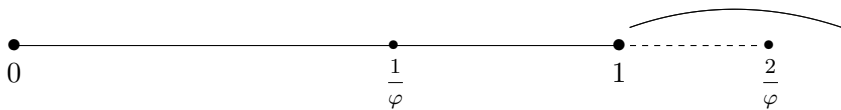
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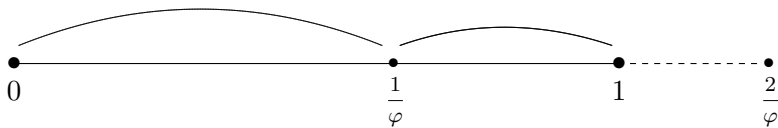
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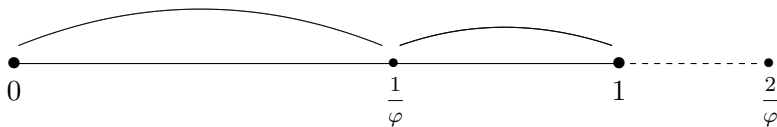


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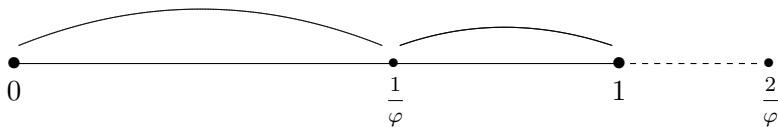


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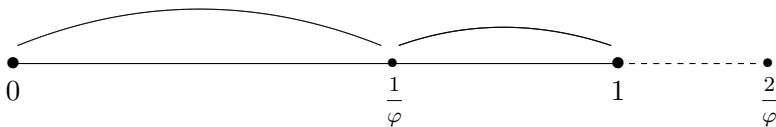
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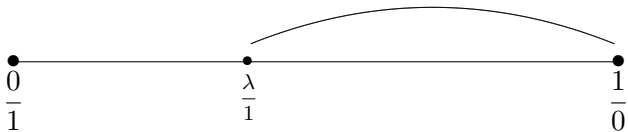
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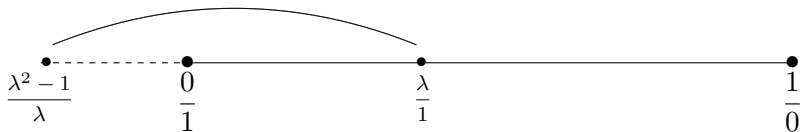
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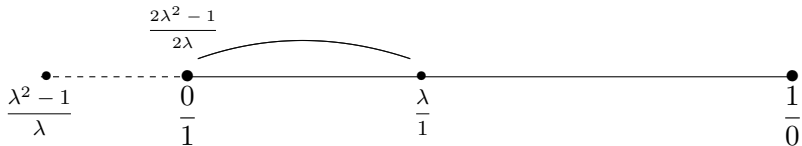
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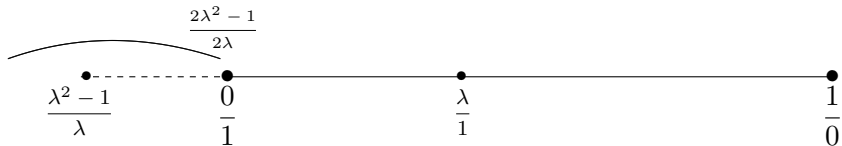
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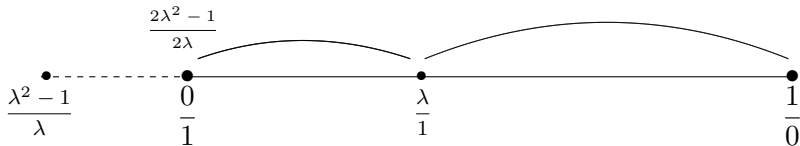


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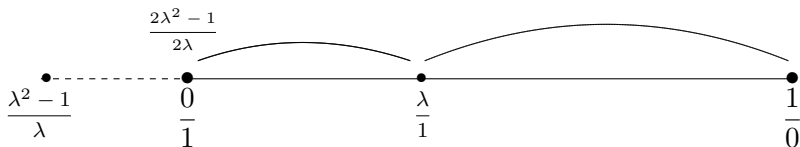




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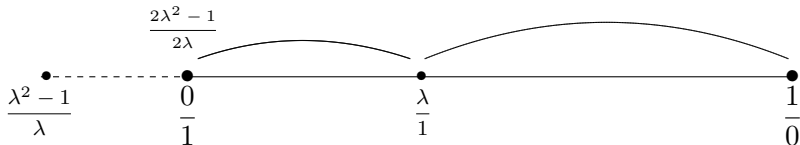
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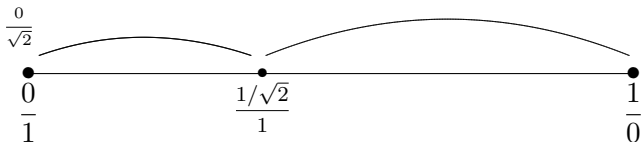


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