# Numbers in Non-Integer Bases

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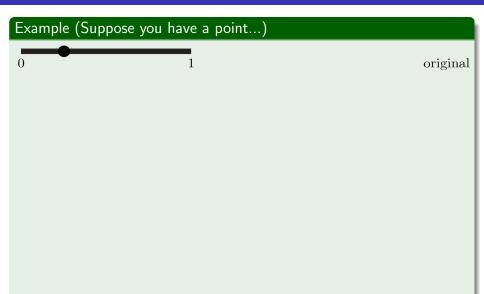


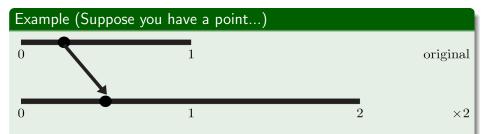
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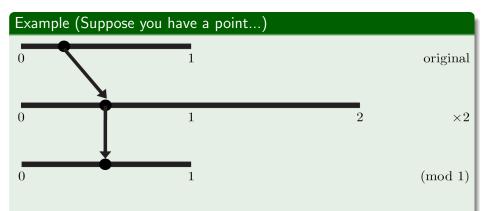
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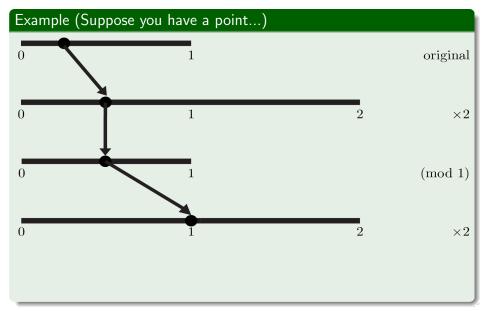


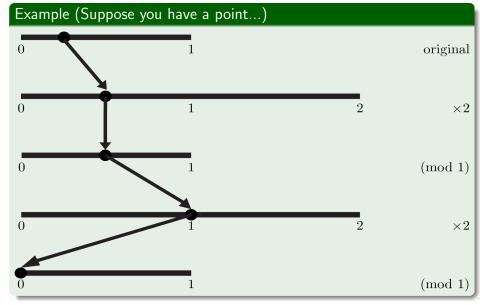
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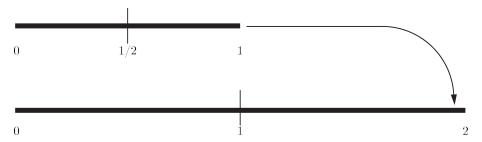


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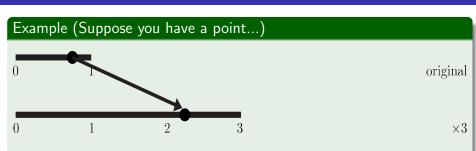
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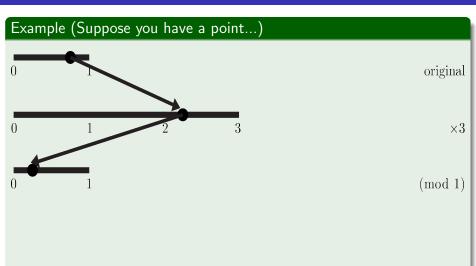
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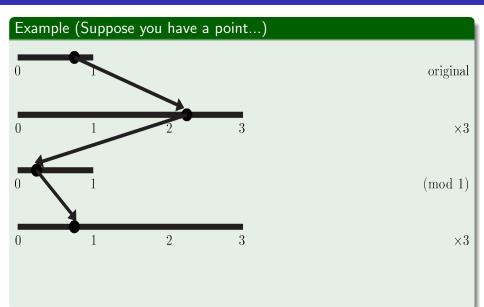
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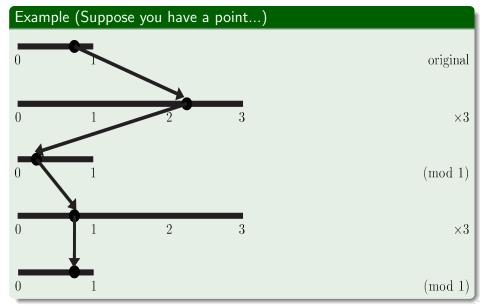


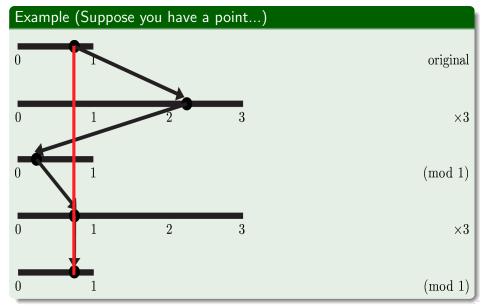
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### Example (1/3 in Base 10)

$$\frac{1}{3} \neq \frac{n}{2^{\alpha}5^{\beta}}$$

where  $n, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}$ .



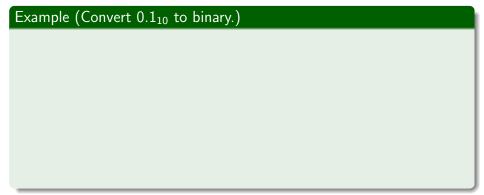
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## Beta Map

The transformation  $T:[0,1)\to [0,1)$  defined by  $T=(x\cdot\beta)$  (mod 1).



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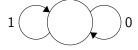
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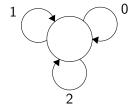
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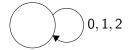
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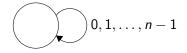
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 $\bullet$   $n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 1$ 

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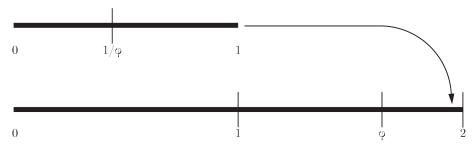
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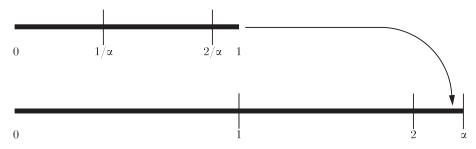
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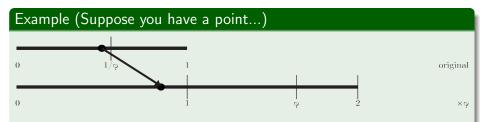
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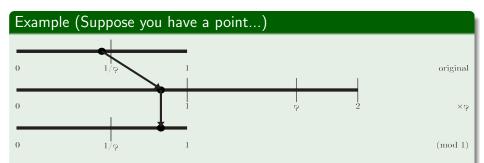
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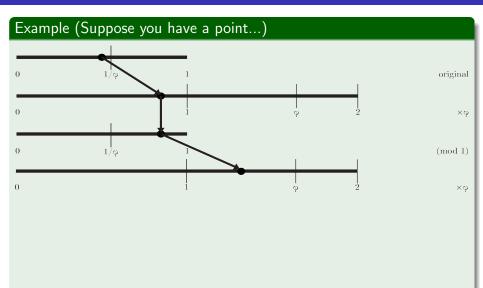
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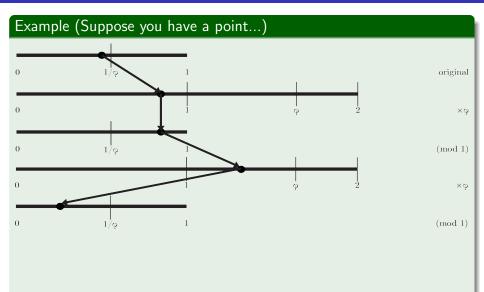


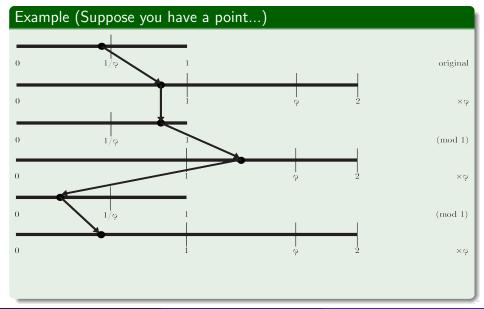
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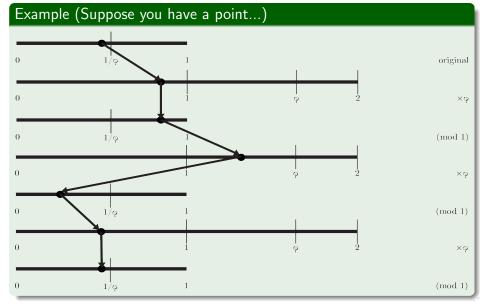


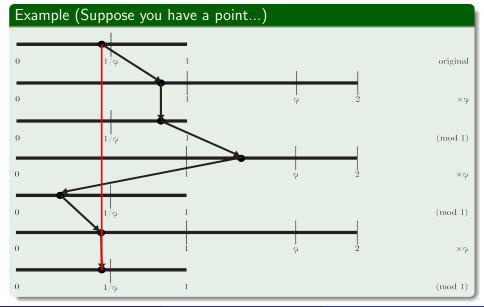












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$$(\frac{\varphi^2}{2}-1)\cdot \varphi = \frac{\varphi^3}{2}-\varphi \qquad \frac{\varphi^3}{2}-\varphi \mod (1) = \frac{\varphi^3}{2}-\varphi$$

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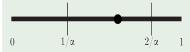
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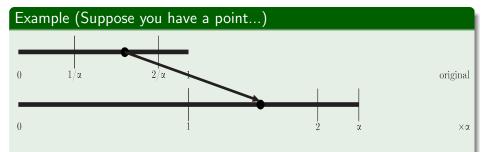
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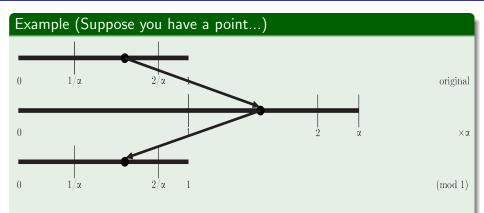
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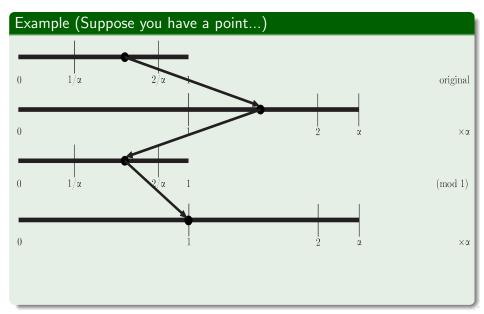
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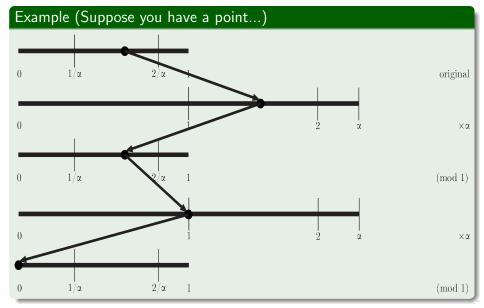


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Geometrically, this can't happen. If we multiply a number in [0,1) by any number and perform (mod 1), we will never get a number larger than one. It's the arithmetic equivalent of having  $x\cdot \beta>\beta,\ x<1$ .

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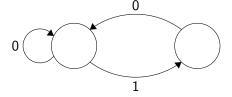
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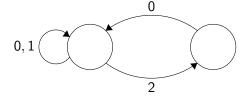
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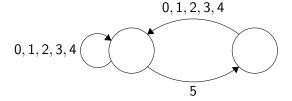


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