

Numbers in Non-Integer Bases

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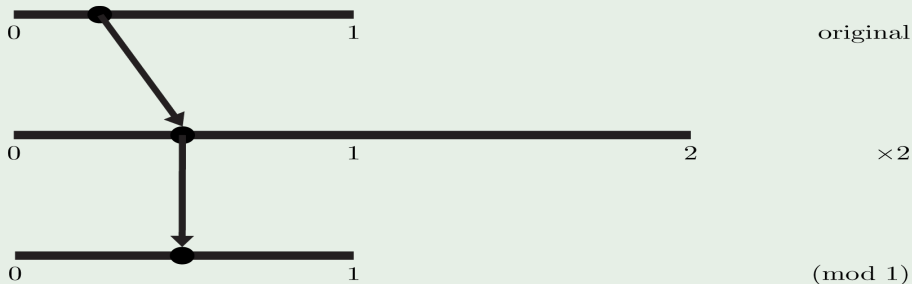
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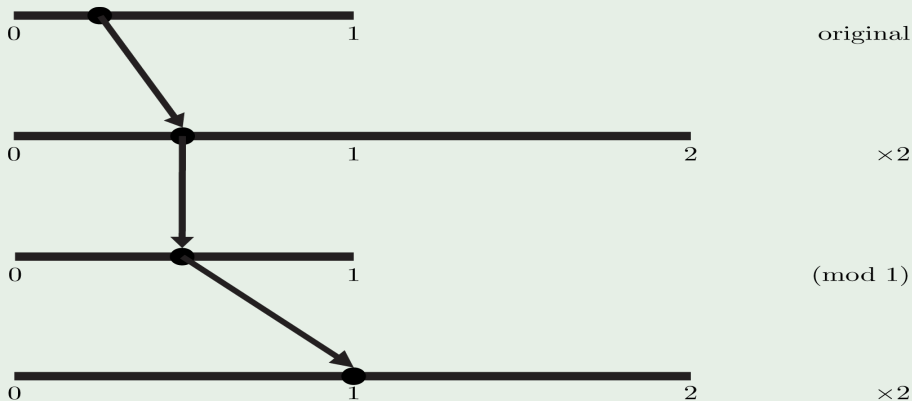
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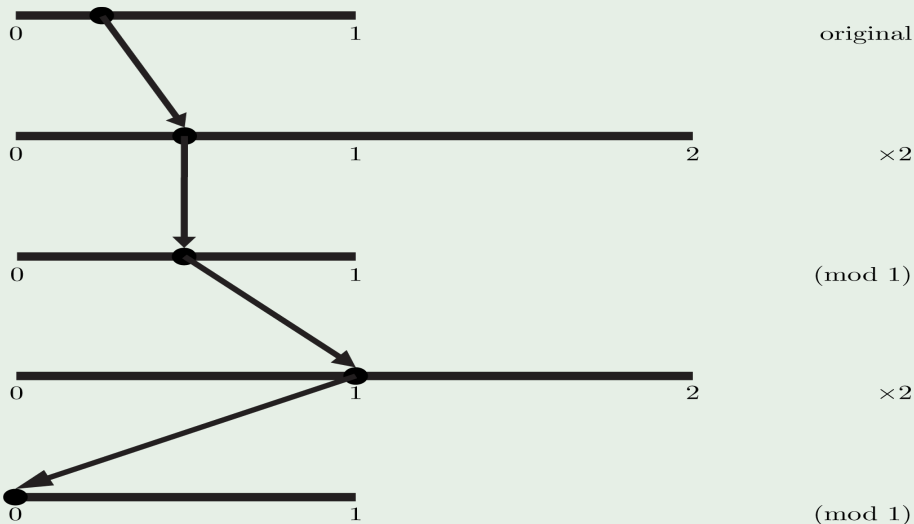
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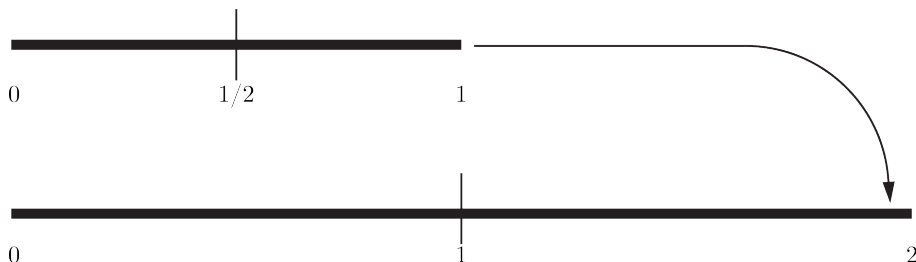
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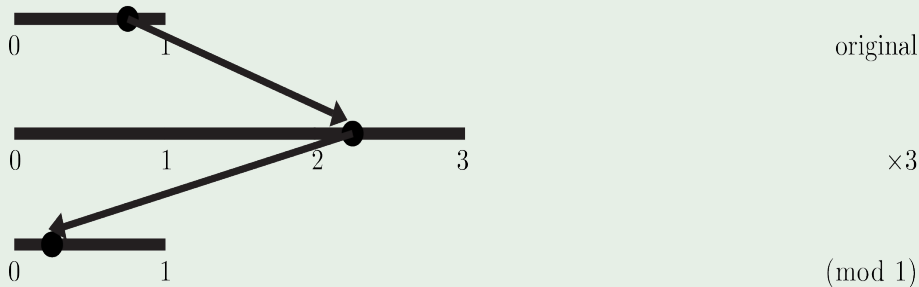
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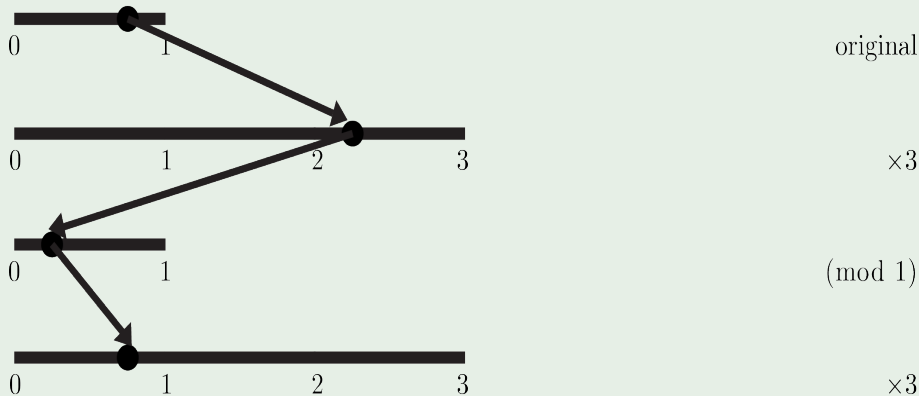
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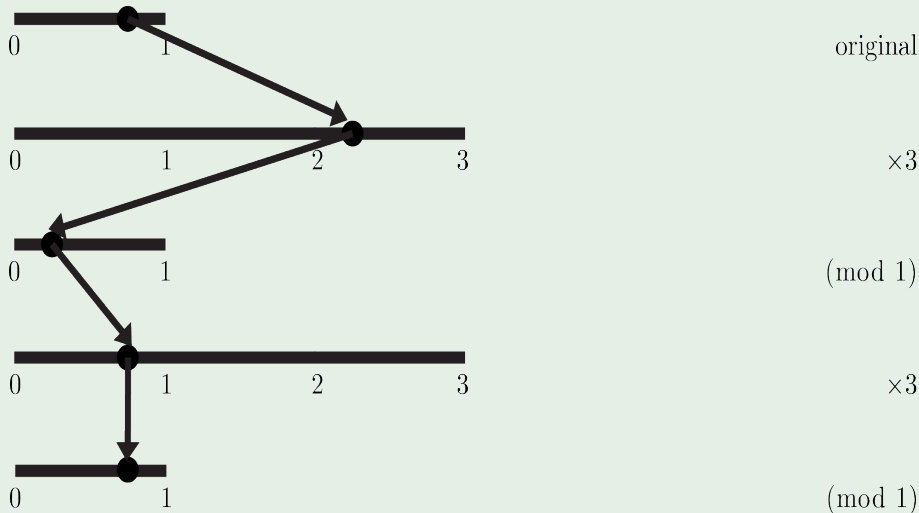
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- We can explain this phenomenon arithmetically

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Example (1/3 in Base 10)

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

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Beta Map

The transformation $T : [0, 1) \rightarrow [0, 1)$ defined by $T = (x \cdot \beta) \pmod{1}$.

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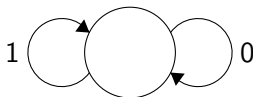
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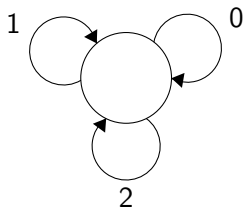
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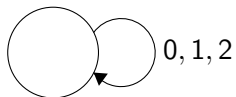
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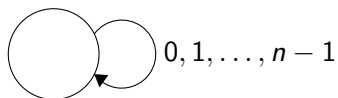
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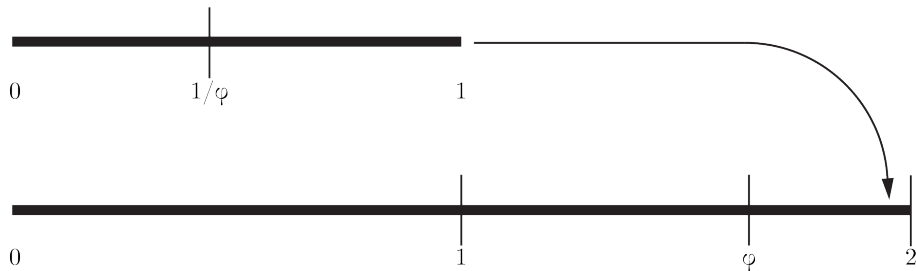
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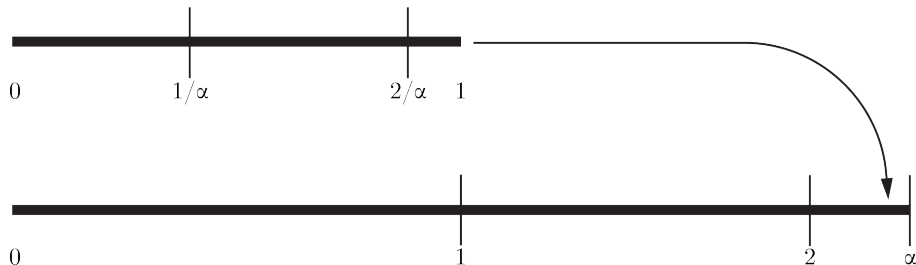
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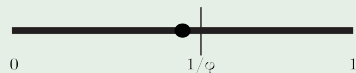
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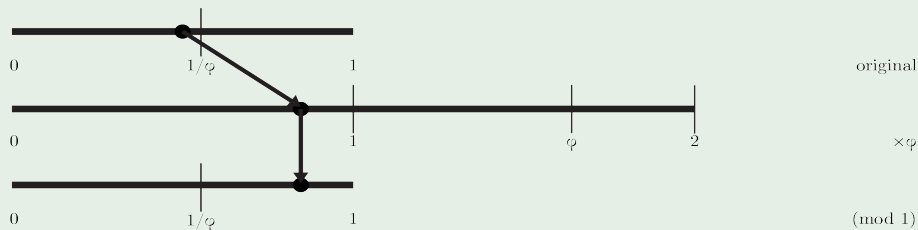
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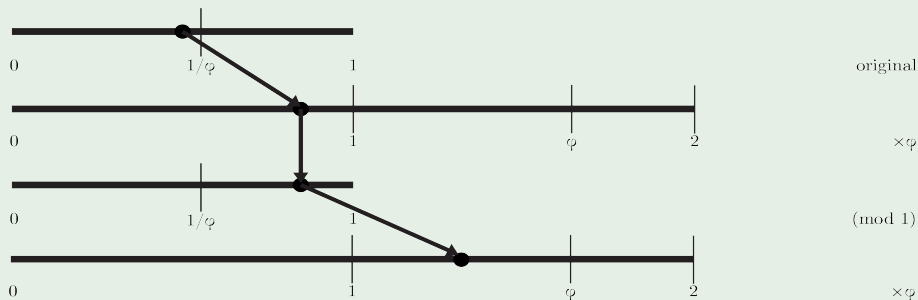
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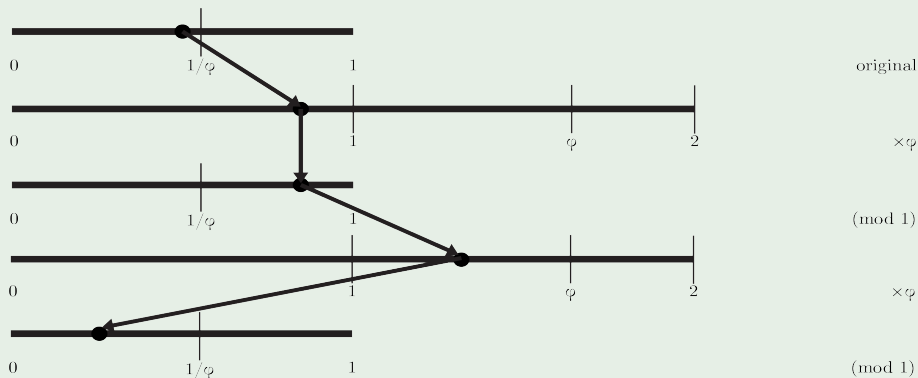
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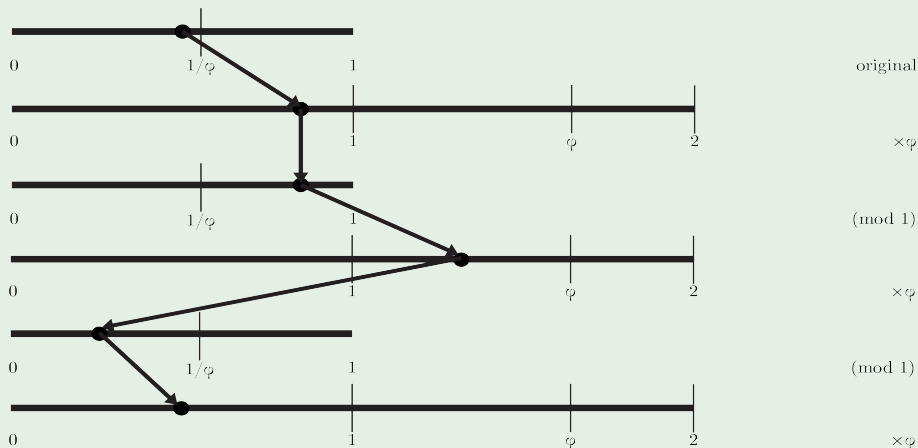
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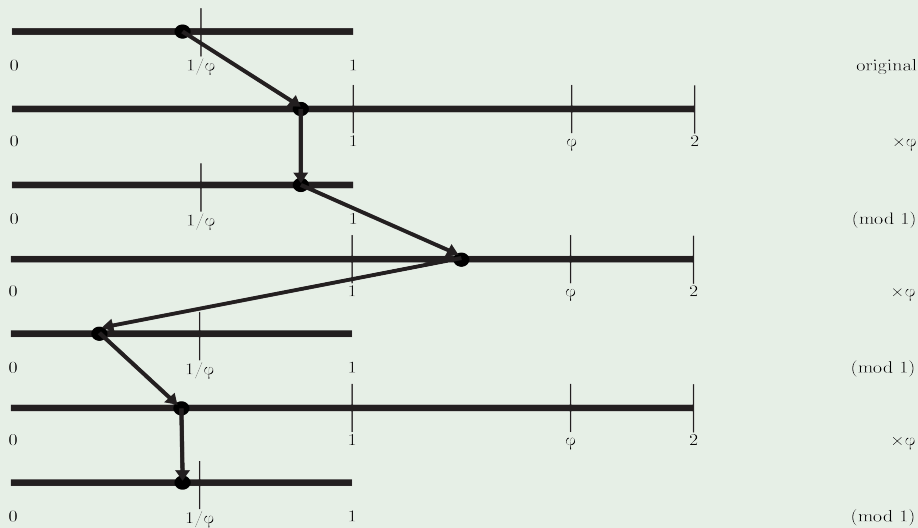
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- In general, whole numbers (excluding the base and its multiples) are typically the only numbers with finite representations in non-integer, algebraic bases

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 $\alpha = 1 + \sqrt{2} \approx 2.414$.

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Properties of Non-Integer Bases

- There will be forbidden words
 - We can find these by using the orbit of any whole number in these bases (one is the easiest choice)
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- Arithmetic is more of a pain than usual

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and by the definition of the base, we can rewrite the numerator:

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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.

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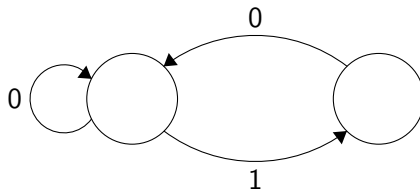
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- With this in mind, we can now create a finite state machine

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