

Banach-Mazur Game

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Banach-Mazur Winning Strategies

Player One - Wins if the intersection of all the subsets chosen is nonempty

Player Two - Wins if the intersection of all the subsets chosen is empty

Banach-Mazur: Real Line (Player 1 Winning Strategy)

Real Ordered Topology is $\{(a, b)\}$

- Player One chooses an interval on the real line.
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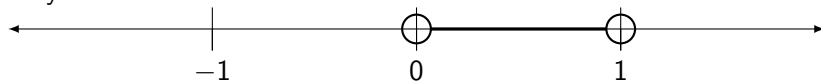
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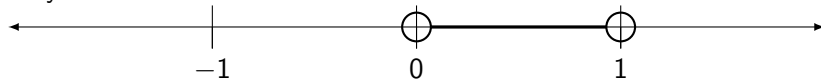
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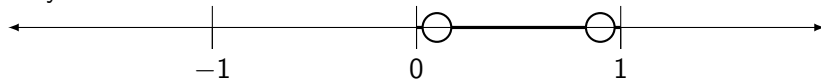
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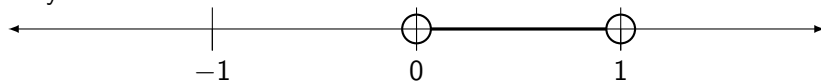
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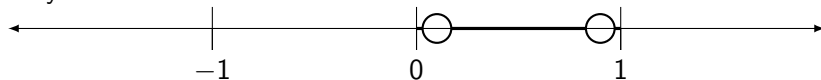
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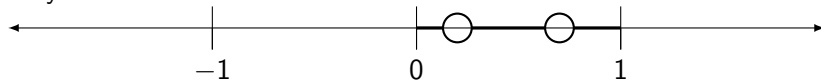
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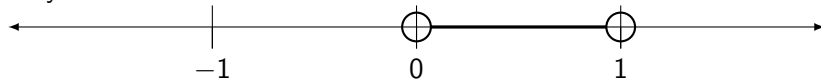
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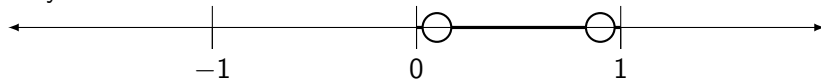
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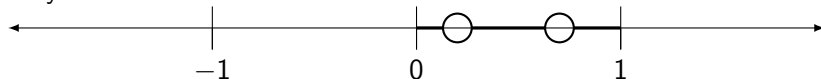
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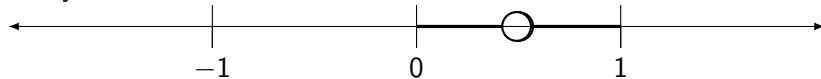
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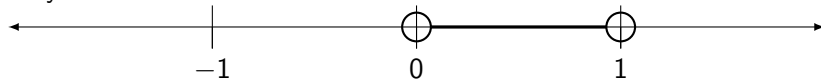
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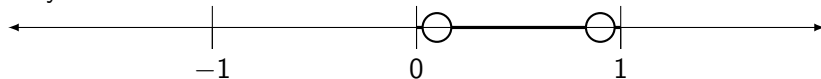
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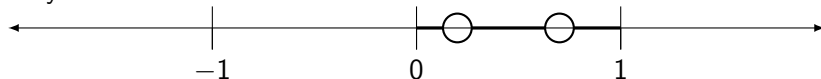
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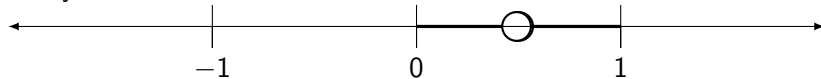
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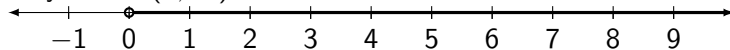
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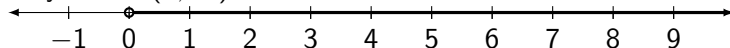
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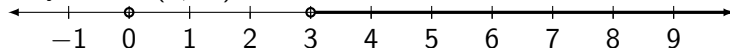
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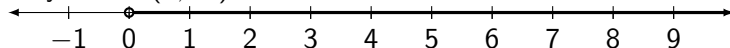
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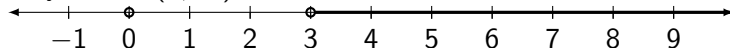
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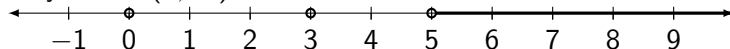
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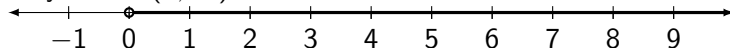
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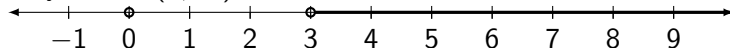
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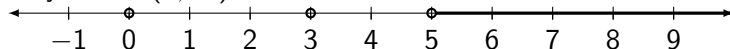
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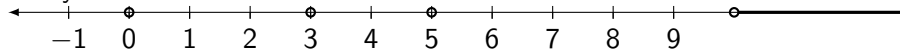
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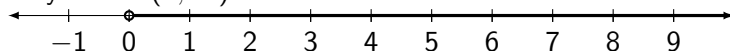
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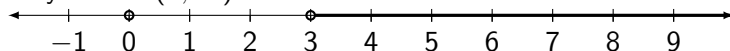
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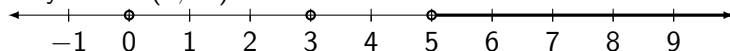
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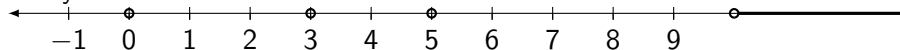
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