Products of compact lines

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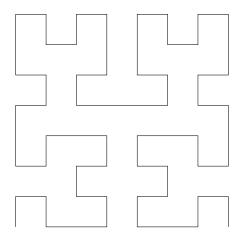
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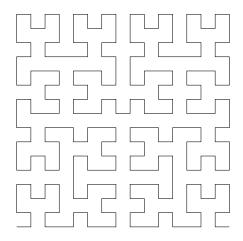
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There are curves which fill the plane.

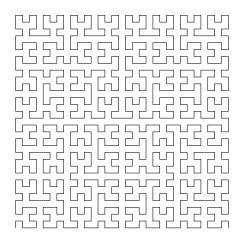
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In 2001 Mary Ellen Rudin characterized continous images of **compact lines** as compact monotonically normal spaces.

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For example, the unit interval [0, 1], the long interval $[0, \omega_1]$ and the split interval.

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In particular, a nonmetrizable compact line L cannot be mapped onto its square L^2 .

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Last year Plebanek and I proved the conjecture!

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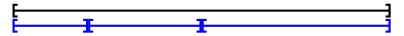
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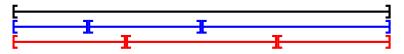
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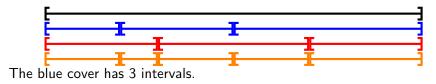




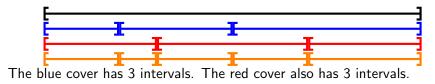


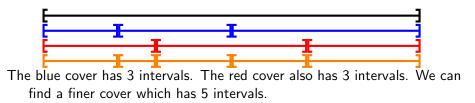


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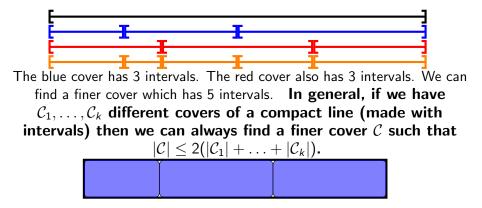


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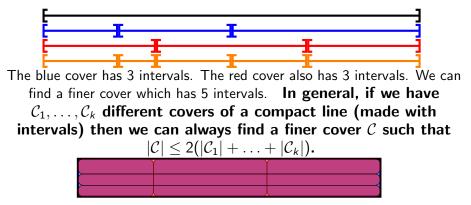
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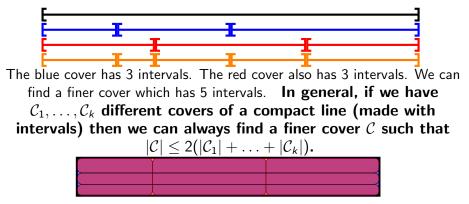
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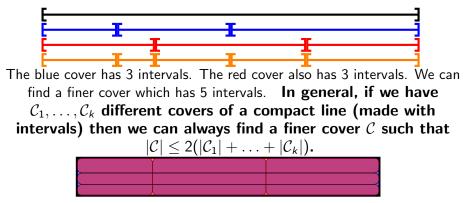
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 $|\mathcal{C}| \leq M \left(\chi(\mathcal{C}_1) + \ldots + \chi(\mathcal{C}_k) \right)^d$.

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