Interval exchange transformations (*Intercambios de intervalos*) Part I: Rotations (*rotaciones*)

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The points in X_{α} that projects to the same point then correspond to the orbit of $\omega_{+}AB\omega_{-}$ and $\omega_{+}BA\omega_{-}$.

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remark: for the clopens Y = [A] or Y = [B] we can pick $C_Y = 1$ (1-balancedness).

Complexity and minimality

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The *Rauzy induction* is the procedure which associates to the map T_{λ} the induced map on $[0, \min(\lambda_A, \lambda_B)]$.

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