

One of your subintervals must contain 0, say  $I = [0, a_1]$ , where  $a_1 < 1$ . Similarly, one of them must contain 1, say  $J = [a_2, 1]$ , where  $a_2 > a_1$ , since the intervals shall not overlap. Now take a point  $x \in ]a_1, a_2[$ .  $x$  must be contained in a certain interval  $K = [a_3, a_4]$ , where  $a_1 < a_3 \leq a_4 < a_2$ . Clearly enough, the set of those intervals created by repeating indefinitely the above process in-between the previously created intervals is idempotent to  $\mathbf{R}$ .