

# The Selective Strong Screenability Game

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# Aleksandroff's Problem

Theorem (R. Pol, 1981)

*There is a separable metric space which is weakly infinite dimensional, but not countable dimensional.*

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## Conjecture

*For each positive integer  $n$  ONE has a winning strategy in  $G_d^{\omega \cdot n}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$ , and TWO has a winning strategy in  $G_d^{\omega \cdot n+1}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$  on  $[0, 1]^n$ .*

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### Question

How does  $dim_{G_d}(S)$  behave compared to  $dim_{G_c}(S)$ ?



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