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We determine the equations which cut out the GIT quotients of n -tuples of points on the projective line modulo automorphisms of the line. A particularly simple set of quadrics cut out the space (under any linearization) with the single exception of the Segre cubic threefold. (Received July 11, 2006)