1030-51-273 **Ben Schmidt*** (schmidt@math.uchicago.edu), 5469 S. Cornell, Chicago, IL 60615. *Blocking geodesics – a survey of recent results.*

A pair of points A and B in a geodesic space is said to be finitely blocked if there is a finite set of points F disjoint from A and B such that all of the geodesics joining A to B meet F. I'll survey recent results on this property in the context of Riemannian manifolds and translation surfaces. (Received August 05, 2007)