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The classical three gap theorem asserts that for a natural number  $n$  and a real number  $p$ , there are at most three distinct distances between consecutive elements in the subset of  $[0,1)$  consisting of the reductions modulo 1 of the first  $n$  multiples of  $p$ . I'll discuss analogues of this theorem pertaining to isometries of a Riemannian manifold  $M$  and to equally spaced points along a geodesic in  $M$ . This talk is based on joint work with Ian Biringer. (Received July 27, 2009)