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- ▶ Privacy: splitting should occur without parties knowing other parties' preferences

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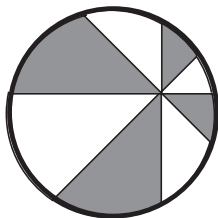
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- ▶ This problem is similar to splitting assets of failed partnerships, ...

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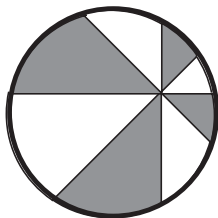
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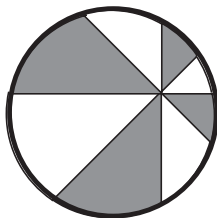
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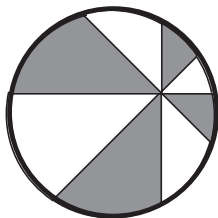
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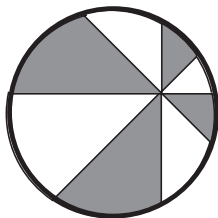
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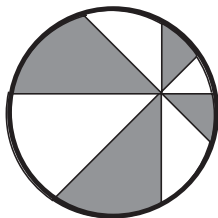
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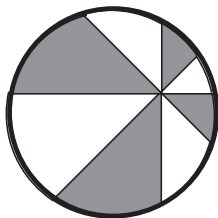
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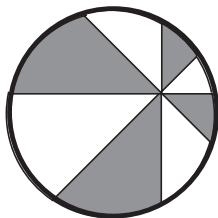
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- ▶ Step 4: Give each player a piece that they want
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