

Pattern-Avoiding Involutions
&

Brownian Bridge

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also counts
Simple Random Walk
Bridges

Other Related Results

- Connections to Motzkin Paths (2011 Barnebei Bonetti Sillman)
- Exact & Asymptotic Enumeration (2013 Boca Homberger Pautone Vatter)
- Fixed-pt distribution (Mher Rizzolo 2017)

and many more!

Brownian Bridge

Thm (Donsker)

- Let W_n be a simple random walk bridge from $(0,0)$ to $(n,0)$.

$$\frac{1}{n^{1/2}} W_n(\lfloor nt \rfloor) \rightarrow_d b_t$$

where b_t denotes Brownian bridge
& the convergence is in distribution

Main Result

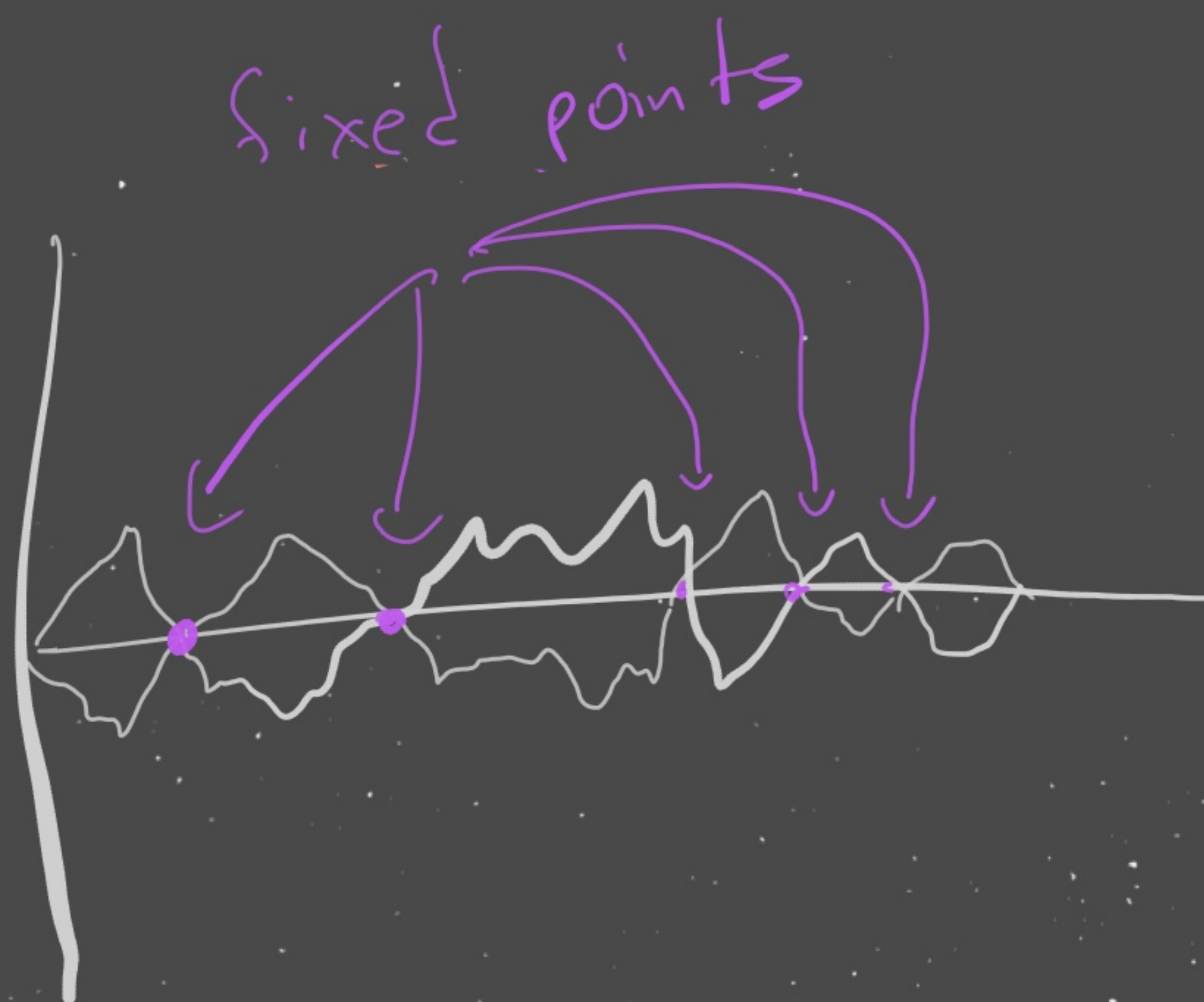
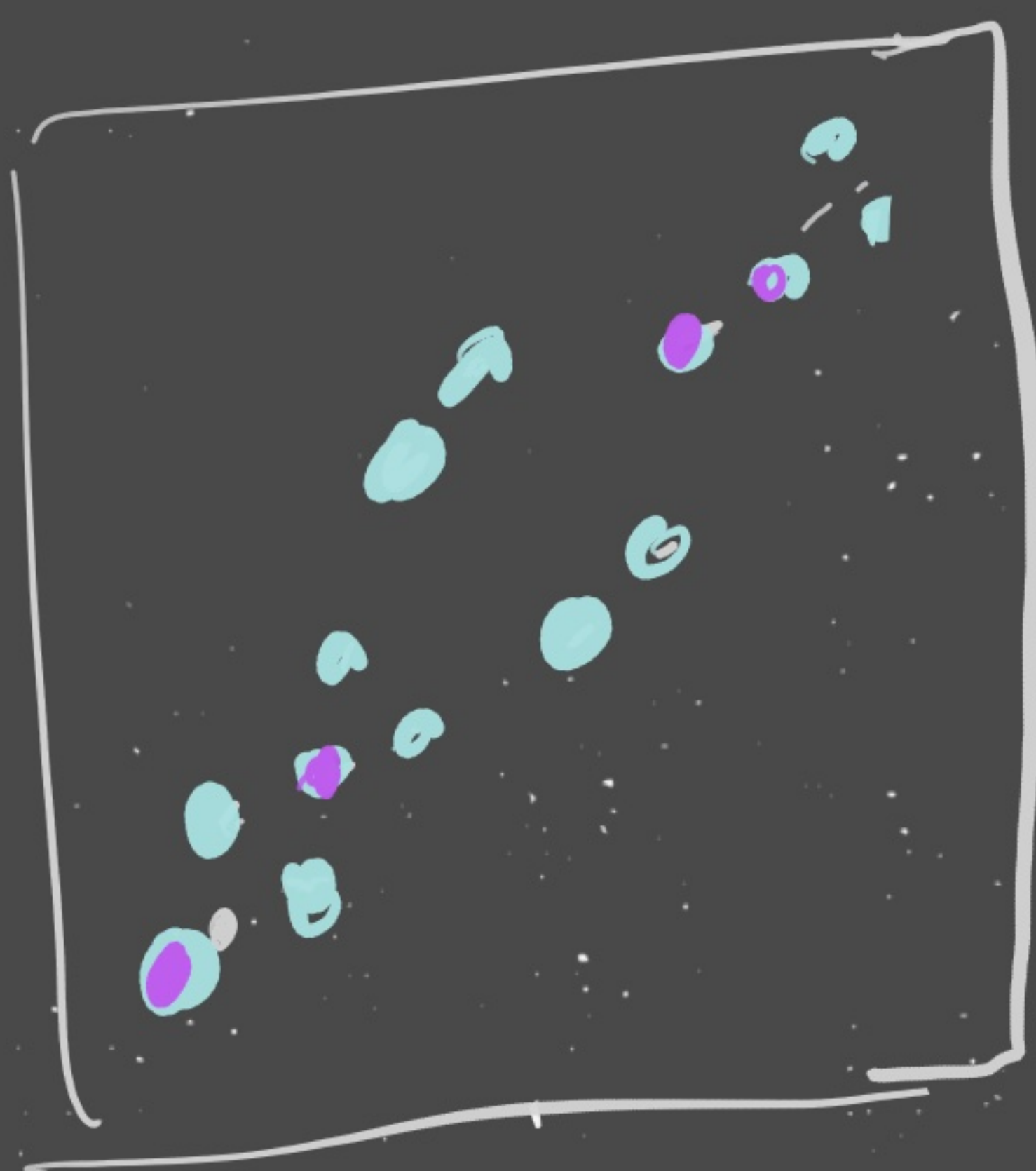
Let b_t denote Brownian bridge, and $\sigma_n \in \text{Inv}(321)$ chosen uniformly at random. Then

$$\frac{1}{n^{1/2}} [\sigma_n(\lfloor nt \rfloor) - nt] \rightarrow_d |b_t|$$

w/ convergence in distribution in $D[0,1]$
equipped w/ Skorohod Topology.

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Similar Results

Hoffman-Rizzolo S.

2017 • $\sigma \in Av_n(321)$

e_t Brownian excursion

$$\frac{1}{(2n)^{1/2}} |\sigma([nt]) - nt| \xrightarrow{d} e_t \quad t \in (0, 1)$$

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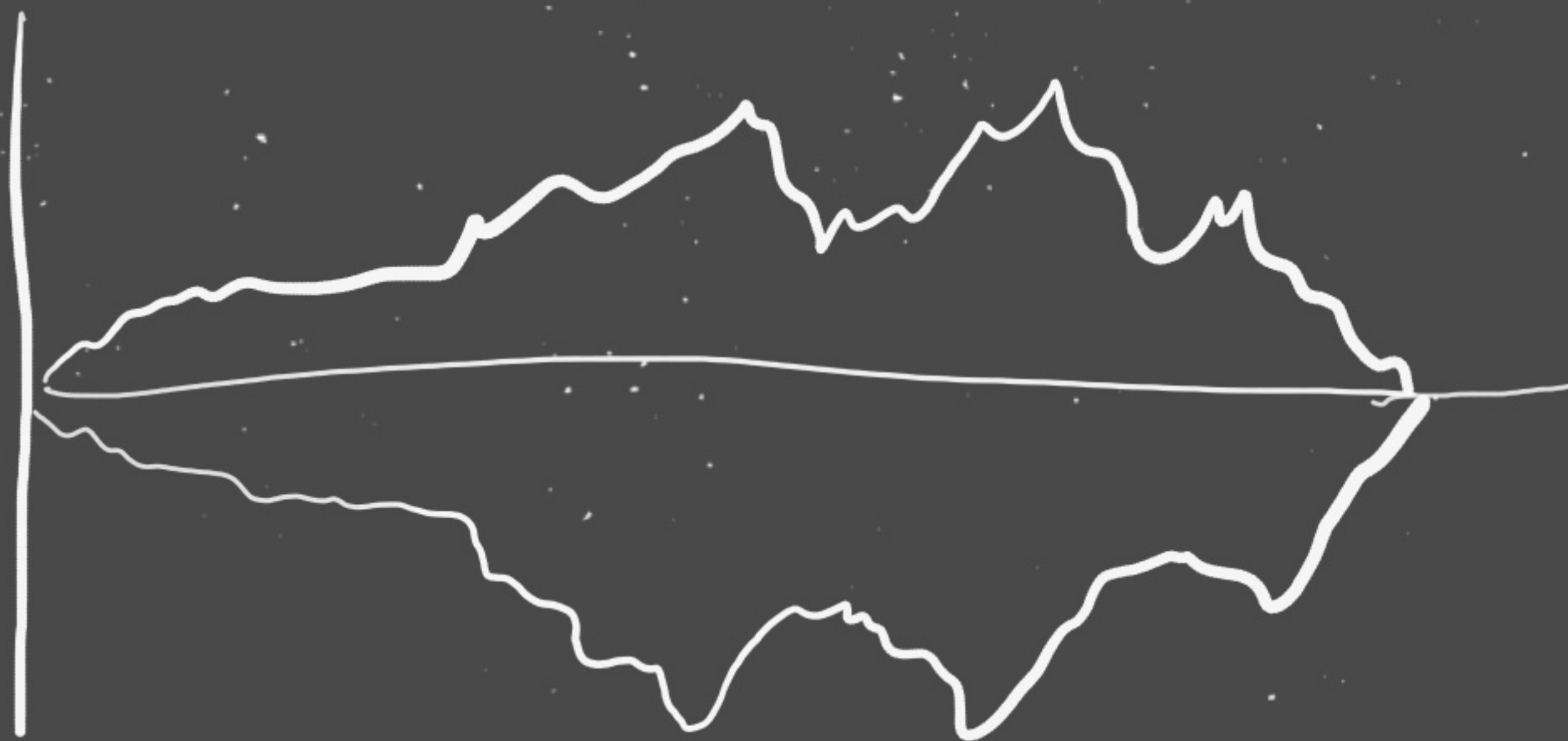
2020+ • $\rho \in A_{V_n}(\downarrow+1 \downarrow \dots 21)$

$$\frac{1}{(2\downarrow n)^{1/2}} (\rho(\lfloor nt \rfloor) - nt) \rightarrow_d \triangle$$

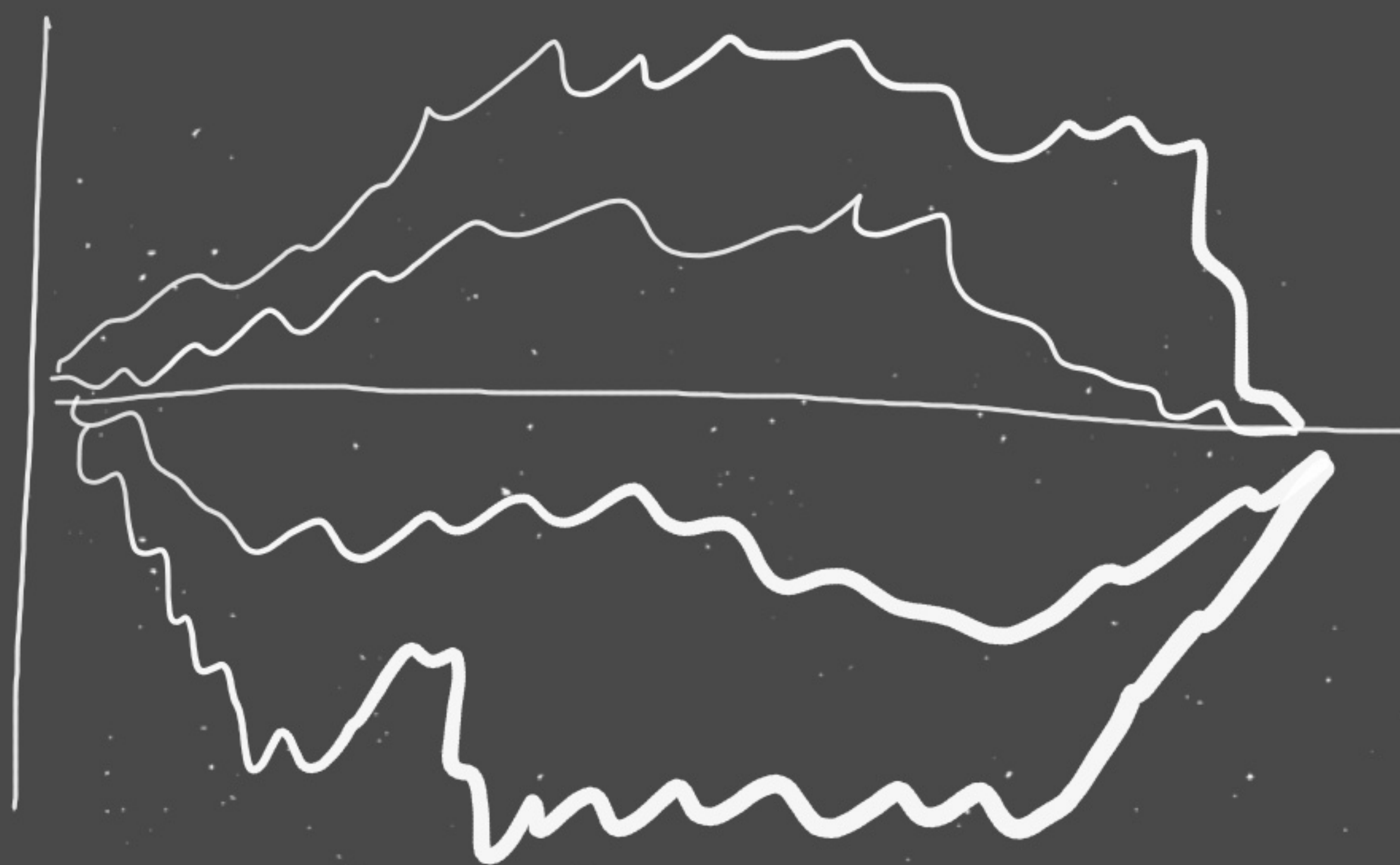
more complicated
version of e_t

Similar Results

$A_{\nu}(321)$



$A_{\nu}(54321)$



Connecting Bridges

& 321-avoiding Involutions

Bridges
W

- $\underline{W(0)} = -\frac{1}{2}$
- $\underline{W(n)} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2}$

- $\underline{W(i) - W(i-1)} = \pm 1$

Words
a

- $a(i) = A,$

$$\begin{aligned} W(i) &> W(i-1) > 0 \\ W(i) &< W(i-1) < 0 \end{aligned}$$

- $a(i) = B,$

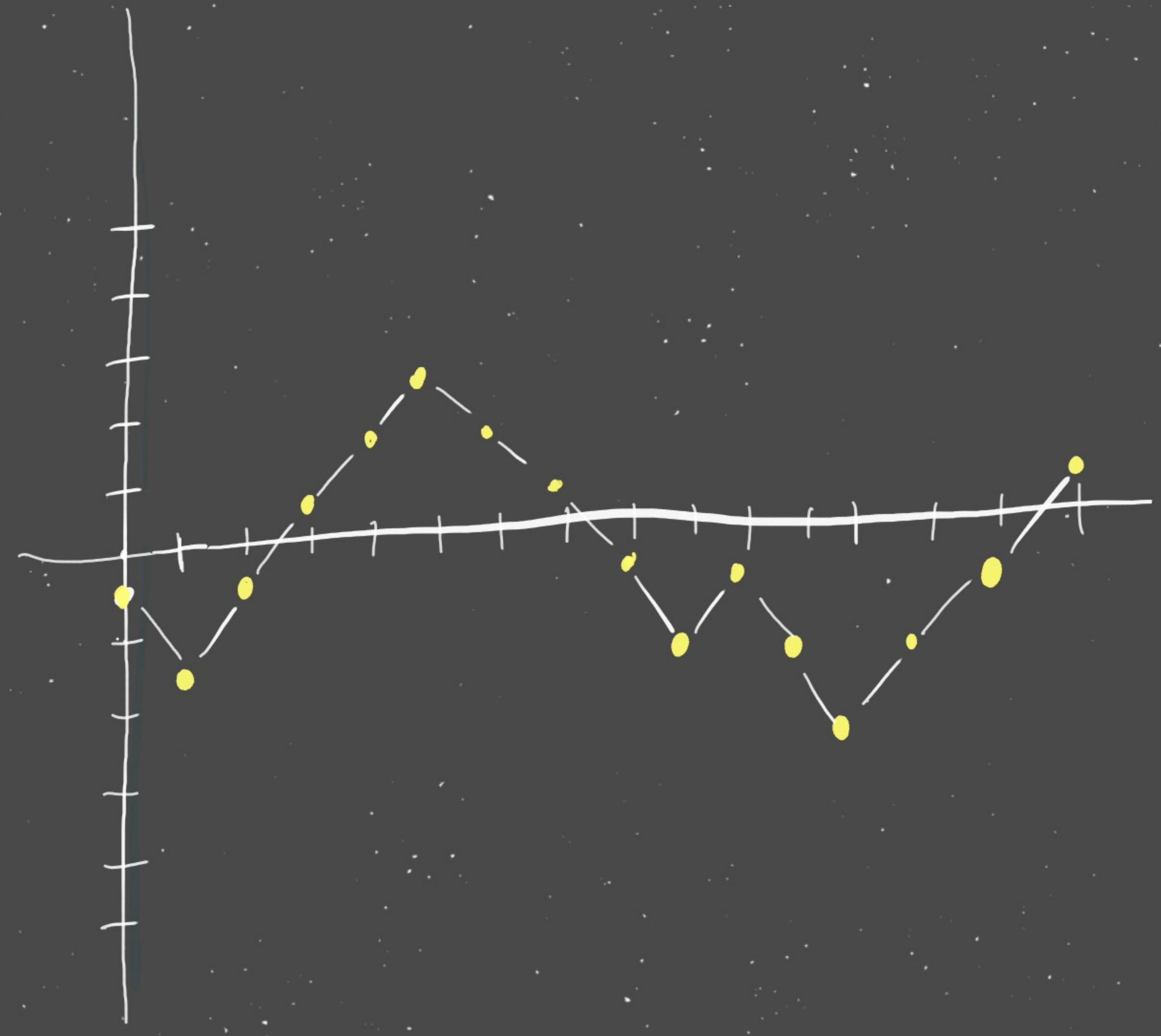
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otherwise

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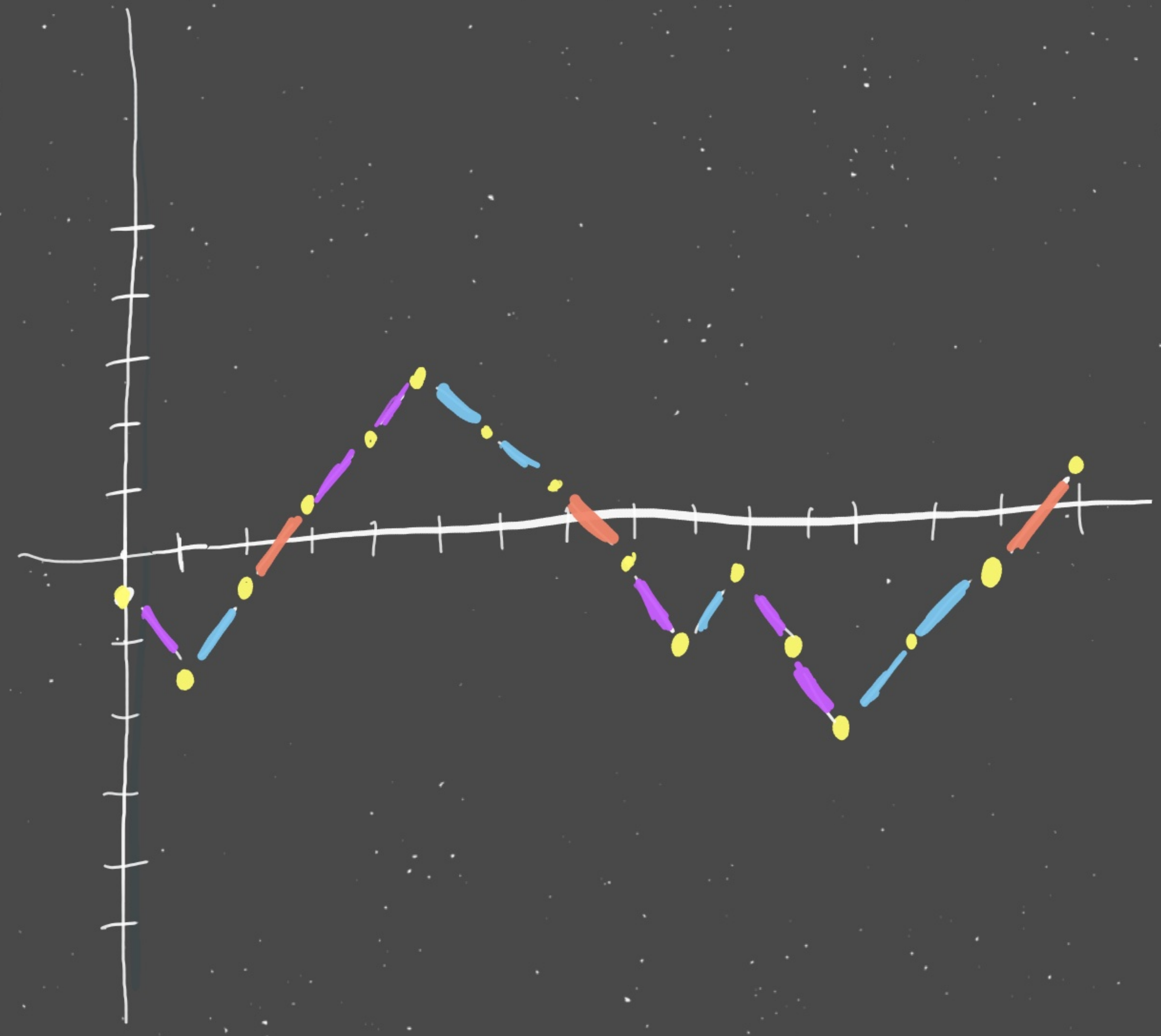
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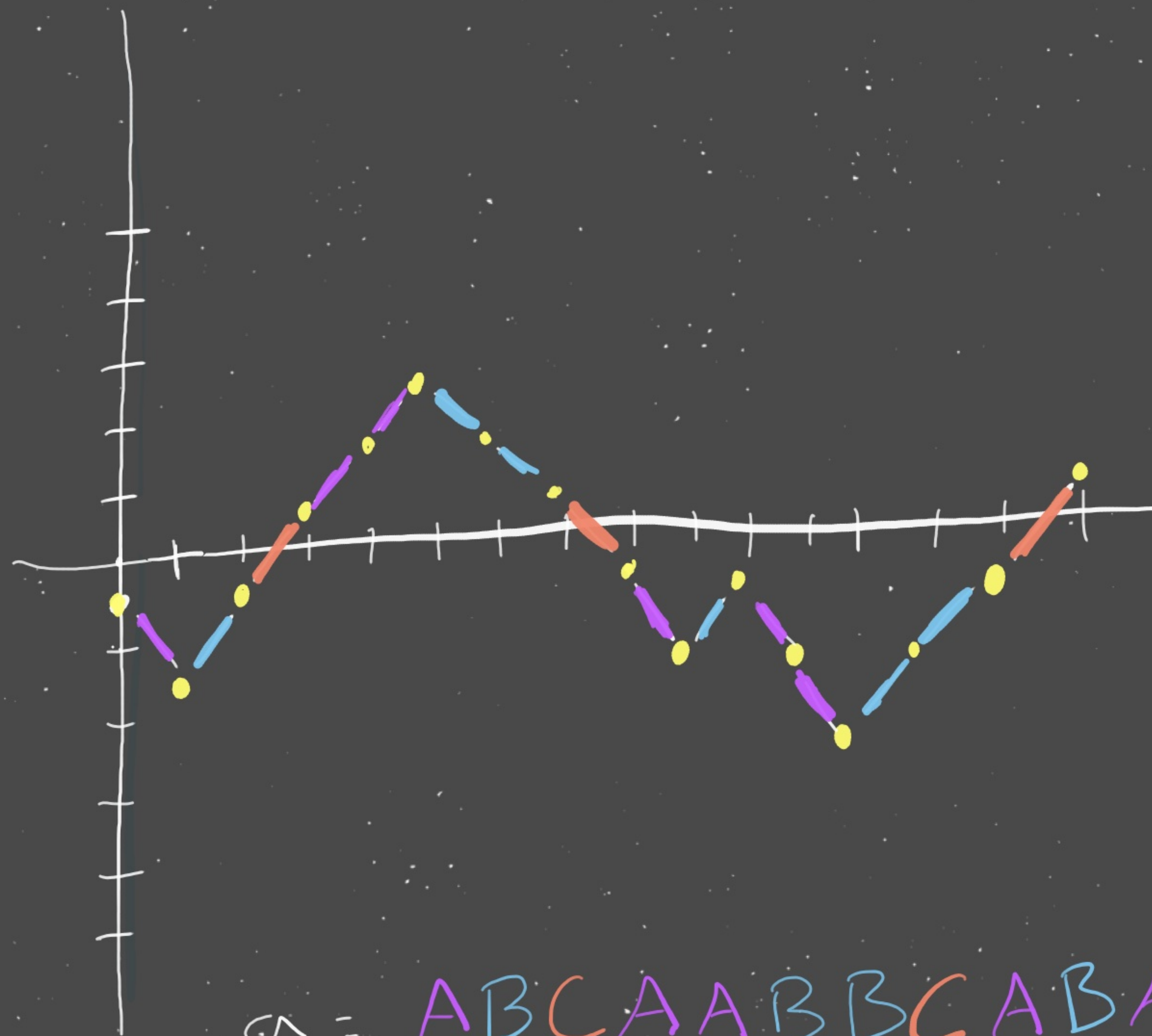
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$a(i) \leq A$, $w(i) > w(i-1) > 0$
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α = ABCAABBB CABBAABBC

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match

A^s to B^s

B to A^s

C^s to C

C
B
B
A
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C
B
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Main Idea

- $\frac{W_n}{n^{1/2}}$ is close to b_t

- $|\sigma(i) - i| = \begin{cases} \text{pos}_B(j) - \text{pos}_A(j) \\ \text{pos}_A(j) - \text{pos}_B(j) \\ 0 \end{cases}$ for some j

- $|W_n(i)| \approx (\# \text{ of } A^s \text{ up to } i) - (\# \text{ of } B^s \text{ up to } i) \geq 0$

Main Idea

if $i = \text{pos}_A(j)$ for some j

then

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Main Idea

$$P(\text{good sequence}) > 1 - \frac{1}{c} e^{-n^c}$$

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$$\frac{1}{n^{1/2}} [\text{count}_A(i) - \text{count}_B(i)] \rightarrow 0$$

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Lemma

$$P(\text{good sequence}) > 1 - \frac{1}{c} e^{-n^c}$$

(modified)

Petrov Conditions

- $\left| \text{count}_X(s) - \text{count}_X(t) - \frac{1}{2}(s-t) \right| < |s-t|^{0.6}$
or $n^{0.1}$
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need to show # of C^s in
an interval are relatively "small"

