

# Bounded Discrete Walks

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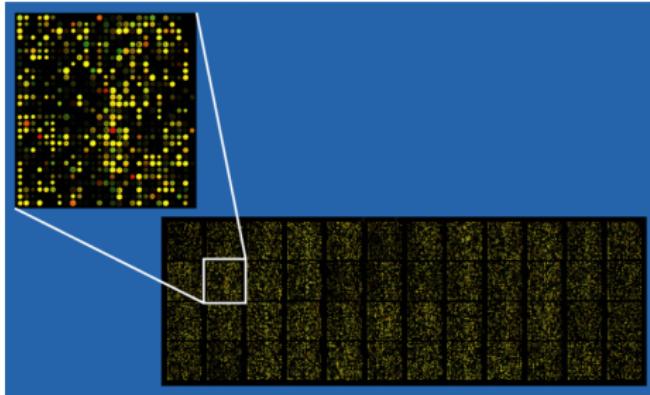
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## Tortoiseshell cats - Chats Isabelle



The patchy colours of a tortoiseshell cat are the result of different levels of expression of pigmentation genes in different areas of the skin.

# DNA micro-array and diagnostic in genetics?



measuring **fluorescence** of a spot provides the **level of expression** of the corresponding gene.

- ▶  $\Gamma :=$  set of genes of a **background** population ( $|\Gamma| = G$ )
- ▶  $\gamma :=$  set of genes of a **particular** family ( $|\gamma| = g$ )

**Question.** Are the levels of expression of the genes of  $\gamma$  with respect to the level of expressions of the genes of  $\Gamma$  characteristic of an **exceptional behaviour**? (Disease, etc)

# Random walks model

- Keller, Backes and Lenhof (2007)

**Order** the genes by level of expression.

Build a walk  $(B_i)_{0 \leq i \leq G+g}$  such that  $B_0 = 0$  and

$$B_i = \begin{cases} +G & \text{if the gene at rank } i \text{ belongs to } \gamma, \\ -g & \text{if the gene at rank } i \text{ belongs to } \Gamma \end{cases}$$

These walks are therefore **bridges** as  $B_{G+g} = Gg - gG = 0$ .

**exceptional overexpression** of the genes of  $\gamma \implies$   
**exceptional height** of the bridge with respect to the height of a  
bridge chosen **at random** among the  $\binom{G+g}{g}$  possible bridges.

# Example

$$G = 6, \quad g = 3$$

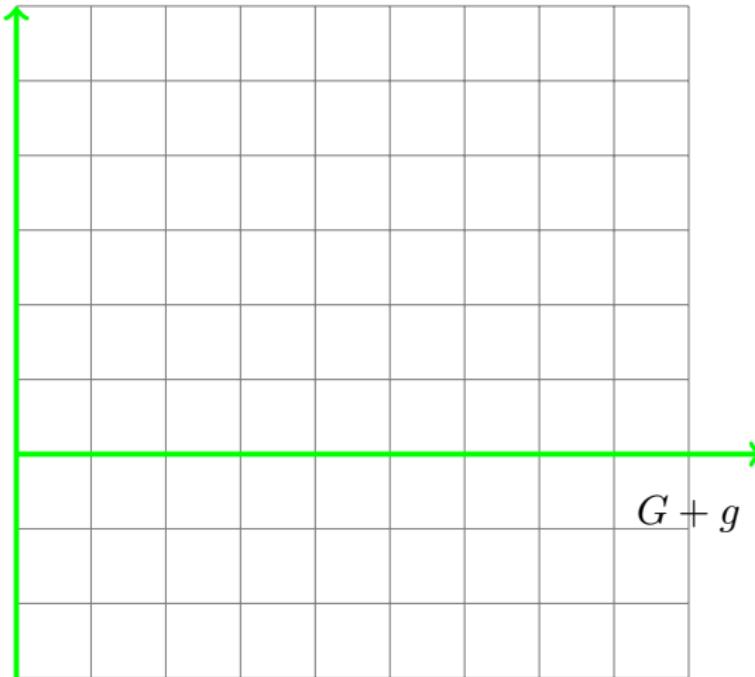
represent by  $\begin{cases} \circ & \text{genes of } \Gamma \\ \bullet & \text{genes of } \gamma \end{cases}$

**Pattern of level expression**      High level  $\longrightarrow$  Low level

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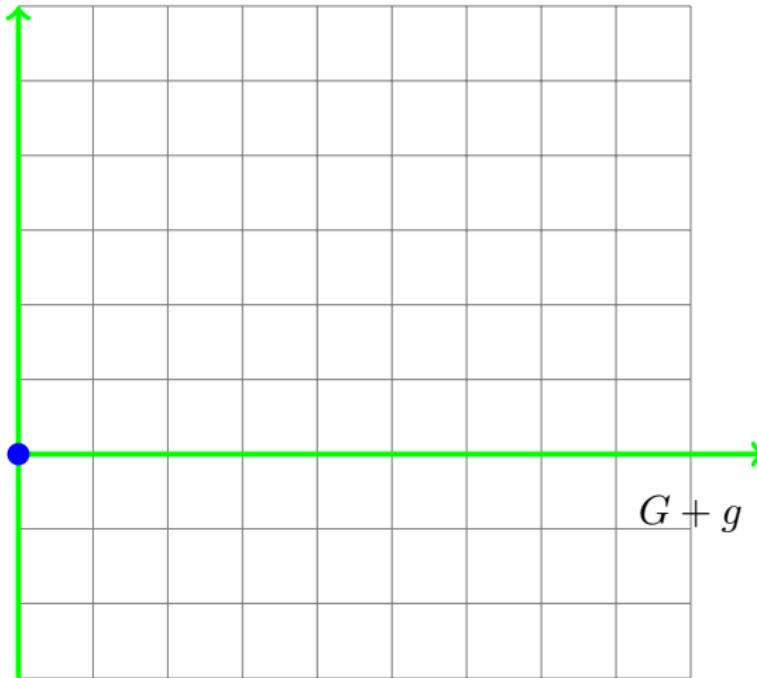
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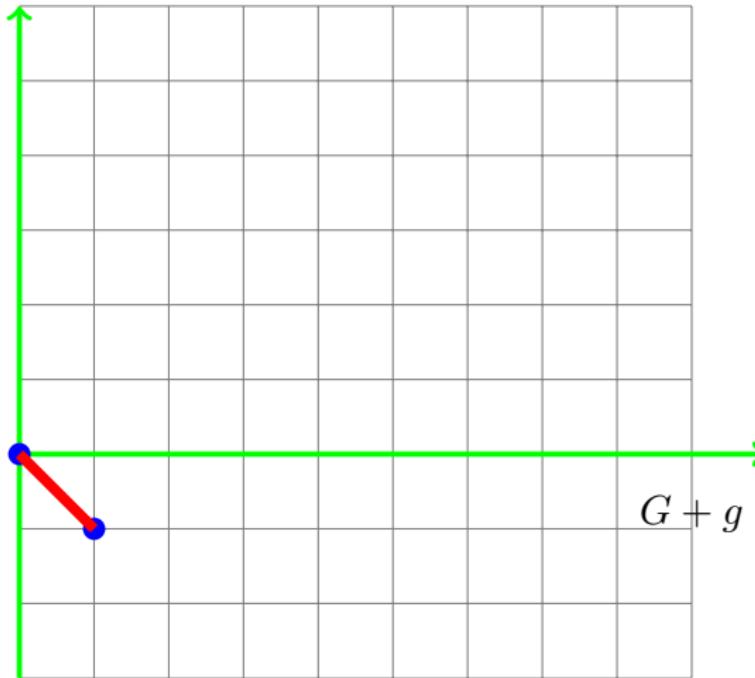
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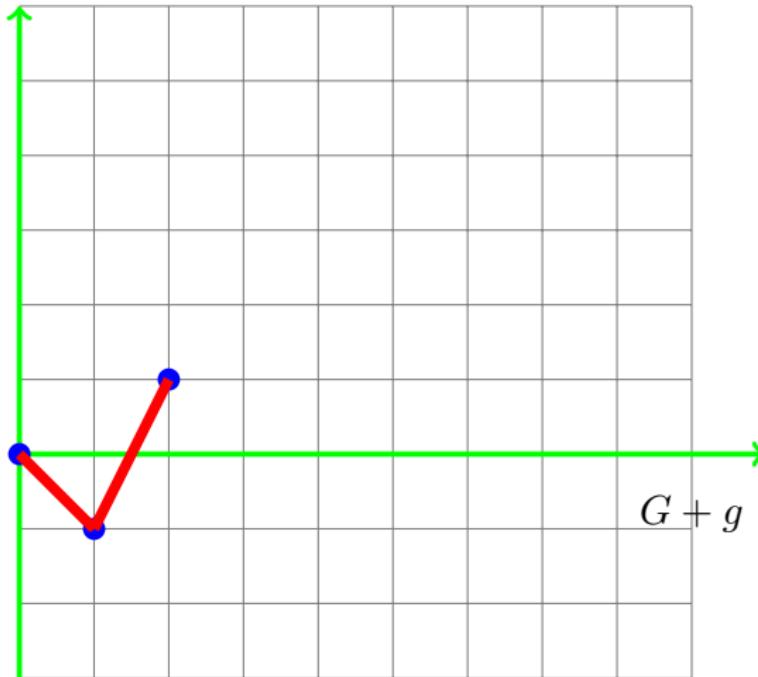
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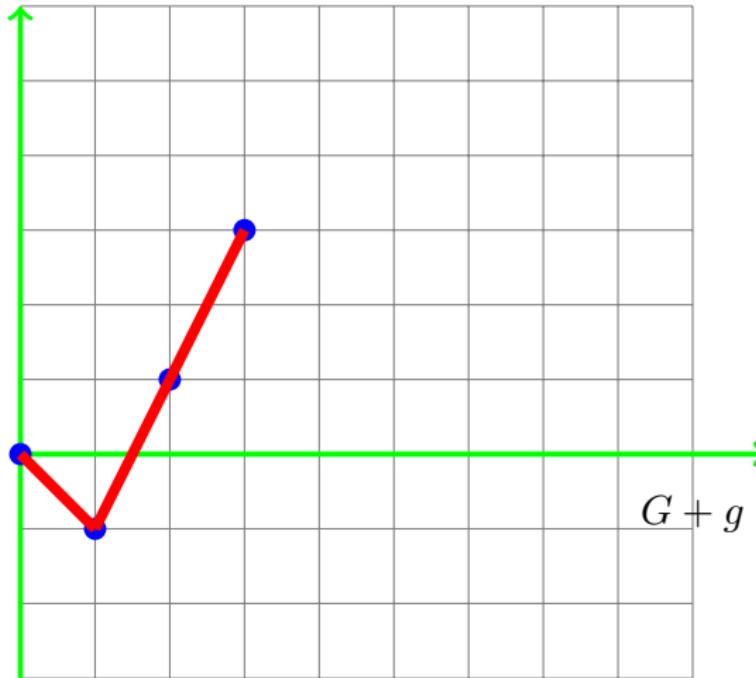
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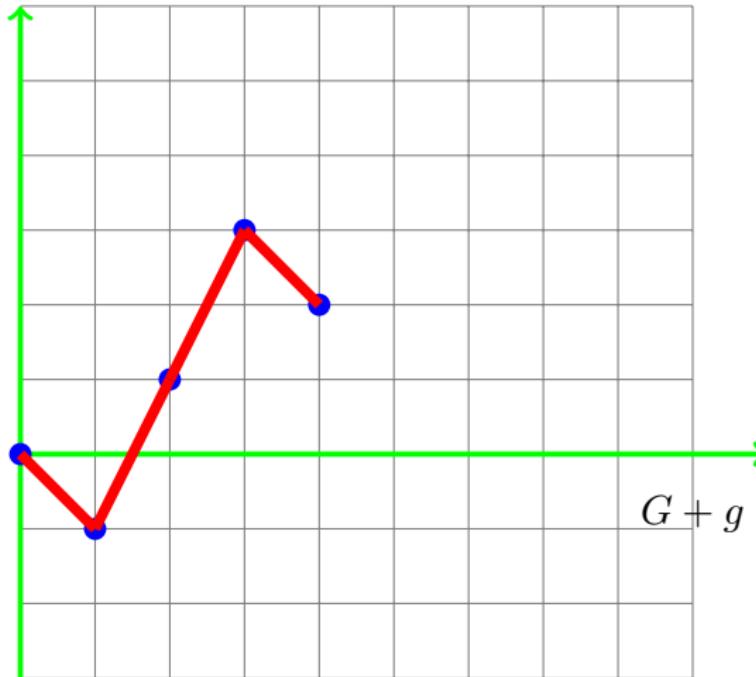
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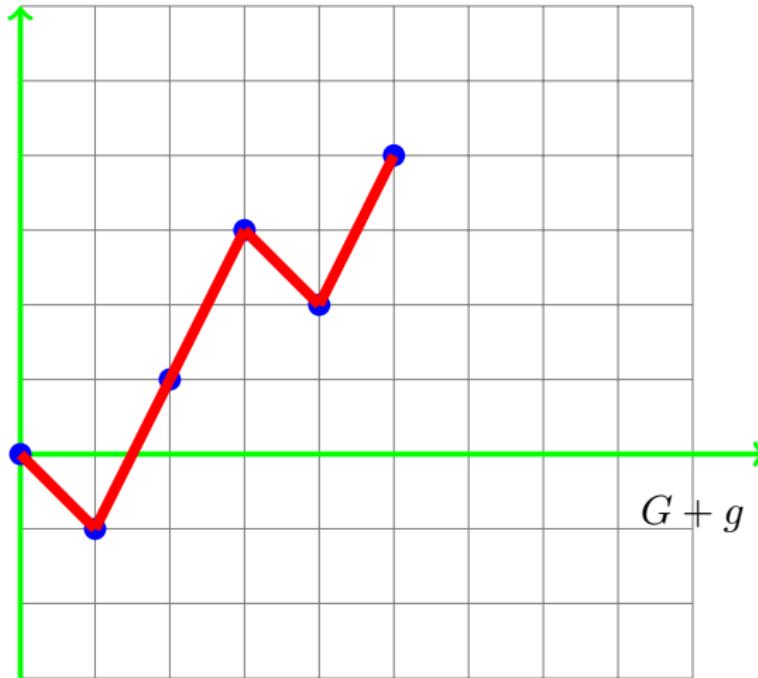
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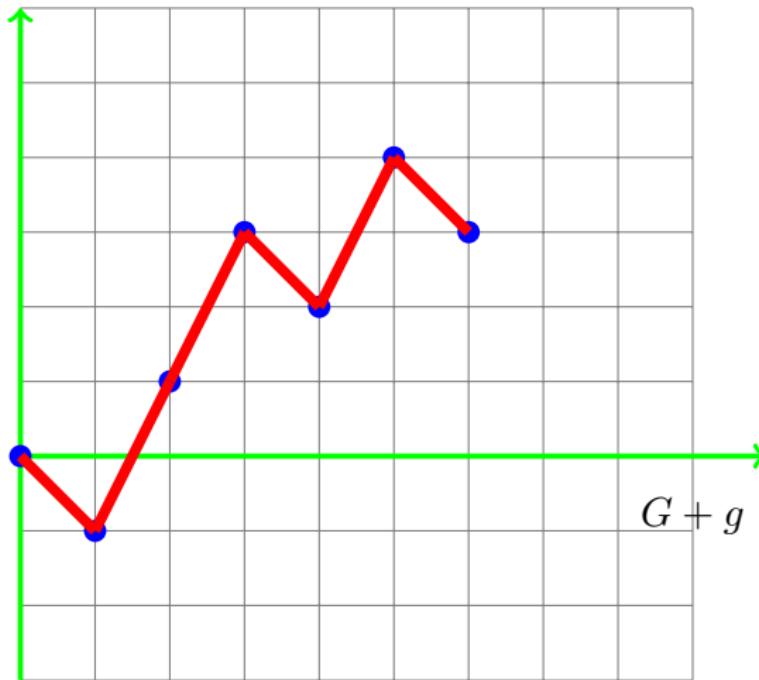
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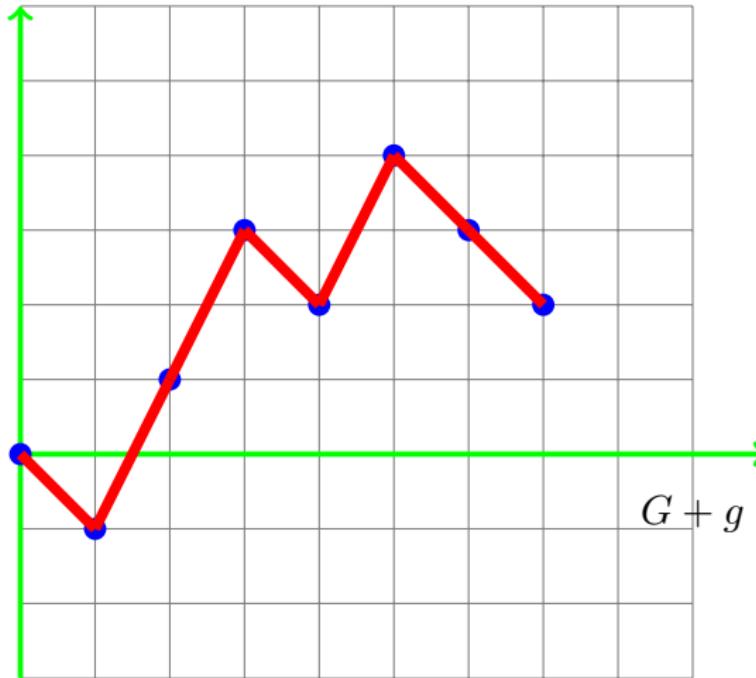
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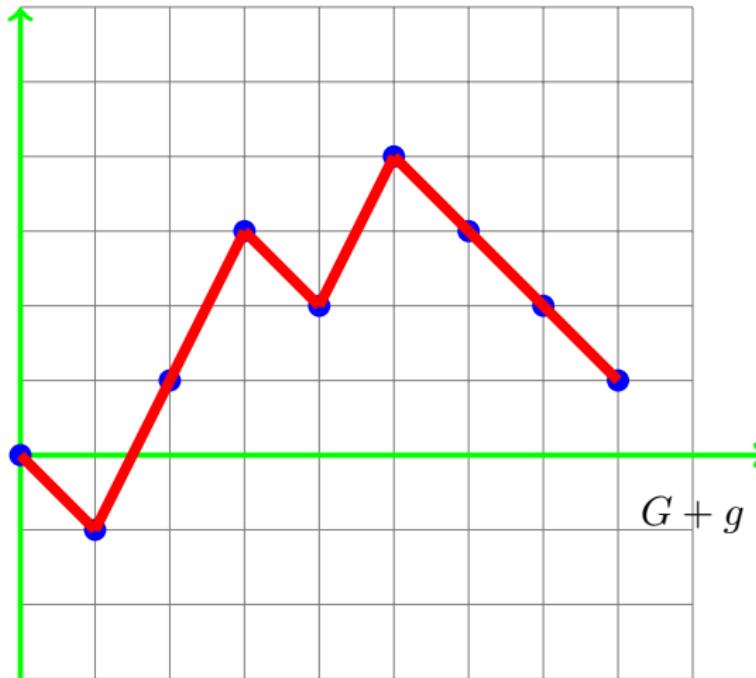
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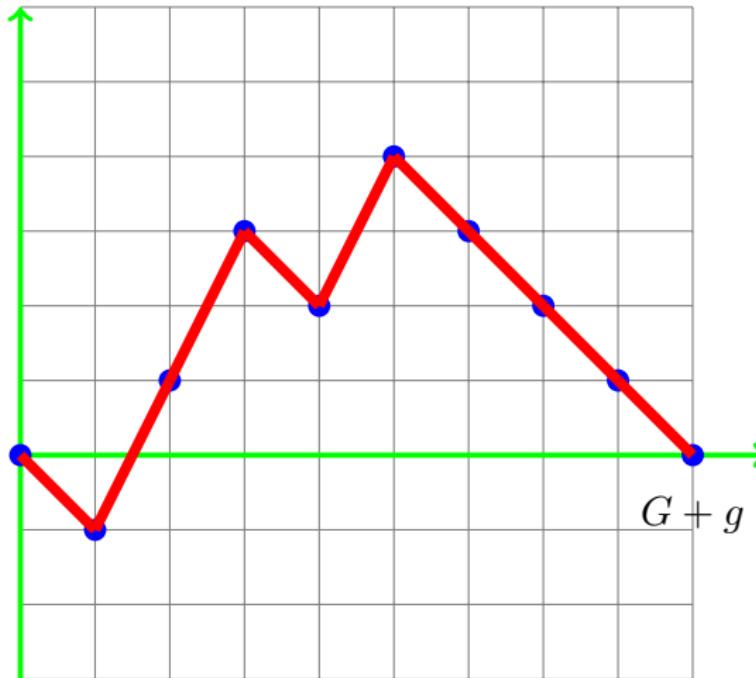
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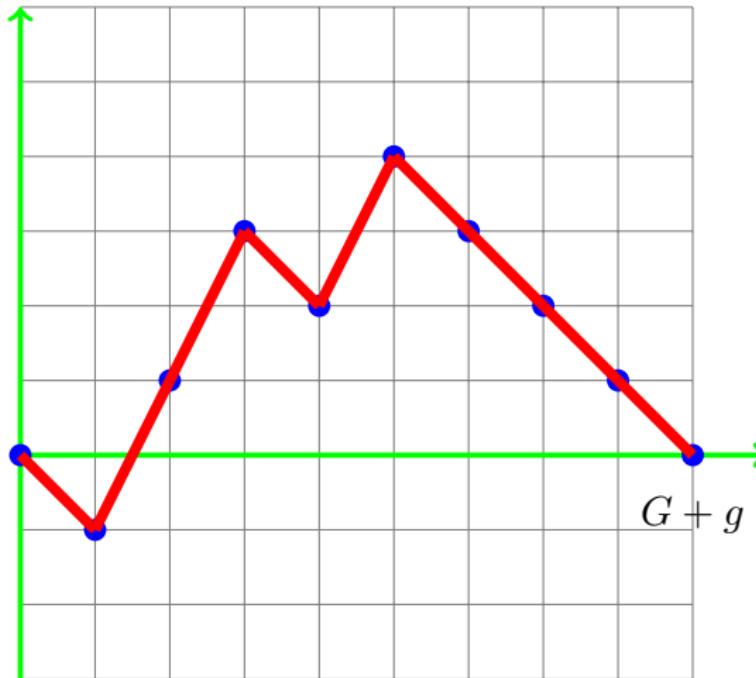
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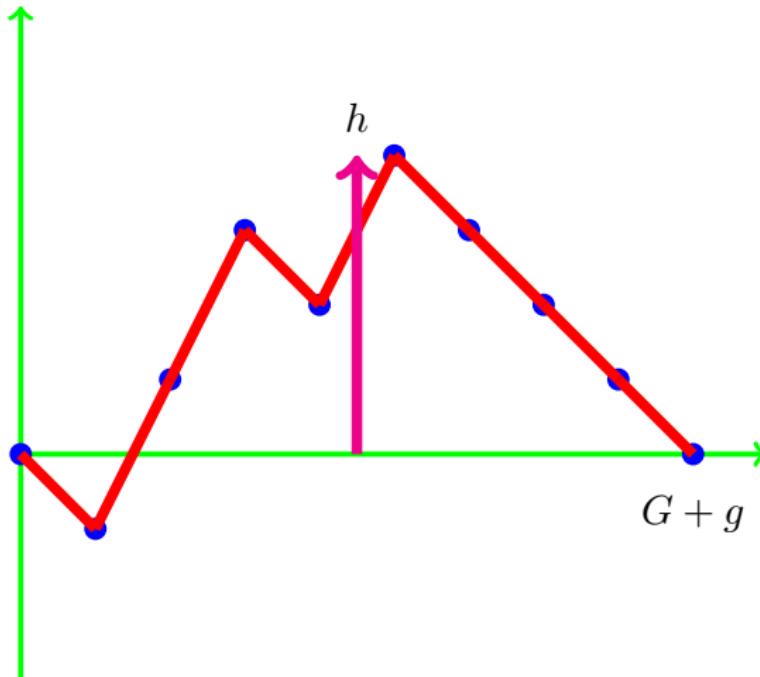
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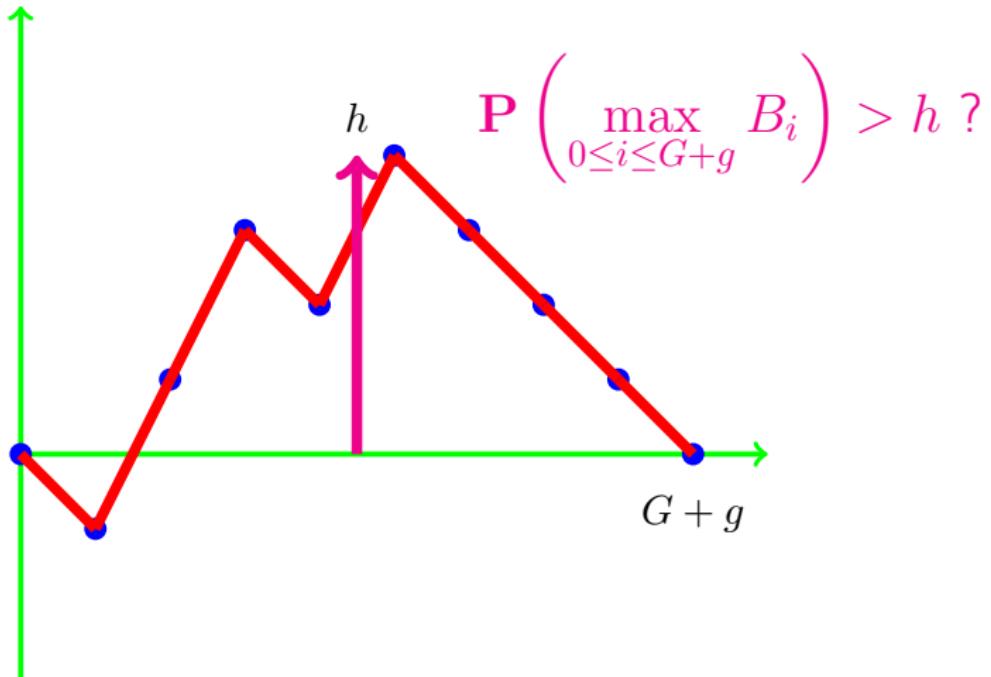
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## Tail distribution for the height - Keller *et al.*

Keller, Backes and Lenhof (2007) compute

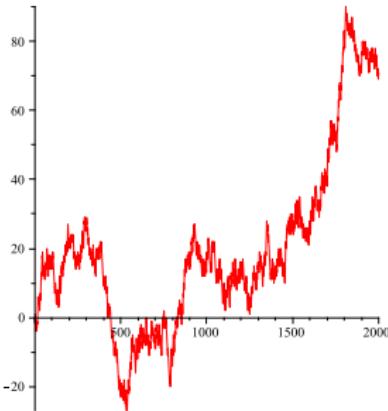
$$p\text{-value}(G, g, h) := \mathbf{P} \left( \max_{0 \leq i \leq G+g} B_i > h \right)$$

by a **dynamical programming** method in **complexity**

$$O(G \times g)$$

**Our result:** heuristics in **complexity**  $O(1)$

# Brownian motion as limit of discrete walks



## Strong approximations of discrete walks by Brownian motion

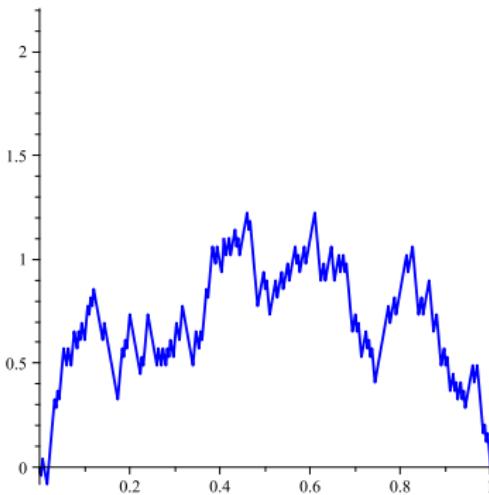
- ▶ Komlós, Major, Tusnády (1976), Chatterjee (2010)

$$\mathbf{P} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |S_k - W(k)| > C \log n + x \right\} < K e^{-\lambda x} \quad (W(k) \text{ Wiener process})$$

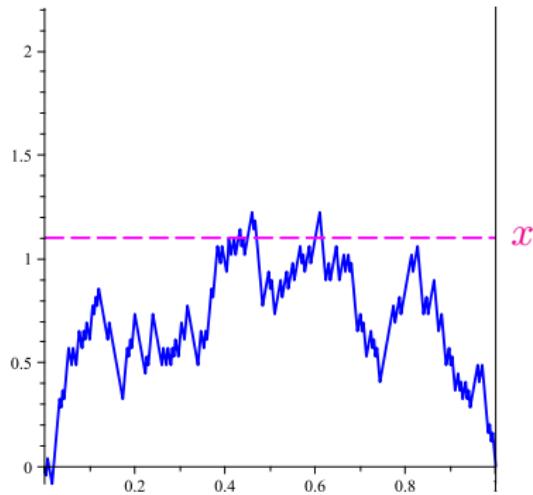
Little done for **approximations of bridges**

- ▶ Kaigh (1976)

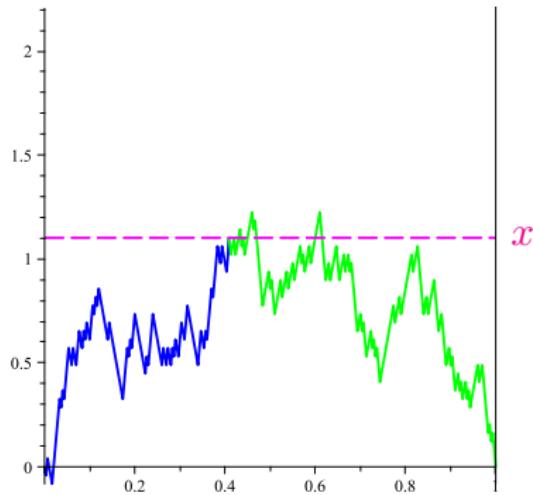
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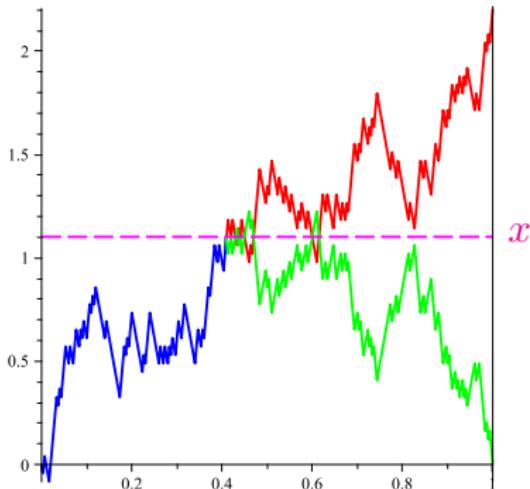
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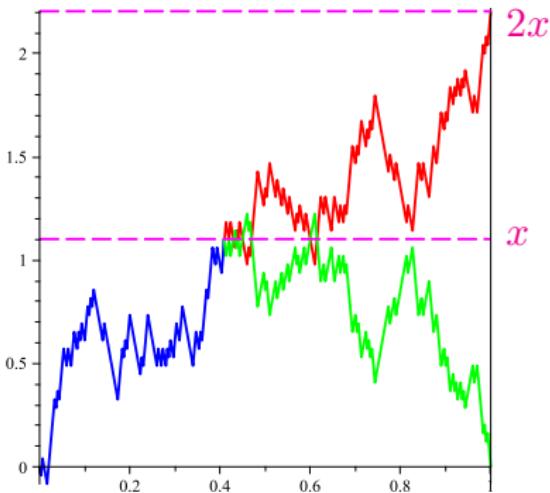


# Désiré André reflexion principle



Caveat: This nice reflexion trick won't work in the **discrete case** if the walk has a **drift** or its jumps are other than  $+1, 0, -1$ . Another approach is needed then! (=our work).

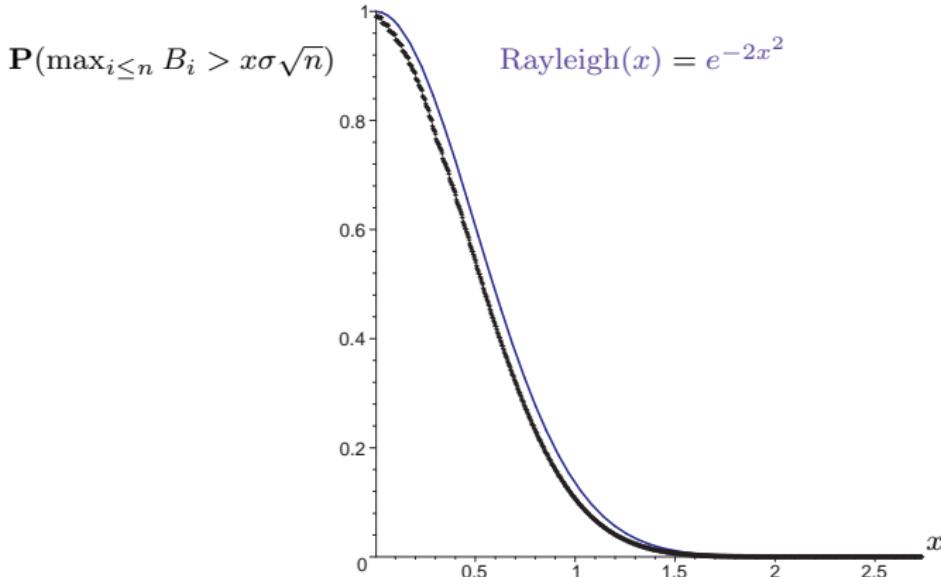
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$$\Phi(2x) = \mathbf{P}(W(1) = 2x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-2x^2}$$

$$\mathbf{P} \left( \max_{t \in [0,1]} B_t \geq x \right) = \frac{\Phi(2x)}{\Phi(0)} = \text{Rayleigh}(x) = e^{-2x^2}$$

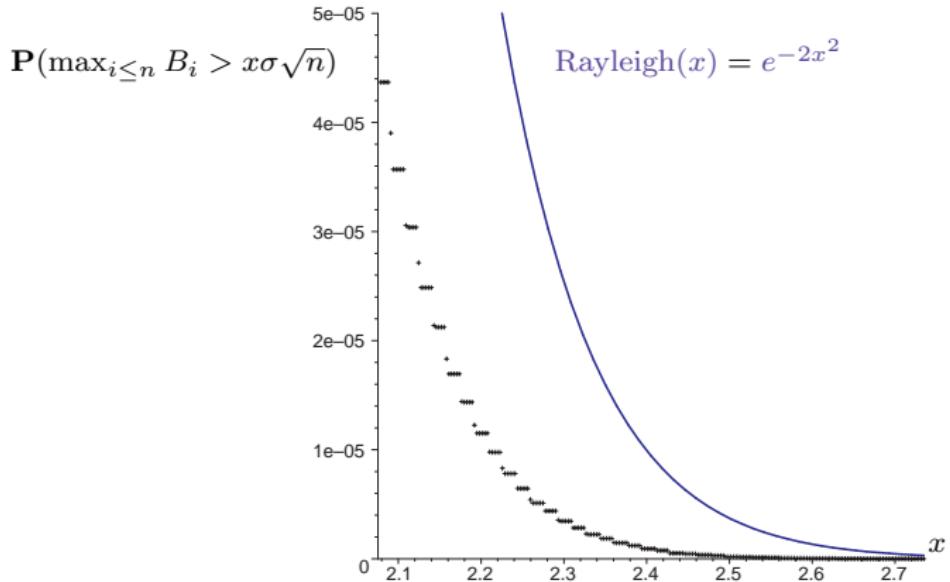
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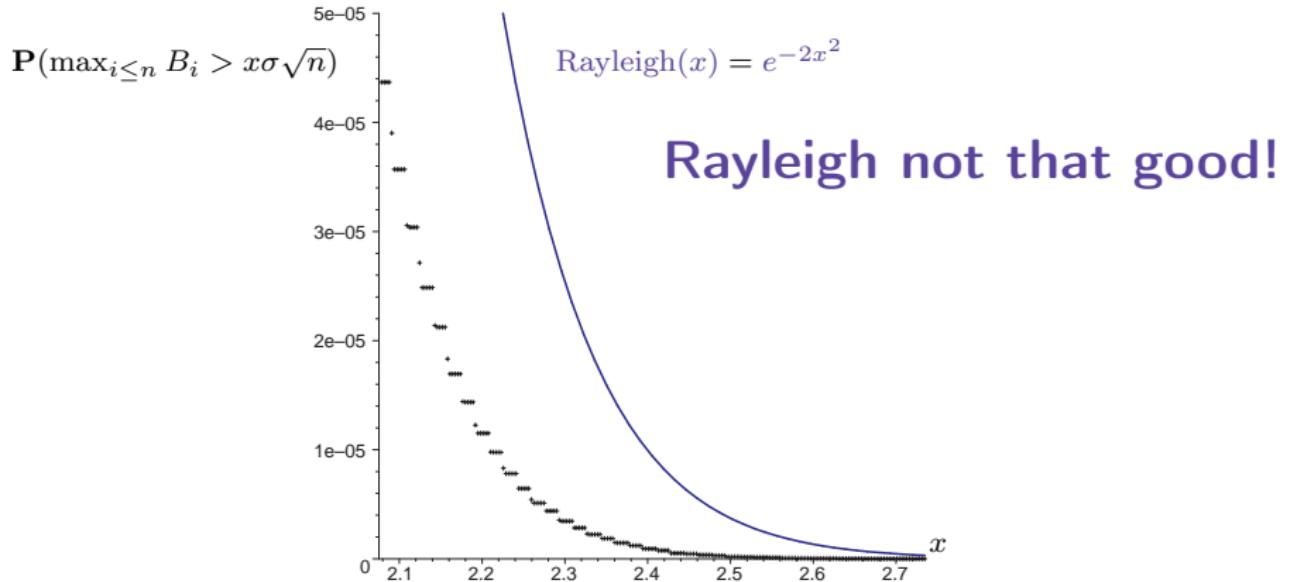
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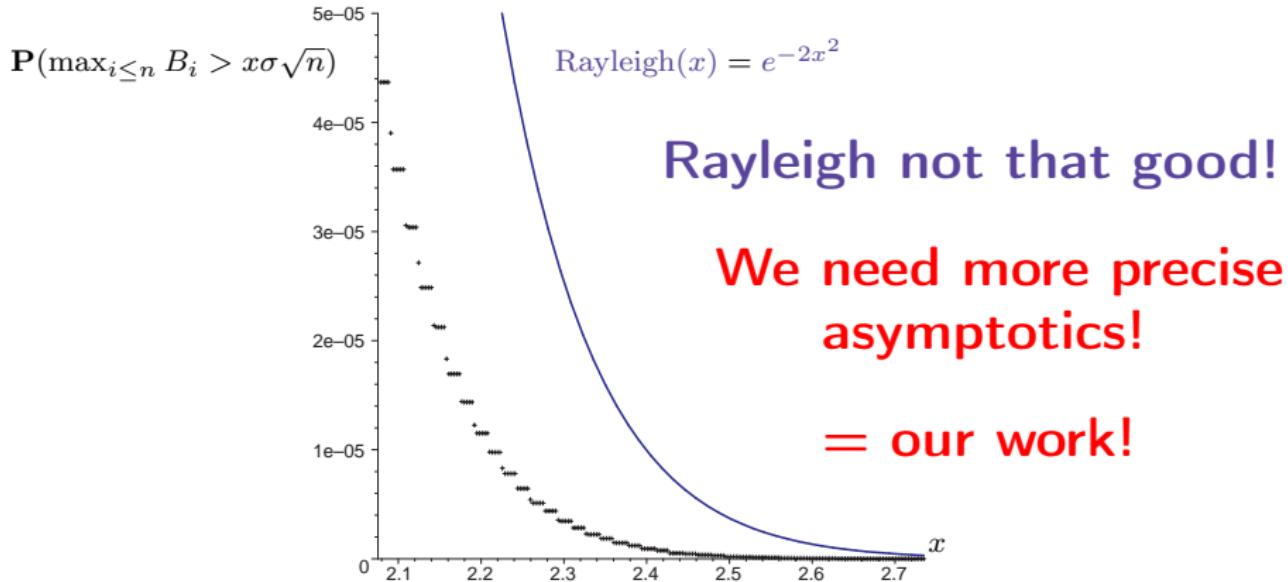
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# Summary of the talk

- ▶ Model
- ▶ Generating functions for bounded walks
- ▶ Asymptotic limit law for bridges
- ▶ Łukasiewicz bridges
- ▶ Back to simulations

# Directed discrete walks

Model = **generalized Dyck walks**

= discrete “excursions/bridges/meanders”

- ▶ Knuth (1973)
- ▶ Gessel (1980)
- ▶ Labelle & Yeah (1990), Merlini & al. (1996), Duchon (2000)
- ▶ Banderier and Flajolet (2002)
- ▶ Bousquet-Mélou (2009)
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Typical generating function

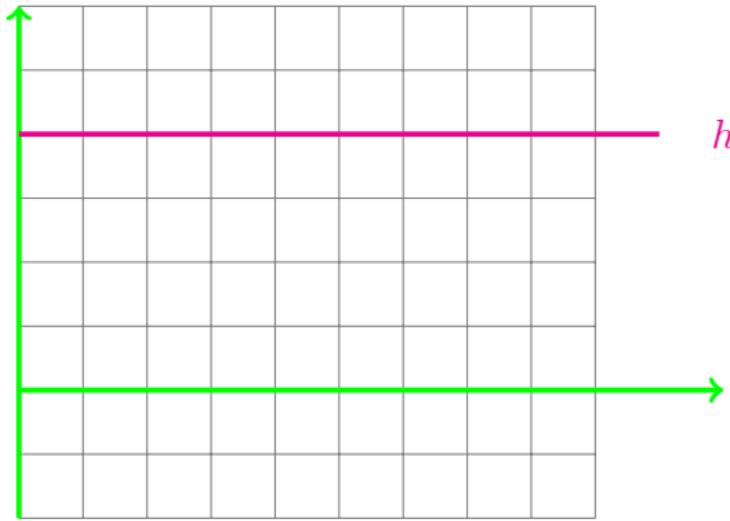
$$F(z, u) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(u) z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f_{n,k} u^k z^n$$

where

- ▶  $f_{n,k}$  is the probability that a walk remaining in an horizontal strip (by instance  $[-\infty, +h]$ ) has **altitude**  $k$  at **time**  $n$ .
- ▶  $[z^n][u^0]F(z, u)$  corresponds to **bridges** of **length**  $n$

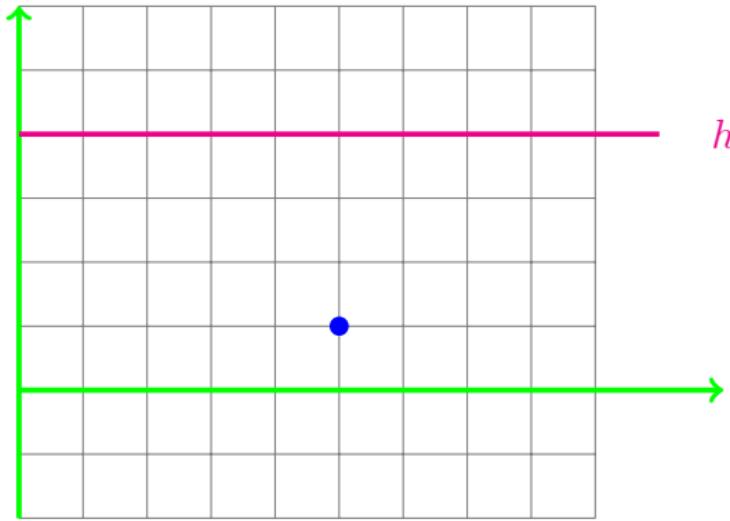
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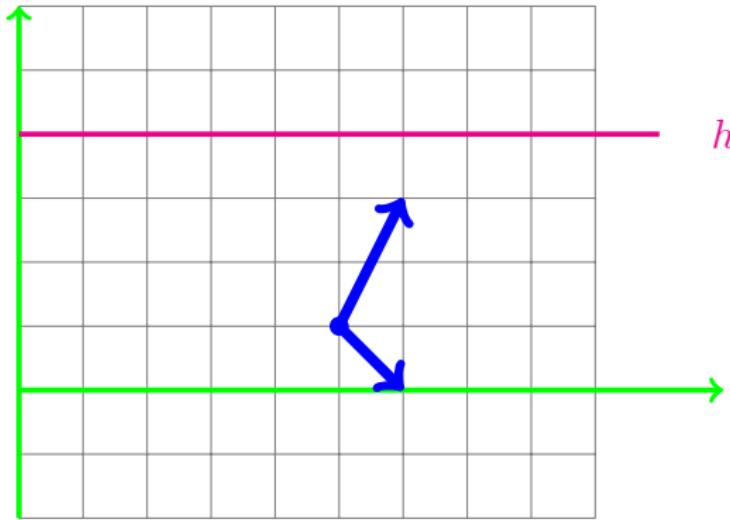
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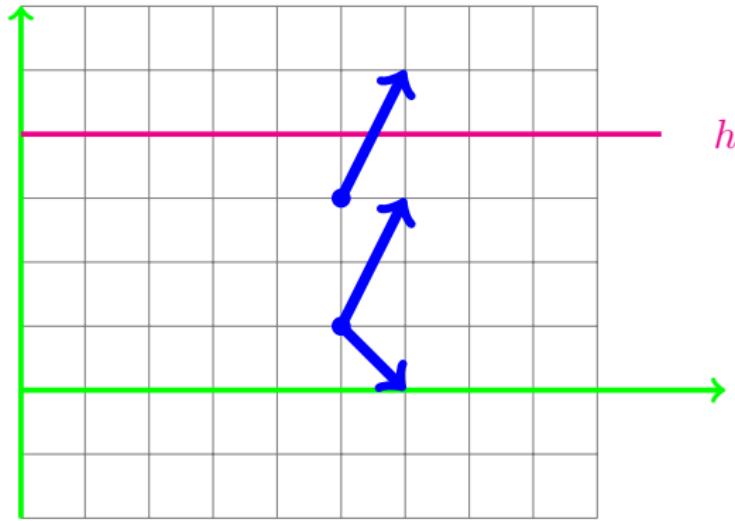
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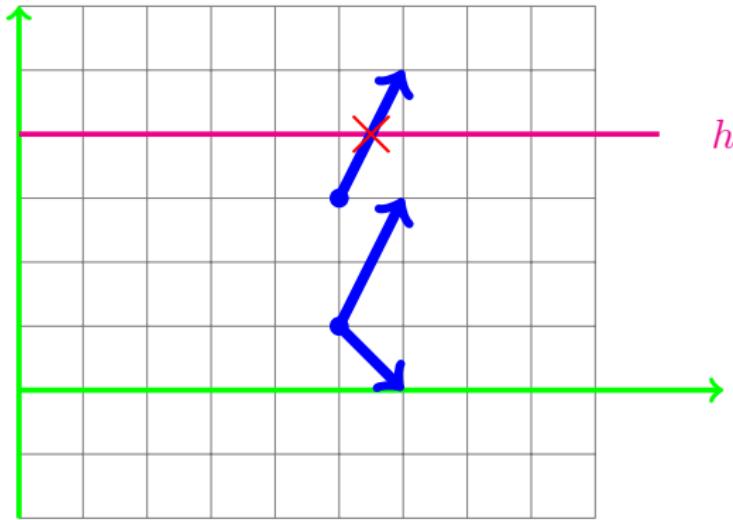
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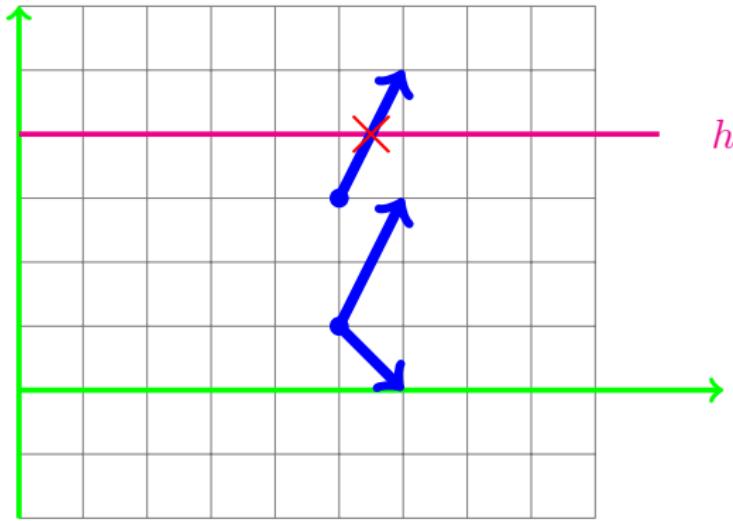
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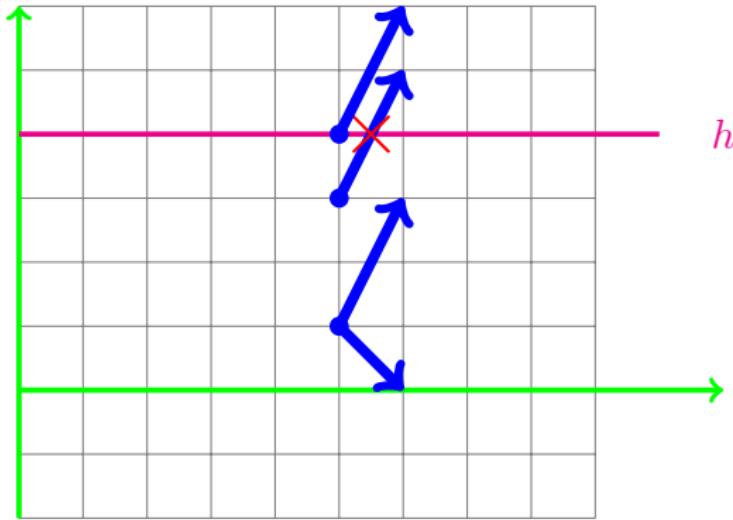
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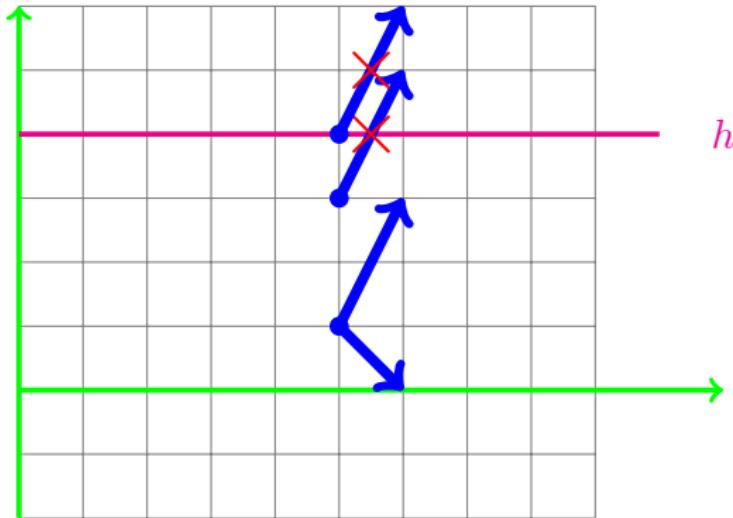
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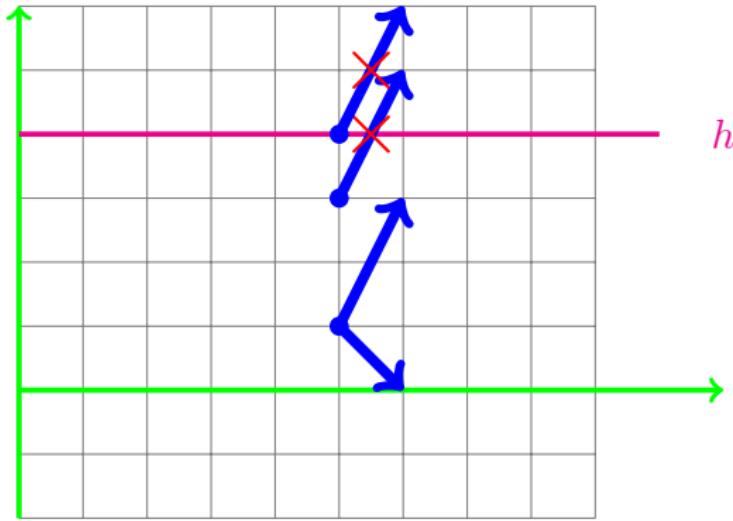
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# Kernel method

Knuth, Tutte, Brown, Bousquet-Mélou, Petkovšek, etc.

$$X_i \in \{-1, +2\} \quad P(u) = \frac{1}{u} + u^2$$

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$F(z, u)$ ,  $F_{h+1}(z)$ ,  $F_{h+2}(z)$  unknown functions

but the roots  $u(z)$  of  $1 - zP(u) = 0$  cancel the left member of the equation

two roots  $u(z)$  provide a linear system of two equations whose solutions are  $F_{h+1}(z)$  and  $F_{h+2}(z)$

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## General case - Any finite set of integer jumps

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Vandermonde determinants  $\mathbb{V}(\dots)$ , Schur functions,  
occurring also when considering the area (Banderier-Gittenberger)

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# Nice expression for the generating functions

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N.B.:  $\frac{1}{1 - zP(u)}$  counts **all** the walks.

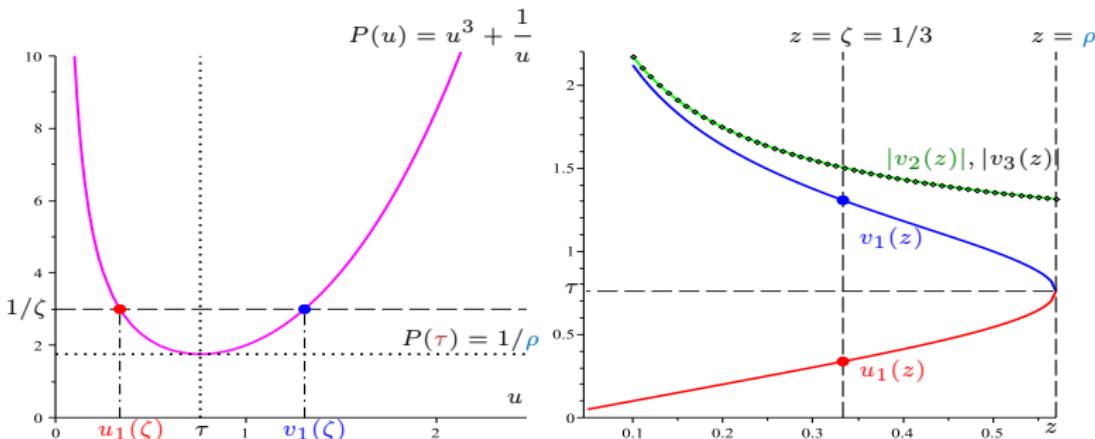
Theorem (Banderier-N. 2010)

Walks going **beyond** the barrier  $+h$  verify

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Gives fast computation scheme for the  $n$ -th coefficients via holonomy theory.

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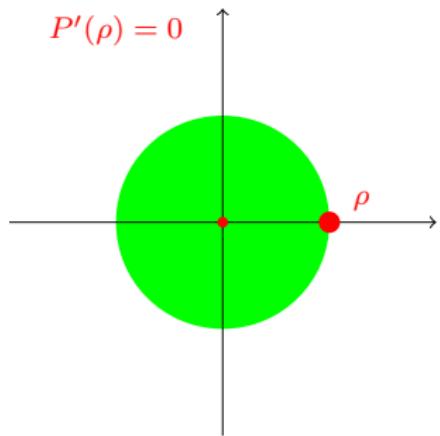
Left: behaviour of the characteristic polynomial  $P(u) = u^3 + \frac{1}{u}$ .

Right: domination property of the roots of  $1 - zP(u) = 1 - z(u^3 + \frac{1}{u})$  in  $]0, \rho]$ , where  $\tau$  is the unique positive solution of  $P'(\tau) = 0$  and  $\rho = 1/P(\tau)$ .

$$P'(\tau) = 0 \implies u_1(\rho) = v_1(\rho).$$

$$u_1(z) < v_1(z) < |v_2(z)| = |v_3(z)| \text{ for } z \in ]0, \rho[.$$

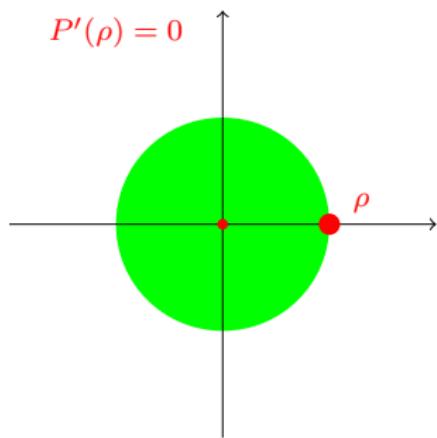
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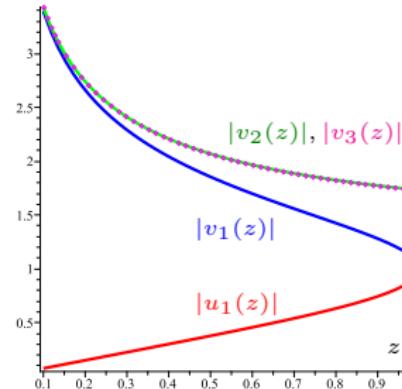
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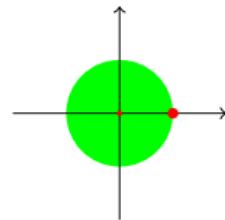


$$X_i \in \{+3, -1\} \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{E}(X) = P'(1) = 0 \ (\rho = 1) \\ P(1) = 1 \end{cases}$$

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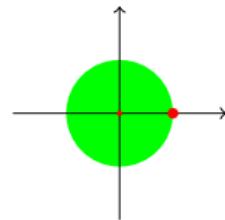
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$$\sup_{\epsilon < |z| < \rho} \frac{|u_1(z)|}{|u_j(z)|} < B \quad C = \max(A, B)$$

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**Semi-large powers** Banderier-Flajolet-Soria-Schaeffer (2001)

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Moreover we get a **concentration** property around  $\sigma\sqrt{n}$

# Full asymptotics for Łukasiewicz bridges

$X_i \in \{-1, \dots, +d\}$       only **one small root**

$Q(u_1(z))$  and  $Q(v_1(z))$  expressible as functions of  $u_1(z)$  and  $v_1(z)$  only

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$P'(u(z)) = -1/(z^2 u'(z))$  for **any root**  $u(z)$  of the kernel

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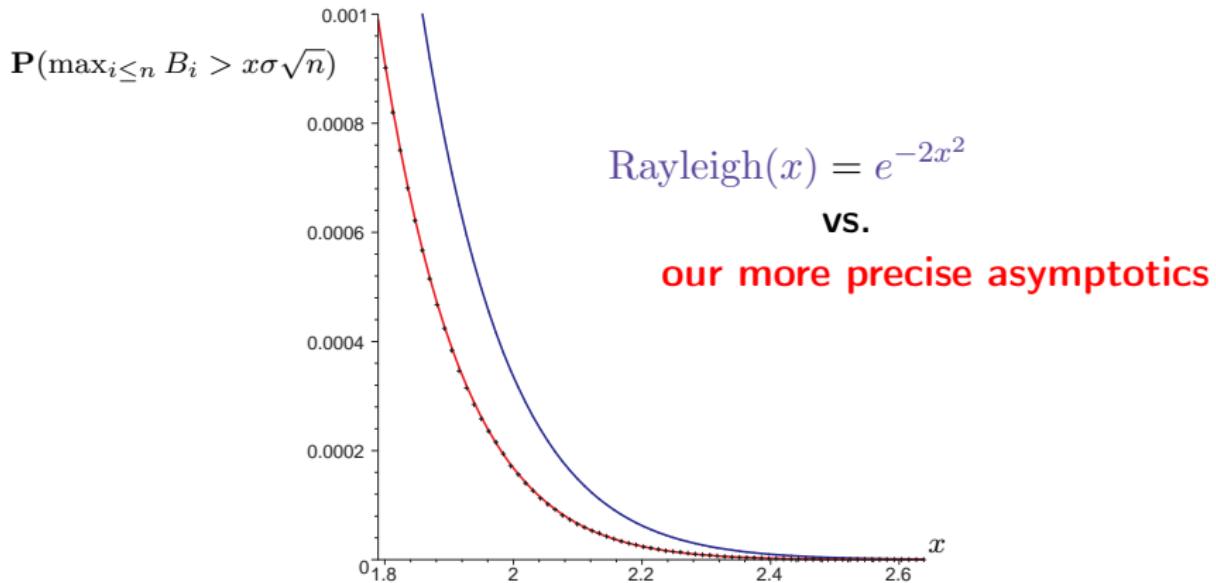
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use **gdev** for expansions of  $u_1(z)$  and  $v_1(z)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\beta_n^{>x\sigma\sqrt{n}}}{\exp(-2x^2)} &= 1 + \frac{(-(2/3)x\xi/\zeta^{3/2} - 6x/\sqrt{\zeta})}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{n} \left( (-2 - \frac{10}{9}\frac{\xi^2}{\zeta^3} + \frac{2}{3}\frac{\theta}{\zeta^2} - \frac{16}{3\zeta} - \frac{8}{3}\frac{\xi}{\zeta^2})x^4 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\frac{24}{\zeta} + \frac{5}{3}\frac{\xi^2}{\zeta^3} + 3 - \frac{\theta}{\zeta^2} + \frac{20}{3}\frac{\xi}{\zeta^2})x^2 - \frac{5}{\zeta} - \frac{3}{8} - \frac{7}{6}\frac{\xi}{\zeta^2} - \frac{5}{24}\frac{\xi^2}{\zeta^3} + \frac{1}{8}\frac{\theta}{\zeta^2} + \frac{5}{24}\frac{\xi^3}{\zeta^3} - \frac{1}{8}\frac{\theta^2 - 3\xi^2}{\zeta^2} \right) \\ &\quad + O\left(\frac{1}{n^{3/2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

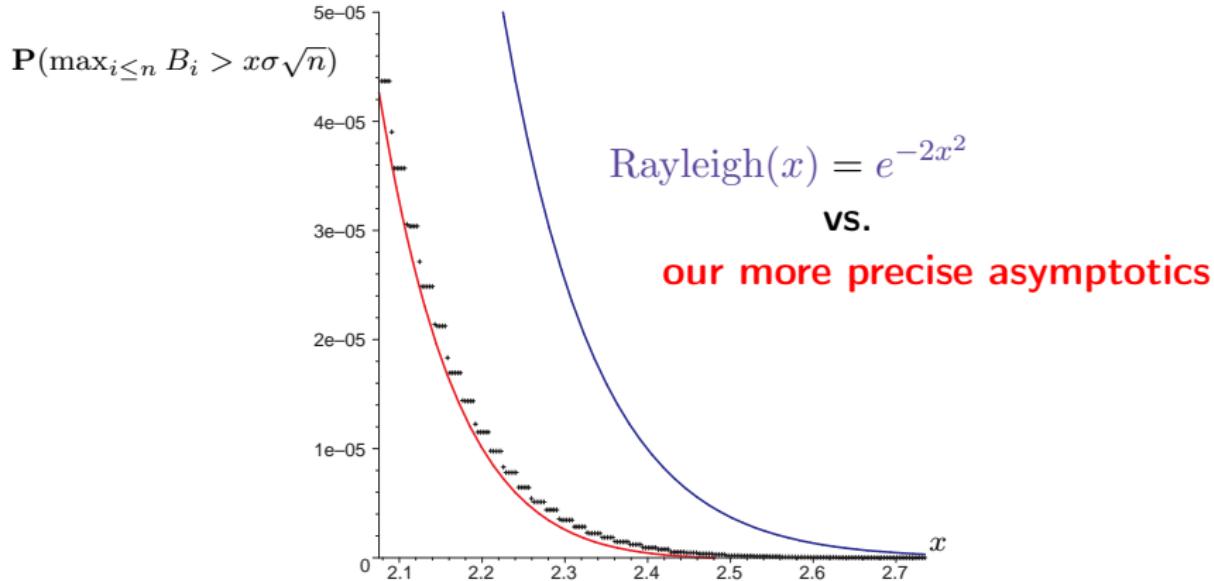
$$\beta_n^{>x\sigma\sqrt{n}} = \mathbf{P} \left( \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} B_i \right) > x\sigma\sqrt{n}, \quad \begin{cases} \zeta = \sigma^2 = P''(1), \\ \xi = P'''(1), \quad \theta = P''''(1) \end{cases}$$

# Back to simulations



$$X \in \{-1, +19\} \quad n = 400$$

# Heuristics for bioinformatics - rational jumps



$$X \in \{-11, +93\} \rightsquigarrow X' \in \left\{ -1, +\frac{93}{11} \right\} \quad n = 104$$

# Upper and lower bounded Brownian bridges

$$\mathbf{P} \left( \max_{t \in [0,1]} |B_t| > x \right) = 2 \sum_{k \geq 1} (-1)^{k+1} e^{-2k^2 x^2}$$

Fourier theory:

$$G(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi k^2 x^2} \implies G(\textcolor{red}{x}) = \frac{1}{x} G\left(\frac{1}{\textcolor{red}{x}}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{P} \left( \max_{t \in [0,1]} |B_t| < x \right) = 2G\left(\frac{4x}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) - G\left(\frac{2x}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)$$

for small  $x$ , use the **functional equation** relating  $G(\textcolor{red}{x})$  and  $G(1/\textcolor{red}{x})$