

# The $1/3$ - $2/3$ conjecture for $N$ -free ordered sets

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A balanced pair in a finite ordered set  $P=(V,\leq)$  is a pair  $(x,y)$  of elements of  $V$  such that the proportion of linear extensions of  $P$  that put  $x$  before  $y$  is in the real interval  $[1/3, 2/3]$ . We prove that every finite  $N$ -free ordered set which is not totally ordered has a balanced pair.

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