

# Finding heavy hitters by chaining with few random bits

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# Outline

- What are heavy hitters and data streams?
- Well known ingredients for streaming algorithms
- Add chaining
- Limiting the number of random bits

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- **This talk:** find “frequent items” ( $f_H \geq \epsilon \|f\|_2$ )

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Decision problem:

Each of  $n$  items at most once

vs

One item  $n^\alpha$  times, rest  $\leq$  once

Requires  $\Omega(n^{1-2\alpha})$  bits of space

Alon, Matias, Szegedy '96;

Bar-Yossef, Jayram, Kumar,

Sivakumar '02; Chakrabarti,

Khot, Sun '03

**Goal** Return all  $H$  such that  $f_H \geq \epsilon \|f\|_2$   
 Every  $H$  returned has  $f_H \geq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \|f\|_2$

$[\epsilon = \Omega(1)]$	CountSketch Charikar, Chen, Farach-Colton '02	Tuesday Braverman, C, Ivkin, Woodruff '16	Today B, C, I, Nelson, Wang, W '??
space (bits)	$\log^2 n$	$\log n \log \log n$	$\log n$
update time	$\log n$	$2^{(\log \log n)^2}$	$O(1)$
query time	$O(1)$	$\tilde{O}(n)$	$O(1)$

By a standard reduction...

**Goal** If there exists  $H \in [n]$  such that

$$f_H^2 \geq K \sum_{j \neq H} f_j^2$$

then return  $H$

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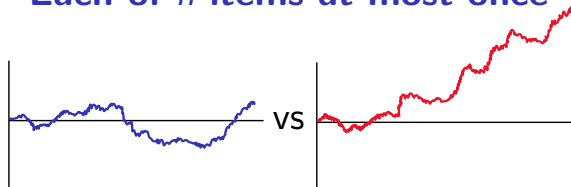
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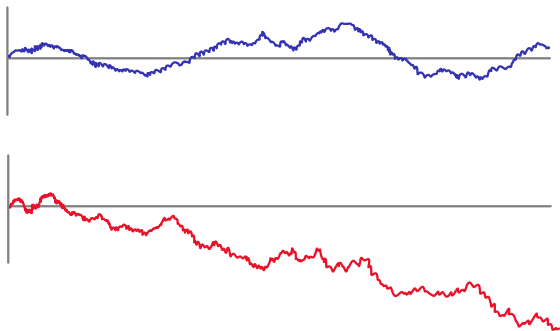
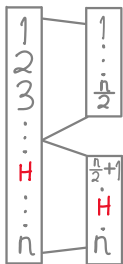
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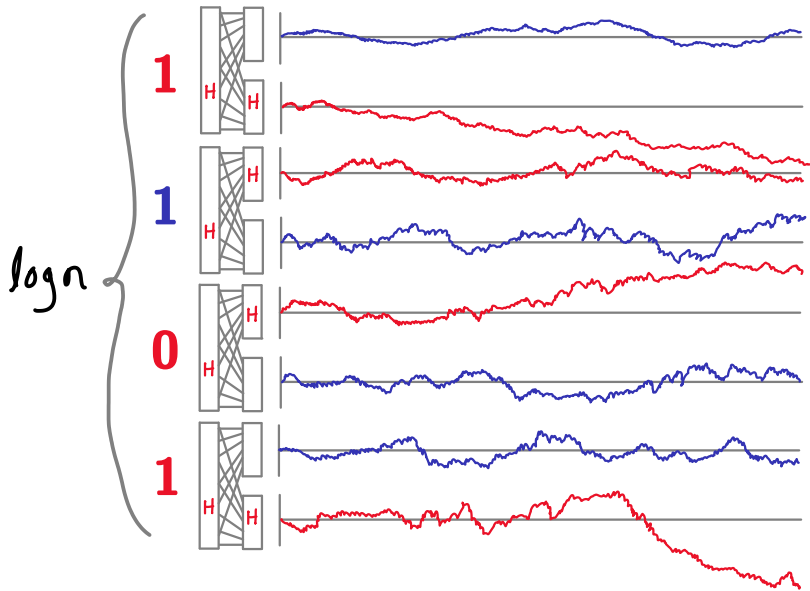
- 1 General frequencies
- 2 There is a heavy hitter  $H \in [n]$
- 3  $f_H \geq K \left( \sum_{j \neq H} f_j^2 \right)^{1/2}$

# Learning 1 bit

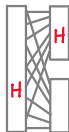
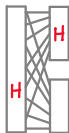
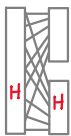
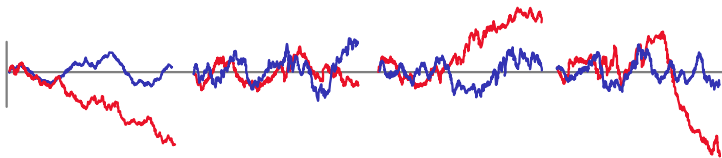
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# Learning many bits



Could it be so simple?...



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$\log n$

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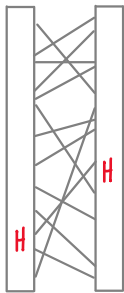
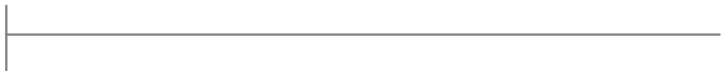
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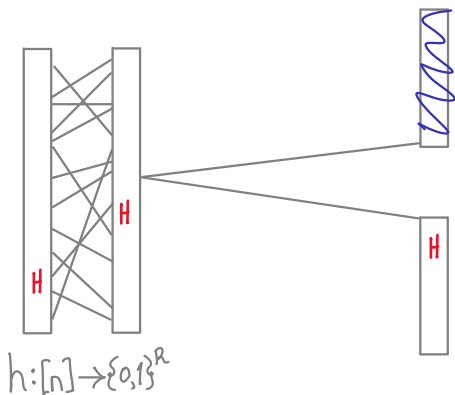
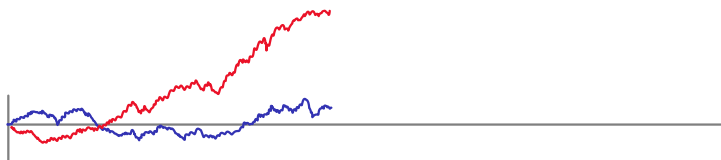
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Can't store  $O(\log n)$  independent hash functions.

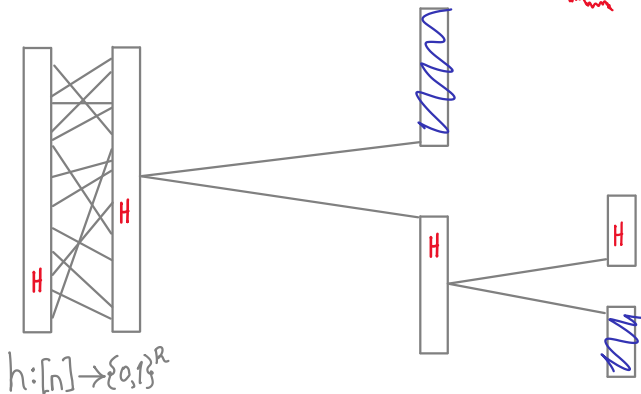
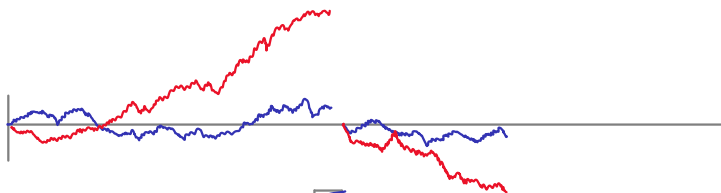


$$h: [n] \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^R$$

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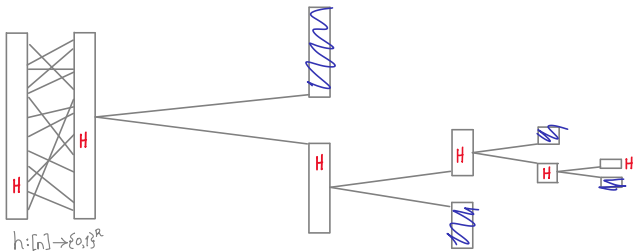


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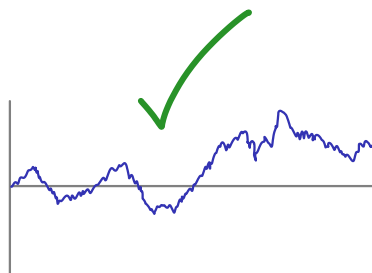
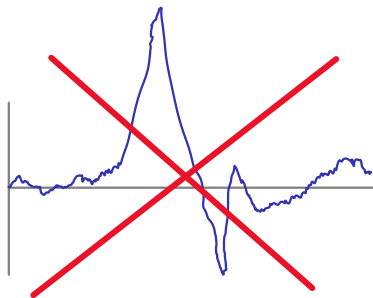
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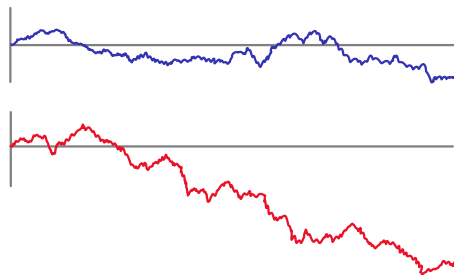


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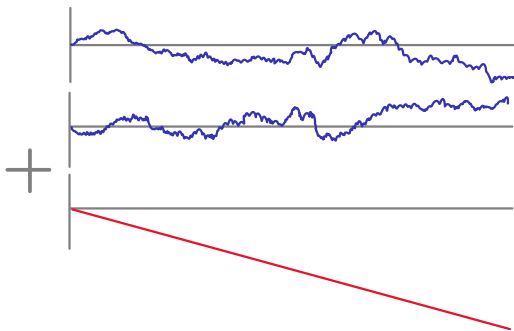


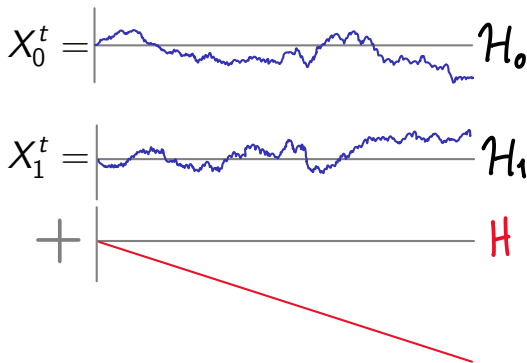
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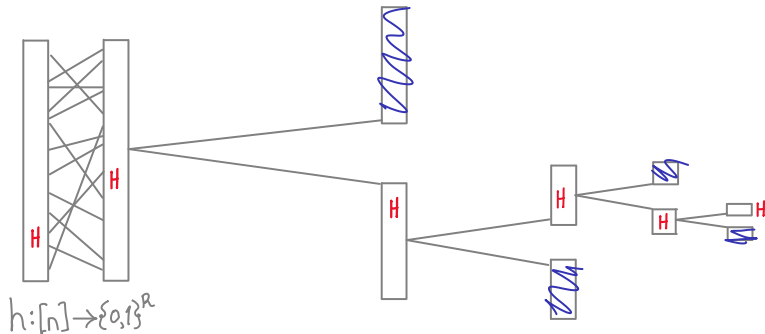
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for  $p$  in the stream do  
 if  $h(p) = b_1 b_2 \cdots b_r i^*$  then  
 $X_i += Z_p$   
 if  $|X_0 + X_1| \geq c\sigma\beta^r$  then  
 $b_{r+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{1}(|X_1| > |X_0|)$

$$\Pr \left( \sup_t |X_0^t| \geq \frac{1}{2} c\sigma\beta^r \mid \mathcal{H}_0 \right) \lesssim \frac{(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{H}_0} f_j^2)^{1/2}}{\sigma\beta^r} \stackrel{\mathbb{E}}{\leq} \frac{1}{K(\beta\sqrt{2})^r}$$



$$\Pr(H \text{ loses}) \leq \sum_{r \geq 0} \frac{1}{cK(\beta\sqrt{2})^r} \lesssim \frac{1}{K}$$

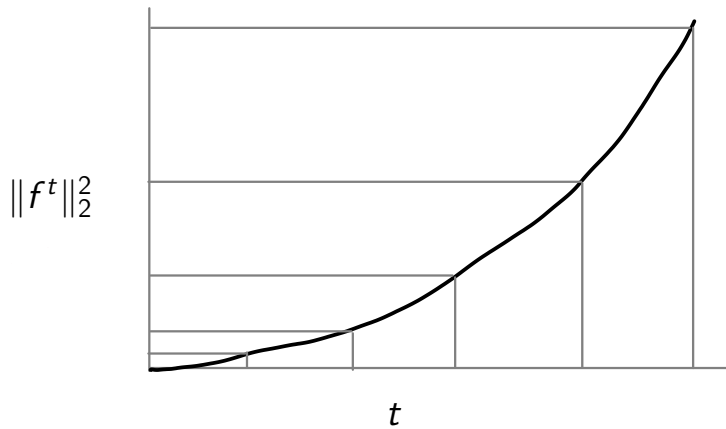
$$\#H\text{'s used} \leq \sum_{r \geq 0} 2c\sigma\beta^r = \sigma/4 < f_H$$

( $c = 2^{-5}, \beta = 3/4$ )

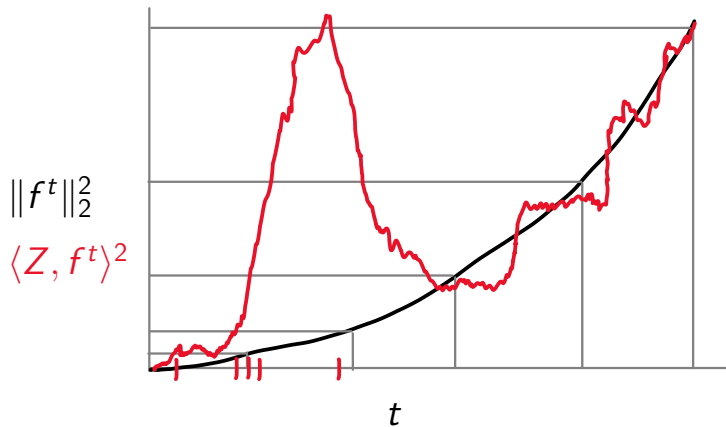
We conclude. . .

If there is a  $K$ -heavy hitter  $H$  then **HH** outputs  $H$  with probability at least  $2/3$ .

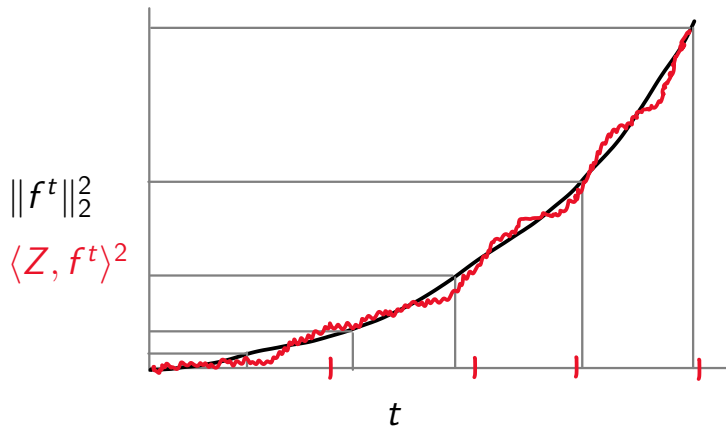
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Theorem ( $\|f\|_2$  Tracking)

*There exists a streaming algorithm using  $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \log n)$  bits of space that at each time  $t$  outputs  $Y^t$  where with probability at least  $2/3$*

$$|Y^t - \|f^t\|_2^2| \leq \epsilon \|f^m\|_2^2 \text{ for all } t \leq m.$$

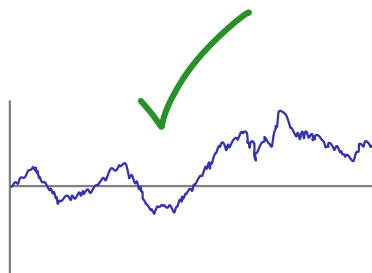
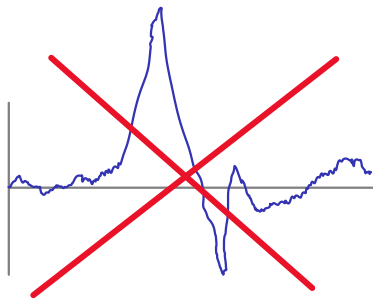
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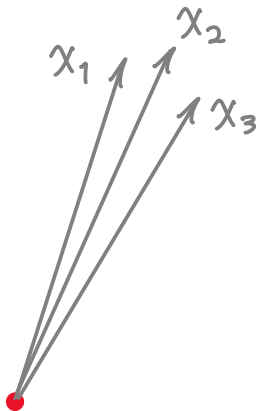


Union bound?

If  $Z \in_u \{-1, +1\}^n$  and  $G \sim N(0, I_{n \times n})$  then

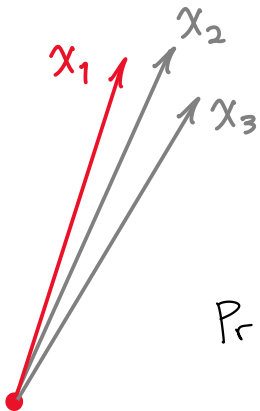
$$\mathbb{E} \sup \langle Z, f^t \rangle \leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \mathbb{E} \sup \langle G, f^t \rangle.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr \left( \sup_{1 \leq t \leq m} |\langle G, f^t \rangle| \leq u \|f\|_2 \right) &\leq \sum_{t=1}^m \Pr (|\langle G, f^t \rangle| \leq u \|f\|_2) \\ &\leq \sum_{t \geq 1} 2 \exp \left\{ \frac{-u^2}{2} \cdot \frac{\|f\|_2^2}{\|f^t\|_2^2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$



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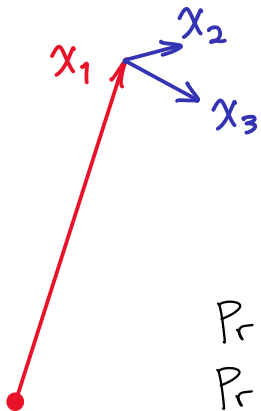
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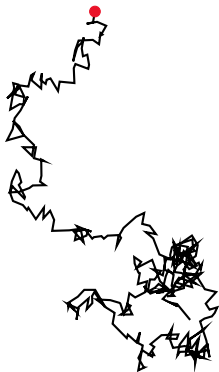
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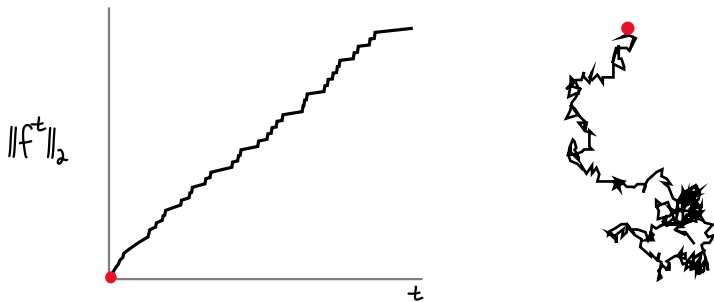
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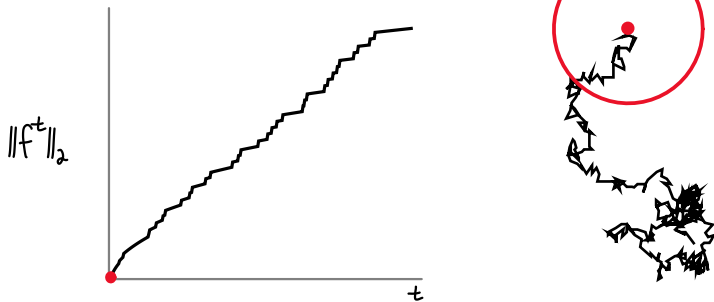


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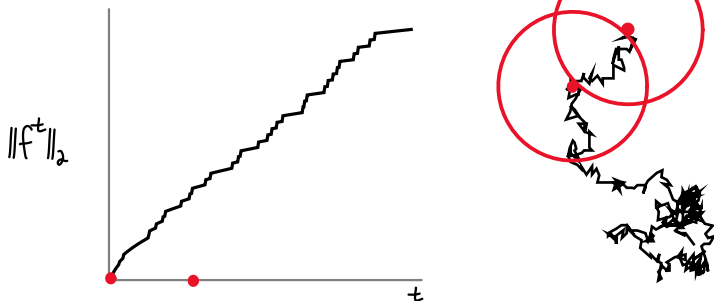


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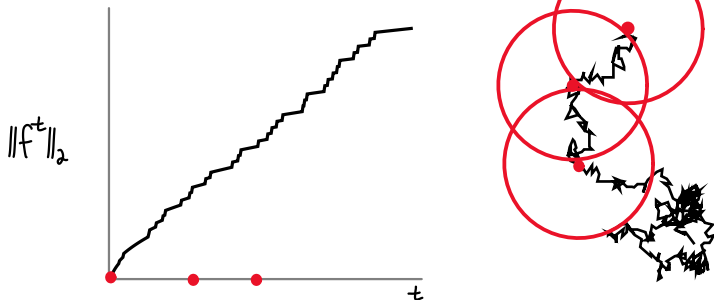


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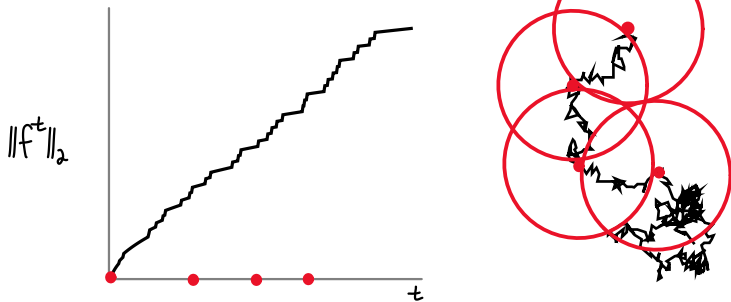


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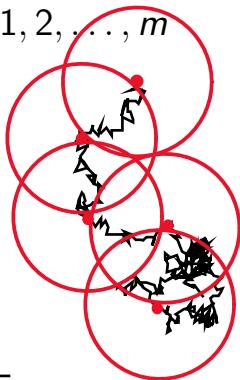
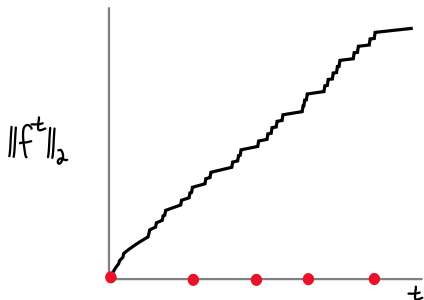


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## Fewer bits by embedding [Meka '12]

- $J : \{f^t\}_{t \in [m]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{O(\log m)}$
- $O(1)$ -distortion embedding (e.g. [Kane, Meka, Nelson '11])
- Replace  $X^t = \langle f^t, Z \rangle$  by  $\hat{X}^t = \langle Jf^t, Z \rangle$ .

### Lemma (Slepian)

Let  $X^t$  and  $\hat{X}^t$  be Gaussian processes where

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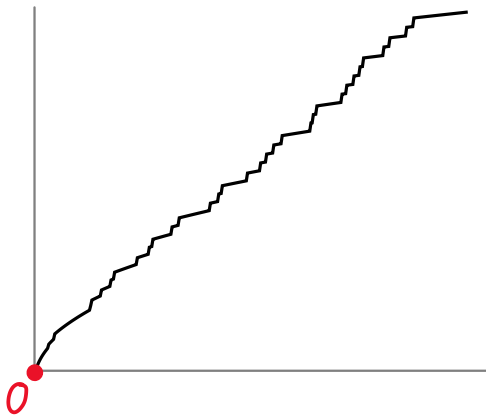
There is another way...

Theorem (**4-wise Chaining Inequality** Nelson & Wang)

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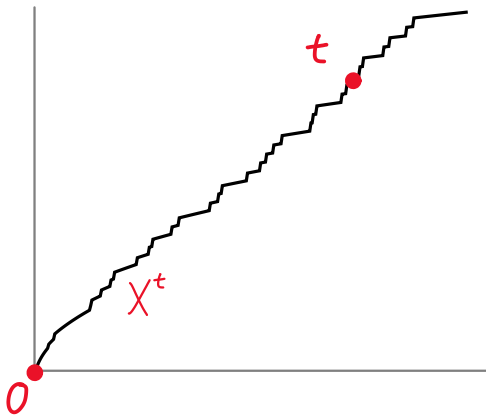
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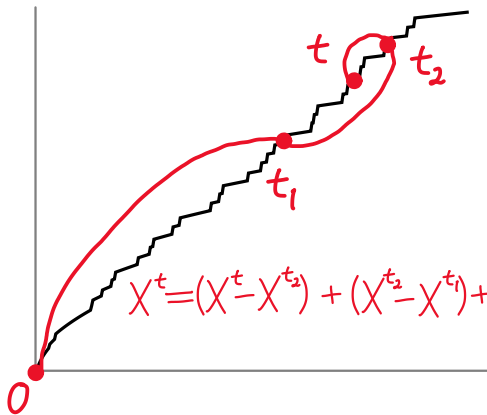
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