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Halving Lines and Measure Concentration in the Plane

Given a set *P* of *n* points in the plane and a collection of *k* halving lines of *P*  $I_1, ..., I_k$ , indexed according to the increasing order of their slopes, we denote by  $d(I_j, I_{j+1})$  the number of points in *P* that lie above  $I_{j+1}$  and below  $I_j$ . We prove an upper bound of  $O(nk^{1/3})$  for the sum  $\sum_{j=1..k-1} d(I_j, I_{j+1})$ . We show how this problem is related to the halving lines problem and provide several consequences about measure concentration in  $\Re^2$ .