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**ABSTRACT**

Curve/Level-crossing methods have been widely used in engineering, physics, speech recognition and other related fields. For a linear process  $X(n)$ , we consider the bivariate empirical process  $S(n, x, y)$  of adjacent pairs  $(X(n-1), X(n))$ .  $S(n, x, y)$  contains all the information about the number of level crossings of the process  $X(n)$  at a fixed level and two fixed levels. For a function  $f(t)$  on  $[0, 1]$ , we will discuss the number of curve crossings of the process  $X(n)$  by the curve  $f(t)$ . Uniform reduction principle and asymptotic normality and non-normality of the number of level/crossings are established. Some generalization to certain stationary processes  $X(n)$  will be discussed.