

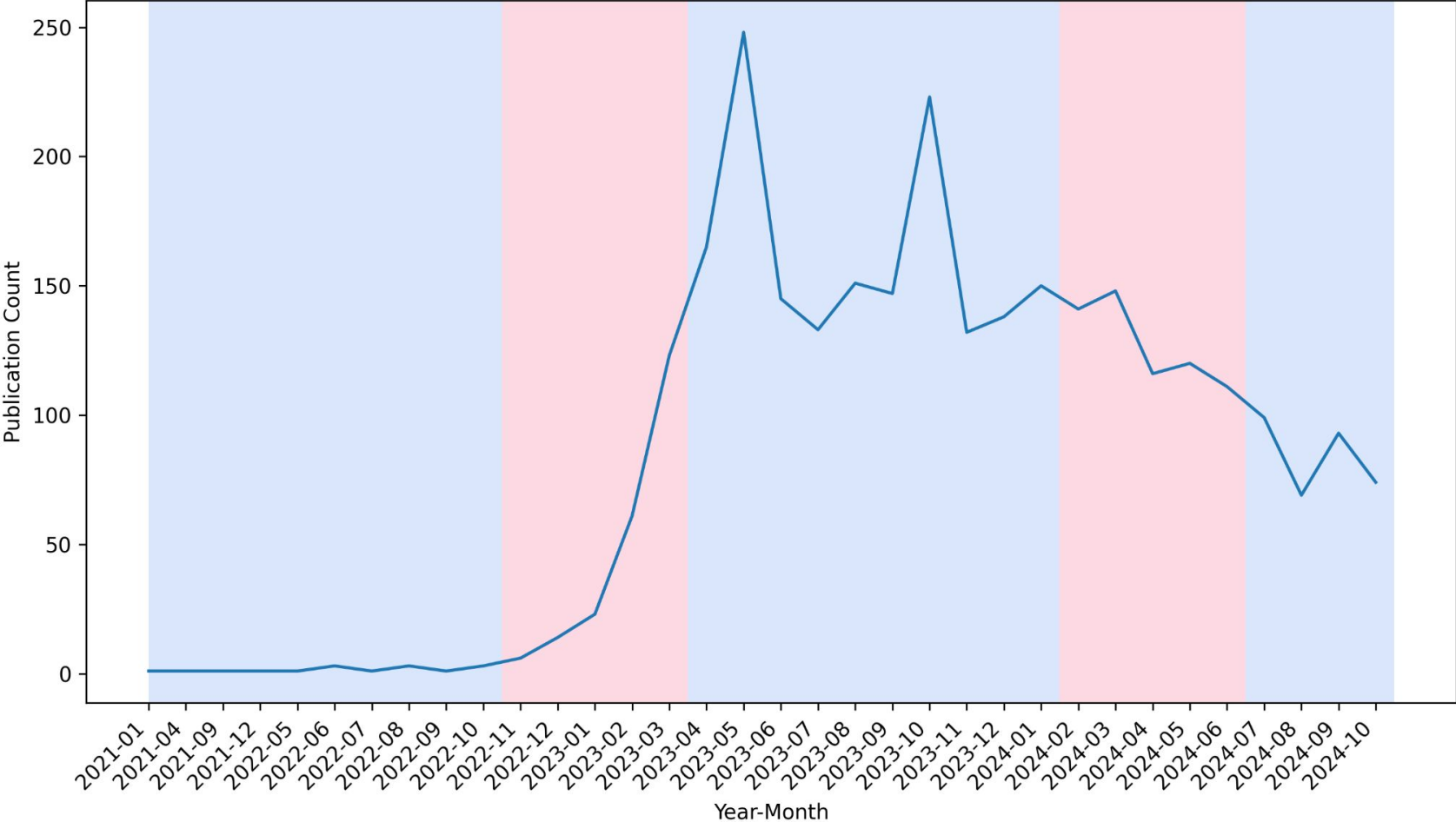
# Math x AI Hackathon



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Can VLMs evaluate change point detection models?

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# Change Point Detection

Change point detection is a statistical technique used to identify points in a time series where the underlying statistical properties of the data change significantly. In simple mathematical notation, we can describe change point detection as follows:

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a time series of length  $n$ . The goal of change point detection is to find a set of change points  $\tau = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_m\}$  where  $1 < \tau_1 < \tau_2 < \dots < \tau_m < n$ . These change points divide the time series into  $m + 1$  segments:

$$[1, \tau_1), [\tau_1, \tau_2), \dots, [\tau_m, n]$$

<https://github.com/deepcharles/ruptures>

## PELT: Pruned Exact Linear Time

Because the enumeration of all possible partitions is impossible, the algorithm relies on a pruning rule. Many indexes are discarded, greatly reducing the computational cost while retaining the ability to find the optimal segmentation. The implementation follows [Killick2012]. In addition, under certain conditions on the change point repartition, the average computational complexity is of the order of  $\mathcal{O}(CKn)$ , where  $K$  is the number of change points to detect,  $n$  the number of samples and  $C$  the complexity of calling the considered cost function on one sub-signal.

# PELT

## Mathematical Formulation

PELT aims to minimize a penalized cost function:

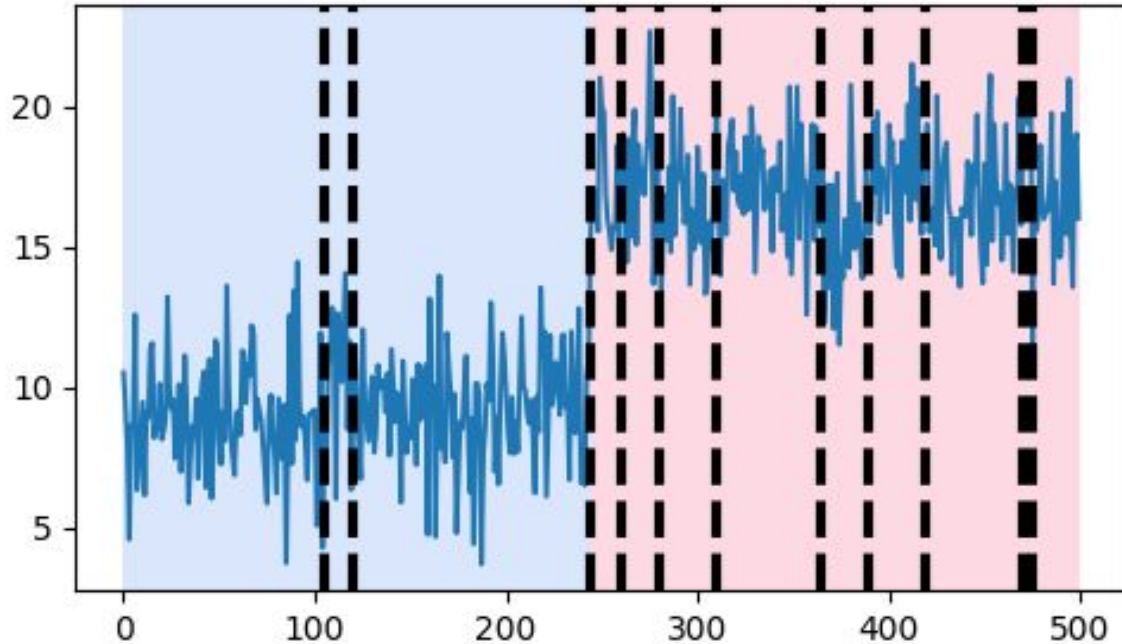
$$\min_{K, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_K} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{K+1} \mathcal{C}(x_{(\tau_{i-1}+1):\tau_i}) + \beta K \right]$$

Where:

- $K$  is the number of change points
- $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_K$  are the positions of the change points
- $\mathcal{C}(\cdot)$  is a cost function for a segment
- $\beta$  is a penalty to prevent overfitting

The algorithm efficiently solves this optimization problem by using dynamic programming and applying a pruning rule to reduce the search space.

# Hyperparameter Tuning can be a Challenge!



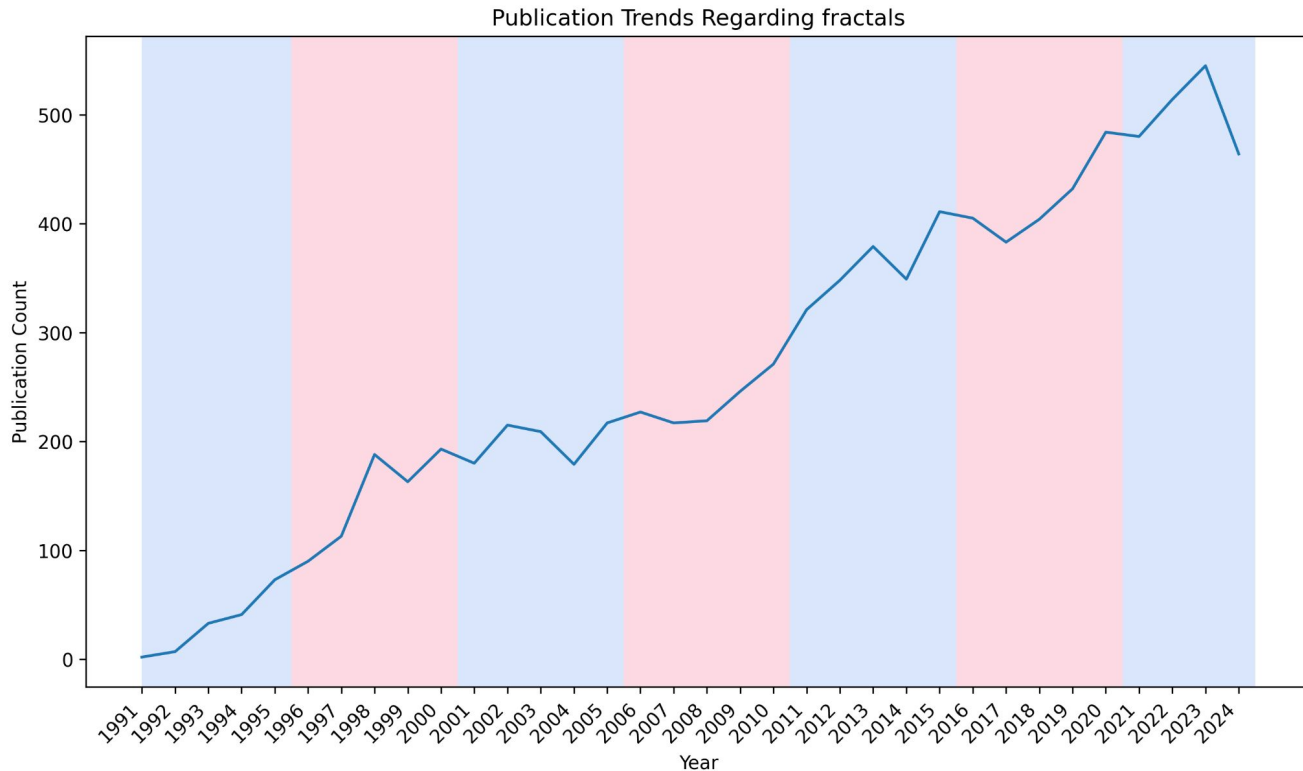
1. **Number of Dotted Lines:** There appear to be multiple dotted lines, which suggests that there may be multiple change points identified. For binary segmentation, ideally, there should only be one dotted line.

2. **Location of Dotted Lines:** The placement of the dotted lines should ideally separate the two segments clearly. It seems like the lines are spread across the range rather than demarcating a clear change.

Based on these observations, I would rate the appropriateness of the change point detection as a **2 out of 10**. The detection is poor because it does not adhere to the requirement for change point segmentation.

Final score: **0** (indicating that the change point detection was poor).

# PELT can be Informative



"evaluation": {

"dotted\_lines\_placement":

"The dotted lines appear to delineate segments that show differing trends in the data, indicating potential change points.",

"trend\_shift": "A noticeable trend shift occurs at the segments, with increasing values in later segments."

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"final\_evaluation": 8,

"binary\_indicator": 1

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