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In a partially ordered set P , let a pair of elements (x, y) be called α -balanced if the proportion of linear extensions that has x before y is between α and $1 - \alpha$. The $1/3 - 2/3$ Conjecture states that every finite poset which is not a chain has some $1/3$ -balanced pair. While the conjecture remains unsolved, we present progress in certain cases which include products of two chains and certain other distributive lattices. (Received September 20, 2016)