

# 1. Simple random walk in one dimension

**Definition 1** (Simple random walk in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ). Let  $\{X_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}$  be a sequence of independent and identically distributed  $\{-1, 1\}$ -valued random variables, that for some  $p \in (0, 1)$  and for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy  $\mathbf{P}(X_n = 1) = p$  and  $\mathbf{P}(X_n = -1) = 1 - p =: q$ .

Let  $S_0 = 0$  and  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . We call the pair  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  *Simple random walk in  $\mathbb{Z}$* .

If  $p = q = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  is called *Symmetric simple random walk in  $\mathbb{Z}$* .

*Remark.* Very often we refer to  $n$  as time,  $X_i$  as the  $i$ -th step and  $S_n$  as position of the walk in time  $n$ . In simple random walk in  $\mathbb{Z}$  we refer to  $X_i = +1$  as  $i$ -th step was rightwards and to  $X_i = -1$  as  $i$ -th step was leftwards. If not stated otherwise, we assume that  $S_0 = 0$ .

**Definition 2** (Set of possible positions). Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a random walk. We call the set  $A_n = \{z \in \mathbb{Z}; |z| \leq n, \frac{z+n}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  *set of all possible positions* of random walk  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  in time  $n$ .

**Theorem 1** (Probability of position  $x$  in time  $n$ )

Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a random walk and  $A_n$  its set of possible positions.

$$\mathbf{P}(S_n = x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{\frac{n+x}{2}} p^{\frac{n+x}{2}} q^{\frac{n-x}{2}} & \text{for } x \in A_n, \\ 0, & \text{for } x \notin A_n. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Consider random variables  $\mathbf{1}_{[X_i=1]}$ , and  $\mathbf{1}_{[X_i=-1]}$ , and define new random variables  $R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[X_i=1]}$ ,  $L_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[X_i=-1]}$ . The random variable  $\mathbf{1}_{[X_i=1]}$  can be interpreted as indicator whether  $i$ -th step was rightwards. Then,  $R_n$  is number of rightwards steps and  $L_n$  is number of leftwards steps. We can easily see that  $R_n + L_n = n$  and  $R_n - L_n = S_n$ . Therefore we get by adding these two equations  $R_n = \frac{S_n + n}{2}$ .

Clearly,  $\mathbf{1}_{[X_i=1]}$  has alternative distribution with parameter  $p$  ( $Alt(p)$ ). Hence,  $R_n$  as a sum of independent and identically distributed random variables with distribution  $Alt(p)$  has binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p$  ( $Bi(n, p)$ ). Therefore we get  $\mathbf{P}(R_n = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}$ , where we define  $\binom{a}{x} := 0$  for  $a \in \mathbb{N}, x \notin \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ . Finally, for  $a \in A_n$  we get

$$\mathbf{P}(S_n = x) = \mathbf{P}\left(R_n = \frac{x+n}{2}\right) = \binom{n}{\frac{x+n}{2}} p^{\frac{n+x}{2}} q^{\frac{n-x}{2}}.$$

□

**Lemma 2** (Spatial homogeneity)

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then for all  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\mathbf{P}(S_n = j \mid S_0 = a) = \mathbf{P}(S_n = j + b \mid S_0 = a + b)$$

*Proof.* For any  $j, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  holds

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(S_n = j \mid S_0 = a) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = j - a\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = (j + b) - (a + b)\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(S_n = j + b \mid S_0 = a + b). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 3** (Temporal homogeneity)

Let  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}, a, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n = j \mid S_0 = a) = \mathbb{P}(S_{n+m} = j \mid S_m = a)$$

*Proof.* For any  $j, a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(S_n = j \mid S_0 = a) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = j - a\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=m+1}^{m+n} X_i = j - a\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(S_{n+m} = j \mid S_m = a), \end{aligned}$$

where the second equality follows from identical distribution of  $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty}$ . □

**Lemma 4** (Markov property)

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq m$  and  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}, i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\mathbb{P}(S_n = j \mid S_0 = a_0, S_1 = a_1, \dots, S_m = a_m) = \mathbb{P}(S_n = j \mid S_m = a_m)$

*Proof.* Once  $S_m$  is known, then distribution of  $S_n$  depends only on steps  $X_{m+1}, X_{m+2}, \dots, X_n$  and therefore cannot be dependent on any information concerning values  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{m-1}$  and accordingly  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{m-1}$ . □

*Remark.* **check english** -přepsat nějak líp In symmetric random walk, everything can be counted by number of possible paths from point to point.

**Definition 3** (Number of possible paths). Let  $N_n(a, b)$  be number of possible paths of random walk  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  from point  $(0, a)$  to point  $(n, b)$  and  $N_n^x(a, b)$  be number of possible paths from point  $(0, a)$  to point  $(n, b)$  that visit point  $(z, x)$  for some  $z \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

**Theorem 5**

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $N_n(a, b) = \binom{n}{\frac{1}{2}(n+b-a)}$ .

*Proof.* Let us choose a path from  $(0, a)$  to  $(n, b)$  and let  $\alpha$  be number of rightwards steps and  $\beta$  be number of leftwards steps. Then  $\alpha + \beta = n$  and  $\alpha - \beta = b - a$ . By adding these two equations we get that  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}(n + b - a)$ . The number of possible paths is the number of ways of picking  $\alpha$  rightwards steps from  $n$  steps. Therefore we get  $N_n(a, b) = \binom{n}{\alpha} = \binom{n}{\frac{1}{2}(n+b-a)}$ . □

**Theorem 6** (Reflection principle)

Let  $a, b > 0$ , then  $N_n^0(a, b) = N_n(-a, b)$ .

*Proof.* Each path from  $(0, -a)$  to  $(n, b)$  has to intersect  $y = 0$ -axis at least once at some point. Let  $k$  be the time of earliest intersection with  $x$ -axis. By reflexing the segment from  $(0, -a)$  to  $(k, 0)$  in the  $x$ -axis and letting the segment from  $(k, 0)$  to  $(n, b)$  be the same, we get a path from point  $(0, a)$  to  $(n, b)$  which visits 0 at point  $k$ . Because reflection is a bijective operation on sets of paths, we get the correspondence between the collections of such paths.  $\square$

**Definition 4** (Return to origin). Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a random walk. Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . We say a *return to origin* occurred in time  $2k$  if  $S_{2k} = 0$ . The probability that in time  $2k$  occurred a return to origin shall be denoted by  $u_{2k}$ . We say that in time  $2k$  occurred *first return to origin* if  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2k-1} \neq 0$  and  $S_{2k} = 0$ . The probability that in time  $2k$  occurred first return to origin shall be denoted by  $f_{2k}$ . By definition  $f_0 = 0$ . Let  $\alpha_{2n}(2k)$  denote  $u_{2k}u_{2(n-k)}$

**Theorem 7** (Ballot theorem)

Let  $n, b \in \mathbb{N}$  Number of paths from point  $(0, 0)$  to point  $(n, b)$  which do not return to origin is equal to  $\frac{b}{n}N_n(0, b)$

*Proof.* Let us call  $N$  the number of paths we are referring to. Because the path ends at point  $(n, b)$ , the first step has to be rightwards. Therefore we now have  $N = N_{n-1}(1, b) - N_{n-1}^0(1, b) \stackrel{T6}{=} N_{n-1}(1, b) - N_{n-1}(-1, b)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore we now have: } N_{n-1}(1, b) - N_{n-1}(-1, b) &= \binom{n-1}{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2} - 1} - \binom{n-1}{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{(n-1)!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2} - 1)! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2})!} - \frac{(n-1)!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2})! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2} - 1)!} = \frac{(n-1)!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2} - 1)! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2}) (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2} - 1)!} - \frac{(n-1)!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}) (\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2} - 1)! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2} - 1)!} = \\ &= \frac{(n-1)!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2} - 1)! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2} - 1)!} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2}} - \frac{1}{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \frac{n!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2} - 1)! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2} - 1)!} \left( \frac{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2} - \frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2})}{(\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2}) (\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2})} \right) = \frac{b}{n} \frac{n!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2})! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2})!} = \\ &= \frac{b}{n} \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} = \frac{b}{n} N_n(0, b) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

*Remark.* The name *Ballot theorem* comes from the question: In a ballot where candidate  $A$  receives  $p$  votes and candidate  $B$  receives  $q$  votes with  $p > q$ , what is the probability that  $A$  will be strictly ahead of  $B$  throughout the count?

**Definition 5.**  $M_n^+ = \max\{S_i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$ ,  $M_n^- = \max\{-S_i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$ ,  $M_n^A = \max M_n^+, M_n^-$

**Theorem 8** (Probability of maximum up to time  $n$ )

Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a random walk.

$$\mathbb{P}(M_n^+ \geq r, S_n = b) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(S_n = b) & \text{for } b \geq r, \\ \mathbb{P}(S_n = 2r - b) \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{r-b}, & \text{for otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let us firstly consider the easier case in which  $b \geq r$ . Because we defined  $M_n^+$  as  $\max\{S_i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$  we get that  $M_n^+ \geq b \geq r$  therefore  $[M_n^+ \geq r] \subset [S_n = b]$  therefore we get  $\mathbb{P}(M_n^+ \geq r, S_n = b) = \mathbb{P}(S_n = b)$ .

Now let  $r \geq 1, b < r$ .  $N_n^r(0, b)$  stands for number of paths from point  $(0, 0)$  to point  $(n, b)$  which reach up to  $r$ . Let  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  denote the first time we reach  $r$ . By reflection principle (6), we can reflex the segment from  $(k, r)$  to  $(n, b)$  in the axis:  $y = r$ . Therefore we now have path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(n, 2r - b)$  and we get that  $N_n^r(0, b) = N_n(0, 2r - b)$ .  $\mathbb{P}(S_n = b, M_n^+ \geq r) = N_n^r(0, b) p^{\frac{n+b}{2}} q^{\frac{n-b}{2}} = N_n(0, 2r - b) p^{\frac{n+(2r-b)}{2}} q^{\frac{n-(2r-b)}{2}} p^{\frac{n+b}{2}} q^{\frac{n-b}{2}} p^{b-r} q^{r-b} = \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{r-b} \mathbb{P}(S_n = 2r - b)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 6** (Walk reaching new maximum at particular time ). Let  $b > 0$ .  $f_b(n)$  denotes the probability that we reach new maximum  $b$  in time  $n$ .  $f_b(n) = \mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} = S_{n-1} = b-1, S_n = b)$

**Theorem 9** (Probability of reaching new maximum  $b$  in time  $n$ )

Let  $b > 0$  then  $f_b(n) = \frac{b}{n} \mathbb{P}(S_n = b)$ .

*Proof.*  $f_b = \mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} = S_{n-1} = b-1, S_n = b) = \mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} = S_{n-1} = b-1, X_n = +1) =$   
 $p \mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} = S_{n-1} = b-1)$   
 $\stackrel{*}{=} p(\mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} \geq b-1, S_{n-1} = b-1) - \mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} \geq b, S_{n-1} = b-1))$   
 $\stackrel{T8}{=} p(\mathbb{P}(S_{n-1} = b-1) - \frac{q}{p} \mathbb{P}(S_{n-1} = b+1))$   
 $= p \mathbb{P}(S_{n-1} = b-1) - q \mathbb{P}(S_{n-1} = b+1)$   
 $= \binom{n-1}{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2} - 1} p^{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} q^{\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2}} - \binom{n-1}{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} p^{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} q^{\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2}} = p^{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} q^{\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2}} \left( \frac{(n-1)!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2} - 1)! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2})!} - \frac{(n-1)!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2})! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2} - 1)!} \right) =$   
 $p^{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} q^{\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2}} \left( \frac{(n-1)!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2})! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2})!} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2}} - \frac{1}{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} \right) = p^{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} q^{\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2}} \frac{b}{n} \left( \frac{n!}{(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2})! (\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2})!} \right)$   
 $= \frac{b}{n} p^{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} q^{\frac{n}{2} - \frac{b}{2}} \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{b}{2}} = \frac{b}{n} \mathbb{P}(S_n = b)$ . Where  $*$  comes from the fact that the event  $[M_{n-1} \geq b-1]$  can be split into two disjoint events:  $[M_{n-1} \geq b-1] = [M_{n-1} \geq b] \cup [M_{n-1} = b-1]$ . Therefore  $\mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} \geq b-1) = \mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} \geq b) + \mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} = b-1)$ . Hence:  $\mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} = b-1) = \mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} \geq b-1) - \mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} \geq b)$ . The same applies for the probability  $\mathbb{P}(M_{n-1} = b-1, S_{n-1} = b-1)$   $\square$

**Theorem 10** (XXXMean number of visits to  $b$  before returning to origin in symmetric random walk)

Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a symmetric random walk. Mean number  $\mu_b$  of visits of the walk to point  $b$  before returning to origin is equal to 1.

*Proof.* aa  $\square$

**Lemma 11** (Binomial identity)

Let  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}, n > k : \binom{n-1}{k} - \binom{n-1}{k-1} = \frac{n-2k}{n} \binom{n}{k}$

*Proof.*  $\binom{n-1}{k} - \binom{n-1}{k-1} = \frac{(n-1)!}{k!(n-k-1)!} - \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} = \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-k-1)!} \left( \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{n-k} \right)$   
 $= \frac{1}{n} \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k-1)!} \frac{n-2k}{k(n-k)} = \frac{n-2k}{n} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{n-2k}{n} \binom{n}{k}$   $\square$

**Lemma 12** (Main lemma)

Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a symmetrical random walk. Then  $\mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0) = \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 0)$ .

*Proof.*  $\mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0) \stackrel{LTP}{=} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0, S_{2n} = 2i) = \sum_{i=-n}^n \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0, S_{2n} = 2i)$   
 $2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0, S_{2n} = 2i) \stackrel{T7}{=} 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2i}{2n} \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 2i) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2i}{2n} \binom{2n}{n+i} 2^{-2n} \stackrel{L11}{=} 2^{-2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \binom{2n-1}{n-i} - \binom{2n-1}{n-i-1} \right) \stackrel{**}{=} 2 \cdot 2^{-2n} \binom{2n-1}{n} = 2^{-2n} \frac{2n}{n} \binom{2n-1}{n} = 2^{-2n} \frac{2n(2n-1)!}{m(m-1)!m!} =$   
 $2^{-2n} \frac{(2n)!}{m!m!} = 2^{-2n} \binom{2n}{n} = \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 0)$ . Where  $*$  comes from the fact that the random walk is symmetric and  $**$  comes from the fact that the positive part of  $i$ -th term cancels against the negative part of  $i+1$ -st term.  $\square$

**Theorem 13**

Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a symmetric random walk. The probability that the last return to origin up to time  $2n$  occurred in time  $2k$  is  $\mathbb{P}(S_{2k} = 0) \mathbb{P}(S_{2(n-k)} = 0)$ .

*Proof.*  $\alpha 2n(2k) = u_{2k}u_{2(n-k)} = \mathbb{P}(S_{2k} = 0) \mathbb{P}(S_{2k+1}, S_{2k+2}, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0 \mid S_{2k} = 0) = \mathbb{P}(S_{2k} = 0) \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2(n-k)} \neq 0) = \mathbb{P}(S_{2k} = 0) \mathbb{P}(S_{2(n-k)} = 0)$   $\square$

#### Theorem 14

Let  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $\mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n \neq 0, S_n = b) = \frac{|b|}{n} \mathbb{P}(S_n = b)$ .

*Proof.* Let us without loss of generality assume that  $b > 0$ . In that case, first step has to be rightwards ( $X_1 = +1$ ). Now we have path from point  $(1, 1)$  to point  $(n, b)$  that does not return to origin. By Ballot theorem 7 there are  $\frac{b}{n} N_n(0, b)$  such paths. Each path consists of  $\frac{n+b}{2}$  rightwards steps and  $\frac{n-b}{2}$  leftwards steps. Therefore  $\mathbb{P}(S_1 \cdot S_2 \cdot \dots, S_n \neq 0, S_n = b) = \frac{b}{n} N_n(0, b) p^{\frac{n+b}{2}} q^{\frac{n-b}{2}} = \frac{b}{n} \mathbb{P}(S_n = b)$ . Case  $b < 0$  is identical.  $\square$

#### Lemma 15

Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a symmetric random walk.  $\mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} > 0) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 0) = \frac{1}{2} u_{2n}$ .

*Proof.* Because  $S_i > 0 \forall i \in \mathbb{N}$  the first step has to be rightwards ( $X_1 = S_1 = 1$ ). Therefore we get  $\mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} > 0) = \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} > 0, S_{2n} = 2r)$ .

The  $r$ -th term follows equation:  $\mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} > 0, S_{2n} = 2r) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 = 1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} > 0, S_{2n} = 2r) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}(S_2, S_3, \dots, S_{2n} > 0, S_{2n} = 2r \mid S_1 = 1) = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 2r \mid S_1 = 1) - \mathbb{P}(S_2, S_3, \dots, S_{2n} = 0, S_{2n} = 2r \mid S_1 = 1)) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} {}^{2n-1}N_{2n-1}(1, 2r) - \frac{1}{2} {}^{2n-1}N_{2n-1}^0(1, 2r) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} {}^{2n-1} \left( N_{2n-1}(1, 2r) - N_{2n-1}^0(1, 2r) \right) \stackrel{T6}{=} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} {}^{2n-1} (N_{2n-1}(1, 2r) - N_{2n-1}(-1, 2r)) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} {}^{2n-1} \left( \binom{2n-1}{n+r-1} - \binom{2n-1}{n+r} \right)$ . Where  $*$  comes from decomposition:  $[S_{2n} = 2r] = [S_{2n} = 2r, S_1 \cdot S_2 \cdot \dots \cdot S_{2n} \neq 0] \cup [S_{2n} = 2r, S_1 \cdot S_2 \cdot \dots \cdot S_{2n} = 0]$ .

Because of the fact that the negative parts of  $r$ -th terms cancel against the positive parts of  $(r+1)$ -st terms and the sum reduces to just  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} {}^{2n-1} \binom{2n-1}{n} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \binom{2n-1}{n} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{2(2n-1)!}{n!(n-1)!} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{2n(2n)!}{n!n!} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \binom{2n}{n} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 0) = \frac{1}{2} u_{2n}$ .  $\square$

#### Theorem 16 (No return=return)

$\mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0) = \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 0) = u_{2n}$

*Proof.* The event  $[S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0]$  can be split into two disjoint events:  $= [S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} < 0] \cup [S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} > 0]$ . By previous theorem (15) we get that probability of both of them is  $\frac{1}{2} u_{2n}$ . Because the events are disjoint we can sum their probabilities and we get the result.  $\square$

#### Lemma 17

$\mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \geq 0) = \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 0) = u_{2n}$

*Proof.*  $\frac{1}{2} u_{2n} = \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} > 0) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 = 1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_{2n} \geq 1) \stackrel{\text{nasobeni}}{=} \mathbb{P}(S_1 = 1) \mathbb{P}(S_2, S_3, \dots, S_{2n} \geq 1 \mid S_1 = 1) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}(S_2, S_3, \dots, S_{2n} \geq 1 \mid S_1 = 1) \stackrel{L3}{=} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-1} \geq 1 \mid S_0 = 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \stackrel{L2}{=} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-1} \geq 0) \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \geq 0). \text{ Because } [S_{2n-1} \geq 0] \Rightarrow [S_{2n-1} \geq 1] \Rightarrow [S_{2n} \geq 0] \\
& \text{Therefore } \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \geq 0) = u_{2n}. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 18**

$$f_{2n} = u_{2n-2} - u_{2n}$$

*Proof.* The event  $[S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-1} \neq 0]$  can be split into two disjoint events:  $[S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-1} \neq 0, S_{2n} = 0]$  and  $[S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-1} \neq 0, S_{2n} \neq 0]$ . Therefore  $\mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-1} \neq 0) = \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-1} \neq 0, S_{2n} = 0) + \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-1} \neq 0, S_{2n} \neq 0)$ . Therefore we get  $f_{2n} = \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-1} \neq 0, S_{2n} = 0) = \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-1} \neq 0) - \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0)$ . Because  $2n - 1$  is odd.  $\mathbb{P}(S_{2n-1} = 0) = 0$ . Therefore the first term is equal to  $\mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n-2} \neq 0)$  which is by 16 equal to  $u_{2n-2}$ . Second term is by 16 equal to  $u_{2n}$ . Therefore we get the result.  $\square$

**Lemma 19**

$$f_{2n} = \frac{1}{2n-1} u_{2n}$$

*Proof.*  $u_{2n-2} = \frac{1}{2} \binom{2n-2}{n-1} = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{2n}{(n-1)!(n-1)!} = \frac{4n^2}{(2n)(2n-1)} \frac{1}{2} \binom{2n}{n} = \frac{2n}{2n-1} u_{2n}$ . Therefore  $u_{2n-2} - u_{2n} = u_{2n} \left( \frac{2n}{2n-1} - 1 \right) = u_{2n} \frac{1}{2n-1}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 20** (Decomposition of  $f_n$ )

$$u_{2n} = \sum_{r=1}^n f_{2r} u_{2n-2r}$$

*Proof.*  $u_{2n} \stackrel{D4}{=} \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 0) \stackrel{LTP}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 0, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} \neq 0, S_{2r} = 0) \stackrel{nasoben}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} \neq 0, S_{2r} = 0) \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} \neq 0, S_{2r} = 0) = \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P}(S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_{2r} = 0) f_{2r} \stackrel{L3}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n u_{2n-2r} f_{2r}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 21** (Arcsine law for last visits)

Let  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}, k \leq n$ . The probability that up to time  $2n$  the last return to origin occurred in time  $2k$  is given by  $\alpha_{2n}(2k) = u_{2n} u_{2(n-k)}$ .

*Proof.* The probability involved can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{P}(S_{2k+1}, S_{2k+2}, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0, S_{2k} = 0) \\
& \stackrel{nasoben}{=} \mathbb{P}(S_{2k+1}, S_{2k+2}, \dots, S_{2n} \neq 0 \mid S_{2k} = 0) \mathbb{P}(S_{2k} = 0) \\
& \stackrel{L3}{=} \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2(n-k)} \neq 0) \mathbb{P}(S_{2k} = 0) \\
& \stackrel{T16}{=} u_{2(n-k)} u_{2k}
\end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Definition 7** (Time spend on the positive and negative sides). Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a random walk. We say that the walk spent  $\tau$  time units of  $n$  on the positive side if  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = \tau$ . Let  $\beta_n(\tau)$  denote the probability of such an event. We say that the walk spent  $\zeta$  time units of  $n$  on the negative side if  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i < 0 \vee S_{i-1} < 0]} = \zeta$ .

**Theorem 22** (Arcsine law for sojourn times-OWN PROOF)

Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a symmetric random walk. Then  $\beta_{2n}(2k) = \alpha_{2n}(2k)$ .

*Proof.* Firstly let us start with degenerate cases.  $\beta_{2n}(2n)$

$$= \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2n \right) \stackrel{L17}{=} \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2n} \geq 0) = *u_{2n}. \text{ By symmetry } \beta_{2n}(0) = \beta_{2n}(2n) = u_{2n}.$$

Let  $1 \leq k \leq v-1$ , where  $0 \leq v \leq n$ . For such  $k$  stands equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{2n}(2k) &\stackrel{D7}{=} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k \right) \\ &\stackrel{LTP}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} \neq 0, S_{2r} = 0 \right) \\ &\stackrel{*}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0 \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0 \right) \\ &\stackrel{nasobeni}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k \mid S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0 \right) \\ &\quad \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k \mid S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0 \right) \\ &\quad \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0) \\ &\stackrel{**}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=2r+1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k \mid S_{2r} = 0 \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=2r+1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k - 2r \mid S_{2r} = 0 \right) \\ &\stackrel{L3}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2n-2r} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k \right) + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2n-2r} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k - 2r \right) = \left| \right. \\ &\quad \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \beta_{2n-2r}(2k) + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \beta_{2n-2r}(2k - 2r). \text{ Where } * \text{ comes from the disjoint de-} \\ &\text{composition of } [S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} \neq 0] = [S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0] \cup [S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0] \\ &\text{and } ** \text{ comes from using the condition that up to time } 2r \text{ the steps were on} \\ &\text{the positive/negative sides.} \end{aligned}$$

Now let us proceed by induction. Case for  $v = 1$  is trivial because it implies degenerated case from \*f. Let the statment be true for  $v \leq n-1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \beta_{2n-2r}(2k) + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \beta_{2n-2r}(2k - 2r) \\ &\stackrel{IA}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \alpha_{2n-2r}(2k) + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \alpha_{2n-2r}(2k - 2r) \\ &\stackrel{D4}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} u_{2k} u_{2n-2r-2k} + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} u_{2k-2r} u_{2n-2k} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} u_{2k} \sum_{r=1}^n f_{2r} u_{2n-2r-2k} + \frac{1}{2} u_{2n-2k} \sum_{r=1}^n f_{2r} u_{2k-2r} u_{2n-2k} \\ &\stackrel{L20}{=} \frac{1}{2} u_{2n-2k} u_{2k} + \frac{1}{2} u_{2n-2k} u_{2k} = u_{2n-2k} u_{2k} \\ &\stackrel{D4}{=} \alpha_{2n}(2k). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 8** (Change of a sign). Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a random walk. We say that in time  $n$  occurred a change of sign if  $S_{n-1} \cdot S_{n+1} = -1$  in other words if  $(S_{n-1} = +1 \wedge S_{n+1} = -1) \vee (S_{n-1} = -1 \wedge S_{n+1} = +1)$ . We shall denote the probability that up to time  $n$  occurred  $r$  changes of sign by  $\xi_{r,n}$ .

**Theorem 23** (Change of a sign)

Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a symmetric random walk. The probability  $\xi_{r,2n+1} = 2 \mathbb{P}(S_{2n+1} = 2r + 1)$

*Proof.* Feller □

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**Definition 9**  $(\delta_n, \varepsilon_n^{r,\pm})$ . Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a symmetric random walk.  $\delta_n(k)$  shall denote  $\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = k, S_n = 0\right)$ ,  $\varepsilon_n^r(k)$  shall denote  $\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{r-1} > 0, S_r = 0, S_n = 0\right)$ ,  $\varepsilon_n^{r,+}(k)$  shall denote  $\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{r-1} > 0, S_r = 0, S_n = 0\right)$ ,  $\varepsilon_n^{r,-}(k)$  shall denote  $\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{r-1} < 0, S_r = 0, S_n = 0\right)$ .

**Lemma 24** (Factorization of  $\delta_{2n}(2k)$ )

$$\delta_{2n}(2k) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n (f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r}(2k-2r) + f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r}(2r)).$$

*Proof.* Because  $S_{2n} = 0$  a return to origin must have happened. Let  $2r$  the time of first return to origin, where  $r \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . By the law of total probability:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{2n}(2k) &\stackrel{\text{D9}}{=} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n} = 0\right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{LTP}}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} \neq 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2n} = 0\right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{D9}}{=} \sum_{r=1}^n \varepsilon_{2n}^{2k} = \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2n} = 0\right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^n \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2n} = 0\right) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^n \varepsilon_{2n}^{2r,+}(2k) + \sum_{r=1}^n \varepsilon_{2n}^{2r,-}(2k). \end{aligned}$$

Where  $*$  comes from the disjoint decomposition  $[S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} \neq 0] = [S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0] \cup [S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0]$ .

Now let us calculate  $\varepsilon_{2n}^{2r,+}(2k)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2n} = 0\right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{nasobeni}}{=} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0\right) \\ &\quad \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0) \\ &\stackrel{*}{=} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=2r+1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k-2r, S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_{2r} = 0\right) \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0) \\ &\stackrel{**}{=} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=2r+1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k-2r, S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_{2r} = 0\right) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \\ &\stackrel{\text{L3}}{=} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n-2r} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k-2r, S_{2n-2r} = 0\right) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \\ &\stackrel{\text{D9}}{=} \delta_{2n-2r}(2k-2r) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r}. \end{aligned}$$

Where  $*$  comes from Lemma (4) and using the condition.

Where  $**$  comes from the fact that  $f_{2r} \stackrel{\text{D4}}{=} \mathbb{P}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} \neq 0, S_{2r} = 0) = \mathbb{P}(S_1 = 1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0) + \mathbb{P}(S_1 = -1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(S_1 = -1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0) = \mathbb{P}(S_1 = 1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0)$  because of symmetry. Hence  $\mathbb{P}(S_1 = 1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} > 0, S_{2r} = 0) = \frac{1}{2} f_{2r}$ .

Similarly  $\varepsilon_{2n}^{2r,-}(2k)$

$$= \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0, S_{2n} = 0\right)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0 \right) \\
&\mathbb{P} (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0) \\
&= \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=2r+1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_{2r} = 0 \right) \mathbb{P} (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2r-1} < 0, S_{2r} = 0) \\
&= \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=2r+1}^{2n} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n} = 0 \mid S_{2r} = 0 \right) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \\
&= \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2n-2r} \mathbf{1}_{[S_i > 0 \vee S_{i-1} > 0]} = 2k, S_{2n-2r} = 0 \right) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r} \\
&= \delta_{2n-2r} (2k) \frac{1}{2} f_{2r}. \\
&\text{Therefore } \delta_{2n} (2k) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r} (2k - 2r) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r} (2k) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n (f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r} (2k - 2r) + f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r} (2r)) \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 25** (Equidistributional theorem-ALMOST COMPLETE OWN PROOF) ■  
*Let  $(\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, p)$  be a symmetric random walk and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\forall k, l \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  :* ■  
 $\delta_{2n} (2k) = \delta_{2n} (2l) = \frac{u_{2n}}{n+1}$ .

*Proof.* Let us prove this statement by induction in  $n$ . In case that  $n = 1$  we have two options for  $k$ . Either  $k = 0$  or  $k = 1$ .  $\delta_2 (0) = \mathbb{P} (S_1 = -1, S_2 = 0) = \frac{1}{2} u_2 = \mathbb{P} (S_1 = +1, S_2 = 0) = \delta_2 (2)$ .

Let the statment be true for all  $l \leq n-1$ . In that case  $\delta_{2(n-l)} (2k) = \frac{u_{2(n-l)}}{n-l+1} \forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-l\}$ . We want to show that  $\delta_{2n} = \frac{u_{2n}}{n+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{Let us calculate } \delta_{2n} \stackrel{\text{L24}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n (f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r} (2k - 2r) + f_{2r} \delta_{2n-2r} (2r)) \\
&\stackrel{\text{IA}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n \left( f_{2r} u_{2n-2r} \frac{1}{n-r+1} + f_{2r} u_{2n-2r} \frac{1}{n-r+1} \right) = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{f_{2r} u_{2n-2r}}{n-r+1} \stackrel{\text{SNAD TO DOKAZU L26}}{=} \frac{u_{2n}}{n+1} \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 26** (Sum of binomials-POTŘEBUJU DOKÁZAT)

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{f_{2r} u_{2n-2r}}{n-r+1} = \frac{u_{2n}}{n+1}$$

$$\text{Proof. } f_{2r} u_{2n-2r} \stackrel{\text{L19}}{=} \frac{1}{2r-1} u_{2r} u_{2n-2r} \stackrel{\text{D4}}{=} \frac{1}{2r-1} 2^{-2r} \binom{2r}{r} 2^{-(2n-2r)} \binom{2n-2r}{n-r}.$$

$$\text{Therefore } \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{f_{2r} u_{2n-2r}}{n-r+1} = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2r-1} \frac{1}{n-r+1} 2^{-2n} \binom{2r}{r} \binom{2n-2r}{n-r} \stackrel{???}{=} \frac{1}{n+1} 2^{-2n} \binom{2n}{n} \quad \square$$

## 2. Simple random walk in more dimensions

**Definition 10** (Type II random walk in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ ). Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $X_n = (x_n^1 \ x_n^2 \ \dots, x_n^m)^T$ , where  $\{x_n^i\}_{i=1}^m$  are  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  independent.

Let  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$   $x_n^i$  have values in  $\{-1, +1\}$  with probabilities  $\mathbf{P}(x_n^i = +1) = p_i \in (0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{P}(x_n^i = -1) = 1 - p_i =: q_i \in (0, 1)$ .

Let  $\{X_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}$  be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables. Let  $S_0 = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \mathbf{S}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m)^T$ . Then the pair  $(\{\mathbf{S}_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, \mathbf{p})$  is called *Type II random walk in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$* .

If  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} : p_i = q_i = \frac{1}{2}$  we call the element  $\{\mathbf{S}_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}$  *Symmetric type II random walk  $\mathbb{Z}^m$* .

*Remark.* Type II random walk can be interpreted as  $m$  simple random walks in  $\mathbb{Z}$  happening at a time, each of them parallel to an axis of  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ .

### Theorem 27

Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(\{\mathbf{S}_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}, \mathbf{p})$  be a Type II random walk in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ . Let  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)^T \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ . Then following equation stands:

$$\mathbf{P}(S_n = x) = \begin{cases} \prod_{i=1}^m \binom{n}{\frac{y_i+n}{2}} p_i^{\frac{n+y_i}{2}} q_i^{\frac{n-y_i}{2}}, & \text{if } \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} : y_i \in A_n, \\ 0, & \text{if } \exists i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} : y_i \notin A_n. \end{cases}$$

Where  $A_n$  is from definition (2)

*Proof.*  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{S}_n = \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{P}(S_n^1 = y_1, S_n^2 = y_2, \dots, S_n^m = y_m) \stackrel{||}{=} \prod_{i=1}^m \mathbf{P}(S_n^i = y_i)$   
 $= \prod_{i=1}^m \binom{n}{\frac{y_i+n}{2}} p_i^{\frac{n+y_i}{2}} q_i^{\frac{n-y_i}{2}}$ . The second equation comes from the independency of  $\{\mathbf{S}_i\}_{i=1}^m$  which comes easily from independency of  $X_n^i$ . The second equation comes from Theorem (1).  $\square$

*Remark.* Due to the the aim of this thesis which is reasearching occupation time of a set of random walks we are going to concern only on symmetric random walks.

**Definition 11** (Orthant). Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $O \subset \mathbb{Z}^m$  is called an *open orthant* in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  if  $\forall o := (o_1, o_2, \dots, o_m)^T \in O, \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} : o_i \varepsilon_i > 0$ , where  $\varepsilon_i \in \{-1, +1\}$ .

$C \subset \mathbb{Z}^m$  is called a *closed orthant* in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$  if  $\forall c := (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m)^T \in C, \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} : c_i \varepsilon_i \geq 0$ , where  $\varepsilon_i \in \{-1, +1\}$ .

*Remark.* The statement  $\mathbf{x} > \mathbf{y}$  will mean  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} : x_i > y_i$ . Same applies to  $<, \leq, \geq$ .

### Theorem 28 (Probability of being in an open orthant)

Let  $\{\mathbf{S}_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}$  be a Symmetric type II random walk in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ . Let  $O$  be an open orthant in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ .  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{S}_n \in O) = \left(\frac{1}{2} u_{2n}\right)^m$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality we can assume that in the definition of  $O$  we choose  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \varepsilon_i := +1$  then:  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{S}_n \in O) = \mathbf{P}(S_n^1 > 0, S_n^2 > 0, \dots, S_n^m > 0) = \prod_{i=1}^m \mathbf{P}(S_n^i > 0) = (\mathbf{P}(S_n^i > 0))^m = \left(\frac{1}{2}u_{2n}\right)^m$ . Where the last two equations come from the identical distribution of  $S_n^i$  and Theorem (15).  $\square$

**Theorem 29** (Probability of being in a closed orthant)

Let  $\{\mathbf{S}_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}$  be a Symmetric type II random walk in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ . Let  $C$  be a closed orthant in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ .  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{S}_n \in C) = (u_{2n})^m$ .

*Proof.* The proof is very similar to previous proof. Without loss of generality we can again assume that in the definition of  $C$  we choose  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \varepsilon_i := +1$  then:  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{S}_n \in C) = \mathbf{P}(S_n^1 \geq 0, S_n^2 \geq 0, \dots, S_n^m \geq 0) = \prod_{i=1}^m \mathbf{P}(S_n^i \geq 0) = (\mathbf{P}(S_n^i \geq 0))^m = (u_{2n})^m$ . Where the last two equations come from the identical distribution of  $S_n^i$  and Lemma (17).  $\square$

**Theorem 30** (Zákon iterovaného logaritmu)

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