

# 2-D Random Walk

## 1. Theory Investigation

In a plane, consider a sum of  $N$  two-dimensional vectors with random orientations. Use phasor notation, and let the phase of each vector be random. Assume  $N$  unit steps are taken in an arbitrary direction (i.e., with the angle  $\theta$  uniformly distributed in  $[0, 2\pi)$  and not on a lattice), as illustrated above. The position  $z$  in the complex plane after  $N$  steps is then given by:

$$z = \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j}$$

which has absolute square:

$$\begin{aligned} |z|^2 &= \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{-i\theta_k} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N e^{i(\theta_j - \theta_k)} \\ &= N + \sum_{\substack{j,k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^N e^{i(\theta_j - \theta_k)} \end{aligned}$$

Each unit step is equally likely to be in any direction ( $\theta_j$  and  $\theta_k$ ). The displacements are random variables with identical means of zero, and their difference is also a random variable. Averaging over this distribution, which has equally likely positive and negative values yields an expectation value of 0, so

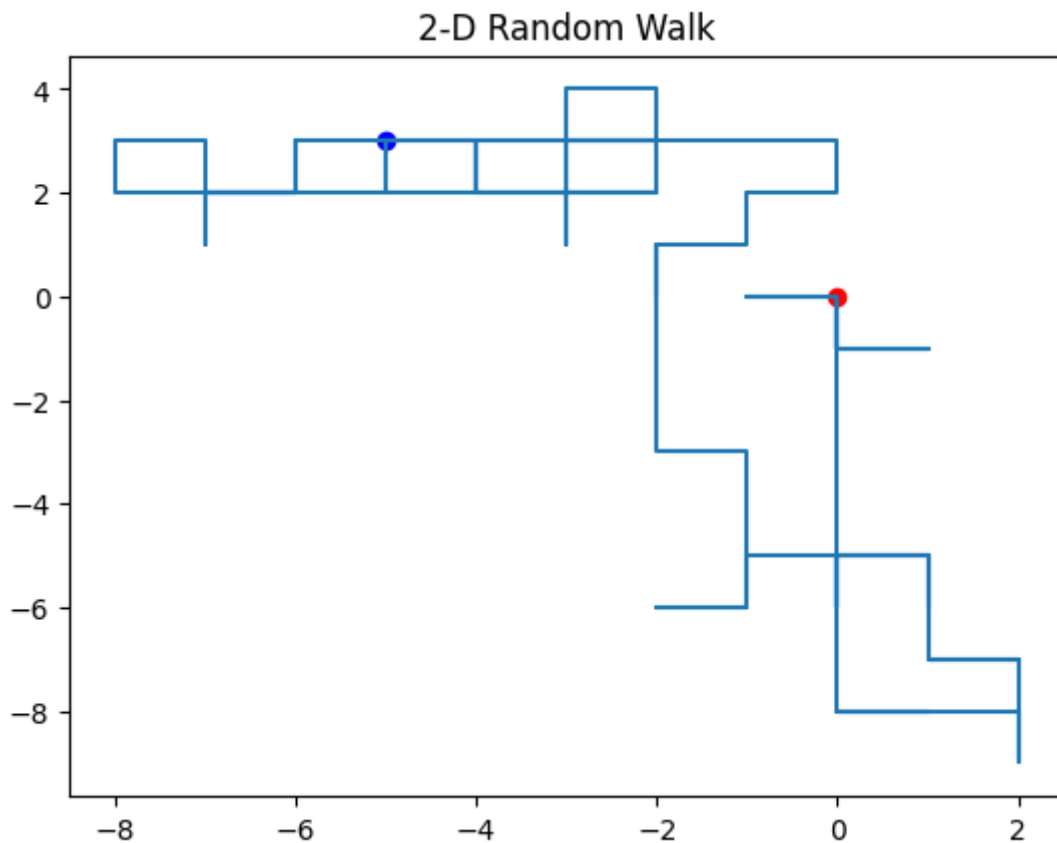
$$\begin{aligned} \langle |z|^2 \rangle &= N \\ |z|_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{N} \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Simulation on 2-D square lattice

定义需要用的函数

单次游走

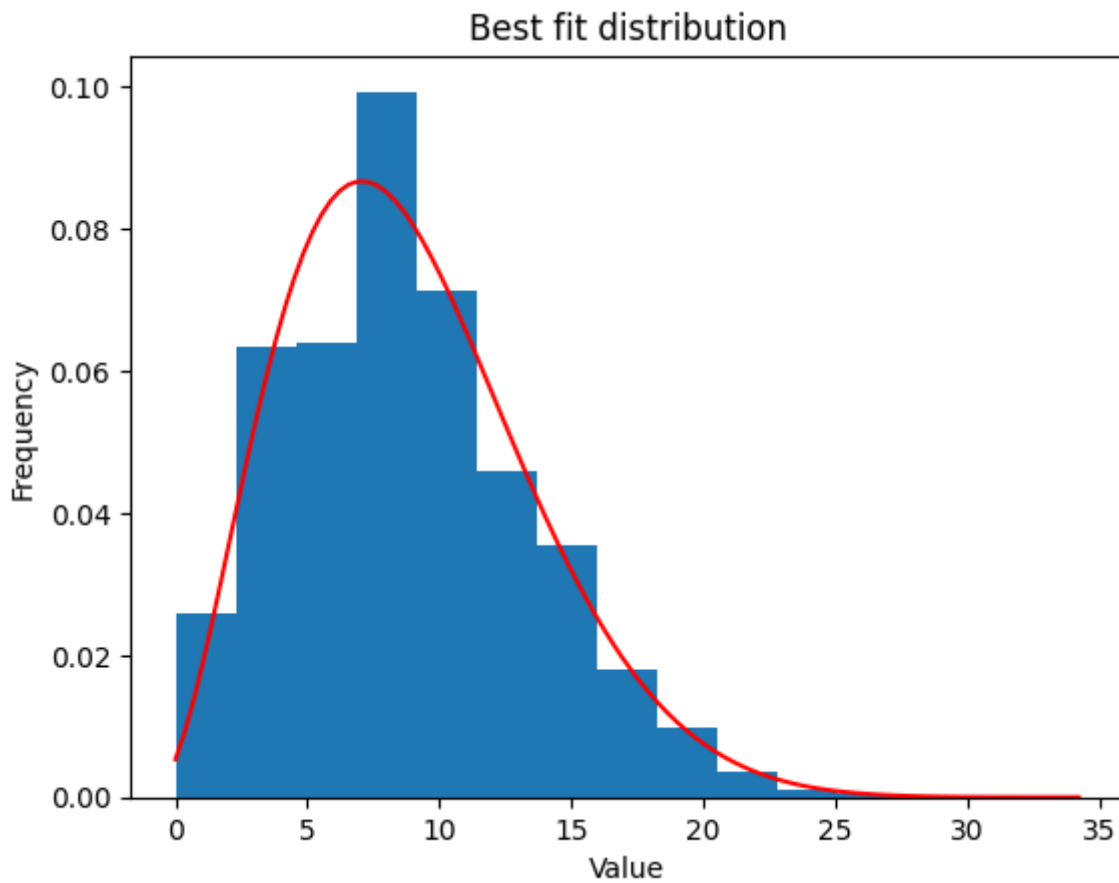
可见这个代码可以正常游走，如下是一段游走轨迹，步长为1，步数为100，最后一个点距离第一个点的距离是5.8



5.830951894845301

我们进行同步长，同步数的多次游走，统计最后一个点距离初始点的距离,看起来符合某种分布

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d:\apps\Anaconda3\envs\normal\lib\site-packages\scipy\stats\_continuous_distns.py:639: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in sqrt
  sk = 2*(b-a)*np.sqrt(a + b + 1) / (a + b + 2) / np.sqrt(a*b)
Best Distribution: beta
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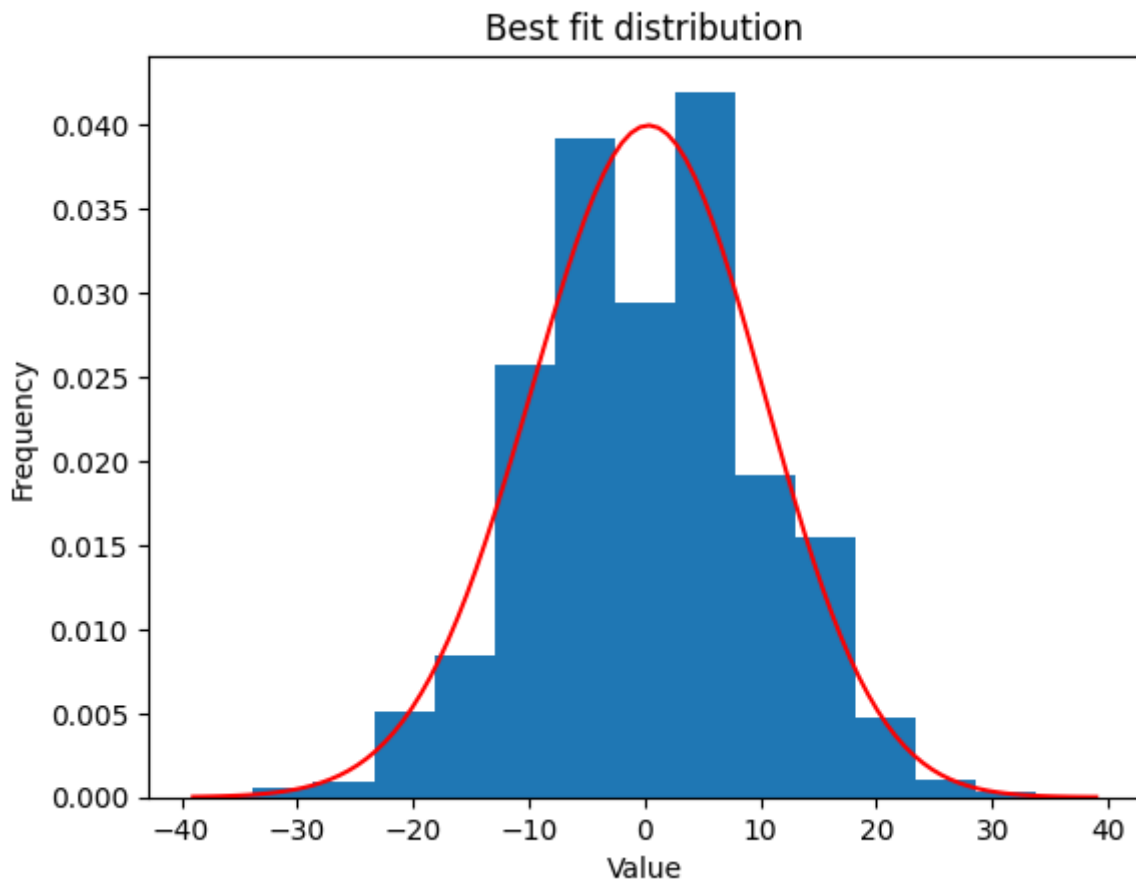
得到的最佳拟合的分布函数是beta分布

函数形式：

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x; \alpha, \beta) &= \frac{x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}}{\int_0^1 u^{\alpha-1}(1-u)^{\beta-1} du} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

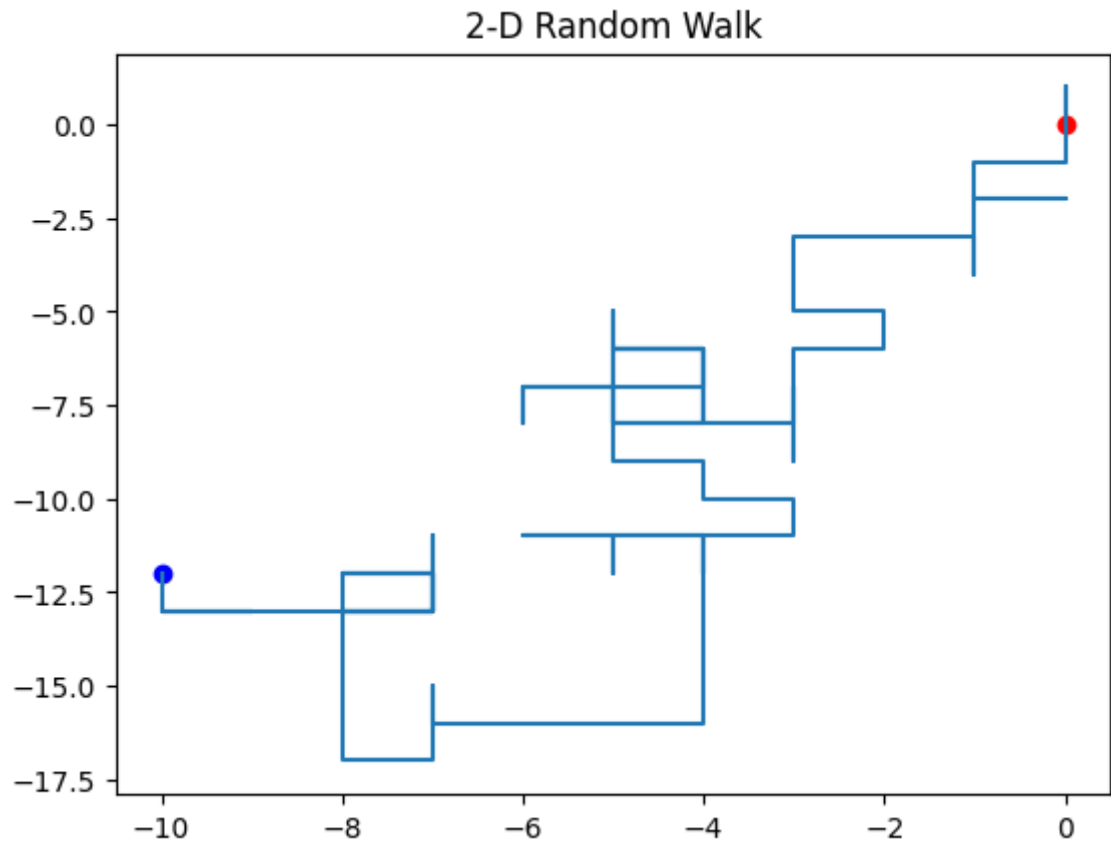
原理上应该是趋于正态分布，故首先怀疑是实验循环采样次数不够，考虑到算力问题，用1D问题示例（降低问题复杂度，辅助收敛）

Best Distribution: beta

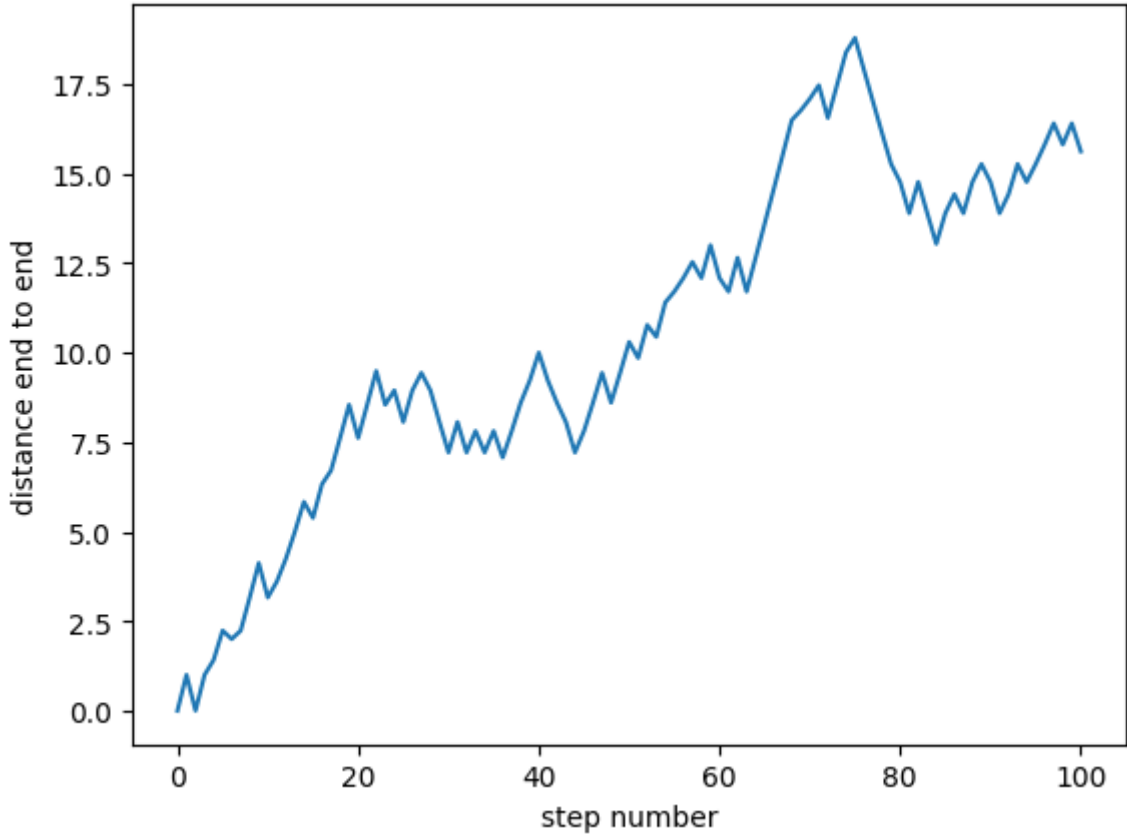


仍旧是BETA分布，但是已经在频率上比较像正态分布了，做出如下分析： 1) 可能确实趋于正态分布，但是由于拟合的时,BETA分布有更多参量，故可能在得分上更有利（主要可能性） 2) 计算机函数的伪随机不是完全的真随机，采样可能不均匀 3) 二维情况下的距离计算（方格模拟和欧氏距离引起的不连续误差）

如果观察首位距离随着游走时间增加的变化呢？ 看起来没有什么规律,忽上忽下



Text(0, 0.5, 'distance end to end')

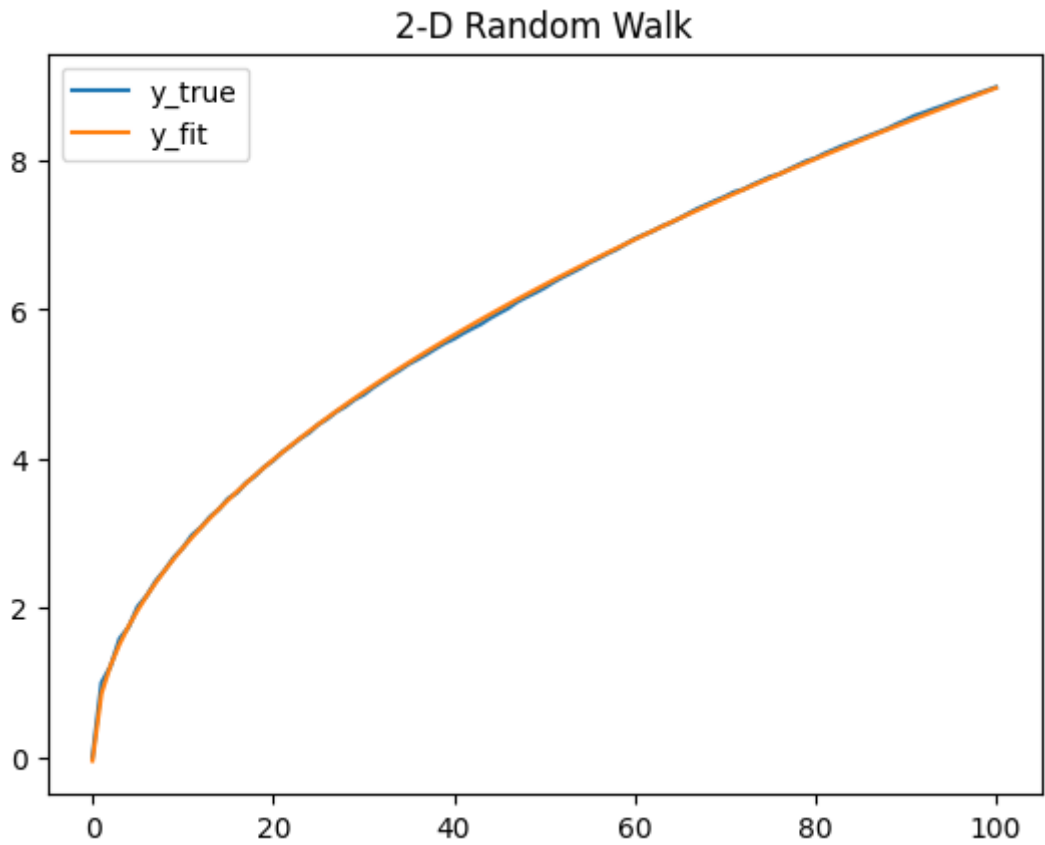
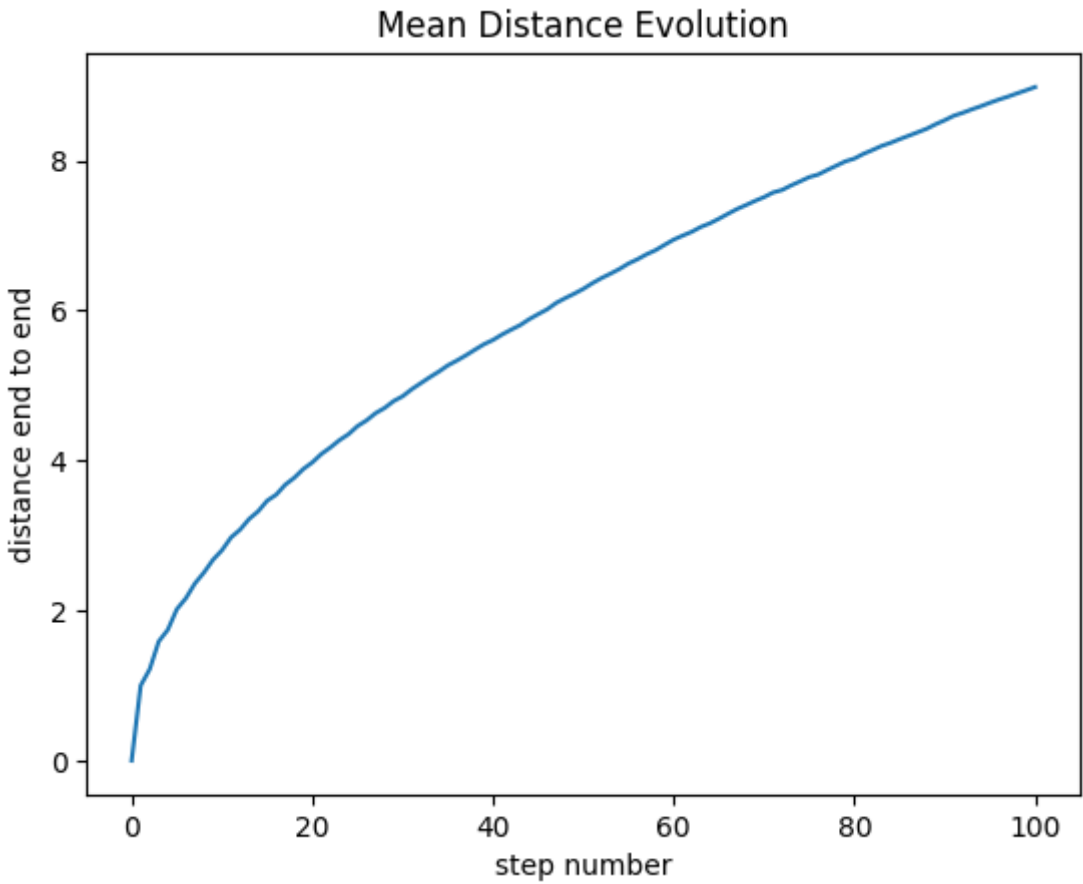


## 多次游走

如果我们在同一步长和步数的条件下做多次游走，把每次轨迹的end to end 距离trajectory数据平均起来呢？我们可以发现，正如之前推导的，函数逐渐收敛至：

$$|z|_{\text{rms}} = A\sqrt{N} + B$$

Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Mean Distance Evolution')



y={0.9020}x+{-0.0472}  
R^2= 0.9998180662327076

### 3. References

- [1] Weisstein, Eric W. "Random Walk--2-Dimensional." From MathWorld--A Wolfram Web Resource.  
<https://mathworld.wolfram.com/RandomWalk2-Dimensional.html>
- [2] <https://zh.wikipedia.org/zh-cn/%CE%92%E5%88%86%E5%B8%83>

### 4. Code Availability

[https://github.com/Jingdan-Chen/random\\_walk](https://github.com/Jingdan-Chen/random_walk)