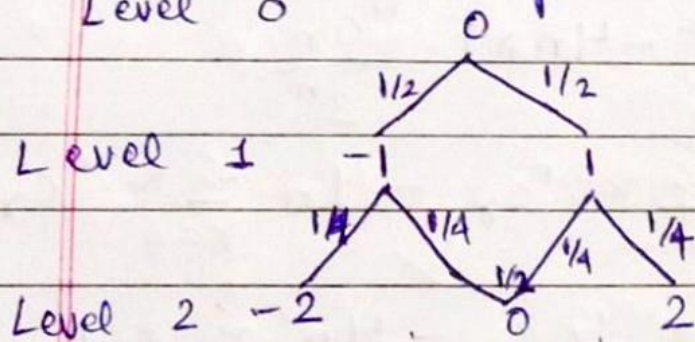
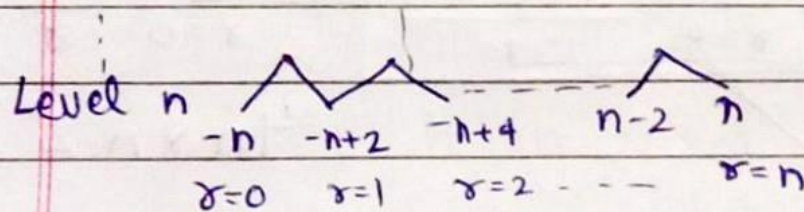


(a) Mean Displacement (\bar{X})

of drunken



\therefore Probability at level n ,
for general position x
is given by $\frac{{}^nC_x}{2^n}$



$x \in [0, n]$.

position as a
fun of x

probability as a
fun of x

\therefore ~~Mean Displacement~~ $\bar{X} = \sum_{x=0}^n \text{position}(x) \times \text{probability}(x)$

$$\therefore \bar{X} = \sum_{x=0}^n (-n + 2x) \cdot \frac{{}^nC_x}{2^n}$$

$$\therefore \bar{X} = \frac{1}{2^n} \left[-n \sum_{x=0}^n {}^nC_x + 2 \sum_{x=0}^n x \cdot {}^nC_x \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \left[-n \cdot 2^n + 2 \cdot \sum_{x=0}^n x \cdot \frac{n}{x} \cdot {}^{n-1}C_{x-1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \left[-n \cdot 2^n + 2n \cdot 2^{n-1} \right] = \frac{1}{2^n} \left[-n \cdot 2^n + n \cdot 2^n \right]$$

$$\bar{X} = \boxed{0}$$

OR

at each step we can step either +1 or -1 with equal $\frac{1}{2}$ probability.

~~For one step~~

$$\text{For 1 step } \bar{X} = \frac{1}{2} \times (+1) + \frac{1}{2} \times (-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{For } n \text{ steps } \bar{X} = n \times 0 = 0.$$

(b) Mean Squared Displacement (\bar{X}^2)

From (a) part $\bar{X}^2 = \sum_{x=0}^n [\text{position}(x)]^2 \times \text{prob}(x)$

$$\bar{X}^2 = \sum_{x=0}^n (-n+2x)^2 \cdot \frac{{}^n C_x}{2^n}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^n (n^2 + 4x^2 - 4nx) \cdot \frac{{}^n C_x}{2^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \left[n^2 \sum_{x=0}^n {}^n C_x + 4 \sum_{x=0}^n x^2 \cdot {}^n C_x - 4n \sum_{x=0}^n x \cdot {}^n C_x \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \left[n^2 \cdot 2^n + 4 \sum_{x=0}^n x^2 \cdot {}^n C_x - 4n \sum_{x=0}^n x \cdot \frac{n}{x} \cdot {}^{n-1} C_{x-1} \right]$$

$$4n \times n \cdot 2^{n-1} = n^2 \cdot 2^{n+1}$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^n x^2 \cdot {}^n C_x = \sum_{x=0}^n x \cdot x \cdot \frac{n}{x} \cdot {}^{n-1} C_{x-1} = n \sum_{x=0}^n (x-1+1) \cdot {}^{n-1} C_{x-1}$$

$$= n \left[\sum_{x=0}^n (x-1) \cdot {}^{n-1} C_{x-1} + \sum_{x=0}^n {}^{n-1} C_{x-1} \right]$$

$$= n \left[\sum_{x=0}^n \frac{(x-1) \cdot (n-1)}{(x-1)} \cdot {}^{n-2} C_{x-2} + 2^{n-1} \right]$$

$$= n \left[(n-1) \cdot 2^{n-2} + 2^{n-1} \right] = n \cdot 2^{n-2} - 2^{n-2} + 2 \cdot 2^{n-2}$$
$$= n \left[n \cdot 2^{n-2} + 2^{n-2} \right] = n^2 \cdot 2^{n-2} + n \cdot 2^{n-2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \left[n^2 \cdot 2^n + 4(n^2 \cdot 2^{n-2} + n \cdot 2^{n-2}) - n^2 \cdot 2^{n+1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} [n^2 \cdot 2^n + n^2 \cdot 2^n + n \cdot 2^n - n^2 \cdot 2^{n+1}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} [n^2 \cdot 2^{n+1} + n \cdot 2^n - n^2 \cdot 2^{n+1}] = \frac{n \cdot 2^n}{2^n} = n.$$

OR

At each step we can step either to +1 or -1 with equal $\frac{1}{2}$ probability

$$\text{For 1 step } \bar{x}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times (-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times (1)^2 = 1.$$

~~$$\text{For 2 step } \bar{x}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times (-1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times (1)^2 =$$~~

$$\therefore \text{For } n \text{ steps } \bar{x}^2 = n \times 1 = n.$$

(c) Probability that 2 drunken meet at ~~any~~ ^{same} posⁿ.

From the Galton Board we constructed in part (a), we can say that probability of drunken 1 to be at position x

$$= \frac{{}^n C_x}{2^n}$$

If they both meet then they must be at same position [i.e. same x]

$$\therefore \text{Probability} = \sum_{x=0}^n \underbrace{\left(\frac{{}^n C_x}{2^n} \right)}_{\text{drunken 1}} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{{}^n C_x}{2^n} \right)}_{\text{drunken 2}} = \frac{\sum_{x=0}^n ({}^n C_x)^2}{2^{2n}}$$

For all possible x

$$\sum_{x=0}^n ({}^n C_x)^2 = ({}^n C_0)^2 + ({}^n C_1)^2 + \cancel{({}^n C_2)^2} + \dots + ({}^n C_n)^2 = {}^{2n} C_n \quad (\text{Already known})$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\text{Probability} = \frac{{}^{2n} C_n}{2^{2n}}}$$

(d) Probability that drunken ~~move~~ lands up at origin after n steps.

Clearly if n is odd then drunken can never return to origin.

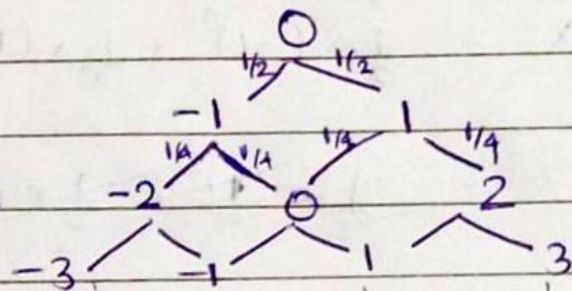
\therefore For $n = \text{odd}$ probability $= 0$

For $n = \text{even}$ \downarrow

Level 0

Level 1

Level 2



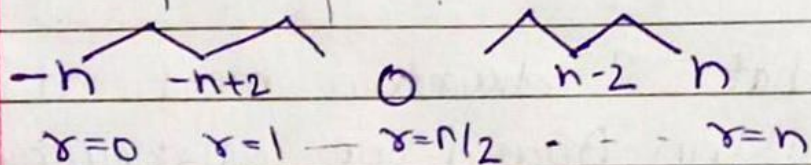
we know that probability that drunken is at position

x at level n

$$\text{is } \frac{{}^n C_x}{2^n}$$

For origin $x = n/2$

Level n



$$\therefore \boxed{\text{Probability} = \frac{{}^n C_{n/2}}{2^n}}$$