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## HOMework ASSIGNMENT - 6

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# Introduction to Quantitative Biology (BIO213)

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# 1 Solution

In our solution we have displayed the following on the console:

- Number of molecules: The number of molecules participating in the random walk.
- Size of the lattice: The size of the lattice in which the molecules are placed.
- Number of iterations: The number of iterations for which we perform the walk.
- Mean X - displacement: The mean displacement along the X - direction.
- Mean Y - displacement: The mean displacement along the Y - direction.
- Mean displacement vector: A vector denoting the mean displacement.
- Magnitude of mean displacement ( $\langle r \rangle$ ): Magnitude of the mean displacement vector.
- Mean square displacement ( $\langle r^2 \rangle$ ): Magnitude of the mean square displacement.

As can be seen in the output attached, the magnitude of the mean displacement,  $\langle r \rangle$  should be close to 0 and in our case, it is 0.8302, which is approximately 0. Hence, the simulation was successful.

## 2 Challenge Problem Solution

For the challenge problem, 3 probability distribution graphs have been plot for 250, 500 and 750 iterations respectively.

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analysis(100, 1000, 50);

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%
%This function initialises a list of x-coordinates and y-coordinates of
% molecules in the lattice.
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function [x_coords, y_coords] = initialize_coords(n, size)

    x_coords = zeros(1, n);
    y_coords = zeros(1, n);
    i = 1;

    while i < (n + 1)
        x = randi(size, 1);
        y = randi(size, 1);
        flag = 0;
        for j = 1 : i-1
            if x_coords(j) == x && y_coords(j) == y
                flag = 1;
                break;
            end
        end

        if flag == 1
            continue;
        else
            x_coords(i) = x;
            y_coords(i) = y;
            i = i + 1;
        end
    end
end

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%
% The function moves molecules left, right, up or down, depending upon the
% direction code provided. The direction codes are as follows:
%
% 0 -> Up
% 1 -> Right
% 2 -> Down
% 3 -> Left
%
% In case the destination in a particular direction is already occupied by
% another molecule or the molecule is at the boundary of the lattice, then
% it is not moved.

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function [x, y] = update_coords(xi, yi, dir, x_coords, ...
    y_coords, size, index)

    x = xi;
    y = yi;
    if dir == 0
        if yi == size
            return;
        else
            for i = 1 : length(x_coords)
                if (x_coords(i) == xi && y_coords(i) == yi + 1)
                    return;
                end
            end
            x = xi;
            y = yi + 1;
            y_coords(index) = y;
        end

    elseif dir == 1
        if xi == size
            return;
        else
            for i = 1 : length(y_coords)
                if (x_coords(i) == xi + 1 && y_coords(i) == yi)
                    return;
                end
            end
            x = xi + 1;
            y = yi;
            x_coords(index) = x;
        end

    elseif dir == 2
        if yi == 1
            return;
        else
            for i = 1 : length(y_coords)
                if (x_coords(i) == xi && y_coords(i) == yi-1)
                    return;
                end
            end
            x = xi;
            y = yi - 1;
            y_coords(index) = y;
        end

    elseif dir == 3
        if xi == 1
            return;
        else
            for i = 1 : length(y_coords)
                if (x_coords(i) == xi - 1 && y_coords(i) == yi)
                    return;
                end
            end
            x = xi - 1;
            y = yi;
            x_coords(index) = x;
        end

    end
end

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end

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%
% This function simulates a random walk from the number of molecules,
% number of iterations and the size of the lattice
%
% Here, we are also plotting the plots of the magnitude of the mean
% displacement at 3 different points too, i.e., after 250, 500, and 750
% iterations respectively. Here, we see that the plots approximate to a
% Gaussian distribution in accordance with CLT.
%
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
function [copy_x, copy_y, xs, ys] = random_walk(n, iter, size)

    [x_coords, y_coords] = initialize_coords(n, size);
    copy_x = x_coords;
    copy_y = y_coords;
    figure;
    for i = 1 : iter
        for p = 1 : n
            dir = 0;
            chance = rand();
            if chance < 0.25
                dir = 0;
            elseif chance < 0.50
                dir = 1;
            elseif chance < 0.75
                dir = 2;
            elseif chance < 1.00
                dir = 3;
            end

            [a, b] = update_coords(x_coords(p), y_coords(p), dir, ...
                x_coords, y_coords, size, p);
            x_coords(p) = a;
            y_coords(p) = b;

        end

        if i == 250
            rx = x_coords - copy_x;
            ry = y_coords - copy_y;
            r = sqrt(rx.^2 + ry.^2);
            figure(1);
            histfit(r,25, 'normal');
            xlabel('Displacement Magnitude');
            ylabel('Frequency');
            title('At 250 iterations');

        elseif i == 500
            rx = x_coords - copy_x;
            ry = y_coords - copy_y;
            r = sqrt(rx.^2 + ry.^2);
            figure(2);
            histfit(r,25, 'normal');
            xlabel('Displacement Magnitude');
            ylabel('Frequency');
            title('At 500 iterations');

        elseif i == 750
            rx = x_coords - copy_x;
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        ry = y_coords - copy_y;
        r = sqrt(rx.^2 + ry.^2);
        figure(3);
        histfit(r,25, 'normal');
        xlabel('Displacement Magnitude');
        ylabel('Frequency');
        title('At 750 iterations');

    end
end

xs = x_coords;
ys = y_coords;

end

function [rx, ry, r2] = analysis(n, iter, size)

    [xi, yi, xf, yf] = random_walk(n, iter, size);

    rx = mean(xf - xi);
    ry = mean(yf - yi);

    r = sqrt(rx^2 + ry^2);

    r2 = mean((xf-xi).^2)+mean((yf-yi).^2);

    fprintf("Following is the analysis of the random walk simulation:\n\n");
    fprintf("1. Number of molecules = %d\n", n);
    fprintf("2. Size of lattice = %d\n", size);
    fprintf("3. Number of iterations = %d\n", iter);
    fprintf("4. Mean X displacement = %.4f\n", rx);
    fprintf("5. Mean Y displacement = %.4f\n", ry);
    fprintf("6. Mean displacement vector = %.4fi + %.4fj\n", rx, ry);
    fprintf("7. Magnitude of mean displacement = %.4f\n", r);
    fprintf("8. Mean square displacement = %.4f\n\n", r2);

end

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Following is the analysis of the random walk simulation:

1. Number of molecules = 100
2. Size of lattice = 50
3. Number of iterations = 1000
4. Mean X displacement = 0.0200
5. Mean Y displacement = -0.8300
6. Mean displacement vector = 0.0200î + -0.8300ĵ
7. Magnitude of mean displacement = 0.8302
8. Mean square displacement = 447.9100

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