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Program Structures & Algorithms

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Assignment 1

This assignment will continue building your algorithmic skills, albeit we haven't really got into any serious algorithms in class yet. It will also give you some experience with random number generation in Java.

An important type of practical experiment is normally referred to as the "random walk" experiment.

Imagine a drunken man who, starting out leaning against a lamp post in the middle of an open space, takes a series of steps of the same length *l*. The direction of these steps is randomly chosen from North, South, East or West. **After *n* steps, how far (*d*), generally speaking, is the man from the lamp post?** Note that *d* is the Euclidean distance of the man from the lamp-post.

It turns out that there is a relationship between *d, l* and *n* which is typically applicable to many different types of stochastic (randomized) experiments. Your task is to implement the code for the experiment and, most importantly, to **deduce the relationship**.

Please clone/pull from the class repository and work on *RandomWalk.java*and*RandomWalkTest.java* each of package *randomwalk* and each under the appropriate source directory. [You may have to remove other java files from the classpath in order to allow the whole project to compile, but hopefully not]. Once you have all the unit tests running, you can do the experiment by running *RandomWalk* as a main program (provide the value of *n* as the first argument).

For this particular assignment, it is **necessary but *not* sufficient** to ensure that the unit tests all run. You must demonstrate via image files, graphs, whatever, what experiments you made in order to come up with the required expression. You will run the experiment for at least six values of *n* and will run each of these at least five times. That's to say, you will run the program *at least* 30 separate times.

Feel free to change the main program so that it will run all your experiments in one shot instead of 30 different runs.

Your submission should include:

1. Your **conclusion** about the relationship between *d and n*
2. Your **evidence** to support that relationship (screen shot and/or graph and/or spreadsheet)
3. Your **code** (*RandomWalk.java)* plus anything else that you changed or created)
4. A **screen shot** of the unit tests all passing

**1. Your conclusion about the relationship between *d*and*n***

*Deducing Relationship between d (distance) and n (steps):*

From the equation:

d=sqrt(dx^2+dy^2) ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------- (1)  
We know that dx=(x2-x1) and dy=(y2-y1)  
We also know that we have 4 directions (North (+1,0) , East (0,+1), South(-1,0), West(0,-1)  
Each step corresponds to one of above directions.   
Hence, we can conclude that x ∝ n and y ∝ n => x=(k1) n and y=(k2) n where k1 and k2 are integral constants which can be positive, negative or a Zero.  
Substituting the above conclusion in equation (1):

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So, it is reasonable to conclude that d ∝ sqrt(n)­

**2. Your evidence to support that relationship**

*A graph is plotted with n (Steps) in x axis and d (Distance) in y axis:*

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**3.Your code**

**A picture containing graphical user interface

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**4. A**screen shot**of the unit tests all passing.**

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