



# DATA SCIENCE RANDOM WALK LECTURFE

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# Lecture 5: Random Walks

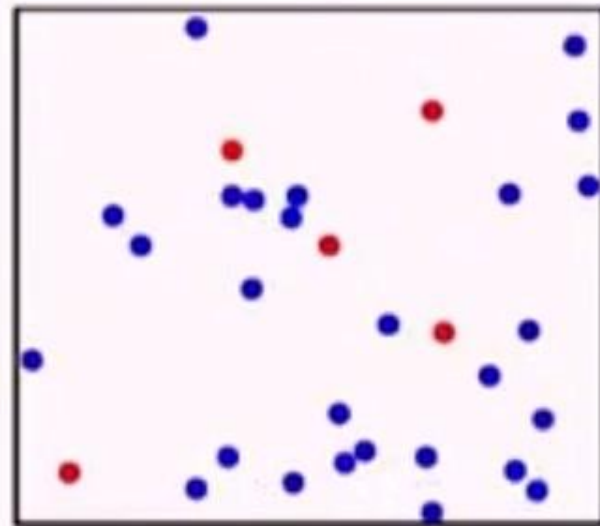
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# Why Random Walks?

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- Random walks are important in many domains
  - Understanding the stock market (maybe)
  - Modeling diffusion processes
  - Etc.
- Good illustration of how to use simulations to understand things
- Excuse to cover some important programming topics
  - Practice with classes
  - Practice with plotting



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## Class Location, part 1

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```
class Location(object):                                Immutable type
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        """x and y are floats"""
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

    def move(self, deltaX, deltaY):
        """deltaX and deltaY are floats"""
        return Location(self.x + deltaX,
                        self.y + deltaY)

    def getX(self):
        return self.x

    def getY(self):
        return self.y
```

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## Class Drunk

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```
class Drunk(object):
    def __init__(self, name = None):
        """Assumes name is a str"""
        self.name = name

    def __str__(self):
        if self != None:
            return self.name
        return 'Anonymous'
```

## Two Subclasses of Drunk

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- The “usual” drunk, who wanders around at random
- The “masochistic” drunk, who tries to move northward



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## Two Kinds of Drunks

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```
import random

class UsualDrunk(Drunk):
    def takeStep(self):
        stepChoices = [(0,1), (0,-1), (1, 0), (-1, 0)]
        return random.choice(stepChoices)

class MasochistDrunk(Drunk):
    def takeStep(self):
        stepChoices = [(0.0,1.1), (0.0,-0.9),
                       (1.0, 0.0), (-1.0, 0.0)]
        return random.choice(stepChoices)
```



## Class Field, part 1

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```
class Field(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self.drunks = {}

    def addDrunk(self, drunk, loc):
        if drunk in self.drunks:
            raise ValueError('Duplicate drunk')
        else:
            self.drunks[drunk] = loc

    def getLoc(self, drunk):
        if drunk not in self.drunks:
            raise ValueError('Drunk not in field')
        return self.drunks[drunk]
```



## Class Field, continued

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```
def moveDrunk(self, drunk):
    if drunk not in self.drunks:
        raise ValueError('Drunk not in field')
    xDist, yDist = drunk.takeStep()
    #use move method of Location to get new location
    self.drunks[drunk] = \
        self.drunks[drunk].move(xDist, yDist)
```

## Simulating a Single Walk

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```
def walk(f, d, numSteps):  
    """Assumes: f a Field, d a Drunk in f, and  
        numSteps an int >= 0.  
        Moves d numSteps times; returns the distance  
        between the final location and the location  
        at the start of the walk."""  
    start = f.getLoc(d)  
    for s in range(numSteps):  
        f.moveDrunk(d)  
    return start.distFrom(f.getLoc(d))
```

## Simulating Multiple Walks

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```
def simWalks(numSteps, numTrials, dClass):
    """Assumes numSteps an int >= 0, numTrials an
       int > 0, dClass a subclass of Drunk
       Simulates numTrials walks of numSteps steps
       each. Returns a list of the final distances
       for each trial"""
    Homer = dClass()
    origin = Location(0, 0)
    distances = []
    for t in range(numTrials):
        f = Field()
        f.addDrunk(Homer, origin)
        distances.append(round(walk(f, Homer,
                                   numSteps), 1))
    return distances
```

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## Putting It All Together

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```
def drunkTest(walkLengths, numTrials, dClass):
    """Assumes walkLengths a sequence of ints >= 0
        numTrials an int > 0,
        dClass a subclass of Drunk
        For each number of steps in walkLengths,
        runs simWalks with numTrials walks and
        prints results"""
    for numSteps in walkLengths:
        distances = simWalks(numSteps, numTrials,
                              dClass)
        print(dClass.__name__, 'random walk of',
              numSteps, 'steps')
        print(' Mean =',
              round(sum(distances)/len(distances), 4))
        print(' Max =', max(distances),
              'Min =', min(distances))
```

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Python console
Console I/O

110     distances.append(round(walk(f, Homer,
111                             numTrials),
112     return distances
113
114 def drunkTest(walkLengths, numTrials, dClass):
115     """Assumes walkLengths a sequence of ints > 0, numTrials an int > 0, dClass a subclass of UsualDrunk
116         For each number of steps in walkLengths, numTrials walks and prints results"""
117     for numSteps in walkLengths:
118         distances = simWalks(numSteps, numTrials, dClass)
119         print(dClass.__name__, 'random walk of', numSteps, 'steps')
120         print('    Mean =', round(sum(distances)/numTrials, 4))
121         print('    Max =', max(distances), 'Min =', min(distances))
122
123 random.seed(0)
124 drunkTest((10, 100, 1000, 10000), 100, UsualDrunk)
125
126 def simAll(drunkKinds, walkLengths, numTrials):
127     for dClass in drunkKinds:
128         drunkTest(walkLengths, numTrials, dClass)
129
130
131
In [1]: runfile('C:/Users/John/Dropbox (MIT)/current/mit/Teaching/600/Fall16/6.0002/lecture5/lect5.py', wdir='C:/Users/John/Dropbox (MIT)/current/mit/Teaching/600/Fall16/6.0002/lecture5')
UsualDrunk random walk of 10 steps
Mean = 8.634
Max = 21.6 Min = 1.4
UsualDrunk random walk of 100 steps
Mean = 8.57
Max = 22.0 Min = 0.0
UsualDrunk random walk of 1000 steps
Mean = 9.206
Max = 21.6 Min = 1.4
UsualDrunk random walk of 10000 steps
Mean = 8.727
Max = 23.5 Min = 1.4

In [2]:

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## Let's Try It

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```
drunkTest((10, 100, 1000, 10000), 100,  
          UsualDrunk)
```

UsualDrunk random walk of 10 steps

Mean = 8.634

Max = 21.6 Min = 1.4

UsualDrunk random walk of 100 steps

Mean = 8.57

Max = 22.0 Min = 0.0

UsualDrunk random walk of 1000 steps

Mean = 9.206

Max = 21.6 Min = 1.4

UsualDrunk random walk of 10000 steps

Mean = 8.727

Max = 23.5 Min = 1.4

Plausible?

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## Sanity Check

```
drunkTest((0, 1, 2) 100, UsualDrunk)
```

UsualDrunk random walk of 0 steps

Mean = 8.634

Max = 21.6 Min = 1.4

UsualDrunk random walk of 1 steps

Mean = 8.57

Max = 22.0 Min = 0.0

UsualDrunk random walk of 2 steps

Mean = 9.206

Max = 21.6 Min = 1.4



```
distances.append(round(walk(f, Homer,  
                           numTrials), 1))
```

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```
110     distances.append(round(walk(f, Homer
111                             numSteps:
112     return distances
113
114 def drunkTest(walklengths, numTrials, dClass:
115     """Assumes walklengths a sequence of int
116         numTrials an int > 0, dClass a subc
117         For each number of steps in walklength
118         numTrials walks and prints results
119     for numSteps in walklengths:
120         distances = simWalks(numSteps, numTri
121         print(dClass.__name__, 'random walk
122         print(' Mean =', round(sum(distances:
123         print(' Max =', max(distances), 'Min
124
125 random.seed(0)
126 drunkTest((10, 100, 1000, 10000), 100, Usual
127
128 def simAll(drunkKinds, walklengths, numTrials)
129     for dClass in drunkKinds:
130         drunkTest(walklengths, numTrials, dC
131
```

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Max = 23.5 Min = 1.4
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lecture5')
UsualDrunk random walk of 10 steps
Mean = 2.863
Max = 7.2 Min = 0.0
UsualDrunk random walk of 100 steps
Mean = 8.296
Max = 21.6 Min = 1.4
UsualDrunk random walk of 1000 steps
Mean = 27.297
Max = 66.3 Min = 4.2
UsualDrunk random walk of 10000 steps
Mean = 89.241
Max = 226.5 Min = 10.0
In [3]:
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```
110     distances.append(round(walk(f, Homer,
111                             numSteps), 1))
112     return distances
113
114 def drunkTest(walkLengths, numTrials, dClass):
115     """Assumes walkLengths a sequence of ints >= 0
116         numTrials an int > 0, dClass a subclass of C
117         For each number of steps in walkLengths, runs
118         numTrials walks and prints results"""
119     for numSteps in walkLengths:
120         distances = simWalks(numSteps, numTrials, dClass)
121         print(dClass.__name__, 'random walk of', numSteps)
122         print(' Mean =', round(sum(distances)/len(distances), 1))
123         print(' Max =', max(distances), 'Min =', min(distances))
124
125 random.seed(0)
126 drunkTest((0, 1, 2), 100, UsualDrunk)
127
128 def simAll(drunkKinds, walkLengths, numTrials):
129     for dClass in drunkKinds:
130         drunkTest(walkLengths, numTrials, dClass)
131
```

```
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UsualDrunk random walk of 0 steps
Mean = 0.0
Max = 0.0 Min = 0.0
UsualDrunk random walk of 1 steps
Mean = 1.0
Max = 1.0 Min = 1.0
UsualDrunk random walk of 2 steps
Mean = 1.218
Max = 2.0 Min = 0.0

In [4]:
```

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## And the Masochistic Drunk?

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```
random.seed(0)
simAll((UsualDrunk, MasochistDrunk),
      (1000, 10000), 100)
```

UsualDrunk random walk of 1000 steps  
Mean = 26.828  
Max = 66.3 Min = 4.2

UsualDrunk random walk of 10000 steps  
Mean = 90.073  
Max = 210.6 Min = 7.2

MasochistDrunk random walk of 1000 steps  
Mean = 58.425  
Max = 133.3 Min = 6.7

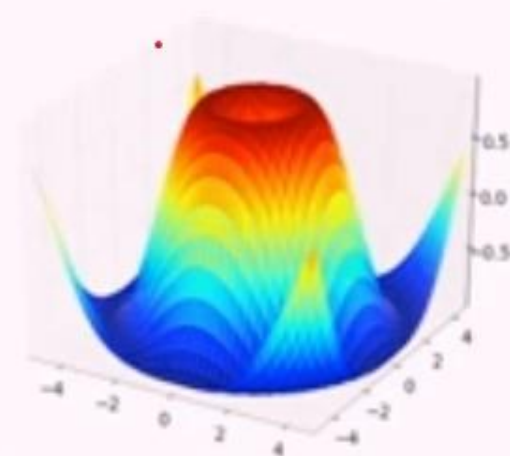
MasochistDrunk random walk of 10000 steps  
Mean = 515.575  
Max = 694.6 Min = 377.7



# PyLab

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- **NumPy** adds vectors, matrices, and many high-level mathematical functions
- **SciPy** adds mathematical classes and functions useful to scientists
- **Matplotlib** adds an object-oriented API for plotting
- **PyLab** combines the other libraries to provide a MATLAB-like interface



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## Example

```
import pylab
```

```
xVals = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

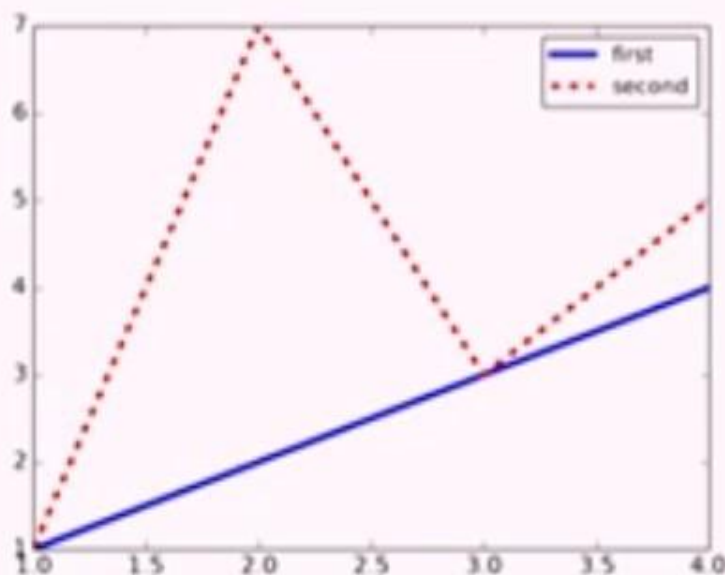
```
yVals1 = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
pylab.plot(xVals, yVals1, 'b-', label = 'first')
```

```
yVals2 = [1, 7, 3, 5]
```

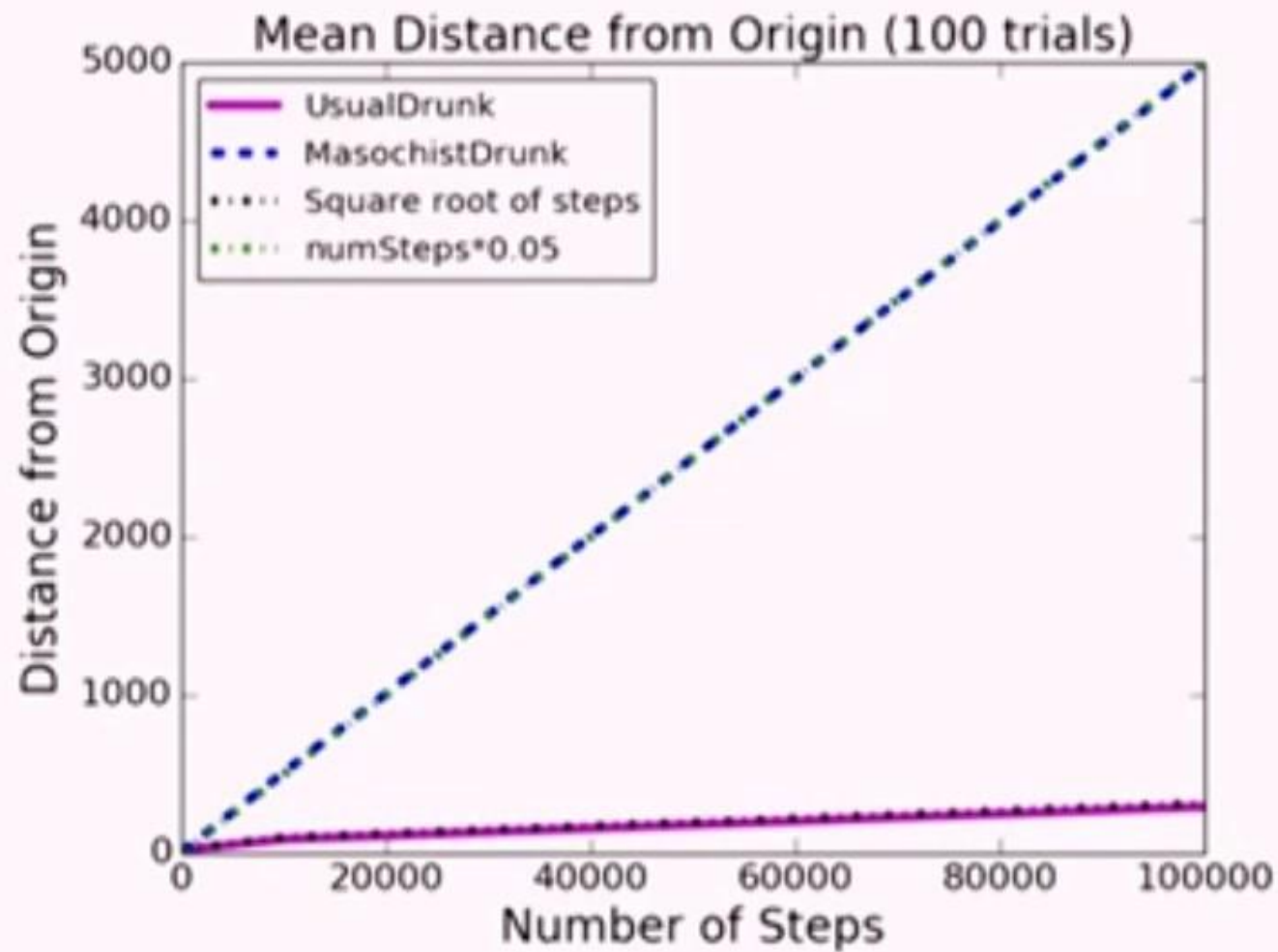
```
pylab.plot(xVals, yVals2, 'r--', label = 'second')
```

```
pylab.legend()
```



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## Distance Trends



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## Ending Locations



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## A Subclass of Field, part 1

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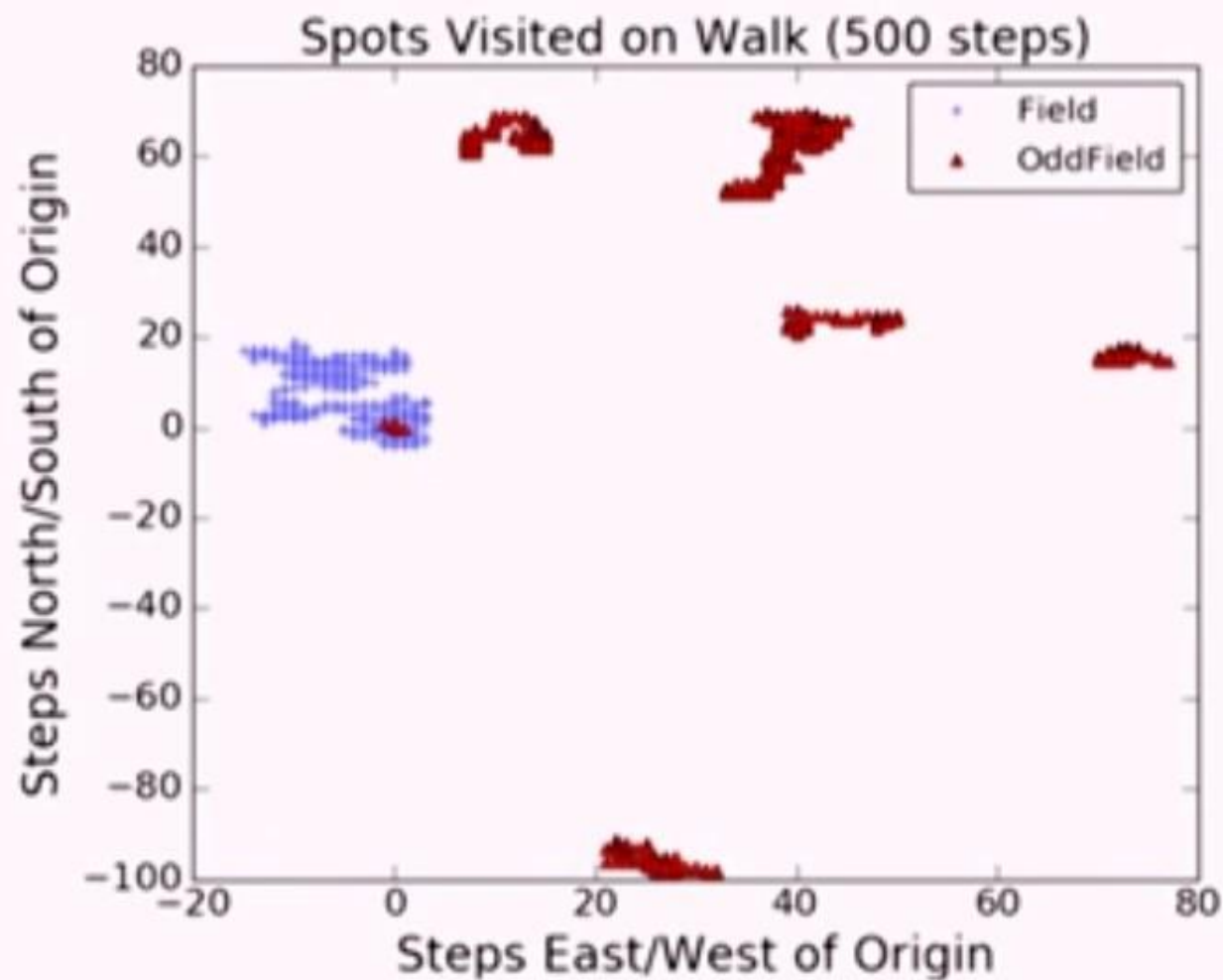
```
class OddField(Field):
    def __init__(self, numHoles = 1000,
                  xRange = 100, yRange = 100):
        Field.__init__(self)
        self.wormholes = {}
        for w in range(numHoles):
            x = random.randint(-xRange, xRange)
            y = random.randint(-yRange, yRange)
            newX = random.randint(-xRange, xRange)
            newY = random.randint(-yRange, yRange)
            newLoc = Location(newX, newY)
            self.wormholes[(x, y)] = newLoc
```

## A Subclass of Field, part 2

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```
def moveDrunk(self, drunk):  
    Field.moveDrunk(self, drunk)  
    x = self.drunks[drunk].getX()  
    y = self.drunks[drunk].getY()  
    if (x, y) in self.wormholes:  
        self.drunks[drunk] = self.wormholes[(x, y)]
```

## Spots Reached During One Walk



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