

Program Structures and Algorithms  
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GITHUB LINK: <https://github.com/gauthamkris7neu/INFO6205Assignment>

**Task:**

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: 1 meter. The direction of these steps is randomly chosen from North, South, East or West. After  $m$  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.

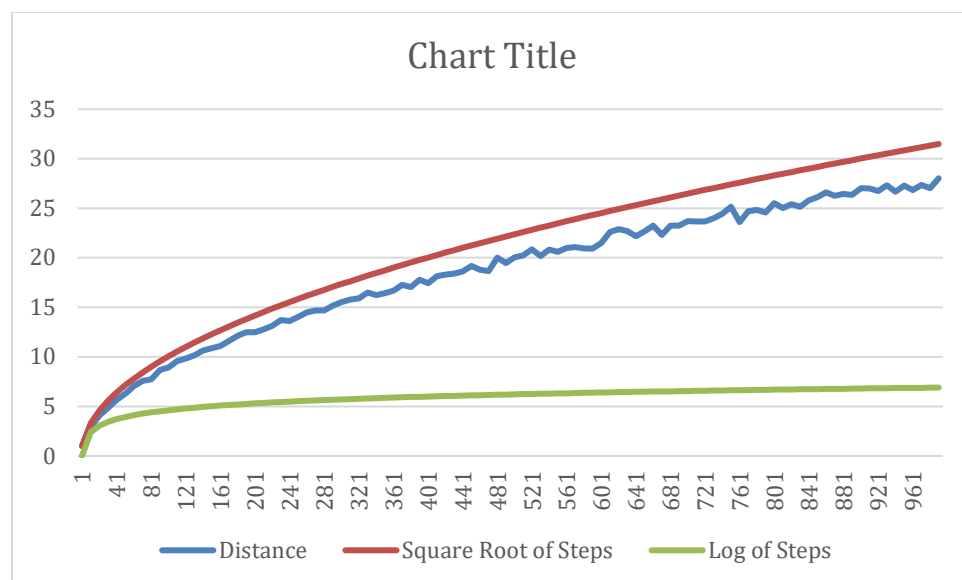
**Relationship Conclusion:**

To understand the relationship between distance ' $d$ ' and the number of steps ' $m$ ', we can run multiple simulations with varying values of  $m$  and observe the changes in the average distance.

**Evidence to support that conclusion:**

Number of Steps data taken for the simulations was from 1 to 1000 with increments of 10

Link for the data used : [https://northeastern-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/venkatakrishnapras\\_g\\_northeastern\\_edu/EW7pZiB2VfpOoTj5AXqdb2sBx055gZqXneWXerl3jsbReA?e=NmuNea](https://northeastern-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/venkatakrishnapras_g_northeastern_edu/EW7pZiB2VfpOoTj5AXqdb2sBx055gZqXneWXerl3jsbReA?e=NmuNea)



In examining the graph that plots expected  $D$  values against  $M$  values, we notice a declining trend. To put this into perspective, I compared this trend with two familiar functions:  $\log(x)$  and  $\text{square-root}(x)$ . This side-by-side comparison was quite revealing. It became clear that our graph aligns more closely

with the square-root function rather than the logarithmic function. This similarity is quite significant. It suggests that the expected value of  $D$  is likely proportional to the square root of  $M$ , not to its logarithm. In practical terms, this means that as  $M$  increases,  $D$  increases at a diminishing rate, a characteristic trait of square-root relationships. It's a subtle but important distinction that could have significant implications for our understanding of the underlying phenomena

Mathematically, this is expressed as:

$$d \propto \sqrt{m}$$

### Unit Test Screenshots:

