

A Robotics Approach to Analysis of Non-Isotropic Random Walks

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ABSTRACT

A random walk is a path that is comprised of random steps taken in random directions. Random walks present themselves in a variety of environments, and for this reason they have been a subject of relevance spanning disciplines ranging from economics to biology. A cycle in a random walk consists of the choice of a random direction, followed by a step forward, occurring for some duration. We investigated isotropic and non-isotropic random walks involving the following four cycle variations: 1. constant time, constant step size 2. constant time, varied step size 3. varied time, constant step size 4. varied time, varied step size. In biological terms, these cases of a random walks are of interest in modeling dispersal of organisms. In this study we have attempted to establish a mechanism to better study cases of “non-normal” diffusion in a population using a simplistic model.

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