## Statistics\_of\_Polymer\_Models

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## 1 Statistics of Polymer Models

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In this notebook we explore some statistical properties of two simple polymer models, the freely jointed chain (FJC) model and the freely rotating chain (FRC) model. We use random walk algorithms to numerically sample trajectories for both models. In all cases N denotes the number of chain segments and a is the segment length. For the freely rotating chain model  $\theta$  is the rotation angle. Here we work in two dimensions exclusively. An extension to d=3 or d=1 is straight forward.

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
        import matplotlib as mpl
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        from scipy import stats
In [2]: # define measurement functions here
        def get_msd(X, Y, sampleLengths):
            Calculates the mean squared displacement of two-dimensional trajectories.
            msd = np.zeros((len(sampleLengths),))
            for i in range(len(sampleLengths)):
                msd[i] = np.mean(np.square(X[i, :]) + np.square(Y[i, :]))
            return msd
        def FloryC(theta):
            Flory's characterictic ratio C_{\infty} for a freely rotating chain (FRC).
            return (1.0 + np.cos(theta)) / (1.0 - np.cos(theta))
In [3]: def FJC(sampleLengths, m, a = 1.0e-3, x0 = 0.0, y0 = 0.0):
            111
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nSamples = len(sampleLengths)
            iterations = (sampleLengths).astype(int)
            iterations[1:] = iterations[1:] - iterations[0:-1]
            totalIterations = np.cumsum(iterations)[-1]
            print("totalIterations = ",totalIterations)
            LOW, HIGH = 0.0, 2.0 * np.pi
            outx = np.zeros((nSamples, m))
            outy = np.zeros((nSamples, m))
            for k in range(m):
                x, y = x0, y0 # set initial position
                for j in range(nSamples):
                    for i in range(iterations[j]):
                        phi = np.random.uniform(low = LOW, high = HIGH)
                        x += a * np.cos(phi)
                        y += a * np.sin(phi)
                    outx[j, k] = x
                    outy[j, k] = y
            return outx, outy
In [4]: def FJC_{vec}(sampleLengths, m, a = 1.0e-3, x0 = 0.0, y0 = 0.0):
            111
            Random walk model for the freely jointed chain (FJC) in two dimensions (d = 2).
            Vectorized version of the FJC algorithm.
            The m statistically independent trajectories are updated simultaneously.
            nSamples = len(sampleLengths)
            iterations = (sampleLengths).astype(int)
            iterations[1:] = iterations[1:] - iterations[0:-1]
            totalIterations = np.cumsum(iterations)[-1]
            print("totalIterations = ",totalIterations)
            LOW, HIGH = 0.0, 2.0 * np.pi
            outx = np.zeros((nSamples, m))
            outy = np.zeros((nSamples, m))
```

Random walk model for the freely jointed chain (FJC) in two dimensions (d = 2).

```
x = np.ones((1, m)) * x0
y = np.ones((1, m)) * y0

outx[0, :] = x
outy[0, :] = y

for j in range(nSamples):
    for i in range(iterations[j]):
        phis = np.random.uniform(low = LOW, high = HIGH, size = m)
        x += a * np.cos(phis)
        y += a * np.sin(phis)

        outx[j, :] = x
        outy[j, :] = y
```

return outx, outy

To understand the implementation for the FRC algorithm (the unvectorized version) below recall that in two dimensions the standard rotation matrix  $R(\theta)$  reads

$$R(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} . \tag{1}$$

The binary coin flip choice at each iteration then simply decides whether the current orientation is either rotated by  $R_+ := R(+\theta)$  or by  $R_- := R(-\theta)$ . Given a starting orientation vector f we update the orientation by invoking

$$f_{i+1} = \begin{cases} R_+ \cdot f_i & \text{for } p_{\text{coin}} > 0.5\\ R_- \cdot f_i & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
 (2)

Then the position update follows immediately as

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + a \cdot f_{i+1} \,. \tag{3}$$

Here *x* and *f* are both two-dimensional position and orientation vectors, respectively.

```
LOW, HIGH = 0.0, 2.0 * np.pi
outx = np.zeros((nSamples, m))
outy = np.zeros((nSamples, m))
# make sure to precalculate RO and R1 outside of the for loops below!
R0 = np.matrix([[np.cos(theta), -np.sin(theta)],\
                [np.sin(theta), np.cos(theta)]])
R1 = np.matrix([[np.cos(-theta), -np.sin(-theta)],\
                [np.sin(-theta), np.cos(-theta)]])
for k in range(m):
    x = np.array([[x0], [y0]]) # set initial position
    phi = np.random.uniform(LOW, HIGH)
    ori = np.array([[np.cos(phi)],[np.sin(phi)]])
    for j in range(nSamples):
        for i in range(iterations[j]):
            flip = np.random.choice([0, 1])
            if (flip == 1):
                ori = np.dot(R1, ori)
            else:
                ori = np.dot(RO, ori)
            x += a * ori
        outx[j, k] = x[0]
        outy[j, k] = x[1]
return outx, outy
```

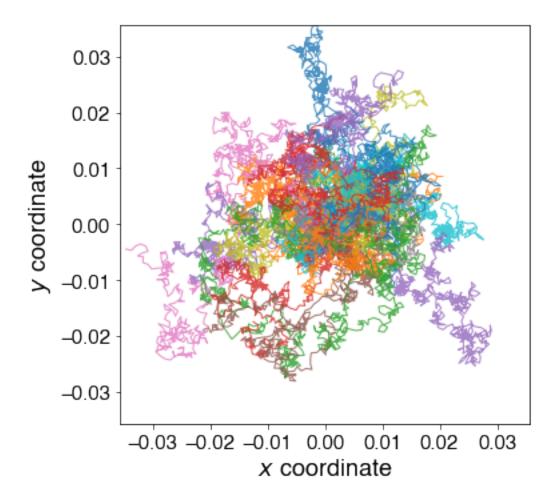
The implementation of the FRC function above is a very literal and explicit implementation. It is a straight forward implementation of the described formulaes and very literally implements the algorithm. This makes it clear to understand what is going on, at the expense of computational speed. Below I show you a vectorized version for the FRC model, which is much faster and hence recommended for more extensive statistical analysis of the model.

```
# initialize the random walker at the origin
            outx[0], outy[0] = x0, y0
            angles = np.zeros((N))
            # initial orientation uniformly sampled in [0, 2 * Pi)
            angles[0] = np.random.uniform(0.0, 2.0 * np.pi)
            angles[1:] = theta * np.random.choice([-1.0, 1.0], N - 1)
            angles = np.cumsum(angles)
            outx[1:] = np.cumsum(a * np.cos(angles))
            outy[1:] = np.cumsum(a * np.sin(angles))
            return outx, outy
        def FRC_wrapper(sampleIndices, m, a = 1.0e-3,\
                        theta = 0.2 * np.pi, x0 = 0.0, y0 = 0.0):
            ,,,
            Wrapper function which creates m statistically
            independent realizations of the FRC model.
            xVals = np.zeros((len(sampleIndices), m))
            yVals = np.zeros((len(sampleIndices), m))
            N = sampleIndices[-1]
            for i in range(m):
                tmpX, tmpY = FRC_vecSingle(N, a, theta, x0, y0)
                xVals[:, i] = tmpX[sampleIndices]
                yVals[:, i] = tmpY[sampleIndices]
            return xVals, yVals
In [7]: def plot_trajectories(X, Y, m = 10):
            Plotting routine that roots all polymer trajectories at the origin to create
            a spider/track-plot of all m trajectories at the same time.
            f, ax = plt.subplots(1)
            f.set_size_inches(5.5, 5.5)
            ax.set_xlabel('$x$ coordinate', fontsize = 18)
            ax.set_ylabel('$y$ coordinate', fontsize = 18)
            labelfontsize = 15.0
            for tick in ax.xaxis.get_major_ticks():
                tick.label.set_fontsize(labelfontsize)
            for tick in ax.yaxis.get_major_ticks():
                tick.label.set_fontsize(labelfontsize)
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for i in range(m):
    ax.plot(X[:, i], Y[:, i], lw = 1.0, alpha = 0.80)

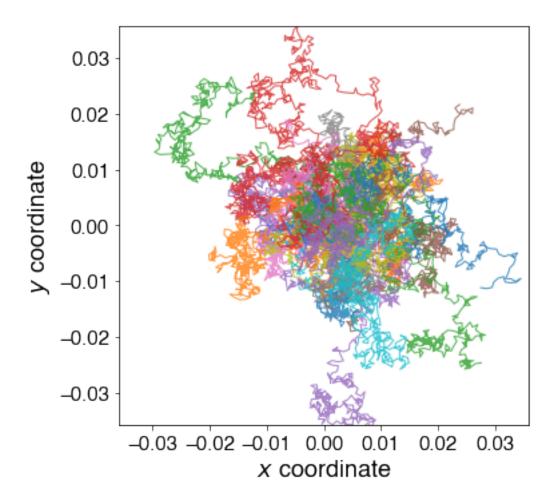
rx = np.max(X)
ry = np.max(Y)
r = np.max([rx, ry])
ax.set_xlim(-r, r)
ax.set_ylim(-r, r)
return None
```

### 1.2 Assay 1 - Random walk model for the FJC



plot\_trajectories(X1vec, Y1vec, m)

In [20]: m = 25

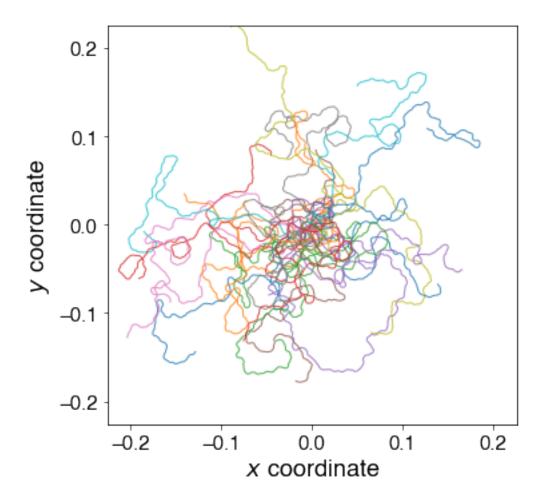


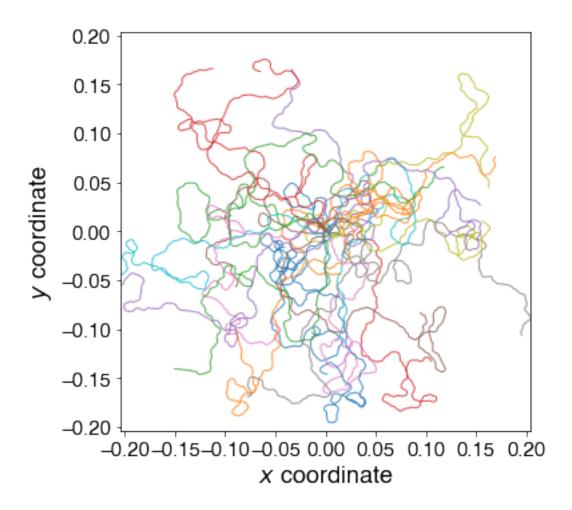
#### 1.3 Random walk model for the FRC

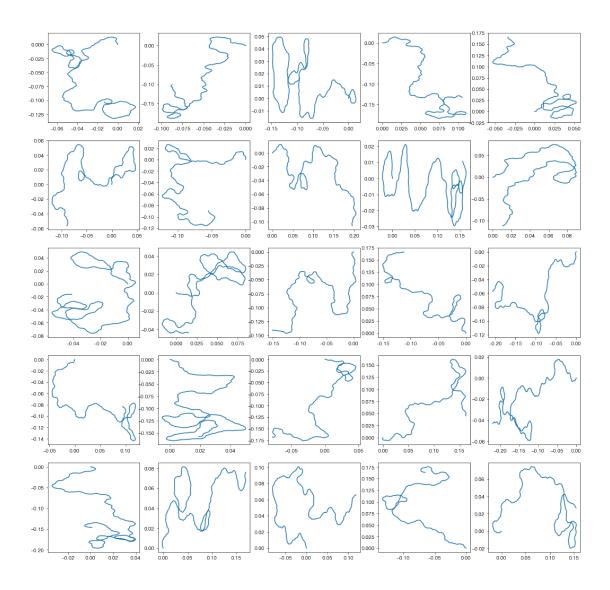
m = 25
sampleIndices = np.arange(0.0, 501.0, 1).astype(int)
X2\_vec, Y2\_vec = FRC\_wrapper(sampleIndices, m, a = 1.0e-3, theta = 0.1 \* np.pi)

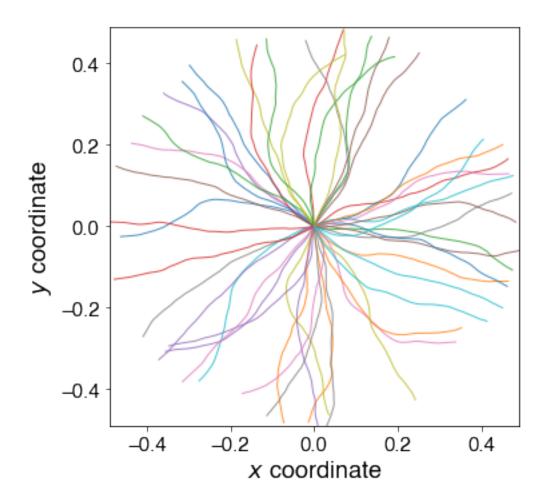
CPU times: user 4.88 ms, sys: 1.02 ms, total: 5.9 ms

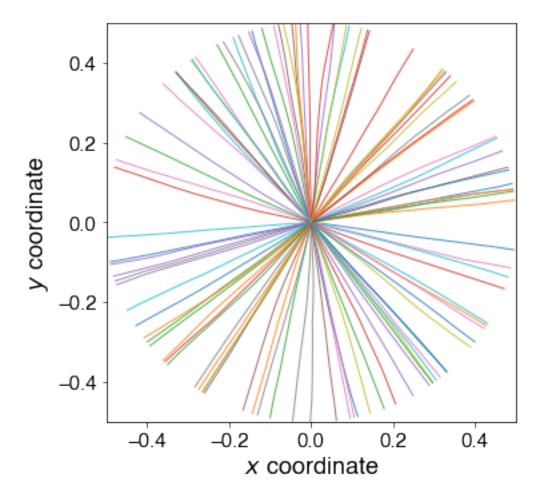
Wall time: 5.18 ms





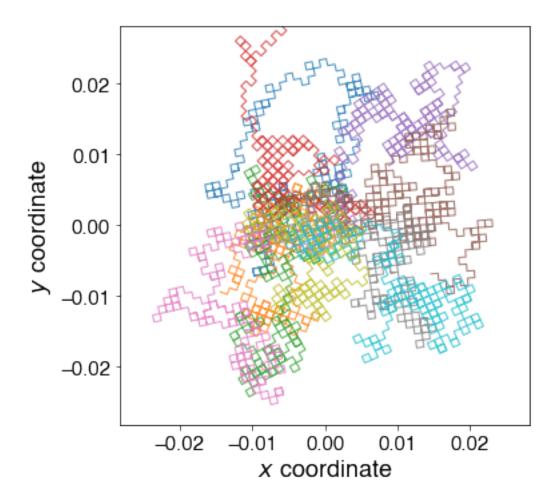


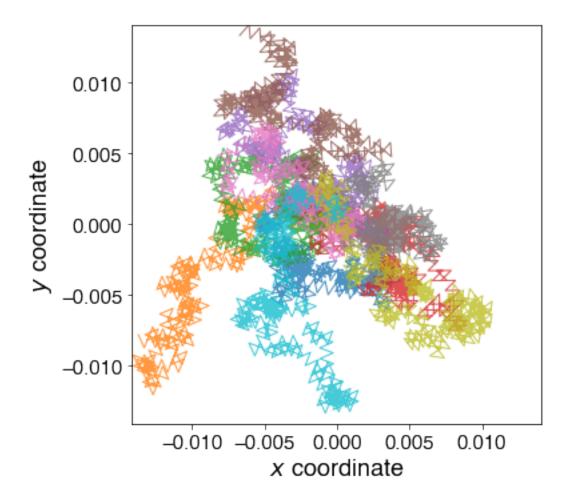




Changing the rotation angle  $\theta$  we can change the polymers persitence length  $l_P$ . The well established relation for the freely rotating chain model reads

$$l_P = -\frac{a}{\ln\left(\cos\theta\right)} \,. \tag{4}$$





## 1.4 Assay 2 - FJC mean-squared-end-to-end vector as a function of chain length N

Next, we analyze the mean-squared end-to-end vector as a function of segment length. The goal is of course to verify, that the well known relation

$$\langle R^2 \rangle = Na^2$$
 (5)

holds for the freely jointed chain (FJC). This is of course equivalent to

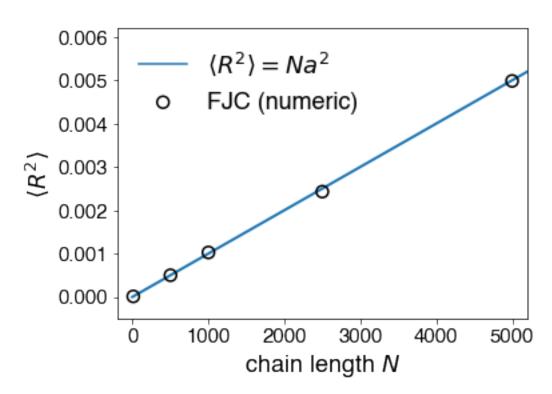
$$R = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{R}^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{N}a. \tag{6}$$

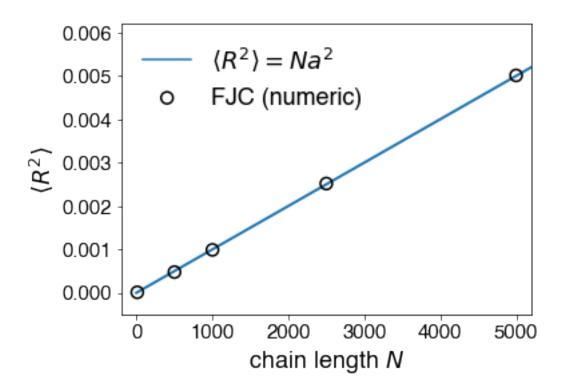
In the first part of this section on the FJC model we will show the  $\sim N$  scaling and in the second part we verify the  $\sim a^2$  scaling of the MSD.

```
X_ex2, Y_ex2 = FJC(sampleLengths, m)
         print(X_ex2.shape)
         print(Y_ex2.shape)
totalIterations = 5000
(5, 1000)
(5, 1000)
CPU times: user 23.4 s, sys: 294 ms, total: 23.7 s
Wall time: 24.8 s
In [25]: %%time
         np.random.seed(123456789)
         m = 1000 # number of statistically independent configurations
         sampleLengths = np.array([10, 500, 1000, 2500, 5000])
         X_ex2_vec, Y_ex2_vec = FJC_vec(sampleLengths, m)
         print(X_ex2_vec.shape)
         print(Y_ex2_vec.shape)
totalIterations = 5000
(5, 1000)
(5, 1000)
CPU times: user 420 ms, sys: 3.91 ms, total: 423 ms
Wall time: 427 ms
```

Here you can compare the execution time of the vectorized version against the execution time of the naive implementation of the FJC model. One gets a speed up of roughly 50 times faster code.

```
color = 'CO',
                     label = r'$\langle R^2\rangle = Na^2$',
                     zorder = 1)
             ax.scatter(X, Y, color = 'k',
                        s = 80,
                        marker = 'o',
                        facecolors = 'None',
                        edgecolors = 'k',
                        linewidth = 1.5,
                        label = r'FJC (numeric)', zorder = 2)
             ax.set_xlim(-200.0, 5200.0)
             ax.set_ylim(-0.0005, 0.0062)
             leg = ax.legend(scatterpoints = 1,
                              markerscale = 1.0,
                              ncol = 1,
                              fontsize = 18)
             for i, legobj in enumerate(leg.legendHandles):
                 legobj.set_linewidth(1.5)
             leg.draw_frame(False)
             return None
In [27]: sampleLengths_ex2 = np.array([10, 500, 1000, 2500, 5000])
         msd_ex2 = get_msd(X_ex2, Y_ex2, sampleLengths_ex2)
         plot_msd_FJC(sampleLengths_ex2, msd_ex2, a = 1.0e-3)
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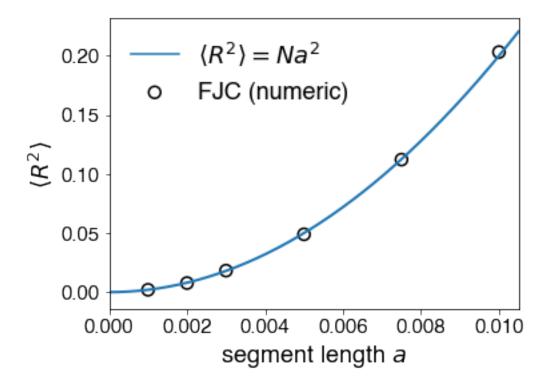


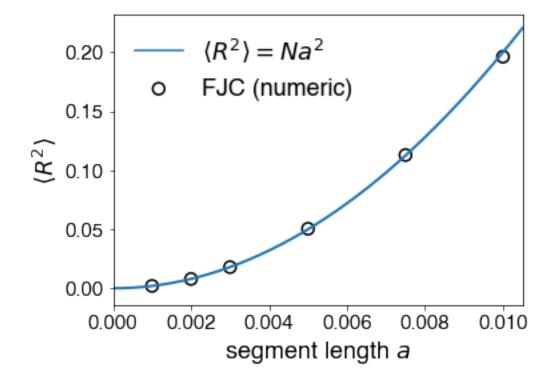
# 1.5 Assay 3 FJC mean-squared-end-to-end vector as a function of the segment length

```
segment length 0.001
totalIterations = 2000
segment length 0.002
totalIterations = 2000
segment length 0.003
totalIterations = 2000
segment length 0.005
totalIterations = 2000
segment length 0.0075
totalIterations = 2000
segment length 0.01
totalIterations = 2000
CPU times: user 53.1 s, sys: 390 ms, total: 53.5 s
Wall time: 54.1 s
In [30]: %%time
        np.random.seed(123456789)
         m = 10000 \# we can afford 10000 here
         N = 2000
         sampleLengths_ex3 = np.array([N])
         stepSizes_ex3 = np.array([1.0e-3, 2.0e-3, 3.0e-3, 5.0e-3, 7.5e-3, 1.0e-2])
         res_ex3_vec = np.zeros((len(stepSizes_ex3)))
         for i, a in enumerate(stepSizes_ex3):
             print("segment length", a)
             tmpX, tmpY = FJC_vec(sampleLengths_ex3, m, a)
             msd = get_msd(tmpX, tmpY, sampleLengths_ex3)
             res_ex3_vec[i] = msd[0]
segment length 0.001
totalIterations = 2000
segment length 0.002
totalIterations = 2000
segment length 0.003
totalIterations = 2000
segment length 0.005
totalIterations = 2000
segment length 0.0075
totalIterations = 2000
segment length 0.01
totalIterations = 2000
CPU times: user 8.57 s, sys: 157 ms, total: 8.72 s
Wall time: 9.74 s
In [31]: def plot_msd_FJC_a(X, Y, N = 2000.0):
             f, ax = plt.subplots(1)
```

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ax.set_xlabel('segment length $a$', fontsize = 18)
                                                     ax.set_ylabel(r'$\langle R^2\rangle$', fontsize = 18)
                                                     labelfontsize = 15.0
                                                     for tick in ax.xaxis.get_major_ticks():
                                                                     tick.label.set_fontsize(labelfontsize)
                                                     for tick in ax.yaxis.get_major_ticks():
                                                                     tick.label.set_fontsize(labelfontsize)
                                                     xVals = np.linspace(0.0, 1.05e-2, 500)
                                                     yVals = np.array([N * a ** 2 for a in xVals])
                                                     ax.plot(xVals, yVals,
                                                                                      lw = 2.0, color = 'CO', label = r' \sim R^2 \sim
                                                     ax.scatter(X, Y, color = 'k',
                                                                                                  s = 80,
                                                                                                  marker = 'o',
                                                                                                  facecolors = 'None',
                                                                                                  edgecolors = 'k',
                                                                                                  linewidth = 1.5,
                                                                                                  label = r'FJC (numeric)', zorder = 2)
                                                     ax.set_xlim(0.0, 1.05e-2)
                                                     #ax.set_ylim(-0.0005, 0.0062)
                                                     leg = ax.legend(scatterpoints = 1,
                                                                                                                           markerscale = 1.0,
                                                                                                                           ncol = 1,
                                                                                                                           fontsize = 18)
                                                     for i, legobj in enumerate(leg.legendHandles):
                                                                      legobj.set_linewidth(1.5)
                                                     leg.draw_frame(False)
                                                     return None
In [32]: stepSizes_ex3 = np.array([1.0e-3, 2.0e-3, 3.0e-3, 5.0e-3, 7.5e-3, 1.0e-2])
                                    plot_msd_FJC_a(stepSizes_ex3, res_ex3, N = 2000.0)
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f.set\_size\_inches(5.5, 4.0)

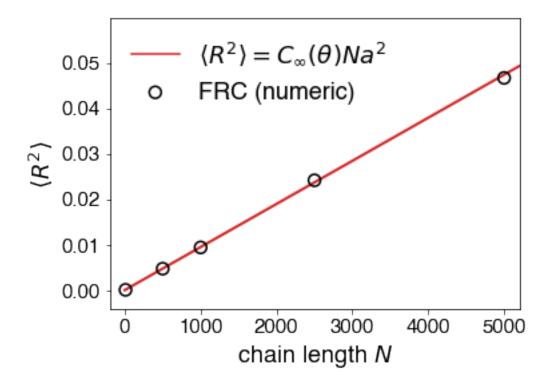




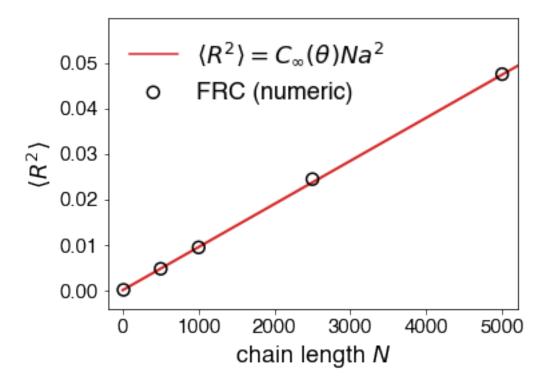
#### 1.6 Assay 4 FRC mean-squared-end-to-end vector as a function of N

```
In [34]: %%time
         np.random.seed(923456789) # fix random seed
         m = 2000 # number of independent configurations
         sampleLengths_ex4 = np.array([10, 500, 1000, 2500, 5000])
         X_ex4, Y_ex4 = FRC(sampleLengths_ex4, m)
         np.savetxt('./assay_4_xdata.txt', X_ex4, fmt = '%.8f')
         np.savetxt('./assay_4_ydata.txt', Y_ex4, fmt = '%.8f')
totalIterations = 5000
CPU times: user 3min 6s, sys: 1.77 s, total: 3min 7s
Wall time: 3min 10s
In [36]: %%time
         # vectorized version
         np.random.seed(923456789) # fix random seed
         m = 2000 # number of independent configurations
         sampleLengths_ex4 = np.array([10, 500, 1000, 2500, 5000])
         X_ex4_vec, Y_ex4_vec = FRC_wrapper(sampleLengths_ex4, m)
CPU times: user 811 ms, sys: 10.1 ms, total: 821 ms
Wall time: 839 ms
In [37]: def plot_msd_FRC(X, Y, a = 1.0e-3, theta = 0.2 * np.pi):
             f, ax = plt.subplots(1)
             f.set_size_inches(5.5, 4.0)
             ax.set_xlabel('chain length $N$', fontsize = 18)
             ax.set_ylabel(r'$\langle R^2\rangle$', fontsize = 18)
             labelfontsize = 15.0
             for tick in ax.xaxis.get_major_ticks():
                 tick.label.set_fontsize(labelfontsize)
             for tick in ax.yaxis.get_major_ticks():
                 tick.label.set_fontsize(labelfontsize)
             xVals = np.linspace(0.0, 6000.0, 500)
             yVals = np.array([N * a ** 2 * FloryC(theta) for N in xVals])
             ax.plot(xVals, yVals,
                     lw = 2.0,
                     color = 'C3',
                     label = r'$\langle R^2\rangle = C_{\infty}(\theta)Na^2$',
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zorder = 1)
             ax.scatter(X, Y, color = 'k',
                        s = 80,
                        marker = 'o',
                        facecolors = 'None',
                        edgecolors = 'k',
                        linewidth = 1.5,
                        zorder = 2,
                        label = r'FRC (numeric)')
             ax.set_xlim(-200.0, 5200.0)
             #ax.set_ylim(-0.0005, 0.0062)
             leg = ax.legend(scatterpoints = 1,
                              markerscale = 1.0,
                              ncol = 1,
                              fontsize = 18)
             for i, legobj in enumerate(leg.legendHandles):
                 legobj.set_linewidth(1.5)
             leg.draw_frame(False)
             return None
In [38]: file = './assay_4_xdata.txt'
        X_ex4 = np.genfromtxt(file)
         file = './assay_4_ydata.txt'
        Y_ex4 = np.genfromtxt(file)
In [39]: sampleLengths_ex4 = np.array([10, 500, 1000, 2500, 5000])
         msd_ex4 = get_msd(X_ex4, Y_ex4, sampleLengths_ex4)
         plot_msd_FRC(sampleLengths_ex4, msd_ex4)
```



In [40]: # visualization of the same result, using the vectorized FRC code
 sampleLengths\_ex4 = np.array([10, 500, 1000, 2500, 5000])
 msd\_ex4\_vec = get\_msd(X\_ex4\_vec, Y\_ex4\_vec, sampleLengths\_ex4)
 plot\_msd\_FRC(sampleLengths\_ex4, msd\_ex4\_vec)



The proportionalty factor here is Flory's characteristic ratio  $C_{\infty}$ , which for the freely rotating chain model is

$$C_{\infty}(\theta) = \frac{1 + \cos(\theta)}{1 - \cos(\theta)}.$$
 (7)

With this, the MSD for the FRC model is of course

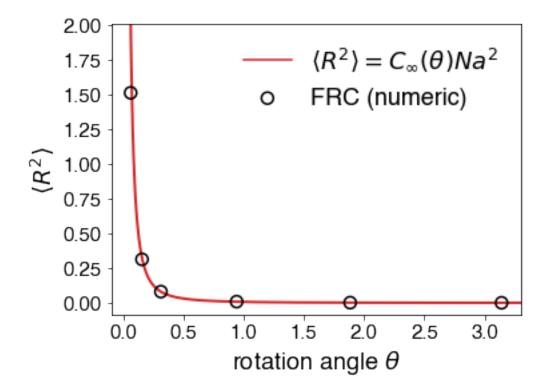
$$\langle \mathbf{R}^2 \rangle = C_{\infty}(\theta) N a^2 = \frac{1 + \cos(\theta)}{1 - \cos(\theta)} N a^2.$$
 (8)

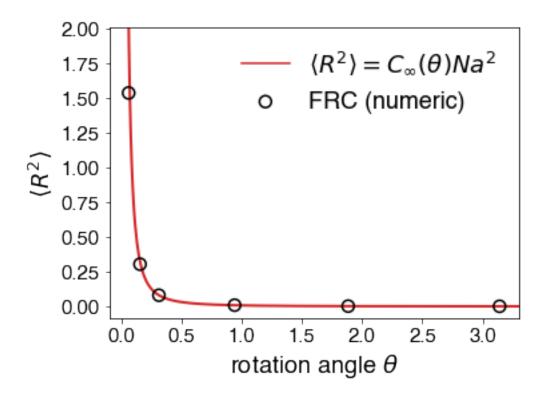
## 1.7 Assay 5 FRC mean-squared-end-to-end vector as a function of the rotation angle $\theta$

```
for i, theta in enumerate(thetas):
             print("theta", theta)
             tmpX, tmpY = FRC(sampleLengths_ex5, m, a = 1.0e-3, theta = theta)
             tmpMSD = get_msd(tmpX, tmpY, sampleLengths_ex5)
             res_ex5[i] = tmpMSD[0]
         np.savetxt('./assay_5_msd.txt', res_ex5, fmt = '%.8f')
theta 0.06283185307179587
totalIterations = 2000
theta 0.15707963267948966
totalIterations = 2000
theta 0.3141592653589793
totalIterations = 2000
theta 0.9424777960769379
totalIterations = 2000
theta 1.8849555921538759
totalIterations = 2000
theta 3.141592653589793
totalIterations = 2000
CPU times: user 3min 47s, sys: 2.35 s, total: 3min 49s
Wall time: 3min 54s
In [43]: file = './assay_5_msd.txt'
        res_ex5 = np.genfromtxt(file)
        print(res_ex5.shape)
(6,)
In [44]: %%time
         np.random.seed(123456789)
         m = 1000 # number of independent configurations
         N = 2000
         sampleLengths_ex5 = np.array([N])
         thetas = np.array([0.02 * np.pi, 0.05 * np.pi, \]
                            0.1 * np.pi, 0.3 * np.pi, 0.6 * np.pi, np.pi]
         res_ex5_vec = np.zeros((len(thetas)))
         for i, theta in enumerate(thetas):
             print("theta", theta)
             tmpX, tmpY = FRC_wrapper(sampleLengths_ex5, m, a = 1.0e-3, theta = theta)
             tmpMSD = get_msd(tmpX, tmpY, sampleLengths_ex5)
             res_ex5_vec[i] = tmpMSD[0]
```

```
theta 0.06283185307179587
theta 0.15707963267948966
theta 0.3141592653589793
theta 0.9424777960769379
theta 1.8849555921538759
theta 3.141592653589793
CPU times: user 1.2 s, sys: 16.4 ms, total: 1.22 s
Wall time: 1.24 s
In [45]: def plot_msd_FRC_theta(X, Y, N = 2000.0, a = 1.0e-3):
             f, ax = plt.subplots(1)
             f.set_size_inches(5.5, 4.0)
             ax.set_xlabel(r'rotation angle $\theta$', fontsize = 18)
             ax.set_ylabel(r'$\langle R^2\rangle$', fontsize = 18)
             labelfontsize = 15.0
             for tick in ax.xaxis.get_major_ticks():
                 tick.label.set_fontsize(labelfontsize)
             for tick in ax.yaxis.get_major_ticks():
                 tick.label.set_fontsize(labelfontsize)
             xVals = np.linspace(0.05, 1.2 * np.pi, 500)
             yVals = np.array([N * a ** 2 * FloryC(theta) for theta in xVals])
             ax.plot(xVals, yVals,
                     lw = 2.0,
                     color = 'C3',
                     label = r'$\langle R^2\rangle = C_{\infty}(\theta)Na^2$',
                     zorder = 1)
             ax.scatter(X, Y, color = 'k',
                        s = 80,
                        marker = 'o',
                        facecolors = 'None',
                        edgecolors = 'k',
                        linewidth = 1.5,
                        zorder = 2,
                        label = r'FRC (numeric)')
             ax.set_xlim(-0.1, 1.05 * np.pi)
             ax.set_ylim(-0.085, 2.0062)
             leg = ax.legend(scatterpoints = 1,
                              markerscale = 1.0,
                              ncol = 1,
                              fontsize = 18)
             for i, legobj in enumerate(leg.legendHandles):
                 legobj.set_linewidth(1.5)
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leg.draw\_frame(False)
return None



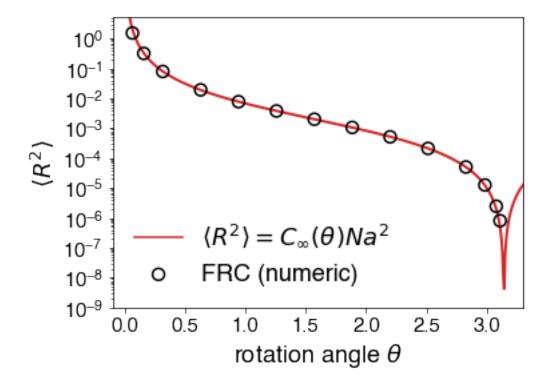


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In [48]: def plot_msd_FRC_theta_LOG(X, Y, N = 2000.0, a = 1.0e-3):
             f, ax = plt.subplots(1)
             f.set_size_inches(5.5, 4.0)
             ax.set_xlabel(r'rotation angle $\theta$', fontsize = 18)
             ax.set_ylabel(r'$\langle R^2\rangle$', fontsize = 18)
             labelfontsize = 15.0
             for tick in ax.xaxis.get_major_ticks():
                 tick.label.set_fontsize(labelfontsize)
             for tick in ax.yaxis.get_major_ticks():
                 tick.label.set_fontsize(labelfontsize)
             xVals = np.linspace(0.01, 1.2 * np.pi, 500)
             yVals = np.array([N * a ** 2 * FloryC(theta) for theta in xVals])
             ax.plot(xVals, yVals,
                     lw = 2.0,
                     color = 'C3',
                     label = r'$\langle R^2\rangle = C_{\infty}(\theta)Na^2$',
                     zorder = 1)
             ax.scatter(X, Y, color = 'k',
                        s = 80,
                        marker = 'o',
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facecolors = 'None',
                        edgecolors = 'k',
                        linewidth = 1.5,
                        zorder = 2,
                        label = r'FRC (numeric)')
             ax.set_xlim(-0.1, 1.05 * np.pi)
             ax.set_ylim(1.0e-9, 5.1)
             ax.set_yscale('log')
             leg = ax.legend(scatterpoints = 1,
                              markerscale = 1.0,
                              ncol = 1,
                              fontsize = 18)
             for i, legobj in enumerate(leg.legendHandles):
                 legobj.set_linewidth(1.5)
             leg.draw_frame(False)
             return None
In [49]: %%time
         np.random.seed(123456789)
        m = 10000 # number of independent configurations
         N = 2000
         sampleLengths_ex6 = np.array([N])
         thetas = np.array([0.02 * np.pi, 0.05 * np.pi, \]
                            0.1 * np.pi, 0.2 * np.pi, 0.3 * np.pi, 0.4 * np.pi,
                            0.5 * np.pi, 0.6 * np.pi, 0.7 * np.pi, 0.8 * np.pi,
                            0.9 * np.pi, 0.95 * np.pi, 0.98 * np.pi, 0.99 * np.pi]
         res_ex6_vec = np.zeros((len(thetas)))
         for i, theta in enumerate(thetas):
             print("theta", theta)
             tmpX, tmpY = FRC_wrapper(sampleLengths_ex6, m, a = 1.0e-3, theta = theta)
             tmpMSD = get_msd(tmpX, tmpY, sampleLengths_ex6)
             res_ex6_vec[i] = tmpMSD[0]
theta 0.06283185307179587
theta 0.15707963267948966
theta 0.3141592653589793
theta 0.6283185307179586
theta 0.9424777960769379
theta 1.2566370614359172
theta 1.5707963267948966
theta 1.8849555921538759
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theta 2.199114857512855 theta 2.5132741228718345 theta 2.827433388230814 theta 2.9845130209103035 theta 3.078760800517997 theta 3.1101767270538954 CPU times: user 26.6 s, sys: 191 ms, total: 26.7 s

Wall time: 27.1 s



In this assay we used the fact that the characteristic ratio

$$C_{\infty}(\theta) = \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}.$$
 (9)

For small  $\theta$  we can Taylor expand this expression and equally work with

$$C_{\infty}(\theta) = \frac{4}{\theta^2} - 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\theta^3\right) \simeq \frac{4}{\theta^2} - 1.$$
 (10)