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% ### EXrandomWalk1D.m ###    11.15.14
% Calculates mean-squared distance for a group of independent 1-D
random
% walkers, each moving with user-specified probability of one step left
vs right
% [Source (modified): Kevin Berwick (re 'Computational Physics',
Giordano & Nakanishi)]
clear;
% -----
N= 200;      % Total # of (independent) walkers (each starts at x=0)
M= 100;      % Total # of steps for each walker
K= 3;       % # of walkers to show individual traces for [3]
bias= 0.5;   % number between [0,1] to indicate bias for left vs
right (0.5= equal prob.)
% -----
% +++
step_number= zeros(1,M);      %
x2ave= zeros(1,M);           % allocate array to stored
(suquentially averaged) MSD
step_number_array= [1:1:M];   %
% +++
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% NOTE: the loop is set up in such a way to average x2ave across
walkers
for r= 1:N
    x=0;      % initialize position for r'th walker
    position(r,1)= 0;
    % loop to go through M steps for r'th walker
    for nn=1:M;
        % conditional determines whether step is to the left or right
        if (rand<bias), x=x+1;
        else x=x-1; end;
        x2ave(nn)=x2ave(nn)+x^2;    % store squared displacement
        (handles averging across r)
        position(r,nn+1)= x;      % store displacment for each
walker and step
    end;
end;
x2ave= x2ave/N;    % Divide by number of walkers
% plot MSD
figure(1);
plot(step_number_array, x2ave, 'k'); hold on;
title(['MSD for 1-D random walk (average from ',num2str(N),'
walkers)']);
xlabel('Step number'); ylabel('Mean-Squared Distance (x^2)');
% plot a subset of individual traces
figure(2); clf; hold on; grid on;
for nn=1:K
    shade= 1-(nn-1)/K;
    plot(position(nn,:), 'Color', [1 1 1]-shade);

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end
xlabel('Step number'); ylabel('Position'); title('Representative
traces');
plot([0 M],[1 1]*sqrt(x2ave(end)),'g--','LineWidth',2) % include MSD
bounds at step M
plot([0 M],[-1 -1]*sqrt(x2ave(end)),'g--','LineWidth',2)
plot(M,sqrt(mean(position(:,end).^2)),'ro'); % reality check
(another way to compute final MSD)
disp(['Final mean (non-squared) distance =
',num2str(mean(position(:,end)))]);
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