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A simply symmetric random walk on the plane is considered. Let

$$Q(N) = \{x = (i, j): ||x|| = (i^2 + j^2)^{1/2} \le N\}.$$

The circle Q(N) is covered by the random walk in time n if $\xi(x,n) > 0$ for every $x \in Q(N)$ where $\xi(x,n)$ means the number of passings through the point x during time n. Let R(n) be the largest integer for which Q(R(n)) is covered in n. For R(n) the following lower estimate is proved:

for any $\epsilon > 0$ $R(n) \ge \exp((\log n)^{1/2}/(\log_2 n)^{3/4+\epsilon})$ a.s. for all finitely many n where \log_k is the k times iterated logarithm. An estimate is obtained for the density K(N,n) of the points of Q(N) covered by the random walk. Some further related problems are formulated.

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