

Lecture 6

◆ Python in the Stochastic Universe

All the scripts discussed in lectures are downloadable from

<http://planets.utsc.utoronto.ca/~pawel/pyth> . Please learn Python from them.



Solution of assignments from set #2:

[pharaoh-2.py](#)

[loan.py](#)

[scan-grid.py](#)

Monte Carlo (continued)

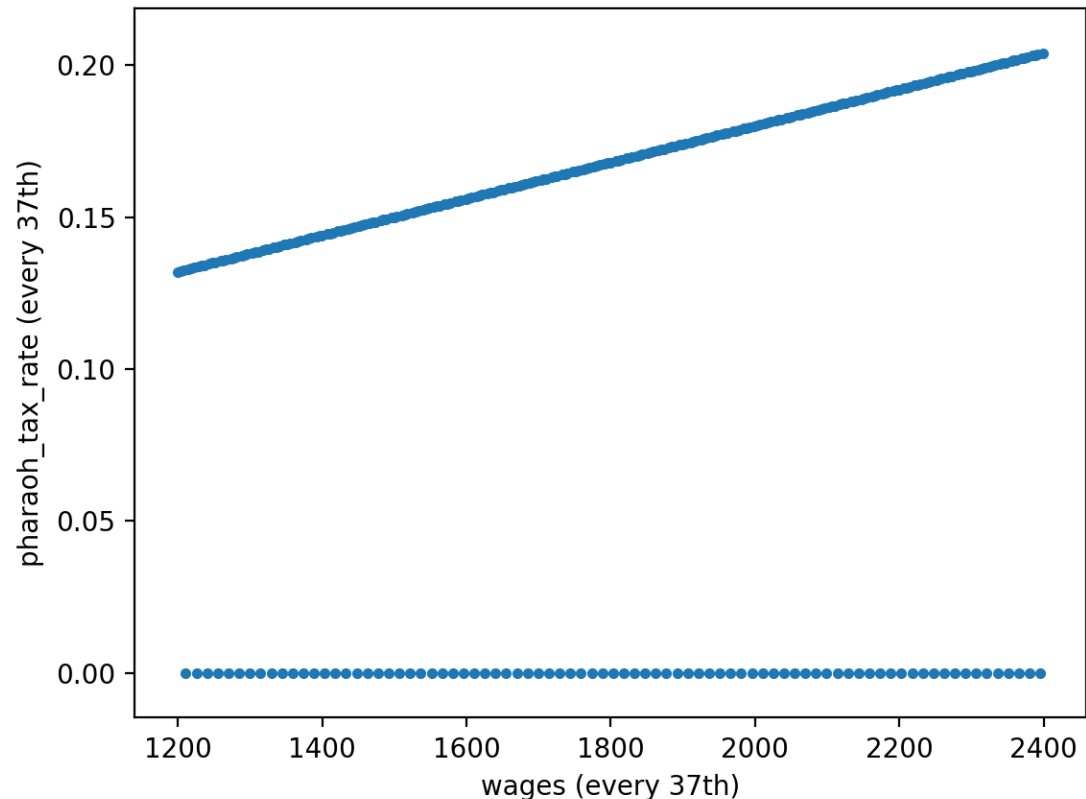
- Radiation transfer through opaque media
- Stock market as a random walker

Assignments #2

1. Egyptian taxes problem

- Imperial taxes are independent of local (tax collector's) fees [but no points subtracted if you are in tutorial group 1, and assumed otherwise]
- It does not matter much how you eliminate every 4th taxpayer from imperial taxation, $\{1,5,9,13,\dots\}$ or $\{3,7,11,15,\dots\}$ or $N/4$ random persons (but the formulation discourages you from using random numbers here). You should always compare different schemes!

- [pharaoh-2.py](#)



• pharaoh-2.py (fragments)

- `N = 12000 # number of taxpayers`
- `# wages data generation`
- `wages = np.linspace(1200,2400,N)`
- `print("Total wages before tax", int(sum(wages)), '=', int(sum(wages)//1000, 'k')`
- `# imperial tax first. Introducing so-called list comprehension`
- `pharaoh_tax_rate = 0.06*(1+wages/1000) # pharaoh's tax rate's > 2.2*6%`
- `builders_list = [i for i in range(3,N,4)] # list comprehension,`
- `pharaoh_tax_rate[builders_list] = 0. # could be done in a loop as well`
- `treasury_takes = (wages * pharaoh_tax_rate).astype(int) # rounded to int`
- `pharaoh_gets = treasury_takes.sum() # a total that pharaoh gets`
- `print(" Pharaoh tax ",pharaoh_gets,' =',pharaoh_gets//1000,'k \n')`
- `wages_aft_tax = wages - treasury_takes # taxman draws from this list`

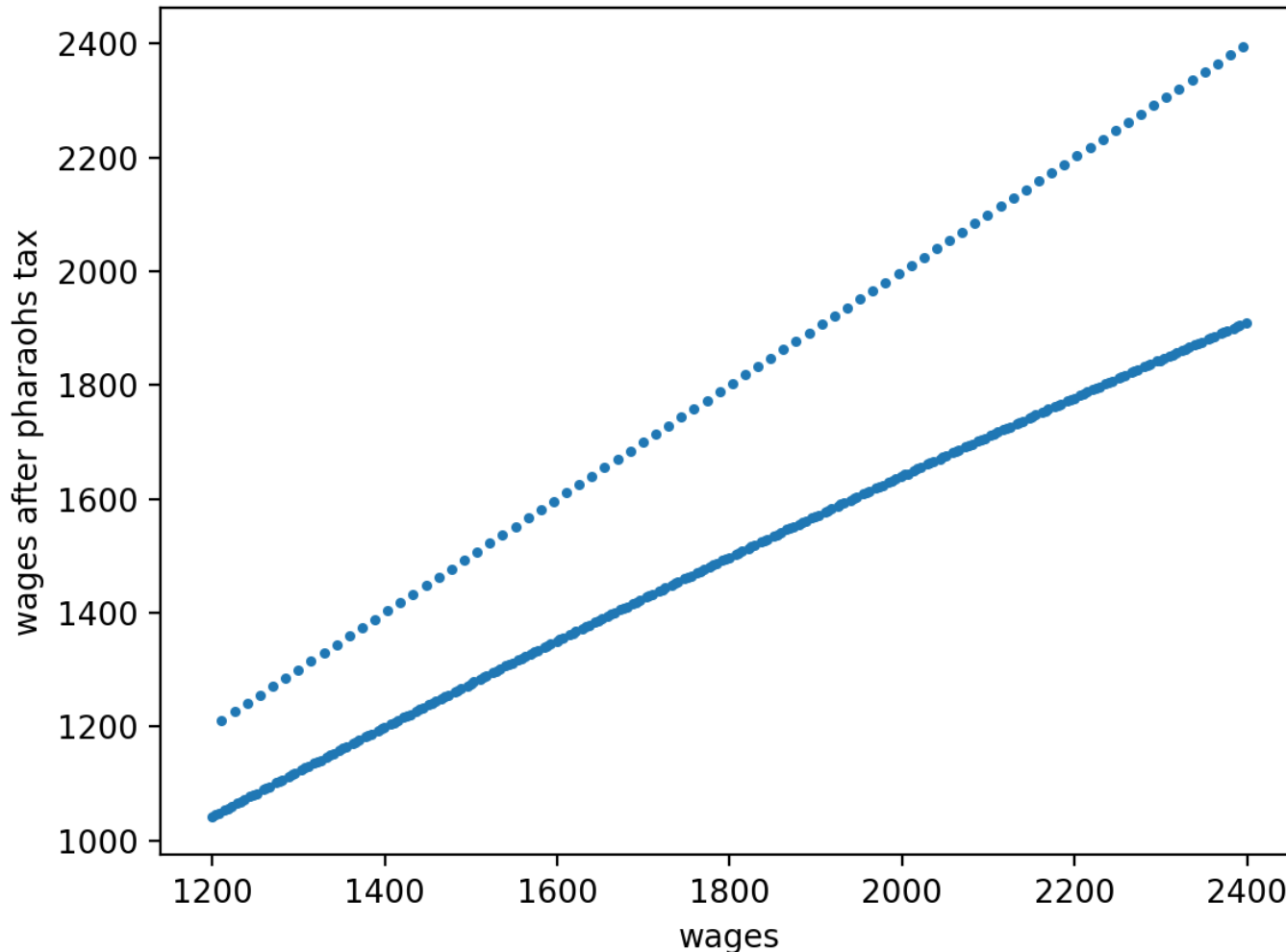
(...)

- `# now the tax collector's withholdings, standard rate is 0.015`
- `# 2 out of 13 people have collector's tax cut`
- `tax13 = [0.015]*13 # list multiplication`
- `# arbitrary 2 of 13 get a tax break, numbers 4,10 are arbitrary, try other`
- `tax13[4] = tax13[10] = 0.007`
- `print(' the first 13 of tax collector rates \n', tax13)`
- `# this pattern will be applied to almost all taxpayers`
- `N_remaining = N%13 # remainder of division into 13 groups`
- `print("N_remaining",N_remaining)`
- `# again, list multiplication (making it longer), not array multiplication!`
- `taxman_rates_lst = (N//13)*tax13 + N_remaining*[0.015]`

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1. Egyptian taxes:

- Similarly, it does not matter much how you reduce local taxation of a fraction = $2/13$ of taxpayers, you can generate a pattern of how the first 13 taxpayers are taxed (fully or with a tax), and then repeat it $12000//13$ times

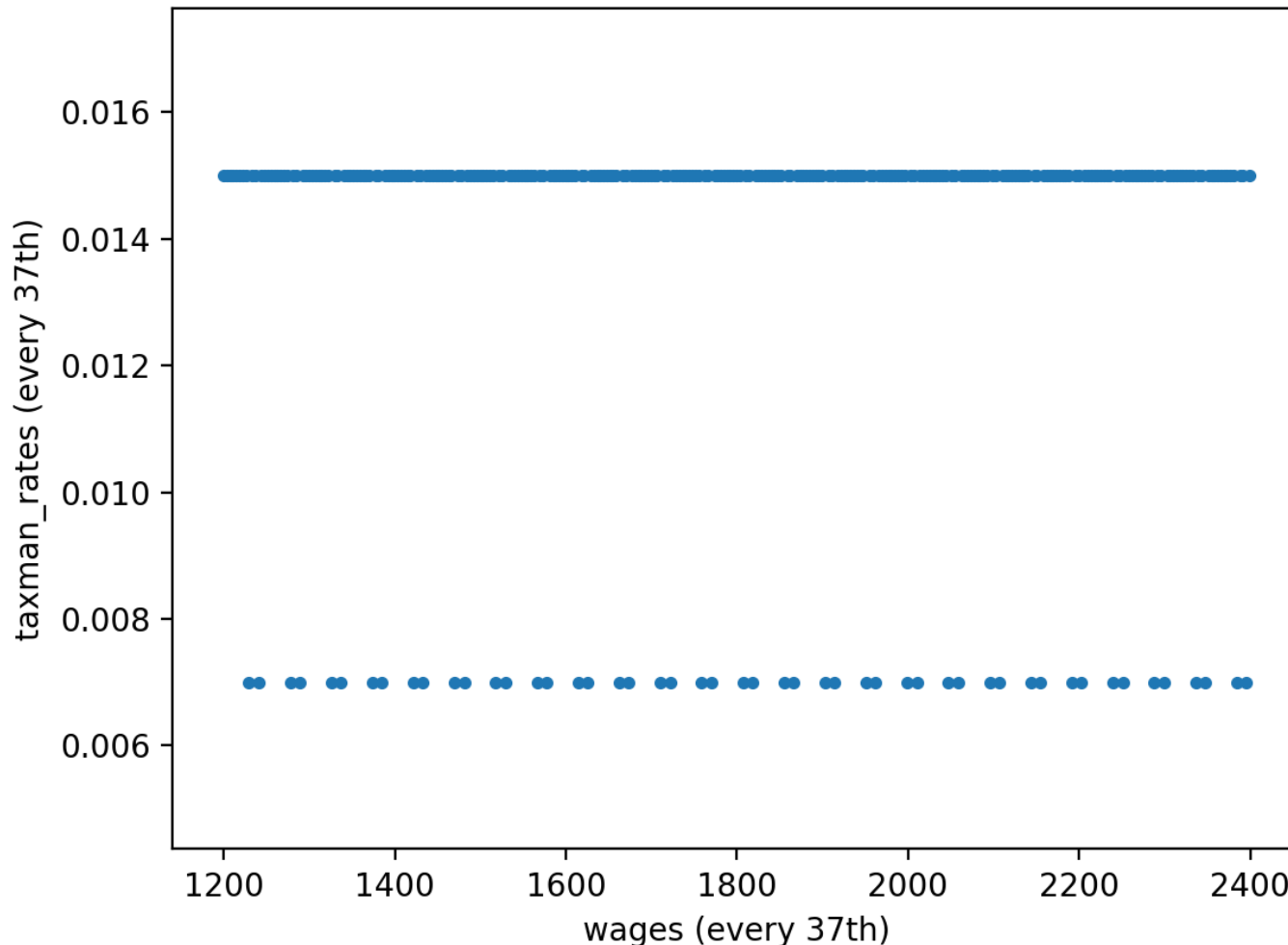


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Answer: Out of

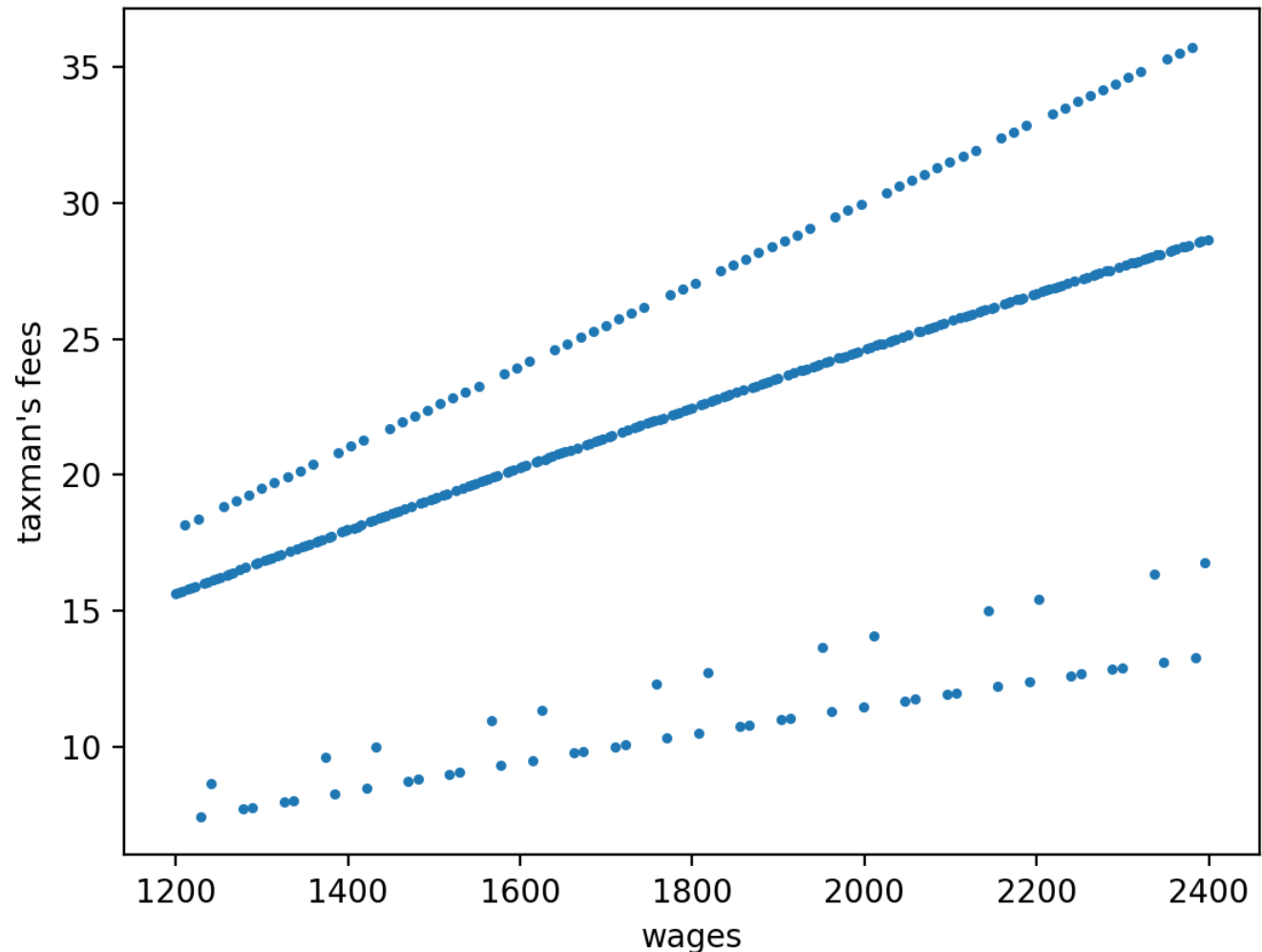
21600 k b.o.g. earnings, taxpayers pay

2782 k b.o.g. to Pharaoh's treasury, and

253 k b.o.g. to you (tax collector)

Assignments #2

[pharaoh-2.py](#)



Assignments #2

2. Student Loan problem

- Given the specific loan conditions, and specific payment schedule,
- predict the $p(t)$ loan reduction history and the repayment date.
- One loop suffices, but you can use two to overplot an alternative history.

```
p = 36000;    interest = 4.2e-2;    inflation = 2.6e-2
total_pay1 = 0;    equiv_pay1 = 0
```

```
for i in range(200):    # i is the number of the month
    pay = 300
    if (i > 2*12):    # after 2 years apply a
        pay = 380    # larger monthly re-payment
```

```
# p = p*(1+interest/12) - pay    # this is the heart of the loan calculator
p = (p-pay)*(1+interest/12)    # use this line if you pay before compound date
```

```
total_pay1 += pay    # this is optional, and the following even more so:
equiv_pay1 += pay/(1+inflation/12)**i    # buying power [convert to init. $$]
print (i,'yr,mo',i//12,1+i%12, ' loan =',p)
plt.scatter (i,p,color=(0,0,1), s=9, alpha=0.6)    # blue points = main variant, interest=const.
if (p <= 0):    # if loan amount drops to (or below) zero
    break    # then break out of the loop
```

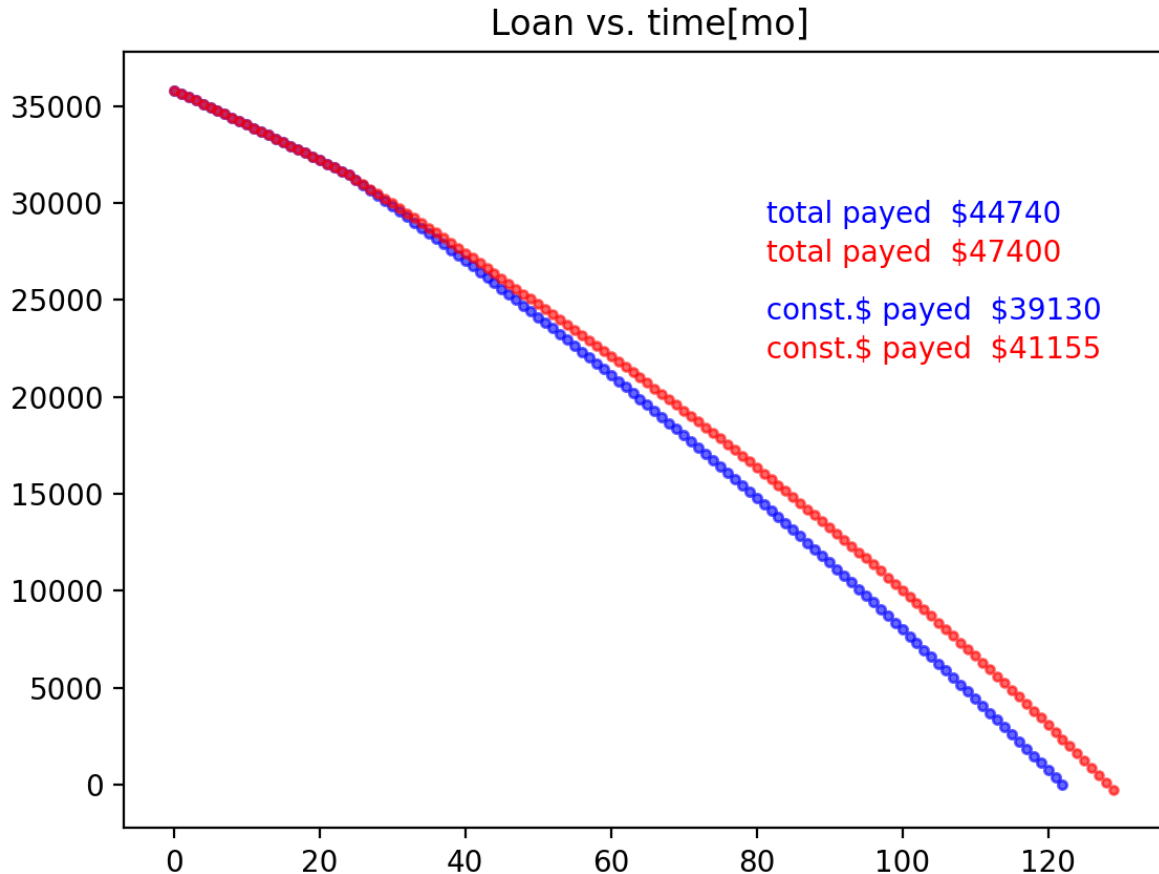
Assignments #2

2. Student Loan problem

- Answer: Loan payed after 129 mo. = 10 yr and 3 months, if bank rates constant @ 4.2%

Month:

- 0 yr,mo 0 1 loan = 35826.
- 1 yr,mo 0 2 loan = 35651.
- 2 yr,mo 0 3 loan = 35476.
- 3 yr,mo 0 4 loan = 35300.
- 4 yr,mo 0 5 loan = 35123.
- (...)
- 118 yr,mo 9 11 loan = 1483.8
- 119 yr,mo 9 12 loan = 1109.0
- 120 yr,mo 10 1 loan = 732.90
- 121 yr,mo 10 2 loan = 355.46
- 122 yr,mo 10 3 loan = -23.29
- i.e. (122 months = 10 yr + 3 mo)

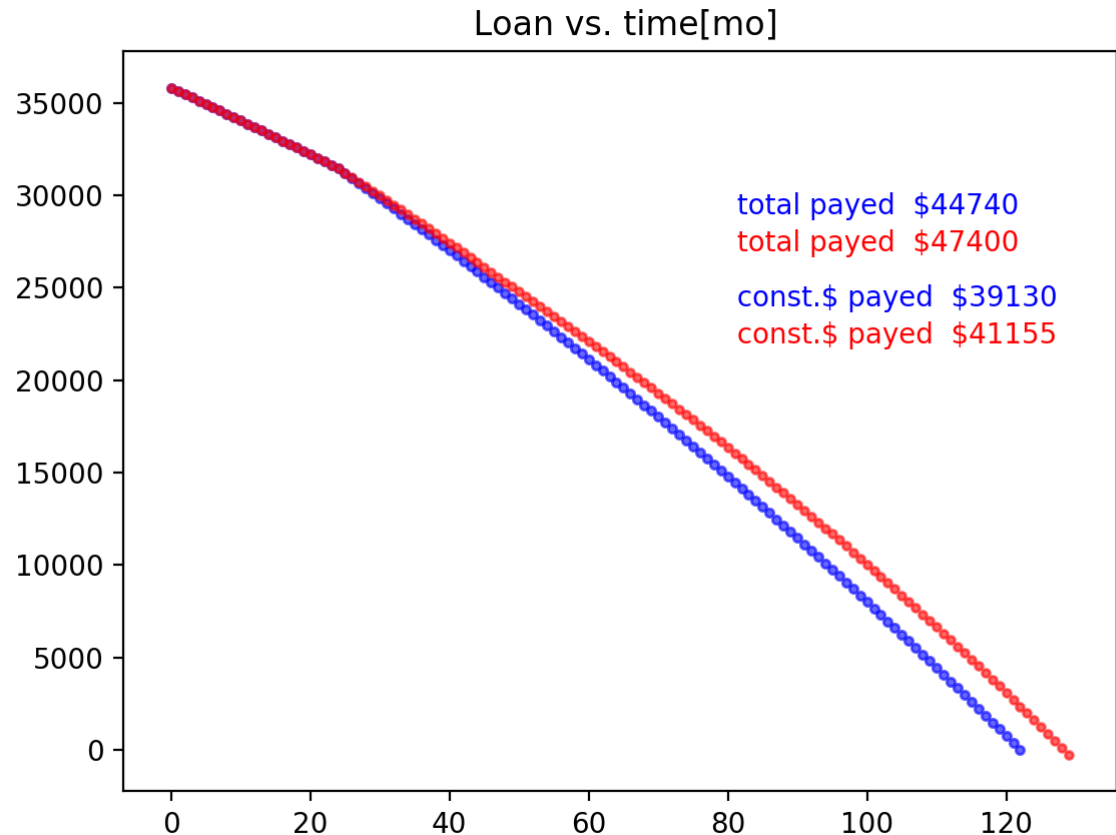


- **Total payed = \$44740**
- **Total payed - loan = \$8740**
- Const.\$ effective interest 8.7%, assuming annual inflation rate 2.6%

Assignments #2

2. Student Loan – alternative rates case

- Answer: Loan repayed after 129 mo. = 10 yr 10 mo. if **bank stepwise raises rates**
- 0 yr,mo 0 1 loan = 35826.0
- 1 yr,mo 0 2 loan = 35651.3
- 2 yr,mo 0 3 loan = 35476.1
- 3 yr,mo 0 4 loan = 35300.3
- 4 yr,mo 0 5 loan = 35123.8
- 5 yr,mo 0 6 loan = 34946.8
- (...) ~10 long years pass here
- 124 yr,mo 10 5 loan = 1604.8
- 125 yr,mo 10 6 loan = 1232.4
- 126 yr,mo 10 7 loan = 858.3
- 127 yr,mo 10 8 loan = 482.4
- 128 yr,mo 10 9 loan = 104.7
- **129 yr,mo 10 10 loan = -274.8**
- **(129 months = 10 yr + 10 mo)**



- **Total payed = \$47400**
- **Total payed - loan = \$11400**
- Const.\$ effective interest 13.5%, assuming annual inflation rate 2.6%

Assignments #2

scan-grid.py

3. Scanning the grid

```
def f(x,y,D):
```

```
    return 1 + 0.1*D*x - 2.**2.5*x*y*np.exp(-x-y*y)
```

```
# main (driver) program
```

```
N = 1000
```

```
xx = yy = np.linspace(0,3,N)
```

```
X,Y = np.meshgrid(xx,yy)
```

```
for D in range(10):
```

```
    A = np.empty((N,N),dtype=float)
```

```
    for ix in range(N):
```

```
        x = xx[ix]
```

```
        A[ix,:] = f(x,yy,D)
```

```
        arg = A.argmin()
```

```
        ix,iy = (arg//N, arg%N)
```

```
        print(...)
```

```
# plotting and timing
```

```
(...)
```

```
# for plotting later
```

```
# D = last digit of student number
```

```
# declare empty grid
```

```
# fill the array with function values
```

```
# function given vector yy returns a vector
```

```
# find index in a flattened 2D array
```

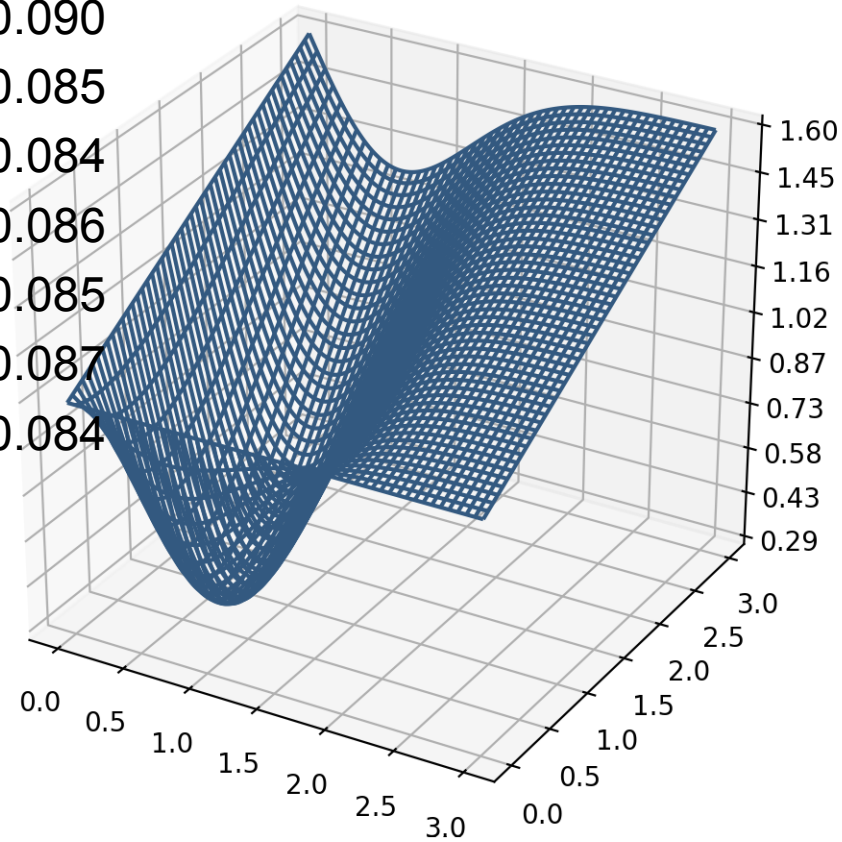
```
# turn arg back into 2D index
```

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[scan-grid.py](#)

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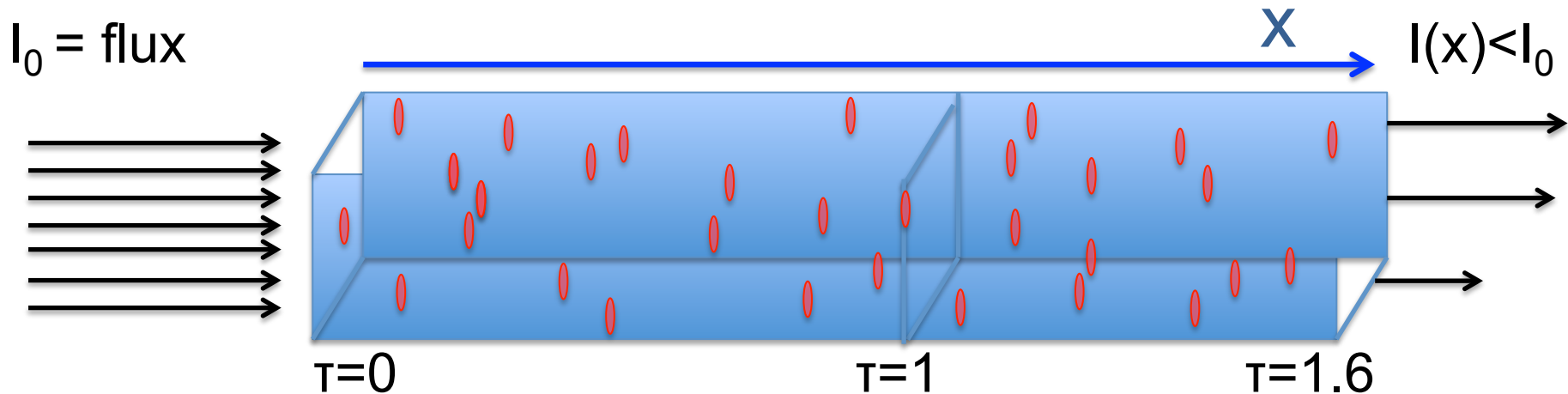
D = 0	x,y: 1.0000, 0.7057,	min = 0.10748	t[s] 0.084
D = 1	x,y: 0.8979, 0.7057,	min = 0.20225	t[s] 0.099
D = 2	x,y: 0.8138, 0.7057,	min = 0.28778	t[s] 0.097
D = 3	x,y: 0.7417, 0.7057,	min = 0.36543	t[s] 0.090
D = 4	x,y: 0.6757, 0.7057,	min = 0.43619	t[s] 0.085
D = 5	x,y: 0.6186, 0.7057,	min = 0.50083	t[s] 0.084
D = 6	x,y: 0.5646, 0.7057,	min = 0.55992	t[s] 0.086
D = 7	x,y: 0.5165, 0.7057,	min = 0.61395	t[s] 0.085
D = 8	x,y: 0.4715, 0.7057,	min = 0.66332	t[s] 0.087
D = 9	x,y: 0.4294, 0.7057,	min = 0.70837	t[s] 0.084



Radiation transfer:

finding $I(x)$ [dusty-box-1.py](#)

$\tau(x)$ = optical thickness = combined cross-sectional area, up to x , of absorbing and scattering particles, per unit side area of the beam. In a thin slice, $d\tau$ is a probability of photon extinction.

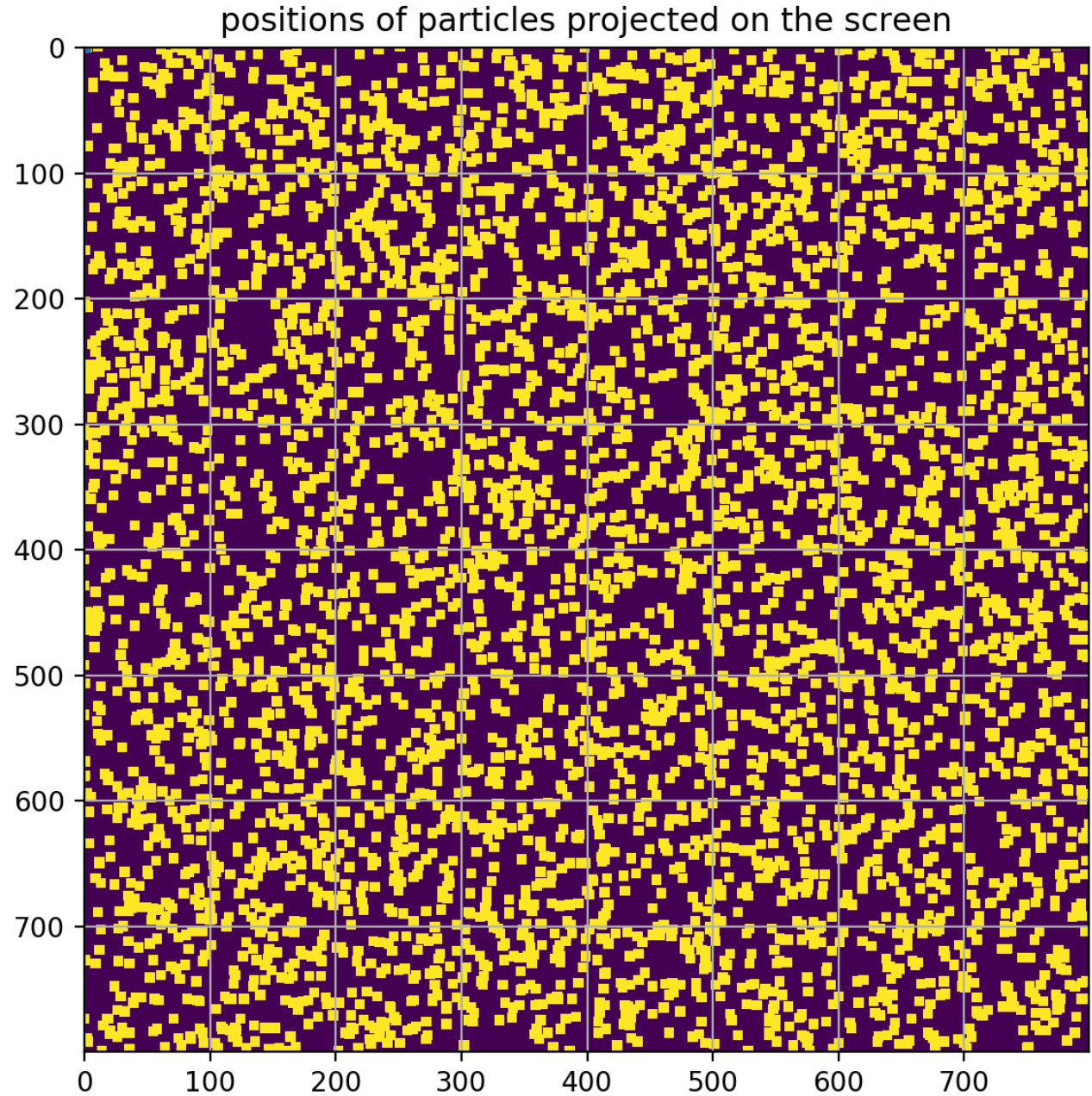


$$d\tau := \sigma_{\bullet} n(x) dx \quad \rightarrow \quad \tau(x) = \text{integral}_0^x \{ \sigma_{\bullet} n(x) dx \}$$

If 1 particle's area σ_{\bullet} and the number density of particles in space $n(x) = \text{const}$, then: $\tau(x) \sim x$. In general $dI = -I d\tau \Rightarrow I = I_0 e^{-\tau(x)}$

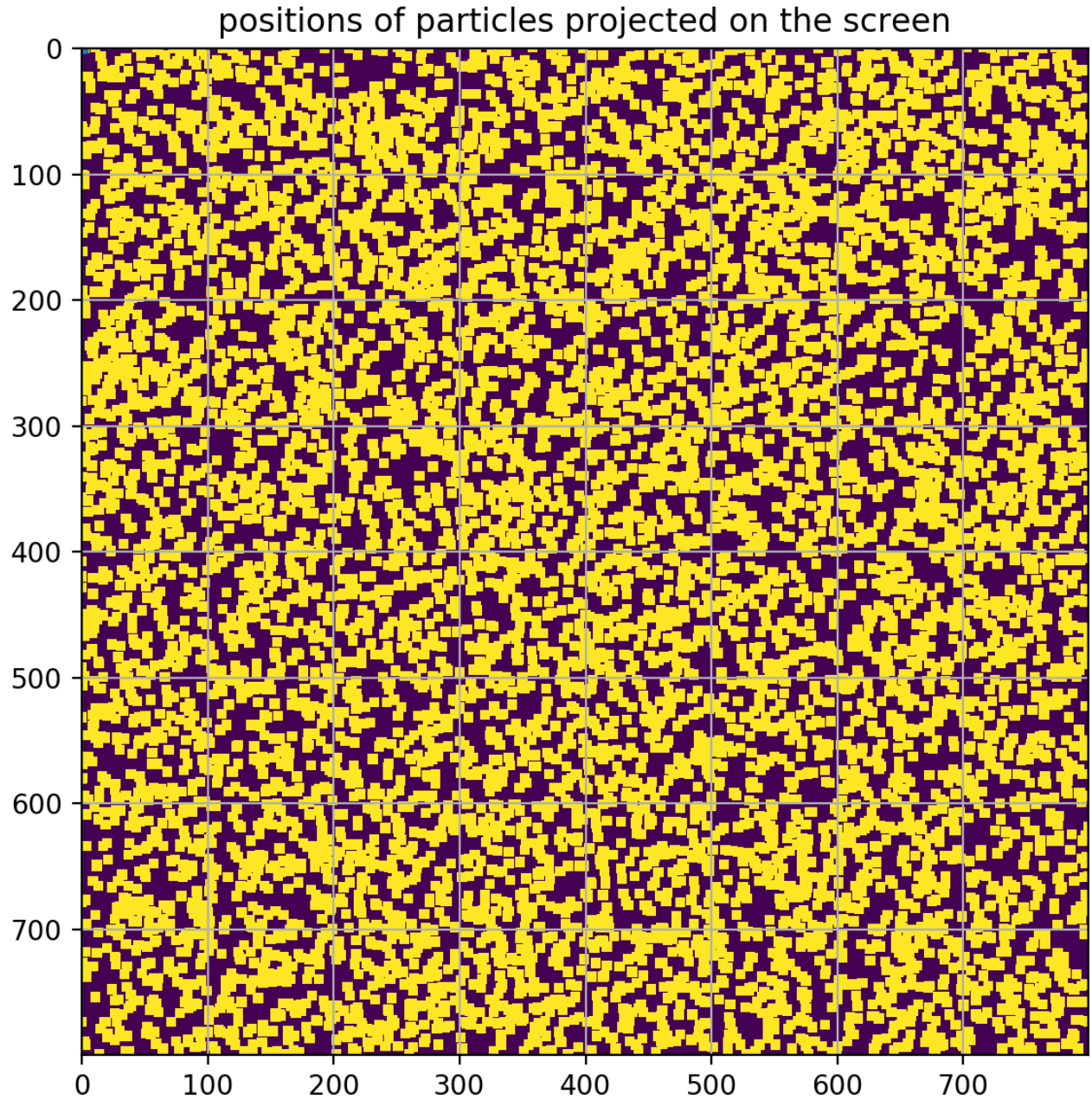
Radiation transfer: Flux vs. optical thickness

$\tau = 0.47$



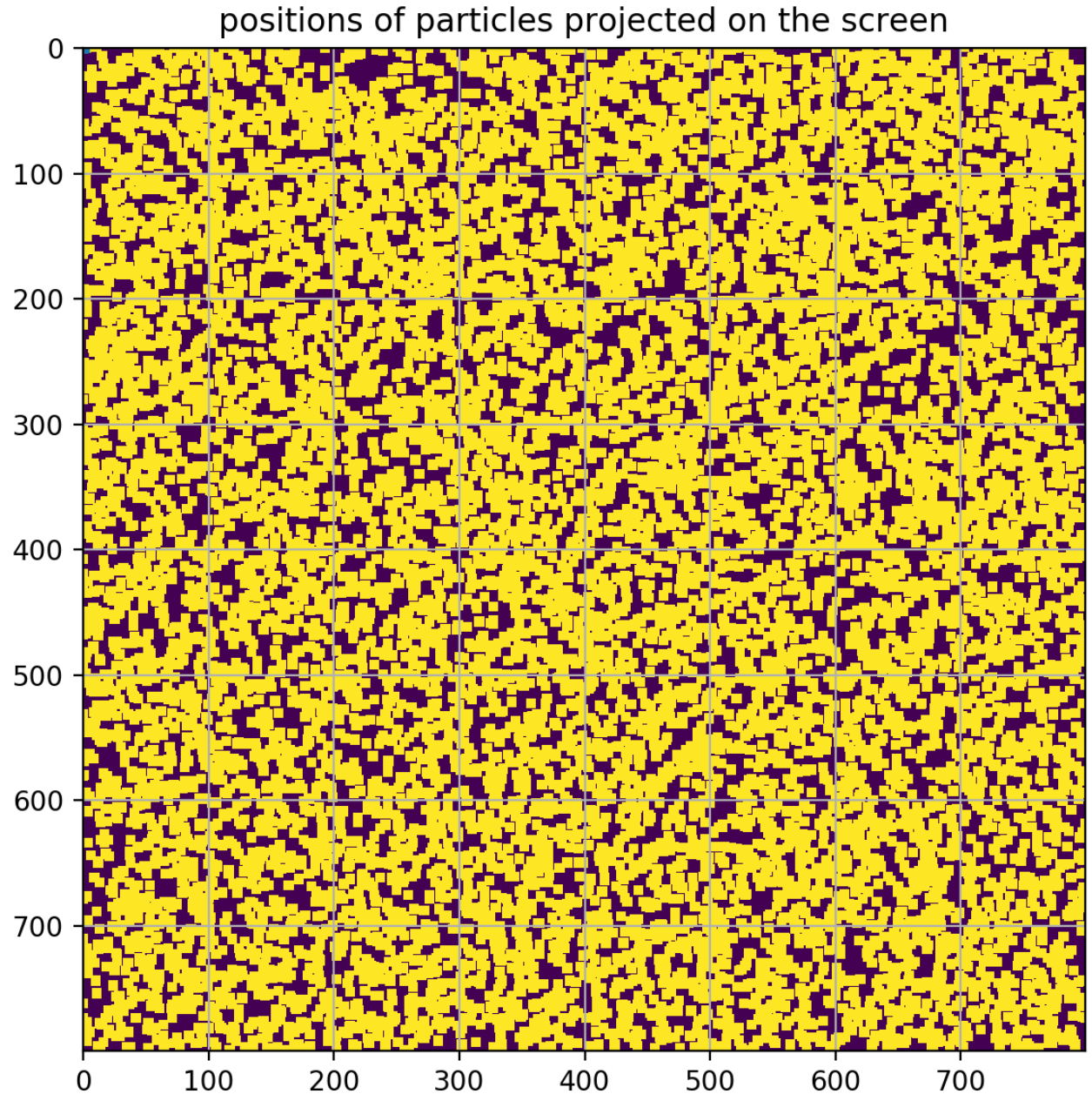
Radiation transfer: Flux vs. optical thickness

$\tau = 0.84$



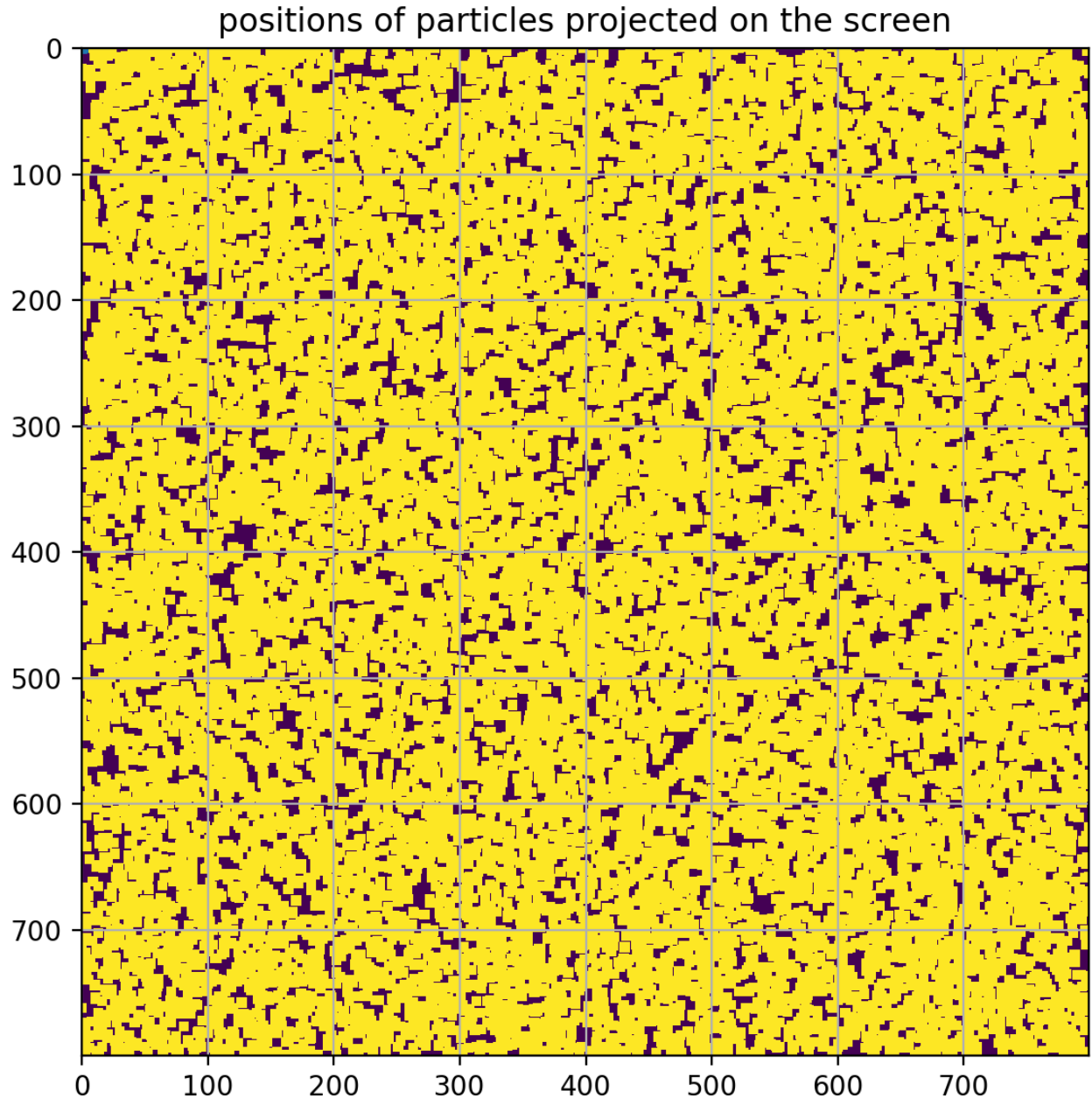
Radiation transfer: Flux vs. optical thickness

$\tau = 1.22$



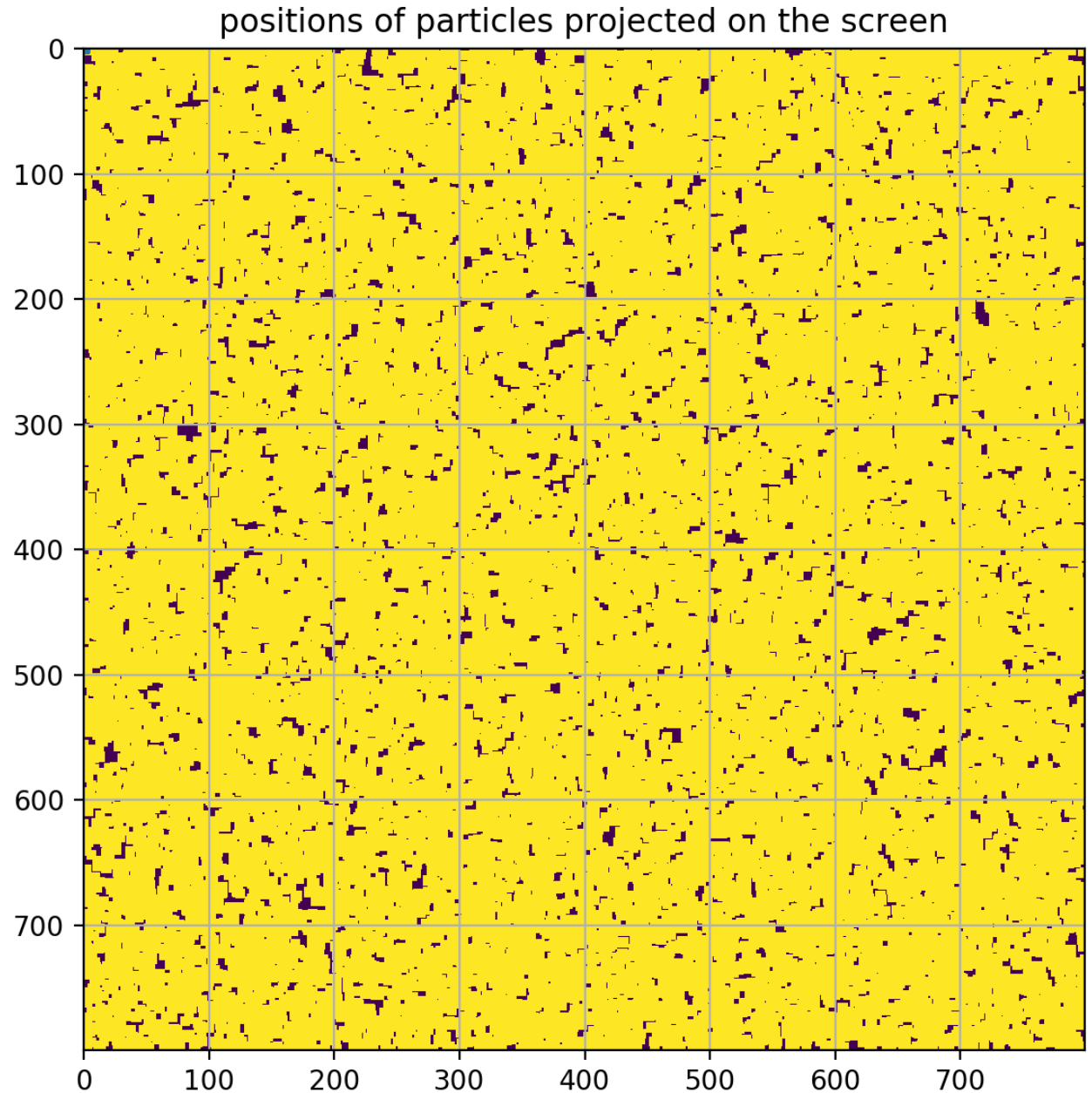
Radiation transfer: Flux vs. optical thickness

$\tau = 2.0$

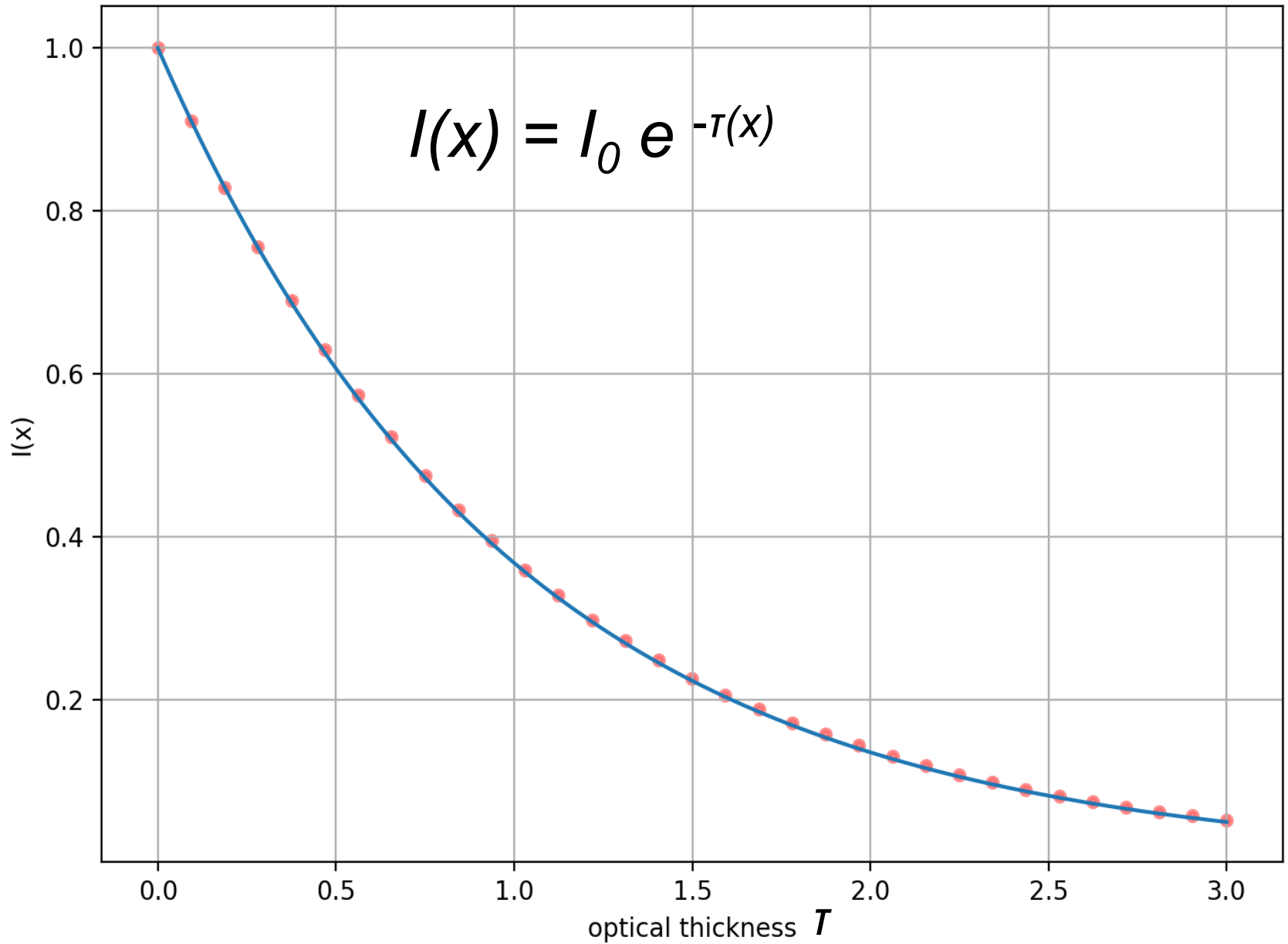


Radiation transfer: Flux vs. optical thickness

$\tau = 3.0$



Transmitted flux, theoretical (line) and numerical (points)



Application of radiation transfer equation



San Francisco (July 2019, picture taken above Alcatraz)

Golden Gate Bridge



An application of radiation transfer equation

- A cloud has geometric thickness of 100 m
- 50% of water vapor mass precipitates into
- droplets of 10 μm diameter (very fine mist)
- 100% relative humidity corresponds to 4.85 g/m^3 at 0°C.

Find: $n, \sigma, \tau, I/I_0$

Solution:

In 1 m^3 , there are 4.85 g water vapor, 2.425 g in the form of water droplets. At water density 1 g/cm^3 , their volume is 2.425 cm^3 or

$$V = 2.425 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3.$$

One droplet has radius $r = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$, and occupies

$$V_1 = (4/3)\pi r^3 = 5.236 \times 10^{-16} \text{ m}^3.$$

Python says there are thus

$$n = V/V_1 = 4631517045 \text{ droplets}/\text{m}^3.$$

(Q: How many accurate digits should we actually display?)

Application of radiation transfer equation

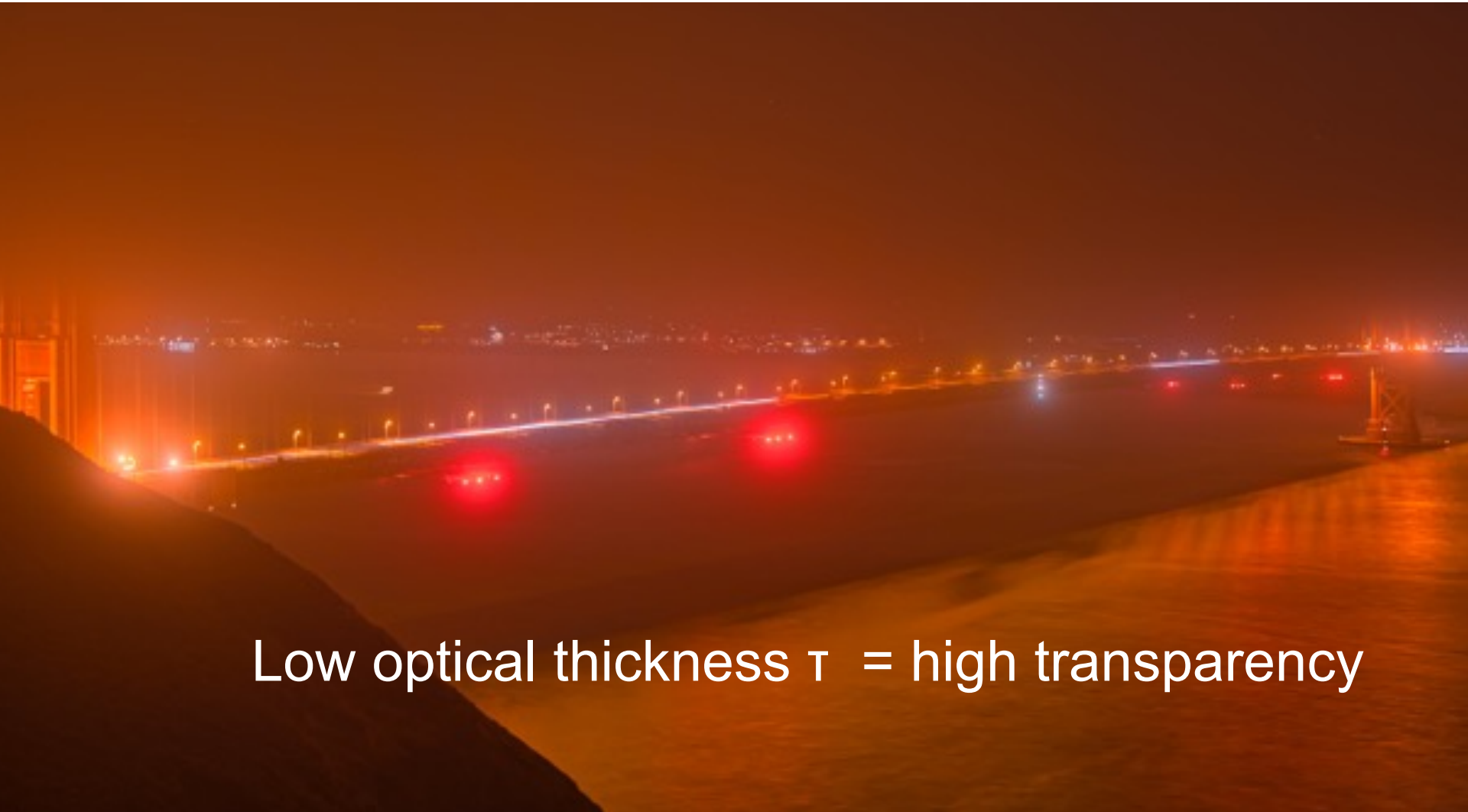
- $n = 4.63 \cdot 10^9$ droplets/m³.
- The combined cross-sectional area in a column 100 m long (cross section 1 m²) is
$$\tau = \sigma n dx = \pi(5e-6)^2 \cdot 4.63 \cdot 10^9 \cdot 100 \approx 36$$
- Optical thickness is $\tau \gg 1$, so we don't expect almost any direct light to pass through. Indeed,
$$I/I_0 = e^{-\tau} \approx np.exp(-36) \approx 1.6 \cdot 10^{-16}$$
- *You can't see even the weakest outline of the sun or moon through such a cloud!*

Cf. [San Francisco shoreline below a stratus layer](#)



- Picture taken near Meteor Crater, AZ (July 2019)
- Smoke from brush fires. Sharp edge of the sun shows that ash particles absorb more than scatter radiation. Visibility of the sun means that optical thickness did not exceed $\tau \sim 5$ to 10.

High optical thickness τ = low transparency



Low optical thickness τ = high transparency

Golden Gate. Fuzzy haloes are a sign that water droplets scatter more photons than absorb.

Application of radiation transfer equation

- $n = V/V_1 \sim 1/r^3$ (s = size of droplet or dust grain)
- $\sigma \sim r^2$
- $\tau = \sigma n dx \sim 1/r$
* * *
- Q: How come we sometimes see the outline of the sun through a cloud? Which parameter is different then?
- Hint: Can $\tau \approx 3.6$? When?
- Think of s
- If so, then $I/I_0 = e^{-\tau} \approx \exp(-3.6) \approx 0.026$
- no problem seeing direct light from the sun & sun's outline

- Random Walks... and Climate Change?

<https://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/06/14/climate-models-outperformed-by-random-walks/>

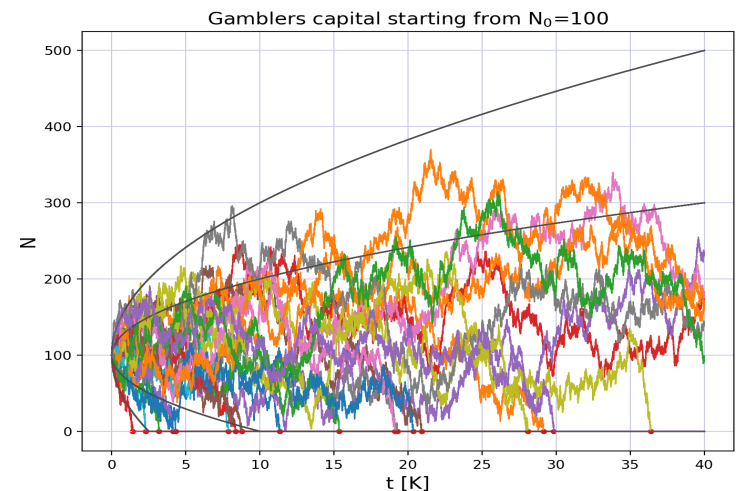
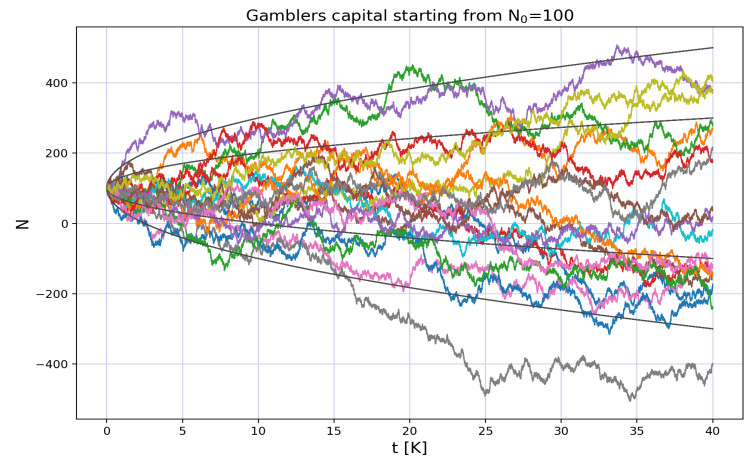
- Random walk in 1D

- without restrictions

[rnd-walk-gamble-0.py](#)

- with absorbing boundary(ies)

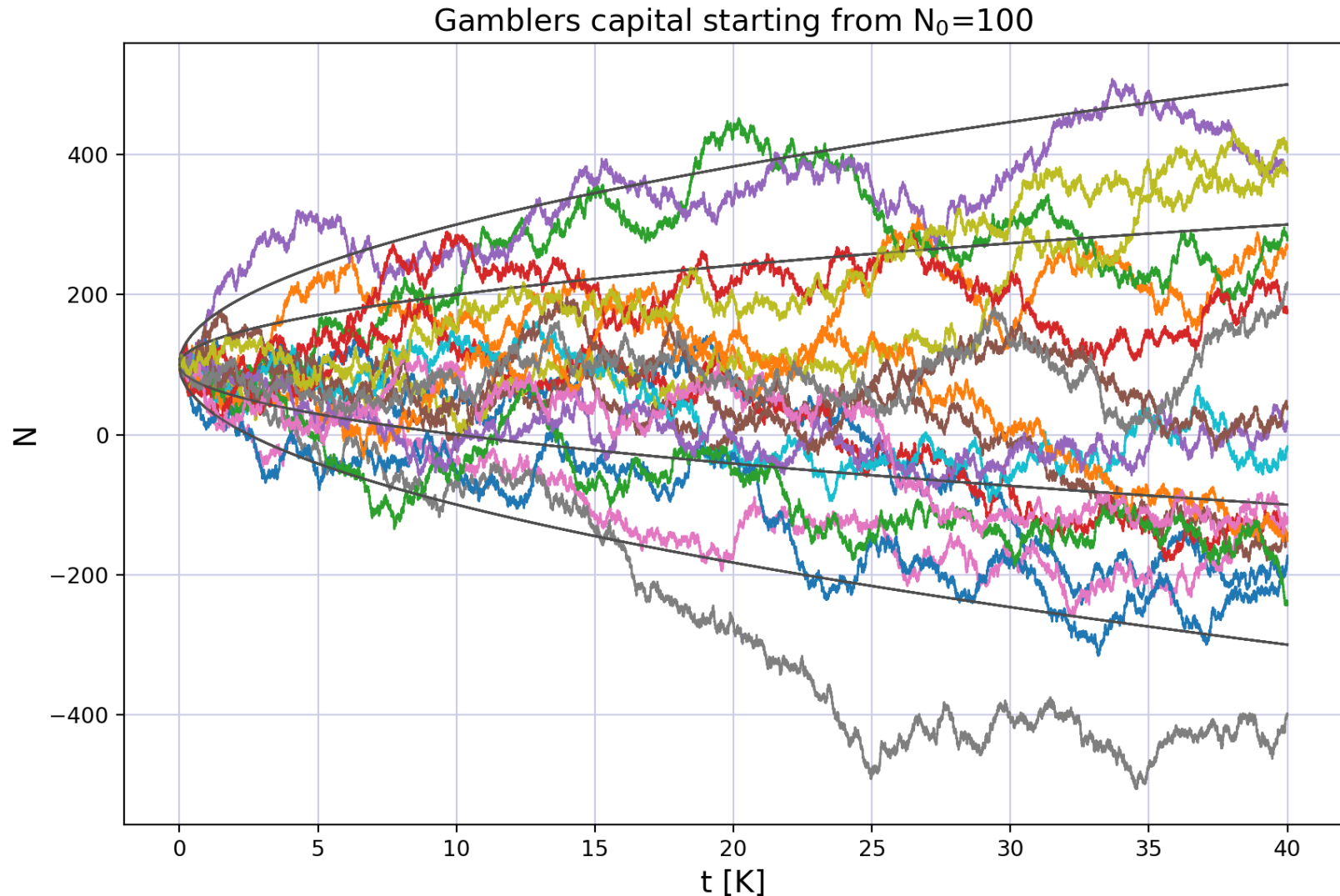
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Random walk in 1D without restrictions

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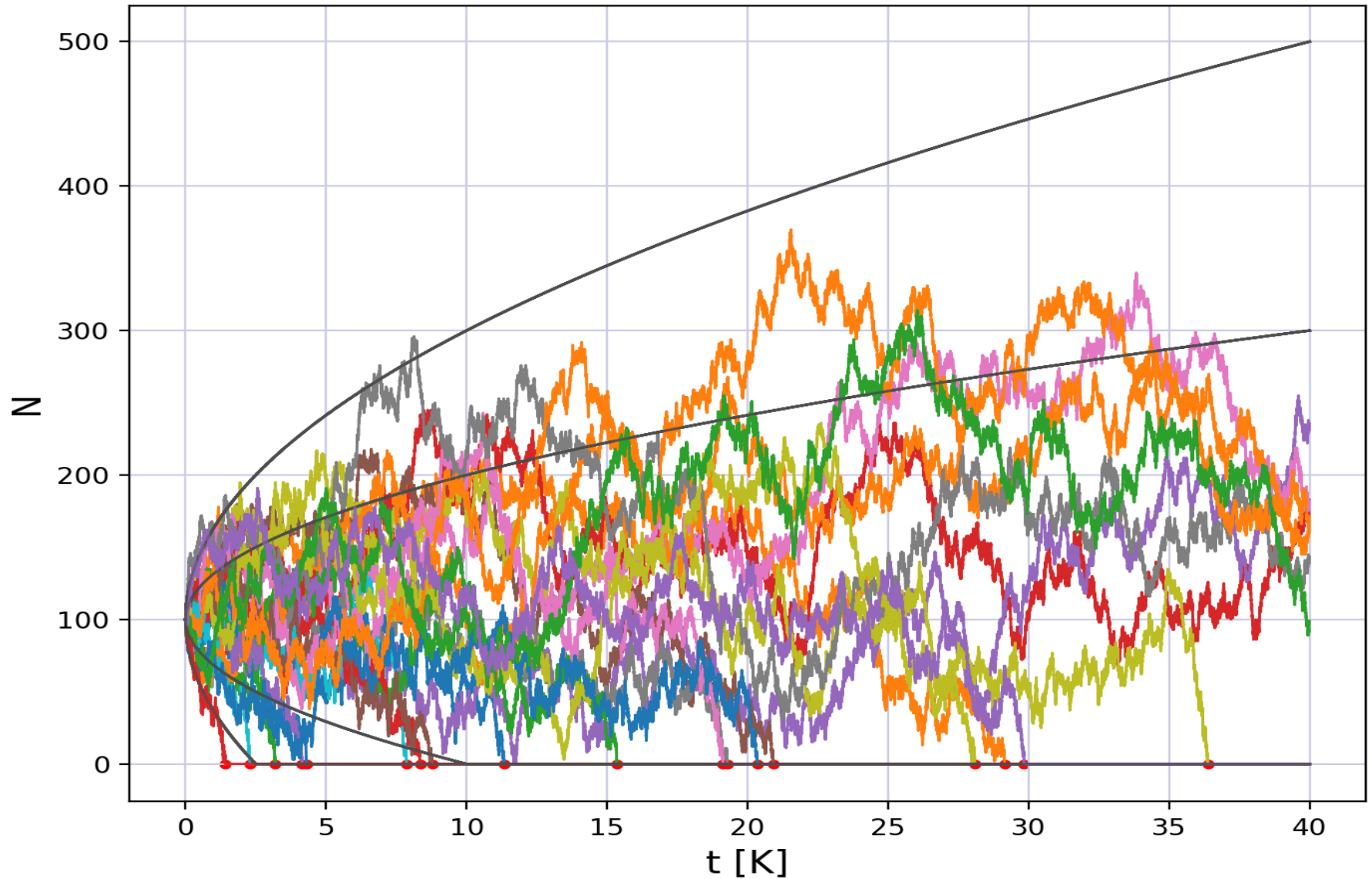
$\pm\sqrt{N}$ and $\pm 2\sqrt{N}$ envelopes shown



Random walk in 1D + absorbing boundary

[rnd-walk-gambles.py](#)

Gamblers capital starting from $N_0=100$



Gamblers ruin in 1D walk with two absorbing boundaries at $n=M$ & $n=0$ can easily be solved analytically:

Let P_n be the **probability of a ruin starting from value n** (no limitation on number of steps)
Boundary values are: $P_0 = 1$ and $P_M = 0$. (Why?)

From value n we can either continue via $n-1$ with probability q , or via $n+1$ with probability $1-q$. Therefore the probability of ruin can be expressed as:

$$P_n = q P_{n-1} + (1-q) P_{n+1}$$

In case of $q=1/2$ (unbiased random walk in 1D with step ± 1), we have

$$P_{n-1} - 2P_n + P_{n+1} = 0 \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad P_{n-1} - P_n = P_n - P_{n+1}.$$

The slopes to the left and right are equal, therefore the function $P(n) = P_n$ is a straight line joining the two boundary values 0 & 1,

$$P_n = (M-n)/M.$$

In our case $P_{100} = 4/5$.

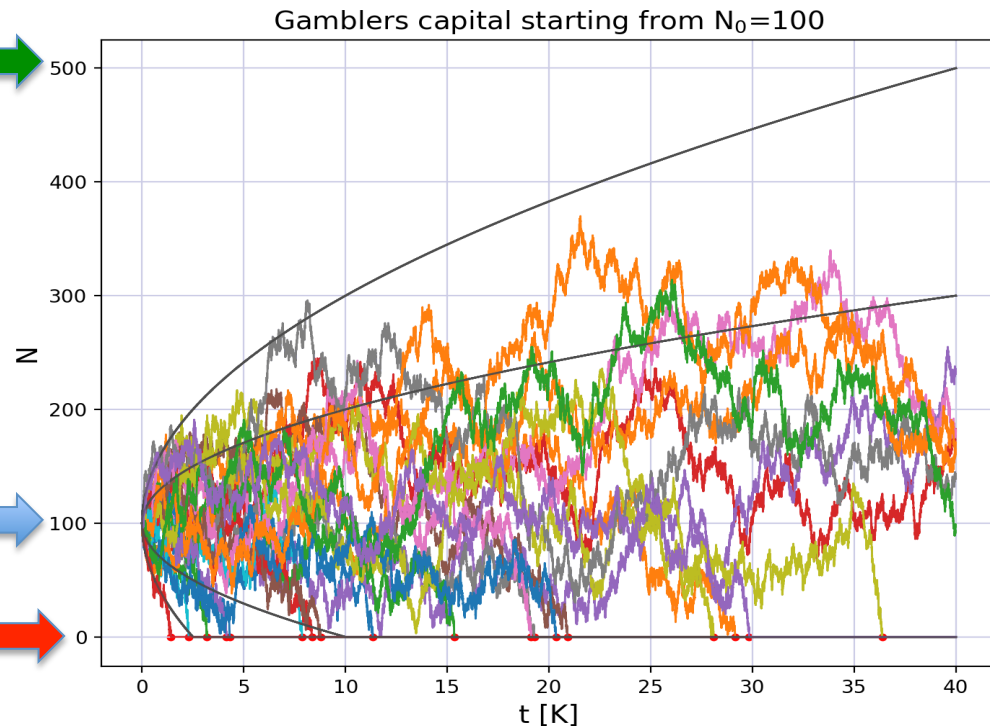
See also the case $M=+\infty$

[rnd_wlk-ret-1.py](#)
on our coding page.

WIN at M →

start at n →

RUIN →



Random Walks in Stock Market?

Full Randomness in Stock Market? The efficient market hypothesis says Yes, apart from long-term trends. See N.Taleb's book "Fooled by Randomness".

Example: IBM stock price history, last two years:

