

Percolative Conduction and The Distance Function



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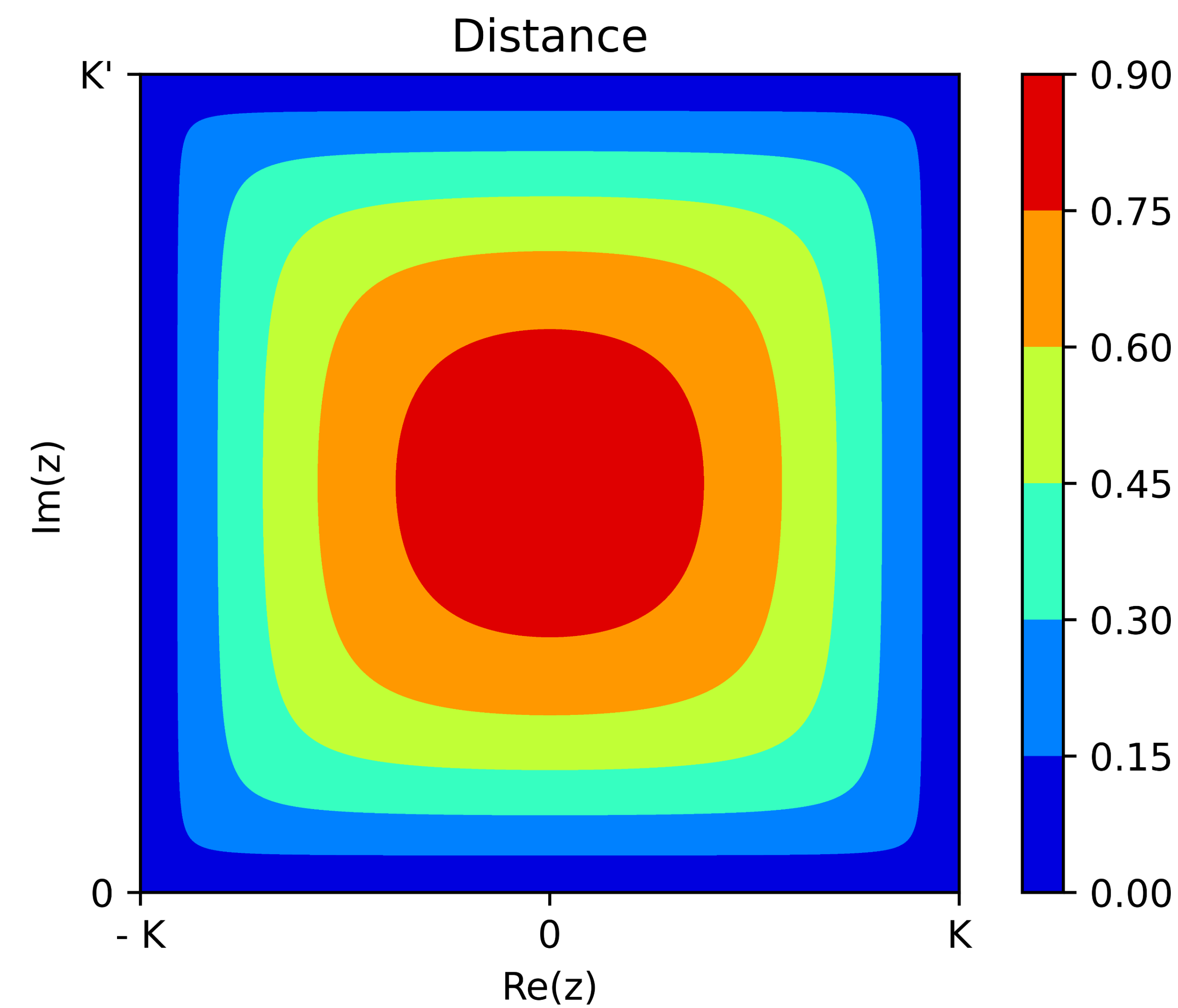
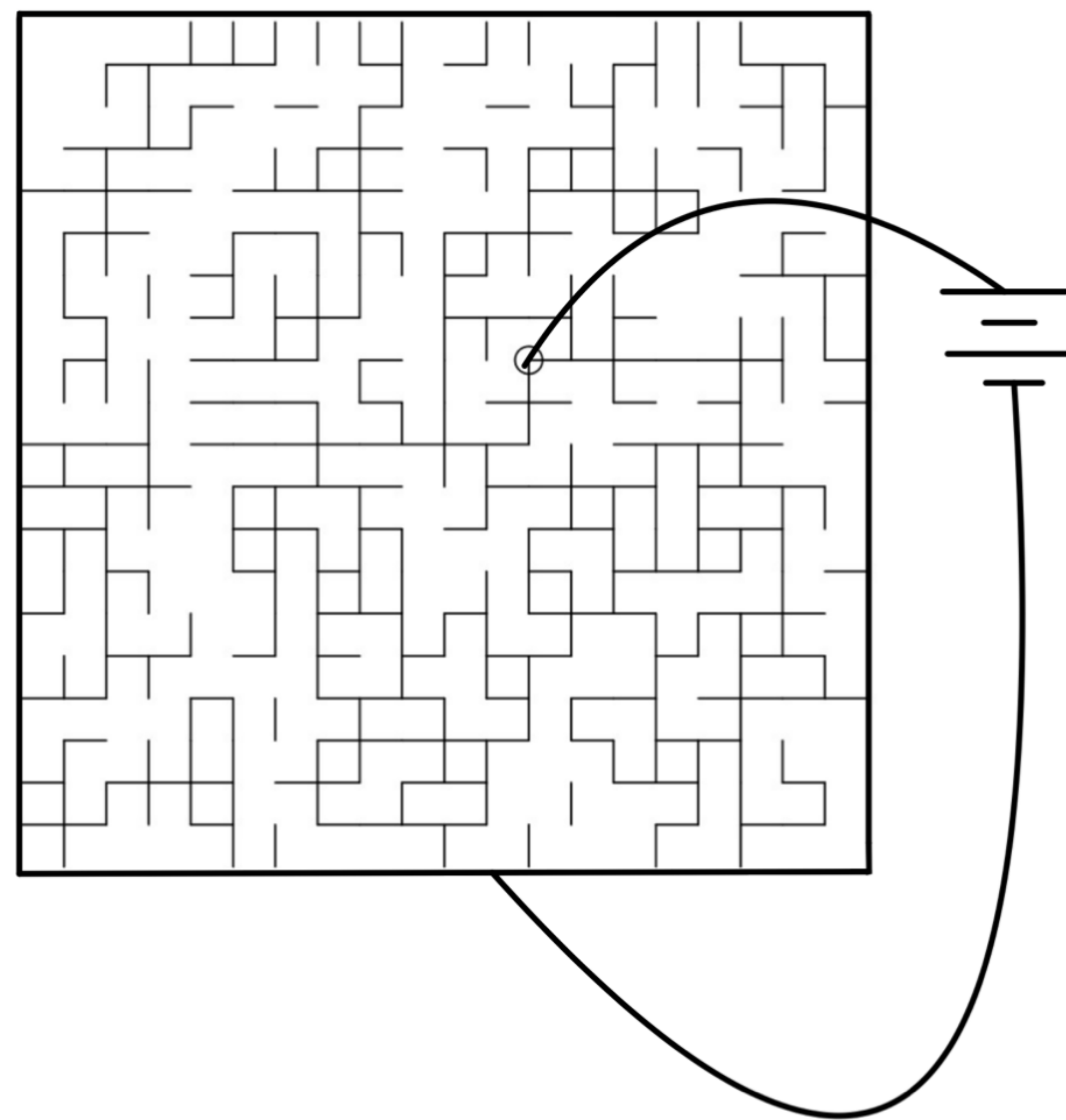
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Introduction

We are modeling a conductive system as a percolation network to study critical phenomena. In our model of percolation, a network in a square lattice consists of randomly chosen "links" which are joined "nodes".

In our conductive system the links represent conductors, with specified conductance; equal to 1(link) or 0(no link). The boundaries of the square are grounded, allowing current to exit. At a chosen node inside the boundaries the voltage is specified to be $V = 1$. The voltages on the other sites generate currents on the conductive links.

We are interested in how does the conductance depend on the distance from the edge?



$$Distance = \left[\frac{Im \left[sn \left(\left[\frac{2K}{N} \right] z | k \right) \right]}{\left| cn \left(\left[\frac{2K}{N} \right] z | k \right) \times dn \left(\left[\frac{2K}{N} \right] z | k \right) \right|} \right]$$

Distance Function

To find the relationship between the average conductance and the distance to the boundary, we want the "distance" that explains between a point in the square and the boundary, that treats all sides the same and makes sense from the point of view of conformal transformations. Here $z = (x + i(y + K))$ is a complex variable defined on the rectangle, and sn, cn, and dn are the Jacobian elliptic functions.

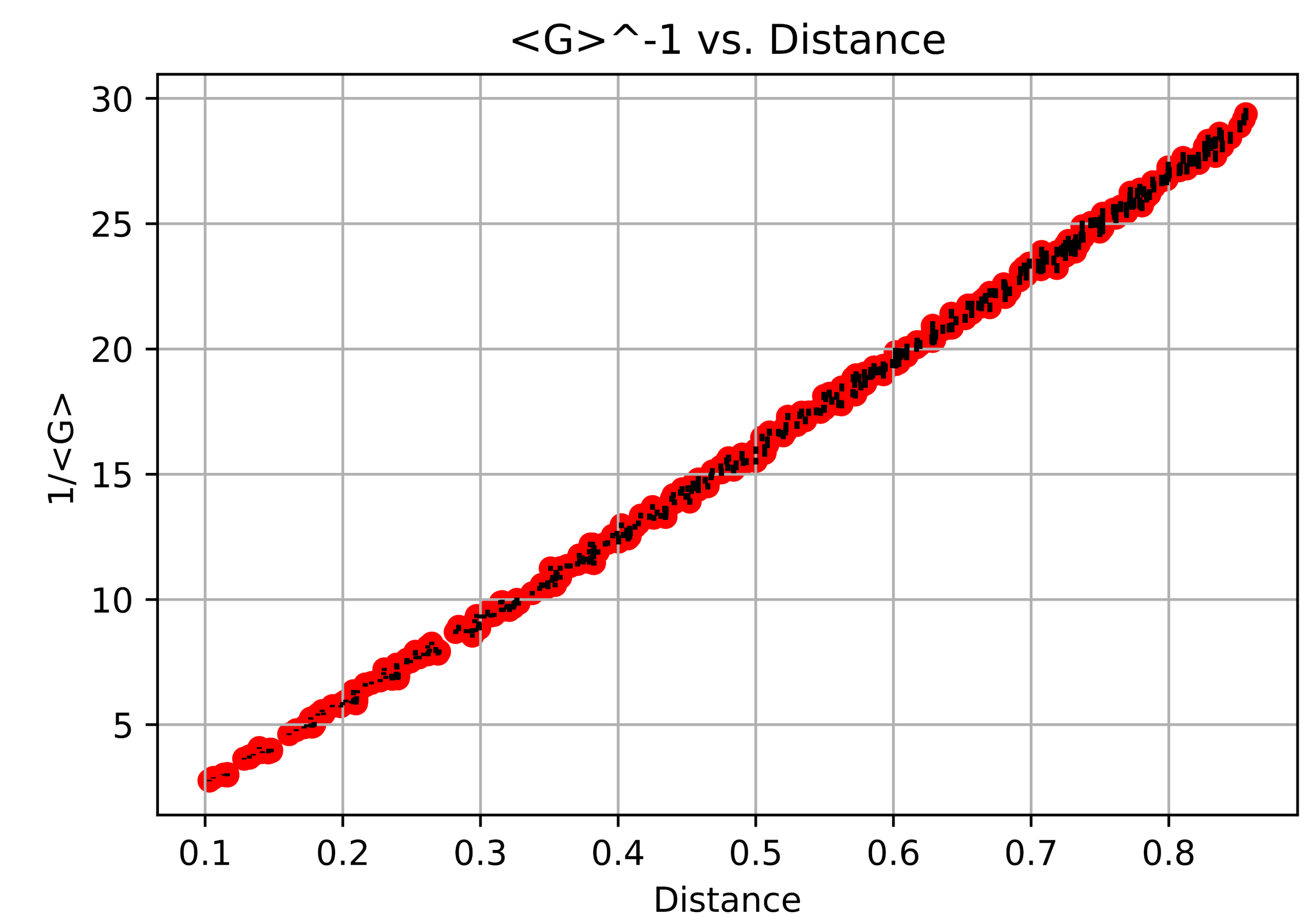
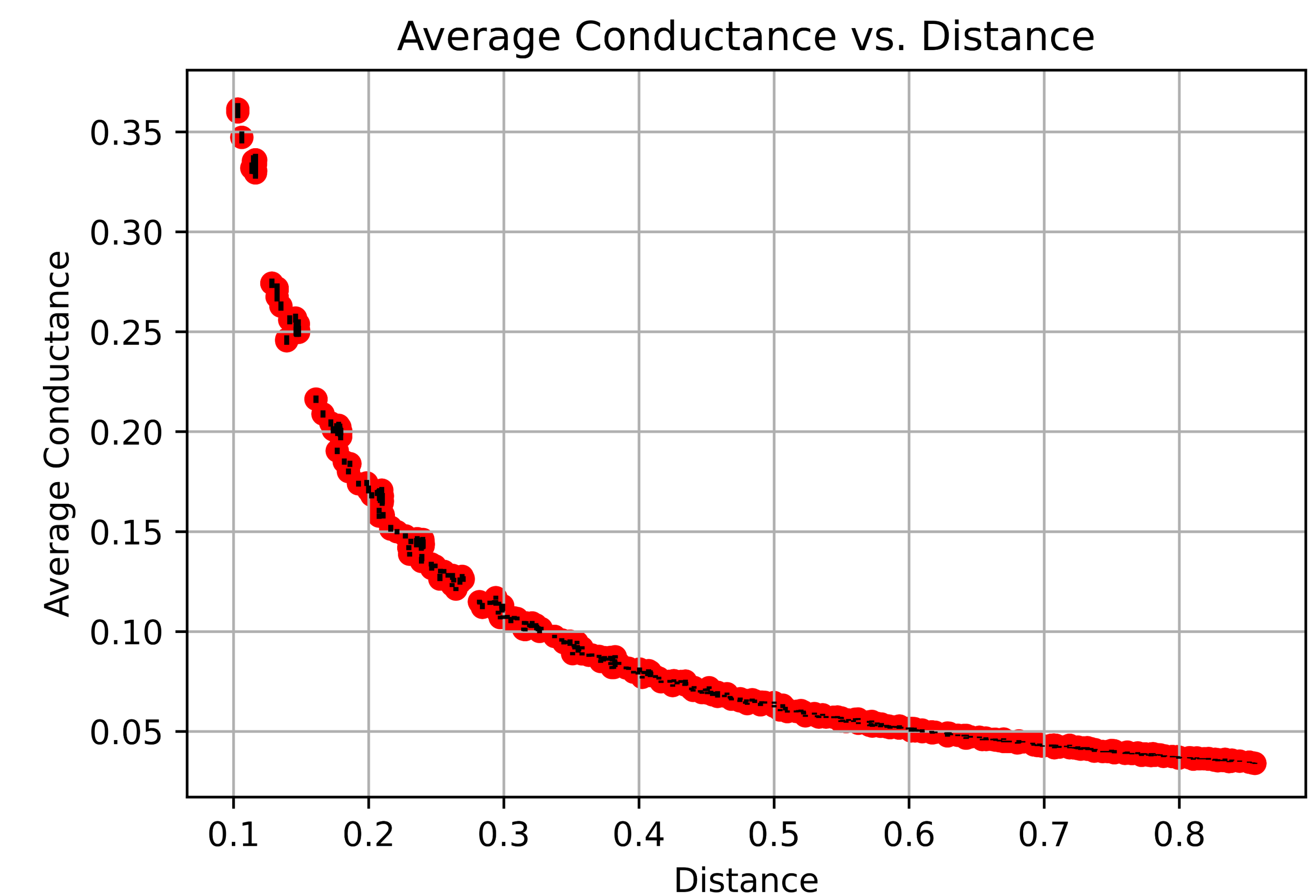
Methods

The program we used to study this model, written by Dr. Straley, has a variable p that is the fraction of internal bonds that unit conductance. The percolation threshold for the square lattice is exactly $p_c = \frac{1}{2}$, so we will run our simulations with $p = \frac{1}{2}$. We ran the program at 500 random coordinates, with square lattice size $N = 101$.

Conclusions

The case of the square lattice with all sides conducting, we have seen that the relationship between the average conductance and the size of the lattice by a power law hold true, and we have seen the same for the conductance and the distance to the boundary.

$$G = \left[\frac{Im \left[sn \left(\left[\frac{2K}{N} \right] z | k \right) \right]}{\left| cn \left(\left[\frac{2K}{N} \right] z | k \right) \times dn \left(\left[\frac{2K}{N} \right] z | k \right) \right|} \right]^{\frac{-t}{v}}$$



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