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In order to drive the  $\sigma^2$  for this problem, first we know that:

$$\langle x(t) \rangle = Nl(p-q)$$
 (1)

As it calculated in Lecture Notes of Random Walk . Next we should Find  $< x^2(t) >$ :

$$\langle x^{2}(t) \rangle = \left\langle l\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} a_{i}\right) l\left(\sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{j}\right) \right\rangle = l^{2} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j \neq i}^{N} a_{i} a_{j} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} a_{i}^{2} \right\rangle = l^{2} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j \neq i}^{N} a_{i} a_{j} \right\rangle + l^{2} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{N} a_{i}^{2} \right\rangle$$

$$l^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j \neq i}^{N} \langle a_{i} a_{j} \rangle + l^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \langle a_{i}^{2} \rangle$$

Now, Since  $a_i$  is a random variable that has values 1 and -1 with specific probabilities p and q,  $a_i^2$  is always equal to 1 and since  $a_i$  is independent of  $a_j$  for  $i \neq j$  it's obvious that we can write  $\langle a_i a_j \rangle = \langle a_i \rangle \langle a_j \rangle$ . By using this we can write:

$$l^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^N\sum_{j\neq i}^N < a_ia_j > + \sum_{i=1}^N < a_i^2 > \right) = l^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^N\sum_{j\neq i}^N < a_i > < a_j > + \sum_{i=1}^N 1\right)$$

For each i, j is summed over N-1 times (j=i is neglected) and recall that  $\langle a_i \rangle = p - q$  so we can rewrite the whole first term as:

$$l^{2}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{j\neq i}^{N} < a_{i} > < a_{j} > + \sum_{i=1}^{N}1\right) = l^{2}(N(N-1)(p-q)^{2} + N)$$

So by :  $\sigma^2 = \langle x^2(t) \rangle - \langle x(t) \rangle^2$ , We write:

$$\sigma^2 = l^2(N^2(p-q)^2 - N(p-q)^2 + N) - N^2l^2(p-q)^2 = Nl^2(1 - (p-q)^2) = Nl^2(1 + p - q)(1 - p + q)$$

But p + q = 1:

$$\sigma^2 = Nl^2(1+p-q)(1-p+q) = Nl^2(2p)(2q) = 4Nl^2pq$$

Which is like the equation that mentioned in lecture note but with a little deiffrence: I replaced  $\frac{t}{\tau}$  with N which is the number of steps. So I prove that formula for the standard variance in Random Walk.