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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^2(t) \rangle &= \left\langle l \left( \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \right) l \left( \sum_{j=1}^N a_j \right) \right\rangle = l^2 \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N a_i a_j + \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^2 \right\rangle = l^2 \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N a_i a_j \right\rangle + l^2 \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N a_i^2 \right\rangle \\ &= l^2 \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N \langle a_i a_j \rangle + l^2 \sum_{i=1}^N \langle a_i^2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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:

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

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:

$$l^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N \langle a_i \rangle \langle a_j \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^N 1 \right) = l^2 (N(N-1)(p-q)^2 + N)$$

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

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

But  $p + q = 1$ :

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

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