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~~Settlers of Catan~~ A board game is played on a hexagonal grid of 19 tiles. A 'traveler' token starts on the center tile. Each turn a die is rolled to determine what neighboring tile the traveler moves to (all six directions equally likely). The turn that the traveler leaves the board, the game ends. What is the expected number of turns of the game?

A hexagonal grid of 19 cells, numbered 0 to 18, with 20 green dots numbered 19 to 38. The grid is arranged in a larger hexagonal shape. The central cell is 0. Cells 1 through 18 are arranged in concentric rings around the center. Green dots 19 through 38 are placed around the perimeter of the grid.

$$\mathbb{E}(N) = \sum N \mathbb{P}(N)$$

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Let $X_i \in [0, 36]$ be the current state, or position of the traveler. The traveler always starts at position $X_0 = 0$. The final state must be $X_N \in [19, 36]$.

Now that we've defined some notation, we can write the transition matrix P . Because a 37×37 matrix is cumbersome, we combine the states [19, 36] into a

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	$P_{6,6} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{7,6} = \frac{7}{2}$	$P_{8,6} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{9,6} = \frac{7}{2}$	$P_{10,6} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{11,6} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{12,6} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{13,6} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{14,6} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{15,6} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{16,6} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{17,6} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{18,6} = \frac{5}{4}$						
	$P_{7,7} = \frac{7}{2}$	$P_{8,7} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{9,7} = \frac{7}{2}$	$P_{10,7} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{11,7} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{12,7} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{13,7} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{14,7} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{15,7} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{16,7} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{17,7} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{18,7} = \frac{5}{4}$							
	$P_{8,8} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{9,8} = \frac{7}{2}$	$P_{10,8} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{11,8} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{12,8} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{13,8} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{14,8} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{15,8} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{16,8} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{17,8} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{18,8} = \frac{5}{4}$								
	$P_{9,9} = \frac{7}{2}$	$P_{10,9} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{11,9} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{12,9} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{13,9} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{14,9} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{15,9} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{16,9} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{17,9} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{18,9} = \frac{5}{4}$									
$N =$	$P_{1,1} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{2,1} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{3,1} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{4,1} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{5,1} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{6,1} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{7,1} = \frac{7}{2}$	$P_{8,1} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{9,1} = \frac{7}{2}$	$P_{10,1} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{11,1} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{12,1} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{13,1} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{14,1} = \frac{5}{4}$	$P_{15,1} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{16,1} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{17,1} = \frac{7}{8}$	$P_{18,1} = \frac{5}{4}$	
	$P_{2,2} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{3,2} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{4,2} = \frac{15}{16}$	$P_{5,2} = \frac{15}{16}$ </															

$$t = N\mathbf{1}$$
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Finally, we see that $t_0 = \boxed{\frac{213}{29} \approx 7.345}$