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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?

The diagram shows a hexagonal lattice with 37 cells. The central cell is labeled 0. The cells are numbered 1 through 14 in a spiral pattern starting from the center. The cells are labeled 15 through 36, but the green dots for these labels are missing. The cell labeled 37 has a green dot, but its number is missing.

We wish to find the expected value of the number of turns in the game, which we denote N .

The dice is truly random, so there is no upper bound on N . We note that this game is really akin to a Markov chain, in that it doesn't matter what the past states are.

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$P_{0,0} = 45$	$P_{0,1} = 16$	$P_{0,2} = 16$	$P_{0,3} = 16$	$P_{0,4} = 16$	$P_{0,5} = 16$	$P_{0,6} = 16$	$P_{0,7} = 7$	$P_{0,8} = \frac{5}{2}$	$P_{0,9} = 7$	$P_{0,10} = 16$	$P_{0,11} = 7$	$P_{0,12} = 5$	$P_{0,13} = 7$	$P_{0,14} = 5$	$P_{0,15} = 7$	$P_{0,16} = 5$	$P_{0,17} = 7$	$P_{0,18} = 5$
$P_{1,0} = 16$	$P_{1,1} = 16$	$P_{1,2} = 16$	$P_{1,3} = 16$	$P_{1,4} = 16$	$P_{1,5} = 16$	$P_{1,6} = 16$	$P_{1,7} = 16$	$P_{1,8} = 16$	$P_{1,9} = 16$	$P_{1,10} = 16$	$P_{1,11} = 16$	$P_{1,12} = 16$	$P_{1,13} = 16$	$P_{1,14} = 16$	$P_{1,15} = 16$	$P_{1,16} = 16$	$P_{1,17} = 16$	$P_{1,18} = 16$
$P_{2,0} = 16$	$P_{2,1} = 16$	$P_{2,2} = 16$	$P_{2,3} = 16$	$P_{2,4} = 16$	$P_{2,5} = 16$	$P_{2,6} = 16$	$P_{2,7} = 16$	$P_{2,8} = 16$	$P_{2,9} = 16$	$P_{2,10} = 16$	$P_{2,11} = 16$	$P_{2,12} = 16$	$P_{2,13} = 16$	$P_{2,14} = 16$	$P_{2,15} = 16$	$P_{2,16} = 16$	$P_{2,17} = 16$	$P_{2,18} = 16$
$P_{3,0} = 16$	$P_{3,1} = 16$	$P_{3,2} = 16$	$P_{3,3} = 16$	$P_{3,4} = 16$	$P_{3,5} = 16$	$P_{3,6} = 16$	$P_{3,7} = 16$	$P_{3,8} = 16$	$P_{3,9} = 16$	$P_{3,10} = 16$	$P_{3,11} = 16$	$P_{3,12} = 16$	$P_{3,13} = 16$	$P_{3,14} = 16$	$P_{3,15} = 16$	$P_{3,16} = 16$	$P_{3,17} = 16$	$P_{3,18} = 16$
$P_{4,0} = 16$	$P_{4,1} = 16$	$P_{4,2} = 16$	$P_{4,3} = 16$	$P_{4,4} = 16$	$P_{4,5} = 16$	$P_{4,6} = 16$	$P_{4,7} = 16$	$P_{4,8} = 16$	$P_{4,9} = 16$	$P_{4,10} = 16$	$P_{4,11} = 16$	$P_{4,12} = 16$	$P_{4,13} = 16$	$P_{4,14} = 16$	$P_{4,15} = 16$	$P_{4,16} = 16$	$P_{4,17} = 16$	$P_{4,18} = 16$
$P_{5,0} = 16$	$P_{5,1} = 16$	$P_{5,2} = 16$	$P_{5,3} = 16$	$P_{5,4} = 16$	$P_{5,5} = 16$	$P_{5,6} = 16$	$P_{5,7} = 16$	$P_{5,8} = 16$	$P_{5,9} = 16$	$P_{5,10} = 16$	$P_{5,11} = 16$	$P_{5,12} = 16$	$P_{5,13} = 16$	$P_{5,14} = 16$	$P_{5,15} = 16$	$P_{5,16} = 16$	$P_{5,17} = 16$	$P_{5,18} = 16$
$P_{6,0} = 16$	$P_{6,1} = 16$	$P_{6,2} = 16$	$P_{6,3} = 16$	$P_{6,4} = 16$	$P_{6,5} = 16$	$P_{6,6} = 16$	$P_{6,7} = 16$	$P_{6,8} = 16$	$P_{6,9} = 16$	$P_{6,10} = 16$	$P_{6,11} = 16$	$P_{6,12} = 16$	$P_{6,13} = 16$	$P_{6,14} = 16$	$P_{6,15} = 16$	$P_{6,16} = 16$	$P_{6,17} = 16$	$P_{6,18} = 16$
$P_{7,0} = 7$	$P_{7,1} = 16$	$P_{7,2} = 7$	$P_{7,3} = 16$	$P_{7,4} = 16$	$P_{7,5} = 7$	$P_{7,6} = 16$	$P_{7,7} = 7$	$P_{7,8} = 16$	$P_{7,9} = 7$	$P_{7,10} = 16$	$P_{7,11} = 7$	$P_{7,12} = 16$	$P_{7,13} = 16$	$P_{7,14} = 16$	$P_{7,15} = 16$	$P_{7,16} = 16$	$P_{7,17} = 7$	$P_{7,18} = 16$
$P_{8,0} = \frac{5}{2}$	$P_{8,1} = 16$	$P_{8,2} = \frac{5}{2}$	$P_{8,3} = 16$	$P_{8,4} = 16$	$P_{8,5} = \frac{5}{2}$	$P_{8,6} = 16$	$P_{8,7} = 16$	$P_{8,8} = 16$	$P_{8,9} = 16$	$P_{8,10} = 16$	$P_{8,11} = 16$	$P_{8,12} = 16$	$P_{8,13} = 16$	$P_{8,14} = 16$	$P_{8,15} = 16$	$P_{8,16} = 16$	$P_{8,17} = 16$	$P_{8,18} = 16$
$P_{9,0} = 7$	$P_{9,1} = 16$	$P_{9,2} = 7$	$P_{9,3} = 16$	$P_{9,4} = 16$	$P_{9,5} = 7$	$P_{9,6} = 16$	$P_{9,7} = 7$	$P_{9,8} = 16$	$P_{9,9} = 7$	$P_{9,10} = 16$	$P_{9,11} = 7$	$P_{9,12} = 16$	$P_{9,13} = 16$	$P_{9,14} = 16$	$P_{9,15} = 16$	$P_{9,16} = 16$	$P_{9,17} = 7$	$P_{9,18} = 16$
$P_{10,0} = 16$	$P_{10,1} = 16$	$P_{10,2} = 16$	$P_{10,3} = 16$	$P_{10,4} = 16$	$P_{10,5} = 16$	$P_{10,6} = 16$	$P_{10,7} = 16$	$P_{10,8} = 16$	$P_{10,9} = 16$	$P_{10,10} = 16$	$P_{10,11} = 16$	$P_{10,12} = 16$	$P_{10,13} = 16$	$P_{10,14} = 16$	$P_{10,15} = 16$	$P_{10,16} = 16$	$P_{10,17} = 16$	$P_{10,18} = 16$
$P_{11,0} = 7$	$P_{11,1} = 16$	$P_{11,2} = 7$	$P_{11,3} = 16$	$P_{11,4} = 16$	$P_{11,5} = 7$	$P_{11,6} = 16$												

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